



Time For Curriculum



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The situation with State Boards determining curriculum is that they seldom consider lack of time in the day. Many State Boards have used curriculum for votes, not necessarily for the future of the students. A common comment I hear is that "they don't even teach that anymore". For example, cursive writing and geography. While many groups have their own agenda, they also bring in their own ideas of what must be taught, like local history, labor history, social justice, LGBTQ, peace movements, and many more. There are some that see the importance of all or some of these. There are lists I have seen with dozens more.

The problem is we've only been given 24 hours in a day. It is almost impossible to lengthen the school day or the

school year. That would be too expensive for the politicians who want to be reelected. If you add something that must be taught, you have to subtract something. I have read many complaints that the subjects most often cut are music, art, and pe. These all have solid arguments that they should not be cut. If not them, what subject?

We are all aware because of news reports that our Math and Reading scores keep getting lower in our state and many others. If we add time to Math or Reading, something else must be taken from the curriculum. Consider this, many of our grandparents scored better in Math and Reading than these children are, even though that may have been 50 years ago. Despite the new Math curriculum, our scores are not increasing. No politician that wants to get reelected dare to suggest less time be spent on either of these subjects.

I have personally taught Math from K - 12 for various lengths of time. I am one of many that would say 2 + 2 is still 4, and length times width is still area. It might be over-simplified, but it does imply that we don't need to constantly look for new curriculum when the old ones had better results. It could also help the confidence of the parents who commented numerous times to me, both as teacher and administrator, I always had trouble with Math, too, how can I help my kid?

Forest Preserves Photo Contest



Silphium at Deer Grove-East. Photo by Liz Worth.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is sponsoring its 2023 photo contest through Aug. 15th. Photos of Forest Preserves landscapes, plants, insects, birds and other wildlife, images that highlight the seasons and shots of people enjoying the outdoors or participating in recreational offerings are sought. Winning photos will be featured in the annual wall calendar and on social media accounts. Winning photographers will receive 10 copies of the calendar as well as a Forest Preserves prize package. Learn more at fpdcc.info@cookcountyil.gov.

Application For Business Grant

Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and the of Economic Development announces that the application is open for The 2023 Source Grant until Friday, Aug. 18th at 11:59 p.m. \$40 million in grants will be awarded in early 2024 with funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Small businesses are eligible to apply if they have been operating in Cook County prior to 2020 and have fewer than 20 full-time employees on staff. The program will prioritize suburban business, those owned by veterans, and sectors deemed hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic: Arts & Entertainment; Childcare & Social Assistance; Hospitality,

Food & Tourism; Retail Trade; Transportation & Warehousing.

Businesses with a 2019 gross revenue between \$20,000 - \$50,000 are eligible to receive \$10,000 while those with 2019 gross revenue of more than \$50,000 are eligible to receive \$20,000 grants.

The Source provides coaching and guidance to entrepreneurs through advising services led by a network of 50+ support organizations, through webinars and live events, and a library of resources.

To apply and learn more about documentation requirements, upcoming webinars, and help sessions, visit cookcountysmallbiz.org/sourcegrant.

Application Deadline For Property Tax Savings

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announces that the deadline to apply for exemptions is Friday, August 4th. Exemptions are property tax savings that contribute to lowering a homeowner's property tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, saving a property owner an average of \$950 dollars each year. The savings from exemptions are reflected on a homeowner's second installment property tax bill.

"This is the first time in two years that homeowners need to reapply for the Senior Freeze and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions. It is important that we reach senior and veteran communities to make sure they aren't missing out on these significant savings," said Assessor Kaegi. "My office is collaborating with community partners to help reach these particular homeowners."

Automatic renewals related to COVID-19 ended this year and

homeowners need to resume annual filings for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze "Senior Freeze" and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions. Seniors and Veterans that need to reapply were mailed application booklets, however they can still apply online to make the deadline.

New homeowners, first-time applicants, or those that need to reapply can now do so online by visiting, www.cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions. Applying online is easy, free, and can be done in under ten minutes.

If homeowners are unsure of their existing exemptions, they can check by reviewing their "Property Details" and review the Exemption History & Status section.

Exemption forms are available in Spanish, Polish, and simplified Chinese languages. Applications can be downloaded at www.cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions.

Chicago Ducky Derby Offers Big Prizes



Provided by Chicago Ducky Derby

Special Olympics Illinois is proud to announce one of the most anticipated events of the summer, the Chicago Ducky Derby presented by Jewel-Osco, to return to the Columbus Drive Bridge on August 10 for this signature fundraiser. The community will gather to watch tens of thousands of rubber ducks splash down in the Chicago River and race to the finish line near Michigan Ave.

To enter the race and to support fundraising efforts, adoptions are available for purchase at <https://chicagoduckyderby.com> or in person on race day starting 10 a.m. at Pioneer Court, 401 N.

Michigan ave. Create or join a sales team at <https://duck-race.com/chicago/teams>.

The Family Festival in Pioneer Court, features games, prizes, and live music with a performance by The Boy Band Night, plus appearances from mascots.

The Ducky Derby grand prize is a 2024 Chevy Trax. Other prizes include four lifetime passes to Six Flags Great America, a Royal Caribbean Cruise, a \$3,000 shopping spree to Save The Duck for six people, and a \$2,000 cash prize.

Join the conversation online with #ChiDuckyDerby.

Chicago Shakespeare At Tom Ping Park



PHOTO BY Chicago Park District

The Hero Within will be performed by an ensemble of Chicago Shakespeare artists in collaboration with community arts partners at Tom Ping Memorial Park, 1700 S. Wentworth, on Saturday, Aug. 5th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Pre-show begins 30 minutes before the performance with a live DJ set, crafts and activities led by Beverly Arts Center.

Registration For Sundays On State



Chicago Loop Alliance is announcing the return of the award-winning event series, Sundays on State, which will close State Street to vehicle traffic from Lake to Adams on Sunday, August 13th. Those who register to attend entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Loop staycation package.

Lake, Randolph, Washington, Madison, and Monroe will remain open east-west. Traffic street closures will last from 5 a.m. to midnight. Performances from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will showcase a wide variety of Chicago's world-class entertainment industry including blues, house soul/funk, country, classical, Latin Pop, ballet, musical theatre and hip-hop.

Stage acts include The Jeffrey Ballet, Freaeasy

Chicago, Trinity Irish Dancers, Ballet 5:8, Cabaret ZaZou, The Claudettes, Parranderos, Latin Combo and more.

The event series also features pop-up performances by the Mobile Museum of Tolerance, Ballet Folklorico de Chicago, Chicago Sinfonietta, Hokule'a Academy of Polynesian Arts, Lake Shore Dames and more.

The full list of performers can be found at <https://loopchicago.com/event/sundays-on-state/2023-performance-schedule>.

To attend the free event visit LoopChicago.com/Sundays.

Doyle Honored

Shannon Doyle (60638) was among the more than 1,100 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2023 spring semester. She is an undergraduate - fourth year student in the College of Nursing.

Undergraduates who achieve a grade point average (GPA; 4.0 is an A) of 4.0 in 12 semester hours or more of graded coursework and who have no "I" marks (incompletes) or "O" marks (no grade reported) for two consecutive semesters are recognized.

Dean's List At St. Olaf College

St. Olaf College of Northfield, Minnesota has named Luis Diaz, French; Andrew Mazariegos, Environmental Studies and Jessenia Prado, Studio Art to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester.

Students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale are recognized.

Sjostrom Honored

Marykatherine Sjostrom earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Spring 2023 semester. She is a Political Science BA. Honorees must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for recognition.

1-800-Truckwreck Awards Scholarships

Twelve graduating seniors from Chicago Public Schools were awarded scholarships by 1-800-TruckWreck during the Chicago Urban League's 2023 Scholarship Luncheon at the Charles Hayes Center on July 18th.

Lopez Graduates

Jacquelyn Lopez, who majored in Robotics Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree during Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 154th Commencement on May 13th. Nearly 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony

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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Veterinary Care For Wildlife



The Forest Preserves of Cook County is home to the nation's first wildlife residency program that meets the standards of the American College of Zoological Medicine the certifying body for veterinary specialists in zoo and wildlife medicine. Launched one year ago in July 2022, the Illinois Zoological and Wildlife Health Management Residency is a collaboration between the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo; the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

The program, which is a three-year residency with advanced training in veterinary science, aims to build knowledge about the health of wild animal populations in urban and suburban settings. Veterinary medical services are provided for Forest Preserves field programs, and conducts and assists with laboratory and field research dedicated to maintaining wildlife and ecosystem health.

For more information, about the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, visit vetmed.illinois.edu.

Lineups For Music Festivals

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced music lineups for the Jazz Festival (Aug 31-Sept 3) and World Music Festival Chicago (Sept 22 - Oct 1) with free concerts in Millennium Park and venues across the city.

Highlights include three-time Grammy winning Ron Carter and Foursight; American Jazz singer Dianne Reeves; drummer and composer Makaya McCraven; and Cuban band Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars, DCASE continues the Citywide Jazz Community Funding Program for local venues to present their own free jazz per-

formances in the week leading up to the festival. See ChicagoJazzFestival.us for updates.

The World Music Festival Chicago brings 10 days of award-winning artists from around the world to multi-venue festival featuring more than 30 artists and ensembles. The free festival also celebrates 11 years of Ragamala, live Indian classical music, hosted at the Chicago Cultural Center. The "Global Peace Picnic" returns Sept 30th featuring international dance and music companies performing across two stages at the Humboldt Park Boat-house. All concerts are free; reservations for music venues encouraged at WorldMusicFestivalChicago.org.

For more information about city-funded "Chicago Presents" community events and other city-permitted neighborhood festivals and special events, visit Chicago.gov/DCASE.

Calderon Honored

Adolfo Calderon has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Honorees must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and rank in the top 10% of the student body.

Mexican Museum Offers Programs

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for August.

On Saturday, Aug. 5th, get a taste of the best agave spirits, presented by the Museum's Auxiliary Board. Enjoy mezcals, tequila, and raicilla; plus delicious bites, a live DJ, dancing and more. Tickets are required.

Explore our art galleries with your family, *Los huecos del agua*, *Recent Indigenous Art from Mexico* features 27 contemporary artists who work focuses on the recreation of the legacy left behind by Native cultures before Spanish colonizers arrived to present-day.

Families with children ages 6 and younger are invited on Saturday, Aug. 12th from 10 to 11 a.m. to create suncatchers. The exhibition: *Los huecos del agua: Recent Indigenous Art from Mexico* will provide inspiration, color, patterns, and shapes found in nature, \$20 suggested donation includes all materials. Email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

Children 7 - 12 years old will create rubber stamps on Saturday, Aug. 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The stamps can be used to personalize fabric pieces like tote bags. Email angela.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to register. \$20 registration fee includes all materials.

Webb Honored

Henry Webb (60609) was among 48 students of Augustana College of Rock Island, IL, inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

The national academic honor society recognizes scholarship achievement, character, integrity and independence of mind.

Carlos Cortez 100 ANOS opens on Sunday, Aug. 13th in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery. Cortez Koyokunikati (1923-2005) was a poet, printmaker and activist.

From 2 to 4 p.m., the opening day reception, will include poetry readings, a new publication of Cortez' poems, and birthday cake.

The Latino Writers initiative Virtual Meet upon on Tuesday, Aug. 8th these bilingual online workshops help aspiring writers practice their riting skills with writing prompts and exercises. Connect with other Latino writers and get feedback on your stories.

Carla Morrison will perform a free concert at the Millennium Park Summer Music Series on Monday, Aug. 21st at 6:30 p.m. The Grammy nominated and three time latin Grammy winning artist has had an explosive year following the release of *El Renacimiento*.

2,000 Opioid Deaths For 2022

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed 2,000 opioid overdose deaths for 2022, breaking the previous record of 1,935 set in 2021. More than 91% of opioid overdose deaths involved fentanyl which is up to 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.

78% of the deaths are male. African Americans make up 56%, Latinos just under 15% and whites constitute 29%.

The age group most impacted is 50- to 59-year-olds, accounting for 27% of the deaths. The youngest opioid overdose death in Cook County was a 12-year-old boy and the oldest was an 84-year-old woman.

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Music Wednesdays At Arboretum



Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle will present **Arbor Evenings on Wednesdays** through Aug. 23rd from 5:15 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$13 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children ages 1 and younger. Live music will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring blankets or chairs for lawn seating. Outside food and sealed non-alcoholic beverages are welcome. Cocktails, wine, beer, water and other beverages, along with food truck options, will be available for purchase. Tickets are available at mortonarb.org.

MSI Exhibit On Plastic Pollution

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago has unveiled a powerful, immersive experience – The Blue Paradox – where visitors can walk beneath the ocean’s surface, explore the impact plastic pollution has on this vital natural resource, and discover the actions needed to stop plastic waste from becoming pollution.

ing people, in addition to previous studies that have shown plastic particulate pollution in human blood.

Entrance into *The Blue Paradox* will be included in MSI’s general admission ticket. For more information visit blueparadox.com

County Center For Recycling

Presented by SC Johnson, in partnership with Conservation International, The Blue Paradox was initially launched in 2021 as an immersive pop-up experience in London. The high-demand, sold-out event struck a nerve with 97 percent of attendees saying they planned to change their behavior for good.

The exhibit aims to illuminate a paradox when it comes to plastic use: while the widespread use of plastic in our daily lives has led to considerable advancements in modern society, increased convenience, and reduced reliance on natural resources, it has become one of the most pervasive pollution issues facing our ocean ecosystem and the planet.

As a global omnipresent issue, the plastic pollution crisis continues to make headlines. About 26 billion pounds of plastic is dumped into the ocean each year. Further, scientists continue to sound the alarm about plastic pollution in the Great Lakes region, estimating 22 million pounds of plastic enter the lakes annually. Researchers have even discovered 12 types of microplastics commonly found in bottles and packaging in the lungs of liv-

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability has partnered with South Suburban College to establish the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM Center) at 15800 S. State st., South Holland. This new, permanent recycling drop-off facility accepts paper, plastic, metal, glass, clothing, textiles, Styrofoam, electronics, computers and personal healthcare equipment.

View the complete list of materials accepted at the CHaRM Center here: cookcountyl.gov/charm-center. Hours are Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to noon; Thursdays, 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Accepted hazardous waste materials include: oil-based paints, paint thinners, aerosol paints, used motor oil, old gasoline, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides and lawn/pool chemicals, mercury, acids, household batteries and corrosives, drain cleaners, solvents, antifreeze, hobby chemicals and fluorescent light bulbs.

Residents can make an appointment to drop off their hazardous waste materials at www.cook.gov/HHWsignup

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs on Wednesdays through Aug. 9th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Senior Mondays, July 31st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. features coffee, crafts, device help and good conversation.

Teen Hideaway for ages 13-19 on Thursday, Aug. 3rd from 5 to 6 p.m. Play video games, design & create with a 3D Printer, chill with a good read or pick up a teen grab & go kit.

150th Art Workshop-Book Paper Marbleizing on Saturday, July 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Make beautiful, marbled paper to help tell your story. All supplies and instructions will be provided.

Artist Aram Han Si-fuentes will conduct Protest Banner Workshops on Thursday, July 27th from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays, Aug. 5th to 26th from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Earthshakers Nature Club for ages 6 to 13 and their families is scheduled for Thursdays through Aug. 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This fun science and sustainability club will focus on ways to give your life more green.

A Summer Wrap Up Party for all ages on Thursday, Aug. 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. will feature dancing and games.

An Adult Book Discussion of “On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous” by Ocean Vuong will be held in-person and online, Friday, Aug. 18th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time with Mx. Dannie will fea-

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Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Riverwalk Schedules Summer Programs



Photo provided by Chicago DCASE

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announce a slate of summer arts and recreational programming on the Chicago Riverwalk that stretches 1.25 miles from Lake Michigan to Lake Street offering restaurants, wineries and bars, live music and performances, public art and urban recreation.

The Chicago Park District Fishing Program returns with interactive fishing and education opportunities. Details below and at ChicagoRiverwalk.us.

“Sounds of the Riverwalk” will feature a music series featuring musicians from the Chicago Band Roster. Concerts take place on Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Confluence, between Franklin and Lake Streets. The schedule includes: July 30th, Dawn Xiana Moon; Aug. 13th, David Chiriboga Spanish Guitar & Flamenco; Aug. 27th, Eiren Caffall; Sept. 17th, Bonzo Squad and Oct. 1st, Attack the Sound.

Art on theMART is on view twice nightly through Sept. 13th: 9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.; Sept. 14th - Dec. 30th: 7:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. The Jetty (between Wells and Franklin Streets).

The Chicago Park Dis-

trict Fishing Program is open Thursdays - Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jetty (between Wells and Franklin Streets). Visitors will take part in outdoor education activities and learn about the role the river has played in Chicago’s history and future.

New for 2023, is the “Shed Aquarium” an on-site storage facility with interactive offerings, a fish tank, microscope, and interactive worm station, educators will be on-site every Thursday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 27th and Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Sept. 2nd - Oct. 15th.

InstaGreeter Tours will be conducted through Sept. 3rd, 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Bridgehouse Museum Plaza.

Public art installations on display include *Kin Link* by Leonard Suryajaya; *Echo Hecho Fresco* by Alberto Aguilar at the Columbus underbridge, *The People in Your Neighborhood* by Dont Fret at The Confluence, *The Radianance of Being mural* by Kate Lynn Lewis at the Community Marketplace, the *Riverwalk Gateway* by Ellen Lanyon, *Allium* by Carolyn Otmers, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

Produce Exchange will be conducted on Thursday, Aug. 17th from 2 to 7 p.m. Bring in your extra vegetables and swap with a neighbor.

Games People Play for adults will be available on Thursdays, Aug. 17th to Sept. 28th from 2 to 4 p.m. Special Bingo will be played on Aug. 31st. Join us for some fun games and conversation. Bring one of your own games or borrow one of ours.

Summer Memories Party 2 for ages 13 to 18 will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 1st from 5 to 6 p.m. Use the portable photo printer, scrapbook paper and more. Make a Spotify

glass art. All supplies will be provided.

Chess League for ages 7 to 13 will be played on Thursday, Aug. 3rd from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be some fun change-ups, quick rounds, switching players and more.

Teen Back to School Crafts for ages 12 to 18 is offered on Tuesday, Aug. 8th from 5 to 6 p.m. Decorate canvas pencil pouches and tote bags using the vinyl cutter and button maker. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

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

Obituaries

ZYANA ARZATE, passed away in the arms of her parents Jose Arzate and Anaiz Chavez at Christ Hospital on July 22nd at the age of 14 days. Visitation will be held Friday, July 28th from 9 am to 12 pm at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment will be at St Mary Catholic Cemetery, 87th & Hamlin ave.

Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

MARCELO CALDERON, who was born in Michoacan, Mexico passed away on July 22nd at the age of 56. He was the son of Jose Calderon and Maria Garcia; husband of Gabriela Rojas; father of Analucia, age 10; brother of Gustava, Jose, Maria De La Luz, Angelica, Blanca Flor, Maribel, and Raul. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 30th from 3 to 8 pm at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S Mozart. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, July 31st, 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 2745 W 44th st. Procession to Resurrection Cemetery will follow.

FABIAN LOPEZ - HUESCA, passed away on July 16th at the age of 44. He was the partner of Gloria Palacios; father of Jose, age 21, Yaretsi, age 13, Fabian, age 12 and Dila, age 7; brother of Emilio, Francisco, Bartolo, Gabe, Virginia, Elsa, and Sonia. Visitation was held July 25th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S Mozart. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery, 4401 W 111th st.

ANDREW KIETA, of Lemont, formerly of Chicago; husband of Irene (nee Jaskierska); father of Edward Kieta, Grace Kieta Kefer and late Jane Gawronski; grandfather of Tyler Kieta, Dalton Kieta, Clint Kefer and Daniel Kefer; son of late Aniela (nee Kowalkowska) & late Jan Kieta; predeceased by brothers, Bruno, John and Stanley. Visitation was held July 23rd at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 24th at SS. Cyrcil & Methodius

RADE TODOROVICH, of Naperville, formerly of Chicago; husband of late Radmila (nee Velickovic); father of Vesna (Sergio) Zavala; grandfather of Celia and Mariela; son of late Zora (nee Centic) and late Milodrag Todorovich; brother-in-law of late Vitimir (Verica) Velickovic and late Jovan Velickovic. Visitation and funeral services were held July 26th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Bethania Cemetery.

Game Night At Teen Center

The Teen Center at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn will conduct Game Night on Thursday, Aug. 10th from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Lost Pets At Animal Care

Chicago Animal Care & Control, 2741 S. Western urges owners of lost pets to visit petharbor.com/chicago/ to view the animals at the shelter.

Homeward Bound Partners may view the animals available for rescue.

Jazz Concerts At Shedd Aquarium



Photo provided by Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. DuSable Lake Shore drive presents jazz, pop, soul, R&B and Latin ensembles for the “Jazzin’ at the Shedd” series. The aquarium remains open during the performances, with exhibits such as Wild Reef and Stingray Touch accessible until 8:45 p.m. Order timed-entry tickets (\$14.95 and up) in advance.

Future shows: Ava Logan Jazz Ensemble through Aug. 9th; Lake Effect, Aug. 2nd; Michele Thomas Quartet, Aug. 16th; Victor Garcia Quintet, Aug. 23rd; Aniba and the Sol Starz, Aug. 30th. For more information, visit sheddquarium.org.

CPS Preps For Robotics Season

Chicago Public high school students are wrapping up a summer internship to hone engineering, programming, software development, and even business skills. Many will later compete against each other from their respective high schools during fall and spring robotics competitions. Students have engineered theater sets, tools for diverse learners, and designed math simulations. Projects this summer include a four-legged robot, an animatronic eye for a remote-controlled puppet, and new robotic drive systems.

BPNC Schedules Playstreet Events

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will conduct Summer Play Streets events from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia Explorers, 4520 S. Kedzie on Aug. 4th; Calmea Academy, 3456 W. 38th st. on Aug. 11th and Kelly High School, 4136 S. California on Aug. 18th.

Features will include appetizers, balloons, face painting, zumba, games, raffles & prizes, mechanical bull, music, bouncy house and more than 15 resource tables.

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, Aug. 26th 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 or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

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Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

The Adult Book Discussion Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23rd topic is "Educated" by Tara Westover.

Celebrate Culture will be explored through crafts, games and play on Wednesdays through Aug. 2nd from 5 to 6 p.m. Pinatas, fireworks, balloons, festive costumes and more will be enjoyed.

Celebrate Stories & Play for toddlers and preschoolers will be conducted on Saturday, July 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids will sing and dance their way through an active story time filled with exciting books, open play will follow where kids can build with giant blocks, use puppets and make new friends.

Celebrate Chicago for age 6 to 12 will be held Monday, July 31st from 5 to 6 p.m. Make fun crafts while celebrating local history and culture.

Bats & Other Misunderstood Animals will be explained Saturday, Aug.

5th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn about bats, rats, snakes, and spiders while interacting with these creatures. For families of all ages.

Game Club for Teens and Tweens will be played on Thursdays, July 27th and Aug. 3rd from 4 to 5 p.m.

Beading Time: Craft for Adults will be available on Saturdays, Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd from 2 to 3 p.m. Make bracelets, necklaces, and ornaments. Patrons can bring their own beads or use ours.

Live Animal Show with Animal Quest will delight all ages on Wednesday, Aug. 9th from 5 to 6 p.m. This fun, educational and interactive presentation features ambassador animals.

Rapid Relief Therapy will be explained on Saturday, Aug. 26th from 2 to 3 p.m. Michael Lavin M.S., psychotherapist and college instructor, will demonstrate how tapping techniques and acupressure can restore health and emotional balance.

For more information, visit chicagopublic.org.

Low Sensory Event At Shedd Aquarium



Shedd Aquarium's upcoming program, "Calm Waters", is an exclusive event to create a safe environment for Veterans and those with disabilities to explore the aquarium with fewer sensory impacts on Sunday, Aug. 6th from 9-11 a.m.

The mobile app, SensoryFriendly Shedd Aquarium, is intended to help guests, including those with special needs, feel welcome and supported and to provide tips for upcoming visits. This app can be downloaded on iTunes and Google Play for free and is offered in English and Spanish.

Other helpful tools include a customizable schedule, a sensory-friendly map and games incorporating some of Shedd's most captivating animals.

Animal Spotlights, held in the Abbot Oceanarium, introduce guests to select animals, including sea lions and pacific white-sided dolphins.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct a series of nutrition/exercise lessons on Tuesdays, 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.

Little Learners Story Time will be held on Fridays through Aug. 25th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will join Ms. Katie for songs and stories.

Baby and Toddler Play Group will socialize on Thursday, July 27th from

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. STEM in Motion with Project Syncere is scheduled for Monday, July 31st from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 6 and up will participate in play-based challenges using life-sized tinker sets, LEGO kits, robotics, electronics and ramps to design, build and create.

Tween Writers' Workshop with the Chinese American Service League will be taught Wednesday, Aug. 2nd from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

An End-of-Summer Bash for ages 0-13 and caregivers with games and crafts will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 5th from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Family Crafts for ages 3 and up with caregivers will be available on Wednesday, Aug. 16th from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

"Wheels" Exhibit At Newberry Library



The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton st. will feature the "Wheels" exhibit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 23rd.

From the literal to the metaphorical, postcards to pamphlets, the wheel appears throughout the library's holdings in a variety of formats, genres, and time periods.

The library's annual book fair will be held on July 28th to 30th. The "Pop-Up Books through the Ages" exhibit in the Trienens Gallery will close on July 15th.

Free Workouts At Millennium Park



Provided by City of Chicago DCASE

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events sponsors a workout program on the Great Lawn in Millennium Park on Saturdays through Sept. 2nd from 8 to 11:45 a.m. A series of 45-minute workouts includes Pilates, 8 to 8:45 a.m.; Yoga, 9 to 9:45 a.m.; Cardio Kickboxing, 10 to 10:45 a.m. and Zumba, 11 to 11:45 a.m. After your workout, stop by Double Clutch Plaza just below Cloud Gate for brunch and mimosas. Show your workout mat for a complimentary mimosa with the purchase of an entree. For more information, visit chicago.gov.

Assistance For Illinois Warriors

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is announcing a one-year contract with Illinois Joining Forces to administer the Illinois Warrior Assistance Program, a 24/7 warm helpline and resource for Veterans, their families, and caregivers. This free and confidential service was initiated to assist Veterans transitioning from military service and challenged with PTSD, mild TBI, Military sexual trauma, stress, anxiety, depression, addiction, substance abuse, and overall emotional wellness.

IWAP provides the following services: Access to a 24/7 warm helpline. Resource navigation. Case management which includes assessment, case planning, implementation (service connection). Referral to behavioral health services placement after 24/7 access to warm helpline.

The confidential warm helpline number is 877-

455-IWAP (4297), and the website is www.illinoiswarrior.org. The warm helpline is not a hotline, crisis line, or suicide prevention line. Those in crisis should call, 988 and select one (1), or dial 911.

Veterans who are Illinois residents and neither an inmate of a public institution or resident of a nursing home are eligible to participate in IWAP's services.

To learn more: <https://www.illinoisjoiningforces.org/>.

Safety Tips For Extreme Heat

July is National Extreme Heat Safety Month and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security has some easy tips to keep you cool.

Extreme heat is defined as two to three days of heat and humidity with successive 90+ degree days. In July 1995, a heat wave contributed to more than 700 deaths in the Chicago area.

Extreme heat safety awareness tips include: About 40 percent of unwanted heat buildup in homes is through windows. Use awnings or curtains to deflect the sun. Fans will move air around, but does not lower your temperature. Use air conditioning inside your home or visit a store or local mall. Urban homes are more at risk of extreme heat, so know your local cooling centers. Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, and lightweight clothing.

Avoid strenuous activity during mid-day. Hydrate with water, not caffeinated or alcoholic beverages. Never leave children or pets in a vehicle. Get trained in first aid to help when someone is suffering from heat illness.

Check on neighbors, friends, family, and elderly who are more vulnerable to extreme heat.

Legislation For Health Insurance

Governor JB Pritzker applauded the full passage of House Bills 579 and 2296, which will create a state-based health insurance marketplace and institute the first rate review process in Illinois to protect consumers from unnecessary rate hikes.

House Bill 579 identifies underinsured communities, conducts effective outreach and assists in the enrollment process.

House Bill 2296 advances health care affordability by protecting consumers and small businesses from unfair premium rate hikes. Insurance companies will have to provide information about how they set their rates and the Department of Insurance will have the authority to deny rate hikes.

Walking Tours of Millennium Park



Docent guided tour of 7 public art works on the Millennium Park Campus that covers approximately one-half mile will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, through Oct. 7th at 12 noon. Start and end at the Chicago Cultural Center Randolph Street steps. Space is limited to 15 people.

Highlights include 6 sculptures and one mural. Visitors begin with Richard Hunt's steel sculpture, We Will. Tour moves across the street to view sculptures in Millennium Park by Edra Soto, Christine Tarkowski, Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain and Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate. Tour returns to the Chicago Cultural Center to view Nathan Mason's Bronze Cow and to Garland Court with Kerry James Marshall's mural, Rushmore. To register, visit dcasevolunteers.org/visit/register.

Summer Events At Navy Pier

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, a 75-minute family musical, takes the stage at the Courtyard Theater of Navy Pier, 600 W. Grand Ave. through August 20th.

Dazzling production numbers will include the title song and "Be Our Guest." After the show, costumed members of the cast will appear in the lobby for conversation, autographs, and photos.

Every Saturday there are two free outdoor live dance performances from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Chicago's top DJs mix it up playing your favorite house & dance music Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Tuesdays & Thursdays, free cardio workouts and sunset yoga fitness instructors in Polk Bros Park.

Water Flicks features fan-favorite animal movies every Monday through Aug. 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July movie lineup includes

Hyde Park Jazz Festival

The Hyde Park Jazz Festival announces the second annual Artists Corps Events Schedule. Artists-in-neighborhoods programs facilitate storytelling and community building; provide opportunities for healing and resilience.

On July 28th from 6 to 8 p.m., Frank Morrison Quartet will be curated by Junaane Taylor at South Merrill Community Garden, 7030 S. Merrill ave.

On Aug. 19th from 2 to 4 p.m., The Gira Dahnee Trio will be curated by Adam Zanolini at South Merrill Community Garden.

On Aug. 20th from 1 to 3 p.m., Sound Rotation Presents Freedom Jazz Dance feat with Duane Powell and Kahlil El Zabar. Curated by Meagan McNeal at Mahalia Jackson Court.

CSO Residency At Ravinia Festival

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's annual six-week residency, through Aug. 20th at Ravinia Festival, Highland Park features three weeks of programs led by Chief Conductor Marin Alsop and three weeks with distinguished guest conductors. Amplifying the theme of *Breaking Barriers* in 2023, most CSO programs include at least one piece by a woman composer.

July 28th, Mei-Ann Chen guest conducts the CSO in music by Price, Copland and Beethoven, with piano soloist Jeremy Denk.

July 29th, guest conductor Ted Sperling and the CSO in a program of pop music by Joni Mitchell, Carole King and Carly Simon with vocalists Andrea Burns, Morgan James and Capathia Jenkins.

Aug. 4th & 6th, Alsop leads a full-length semi-staged Mozart opera, "The Magic Flute"

Aug. 5th, Van Cliburn Piano Competition gold

medalist Yunchan Lim makes his CSO debut with Alsop conducting Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3

Aug. 9th, guest conductor Jonathon Heyward leads works by Pulitzer Prize winner Tania Leon; Bruch, with violinist Benjamin Beilman; and Rachmaninoff.

Aug. 10th, Teddy Abrams leads the CSO in a program with pianist Jeffrey Kahane.

Aug. 11th, vocalist Rufus Wainwright joins the CSO for songs from his albums "Want One" and "Want Two".

Aug. 17th, guest conductor Joshua Weilerstein conducts a program of music by Still, Shostakovich, and Elgar, featuring cellist Alisa Weilerstein.

Aug. 20th, guest conductor George Stolluto conducts the CSO's annual Tchaikovsky Spectacular to close out the orchestra's summer residency.

For more information, visit ravinia.org.

Rollin' Rec Van At Park No. 596



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Rollin' Recreation Van will visit the Brighton Park Community Campus (Park No. 596) on July 27th and 31st, Aug. 1st to 3rd from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The activity van offers fun for the whole family with sports, games and fitness activities. Registration is not required.

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