



Children and Psych Help



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There is one thing about living your life trying to help children and their parents. You are often looking at ways to deal with their issues. What you could do to help when asked. During the COVID crisis, there was an upswing in seeking pediatric psychiatric help. In fact, it has often become difficult to find the help you seek. There are so many reaching out for help. You can understand this because of the fewer number of children in the family, their issues seem larger than previous families that had more children.

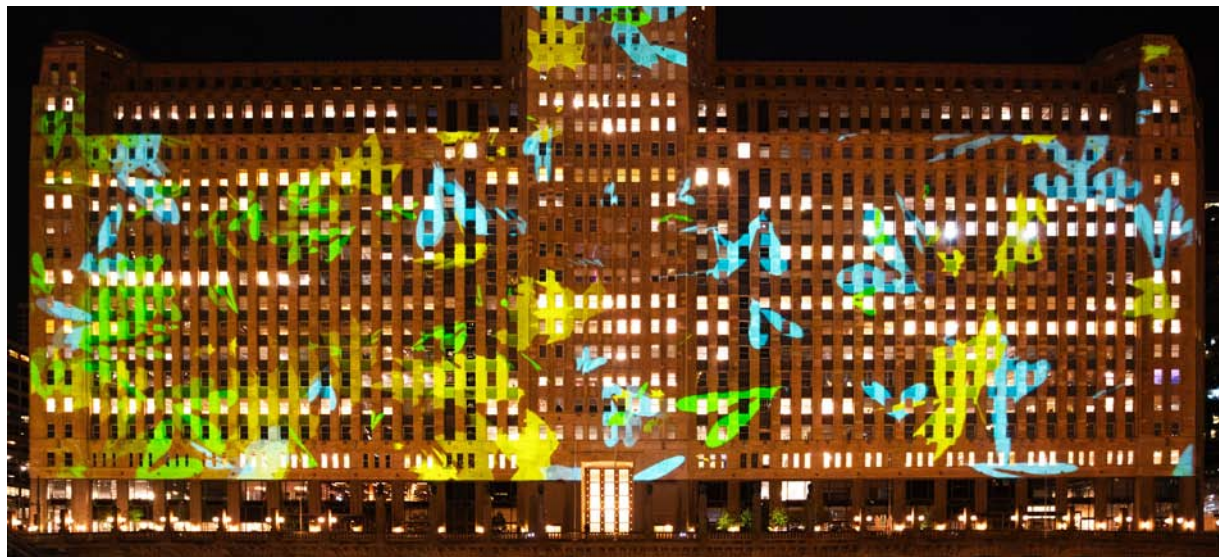
I found myself looking for material in Psychology Today and special programs on a few cable channels I find reliable. Discovery, EWTN and PBS. I found most of the programs very informative and easy enough for most adults to

understand. Most that know me understand I can be quite cynical. I also realize that in today's world of publishing, the articles submitted must be a little controversial or possibly confirming the common knowledge or be very good. Having said all this, I have picked out a few things that may help with your family. First, if your child probably starting in middle school talks to you about the need for help, take them seriously. Most of the problems end up being normal situations. But there are physical problems that can be manifested in various illnesses. Most importantly, do not let your child's worry about situations like ADHD, or sexual dysfunction, and let them know, okay we'll let an expert decide.

One statistic which was named in several articles even though it seems counter-cultural, young couples worry about how many children they should have. The healthiest mentally children come as offspring of married couples and have four children regardless of their gender. Right now, most people seem to worry about the cost more than the mental health of their children and no one can really say what is best for you.

I hope you can find help if and when the time comes. Don't self-diagnose, just be the good parent you hope you will be.

Art On The Mart Launches 'Wavelength'



Art on The Mart's 2024 winter season showcases emerging talent from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. 'Wavelength' is a new commission created by graduate and senior undergraduate students who have produced 11 unique works. Centered around the theme of 'Wavelength', the students were invited to explore the site-specific nature of The Mart and how visual and audio media are rooted in the same physical principles. Each pair of students—one focusing on the visual projection and the other on the audio segment, brings a unique approach and expertise in materials, tools, and collaborative processes to the project.

New Exhibitions At History Museum



The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St. is featuring several new exhibitions.

In 1955, the murder of Emmett Till, a Black teenager from Chicago, and the subsequent criminal trial in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, attracted international attention and sparked the Civil Rights Movement. *Injustice: The Trial for the Murder of Emmett Till* begins with photographs of a joyful Emmett in life and of his funeral. The trial proceedings are then shared through courtroom sketches by Franklin McMahon.

Celebrating the 110th birthday of Italian fashion designer Emilio Pucci, marking more than 70

years of his designs since the start of his career in 1947. CHM costume collection intern Eloise Lyons writes about flight attendant uniforms Pucci designed for Braniff International Airways that are in the museum's Costume and Textiles Collection.

A Panel Discussion: 100 Years of LGBTQIA+ Rights: Henry Gerber and the Society for Human Rights is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 6 to 9 p.m. Presented in partnership with the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, celebrate the ongoing influence of the Society for Human Rights. Tickets are \$12.

For more information, visit chicagohistory.org.

Park District Offers Winter Programs

The Chicago Park District offers an extensive array of low-cost programs for all ages, ability levels, and families this winter.

Online registration is available Monday, Dec. 9th at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks located west of California Ave. & for all Virtual Programs. Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks located east of California Ave. Tuesday, Dec. 10th at noon for gymnastics centers.

In-Person registration begins Saturday, Dec. 14th, or Monday, Dec. 16th for most parks. In-person registration is available if spots remain after online registration. Most programs run Jan. 6th to March 16th.

Programs at McPetridge Sports Center, Morgan Park Sports Center, Dr. Conrad Worrill Track & Field Center at Gately Park, and the ComEd Recreation Center at Addams Park follow a different schedule.

Aquatics Programs include Parent and Tot Swim; Tiny Tot Swim; Youth, Teen and Adult Learn to Swim; Swim Team; Water Polo; Aquatic Exercise and more.

Ages 6-17 get the first session of Youth Learn to Swim Programs free with coupon code FIRST-FREE.

Learn the Skills Needed to be a Lifeguard in Lifeguard Explorers. Open to Chicago residents aged 15-22. Participants will receive \$400 upon completion of

the program.

Park Kids After-school Program is an excellent way for ages 6-12 to get out among friends and stay active after school thru a variety of brain play, nature, fitness, sports, and art activities, along with homework time. Financial assistance is available.

Gymnastics centers offer quality instruction for beginners to advanced competitors year-round, with excellent training facilities and instructors.

Early Childhood (18 months-5 yrs. old). From Arts & ABCs, Ballet and Bitty Basketball, to Dino Diggers, Kiddie College, and Little Artists. For the younger ones, Parent/Guardian & Tot activities are available at many parks.

Youth (6-12 yrs. old) Classes include boxing; basketball; dance; woodcraft; cheerleading; a variety of fitness options and more.

Winter Break Camps are available at many parks over the holiday school break.

Teen programs include basketball and cultural offerings to fitness classes and clubs.

Adults/Seniors are offered a variety of classes from cultural activities to fitness, wellness and Pickleball.

Special Recreation programs are offered for individuals with disabilities. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities, from creating crafts, cooking, and fitness to visiting with friends. Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Protection From Respiratory Bugs

The Illinois Department of Public Health is reminding to prepare for the respiratory virus season by getting the recommended shots for flu, COVID-19 and RSV. Public health officials expect viral activity to increase as the holiday season and indoor gatherings increase.

IDPH officials are also warning of a significant increase in whooping cough (pertussis) cases this year. The largest monthly total in 20 years was recorded in October with 408 cases.

The new COVID-19 vaccines and the new flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months. The RSV vaccine is recommended for everyone 75 years and older. Those in the late stages of pregnancy are advised to get the RSV vaccine designed to protect newborns.

You can find locations that perform COVID-19

tests at no cost the testing locator for the federal ICATT (Increasing Community Access to Testing) program at <https://testinglocator.cdc.gov/>. The federal government resumed offering free COVID-19 tests to every household through the covidtests.gov website.

The new vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and through hospitals, and community health clinics. For help finding a provider of vaccines, go to www.vaccines.gov.

For those who don't have healthcare coverage through a private plan, Medicare, or Medicaid, IDPH operates the Vaccines for Children Program at no cost for ages 18 and under. Adults without insurance can contact a free and charitable clinic at illinoisfreeclinics.org/clinic-search/clinic-directory/ or a Community Health Center at iphea.org/health-center-locator/.

Holiday Zoolights At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo is celebrating 30 years of Zoo Lights through Jan. 5th. The magical evening is illuminated by over three million lights and features hot chocolate and roast s'mores over an open fire pit, professional ice carvers, the best view of the city skyline from the Ferris wheel, and more.

The Chris White Jazz Trio will perform a Tribute to *A Charlie Brown Christmas* on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Tap your toes to this classic holiday soundtrack during one of three shows. Choose from a matinee at Pepper Family Wildlife

Center with hot cocoa and ZooLights admission, or two evening sets at Cafe Brauer featuring an appearance by Snoopy.

Adults Night Out: Holiday Presented by On The Rocks Premium Cocktails and -196 Vodka Seltzer will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12th. During this illuminated evening, the 21+ set can experience the season without kids and strollers. A live DJ, animal chats, festive foods, and free rides will get you into the holiday spirit.

Event ticket sales help to keep Lincoln Park Zoo fee and open to all. Order tickets at lpzoo.org. Select Mondays are free admission.

Public Tour Of "The Plant"

The Bubbly Dynamics team will conduct the final public tour of The Plant, 1400 W. 46th St., on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 2 to 3 p.m. to cap off the year. The firm use creative approaches to reimagine what is considered "waste".

Advance tickets are encouraged and can be purchased at info@bubblydynamics.com. The tour is free for 60609 resident.

Productions At Lyric Opera

Lyric Opera's new season is an enchanting mix of new, contemporary works and familiar, classic productions. The season continues with *Singin' in the Rain*, Feb. 7th; *The Puccini Heroines*, Feb. 8th, 13th & 16th; *Puccini's La Boheme*, March 15th - April 12th; *Issy Mazzoli's The Listeners*, March 30th - April 11th and a *Wondrous Sound*, April 16th & 19th.

Performances in the 2024-25 season will take place at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive and will feature English translations projected above the stage. For information on performance dates and ticket availability, visit lyric-opera.org or call (312) 827-5600.

To learn more about the 2024/25 season, visit lyricopera.org/newseason/ (shows/upcoming/2024-25/).

Cook County Meets Emissions Goal

The Cook County Bureau of Asset Management announced advancements in sustainability and resource efficiency, as highlighted in the 2024 Energy and Water Benchmarking Report. Based on 2023 data, the report highlights leadership in energy efficiency, water conservation and greenhouse gas reduction.

Among the highlights in the report, Cook County achieved a key Clean Energy Plan goal seven years ahead of schedule. The original goal was to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in County-owned buildings by 45% in 2030 (from a 2010 baseline). As of 2023, Cook County far exceeded this target,

achieving a 49% reduction in GHG emissions.

Additional key achievements include: 86% of benchmarked properties reported reduced energy consumption. An energy project at the Cook County Building is estimated to save over 1.4 million kilowatt-hours. LED upgrades at the Department of Corrections are projected to save nearly 800,000 kilowatt-hours. 47% of County properties decreased water usage, contributing to an overall 19% reduction in total water consumption compared to 2022.

Future plans include implementing findings from decarbonization studies, expanding smart water meter technology and advancing the Better Climate Challenge goal of a 50% GHG emissions reduction by 2034 (from a 2018 baseline).

For more information, visit www.cookcountyl.gov/benchmarking.

Sing-Along At Millennium Park

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will conduct Holiday Sing-Along at the Cloud Gate of Millennium Park on Fridays, Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The program features Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center on Dec. 6th; Leo High School Choir on Dec. 13th and Chicago Chamber Choir on Dec. 20th.

Tickets are free and can be available and can be picked up at participating Chamber members (no purchase necessary).

New Shedd Exhibit To Open Dec. 10th



Credit: Shedd Aquarium/Brenna Hernandez.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10th, the rotunda space at Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive is evolving into the Wonder of Water Exhibit that features two habitats brimming with activity, one focused on fresh water and the other on salt water marine life. The diverse exhibits feature live corals, lush plants and a colorful array of fishes. Visit www.shedd-aquarium.org for additional information.

Jazz Showcase For Students

The Jazz Institute of Chicago will conduct a Jazz Showcase for ages 9 to 19 at 806 S. Plymouth Court on Wednesday, Dec. 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Jam session take

place after-hours in the clubs, making it impossible for student musicians to participate. The Jazz Liniks Jam Session creates a live opportunity where student musicians can perform. Visit jazz-inchicago.org.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



Photo credit CZS-Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo Chicago will conduct Holiday Magic on Dec. 5th-8th, 12th-15th, 19th-22nd, 26th-31st from 3 to 9 p.m.

Discover giant illuminated animals, a tunnel show, visits with Santa, walk through displays, 900+ decorated trees lit up by community groups, Candy Cane Lane and Sparkling Coast.

Purchasing tickets in advance for North Gate entry is optional, and recommended. Advance ticket purchases are required for South Gate entry.

Meet Santa from Nov. 22nd to Dec. 22nd from 5-8 p.m. at Seven Seas underwater viewing area. Four indoor habitats will be open during Holiday Magic: The Swamp, Living Coast, Great Bear Wilderness Underwater Viewing, and Seven Seas Underwater Viewing. Outdoor habitats will feature big cats, bison, camels, kangaroos and reindeer.

Fall hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Hamill Family Play Zoo is now home to sever-

al American breeds of chickens, including partridge rock, barred rock, golden Wyandotte and silver laced Wyandotte.

Fall and winter free admission dates: Mondays and Tuesdays, through Dec. 24th; Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 3rd through Feb. 27th.

Holly Jolly Gingerbread Party on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Party returns with a visit from Santa, a brunch and dessert buffet, hot cocoa bar, gingerbread decorating and experiences with animal ambassadors. A mimosa and bloody mary bar will also be available for guests ages 21 and older. Dinner with Santa on Dec. 13th-15th at 3:30 or 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance at the Zoo's Discovery Center.

To purchase tickets visit brookfieldzoo.org/Events.

For more information, visit brookfieldzoo.org.

BPNC Accepting Toy Donations

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts for ages 0 to 18 at 4452 and 4477 S. Archer weekdays through Dec. 16th.

Distribution day is set for Saturday, Dec. 21st from 12 to 4 p.m. at Brighton Park Elementary School, 3825 S. Washtenaw.

Foods, drinks, fun activities and photos with Santa will be available.

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Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Book Eaters" by Sunyi Dean is the topic for Dec. 12th at 6 p.m.

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

Baby Time will share books, songs and play on Fridays, Dec. 6th to 20th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Artist's Studio for ages 6 to 12 on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd from 5 to 6 p.m. Create some art based on their style.

A "Christmas Listening Party" is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Dust off those old Christmas albums and join us for a festive listening party. Wear something festive. Lite refreshments will be served.

The 4th Annual Senior Christmas Party will be enjoyed on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bud & Marge will sing Christmas carols. Refreshments and a special raffle are included, wear something festive.

"Christmas Door Craft" for adults will be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Everything is included plus refreshments.

Winter Bingo for Seniors will be played on Thursday, Dec. 12th from 2 to 4 p.m. The event features 10 games, prizes and light refreshments.

"Games People Play" will be offered for adults on Thursdays through Dec. 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or use one of ours. Featuring chess, Scrabble, UNO, board games, Pinochle and Canasta.

Homeschool Family Meet-Up is scheduled for Fridays, Dec. 6th and 20th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for ages 6 to 13 while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources.

Saturday Game Day for adults and seniors on Saturdays through Dec. 28th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Flower Show At Garfield Park

The Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. will present this year's Winter Flower Show "Snowflakes" with more than 25 macro images of snow crystals hanging above the annual display of poinsettias and lighted conifer trees. Visitors will enjoy a colorful selection of poinsettias including 'FabYULeous Red', 'Lemon Glow', 'Frozen', and 'Orange Glow'. The other plants include Edelweiss, Peppermint, and white Viola. In addition to the cut Frasier Fir trees, the display will include pendulous varieties of Cedar and Chamaecyparis trees.

Visiting hours are Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 5th.

Free registration is required at garfieldconservatory.org/visit/ or call (773) 638-1766.

p.m. Bring a game or play one of ours: UNO, Skipbo, Mexican Train, Canasta, Chess, Checkers, Sorry and more.

Time for Tots on Monday, Dec. 9th from 10:15 to 11:15 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.

Story Time Reflections for ages 4 to 7 on Wednesdays, Dec. 11th and 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. A fun-filled story time where young minds come together to enjoy exciting tales and share their thoughts.

Spanish Book Club on Thursdays, Dec. 5th from 1 to 2 p.m. and Dec. 12th and 19th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Homeschool Family Meet-Up with children ages 6 to 13 on Fridays, Dec. 6th and 20th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for kids while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources.

Christmas Vinyl Listening Party for adults and seniors on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your old Christmas albums. Light refreshments will be provided. No registration is required.

DIV Holiday Ornaments for ages 6 to 13 on Monday, Dec. 9th from 4 to 5 p.m. Have fun making holiday ornaments using clay, paint and more.

Teen Grinch themed diamond art keychain painting on Friday, Dec. 13th from 2:45 to 4 p.m. Limited seating, registration required.

Candy House Construction for ages 5 and up on Tuesday, Dec. 17th from 5 to 6 p.m. Registration required, opens Dec. 1st. Use frosting, graham crackers, gum drops and more.

Teen Gingerbread Houses on Thursday, Dec. 19th from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Registration required. Use graham crackers, icing and various sweets.

Play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch for ages 8 to 13 on Thursday, Dec. 26th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Lego Free Build for ages 5 to 10 on Saturday, Dec. 28th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your imagination, we'll supply the Lego bricks.

Noon Year's Eve Party for toddlers to ages 13 on Tuesday, Dec. 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Have fun making party hats and noisie makers as we get ready for a countdown to 12 noon, with a balloon drop.

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

Living Nativity At St. Barbara

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish will conduct "The Living Nativity" at St. Barbara Church's parking lot, 2859 S. Throop st. on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Walk through outdoors "Little Bethlehem". Visit the stable, pet the barnyard animals, and shop the market. Sing along to your favorite carols. Free pony rides for small children, hot cocoa and cookies. All are welcome.

Holiday Season At Griffin MSI



Photo Credit: Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry's annual tradition, *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*, through Monday, Jan. 6th, 2025. Tickets for Museum visits and events are now available at msichicago.org.

Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light features more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers to represent the holiday traditions from cultures around the globe. This year's show will feature the photographic work of snowflake scientist and Caltech Physicist Ken Libbrecht, accompanied by a range of on-site programs and events for all ages.

Naughty or Nice 21+ After-Hours Event on Thursday, Dec. 12th from 6 to 10 p.m. Guests are invited to grab a seasonal

cocktail or hot cocoa, take a selfie with Santa or Krampus and explore the Museum after it's been closed to the public.

Winter Break Camps: Students from Pre-K through 8th grades are invited to learn about winter science with Winter Break Camps. These week-long camps offer hands-on STE(A)M activities run by Griffin MSI's Education team like creating winter-themed crafts with 3D printers, vinyl cutters and more in the Wagner Family Fab Lab. Camps run Monday, Dec. 30th, through Friday, Jan. 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with no camp on Jan. 1st).

Every 30 minutes, Museum guests can experience the magic of snowfall amid Christmas trees in the North Court, near the Grand Tree.

Holiday Activities At Millennium Park



The City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events invites you to celebrate this holiday season downtown with free events for the whole family.

McCormick Tribune Ice Rink through Feb. 2nd from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Free to skate, but online reservations are required.

111th Annual City of Chicago Christmas Tree will be on display near Washington st. & Michigan ave. through Jan. 8th.

Millennium Park Holiday Sing-Along at Cloud Gate on Fridays, Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th, 6-7 p.m.

The Chicago Cultural Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Maggie Daley Park

Donation Drive Of Winter Coats

A Winter Coat Donation Drive is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Drop off articles at the Archer Heights Credit Union, 6554 W. Archer ave.

For more information, call (773) 582-4444 or email ward23@city-of-chicago.org.

Breakfast With Deaf Santa

Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn will conduct Breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Deaf Santa on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open to all children who have all types of hearing loss with their hearing siblings and families and hearing children of Deaf or Hard of Hearing parents. \$5 cash per person, children under 5 are free.

For more information, contact sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com or timothy.owens@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Santa Breakfast At St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel Catholic School, 4500 S. Wallace will conduct Breakfast With Santa on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Photos with Santa will be available from Maura Callahan Photography.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

ALL AGES

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

CHILDREN

Family Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers feature stories, songs and fun on Thursdays through Dec. 19th at 11 a.m.

Popcorn Reading is meant for ages 6 and up who need to practice reading aloud on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 6 p.m.

Let's Make: Holiday Ornaments for ages 8 to 12 is set for Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 4 p.m. Materials will be provided.

TEENS

Do you need community services hours? Ask about our Teen Volunteer Program.

Work 'n Waffles for ages 10 to 19 is offered on Wednesdays, Dec. 11th and 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Visit our meeting room and make a waffle and have other snacks while you work. Bring headphones for quiet study time or work on a project with others. Teen laptops will be available for in-library use.

Craft Squad on Thursdays through Dec. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. features crafts and socializing. Materials and snacks will be provided. Bring headphones for quiet listening

time. Research Help with a Librarian high school students needed help with research for a school assignment can request an appointment with our Teen Librarian to review databases, printed sources and other resources. Call (312) 747-9241 to make an appointment

ADULTS

Polish Book Club meets 3rd Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. Schedule resumes Dec. 18th.

The English Book Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. "The Stationery Shop" by Marian Kamali is the topic for Dec. 18th.

Craft Lab on Monday, Dec. 9th at 6 p.m. will feature candle making - make a poured soy candle adorned with dried flowers. All materials will be provided.

Identity Theft Scams and Tips is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12th at 12 p.m. The Illinois Attorney General's Office will present tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile.

Wednesday Book Clubs are available at the circulation desk. No registration is required.

Beading time will meet on Saturdays, Dec. 7th & 14th at 2 p.m. Create jewelry and ornaments with beads and wire. Bring your own material or use ours.

SENIORS

Create a frosted candle jar on Monday, Dec. 16th at 1 p.m. All materials will be provided. Coffee and tea will be served. Register starting Nov. 18th.

Art Contest For Illinois Students

The annual student art contest sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Illinois State Board of Education is expanding to welcome new types of entries, on the theme "A Touch of Art!"

The deadline to submit entries is Jan. 10th. The contest is open to Illinois students from kindergarten through high school for drawings and paintings, plus three-dimensional art.

Each age group: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will have a winner and two runners-up. The winners will be announced on March 10th to commemorate Arts Education Week.

All winners and runners-up will have their work displayed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum through Aug. 15th, and the artwork chosen as "best of show" will be used on a poster sent to schools to celebrate Arts Education Week, March 10-14. The winner will also be recognized during an ISBE Board meeting, and a framed copy will hang in the Board office.

Two-dimensional submissions may be up to 14 inches by 11 inches. Three-dimensional submissions must not exceed 12 x 12 x 12 inches. They cannot feature copyrighted characters. More details are available at bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest.

Entries do not have to be submitted via schools or youth groups. All that is required is that the artist is a student at any public, private, alternative, or home school in Illinois.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum holds an unpar-

alleled collection of Lincoln books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as some 12 million items pertaining to all aspects of Illinois history.

For more information, visit www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov.

Adult Programs At Archer Park

Archer Park, 4901 S. Archer offers active adults programming for ages 60+ on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Activities include: special events, workshops and seminars, crafts and hobbies, fitness, bingo and social time.

Obituaries



CARLOS LUIS MORALES who was born on Aug. 8th, 1981, passed away on Nov. 24th at the age of 43. Services were conducted by Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director.

WLADYSLAW PAWLIKOWSKI, age 75 of Burr Ridge, formerly of Archer Heights, husband of Helena (nee Myrda); father of Robert (Grace) Pawlikowski, Bogdan (Edyta) Pawlikowski, Daniel (Elzbieta) Pawlikowski, and Monica (Matthew) Staszal; grandfather of Kristian, Adrian, Eric, Tomasz, Weronika, Maksymilian, Jakub and Emilia Pawlikowski, and Gabriel, Hanna, Dominik and Julian Staszal; brother of Jan (Malgorzata) Pawlikowski, late Maria (the late Wojciech) Tkaczyk, late Franciszek (Zofia) Pawlikowski, Stanislaw (Maria) Pawlikowski, Helena (Jozef) Zubek, Piotr (Anna) Pawlikowski, Zofia (Wladyslaw) Stopka and Janina (Franciszek) Turza. He was a member and longtime kapelmistrz of Zwiasek Podhalan w Polnocnej Ameryce, former president of Kolo #35 Maruszyna, and current president of Kolo #85 Gronik. Since 1983, he taught traditional Polish Highlander music on the violin and cello. Visitation was held Dec. 1st at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 2nd at Our Lady Mother of the Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

GREGORIO SOTO who was born on March 12th, 1946, passed away on Nov. 29th at the age of 78. Visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 6th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director.

Night Out Call For Proposals

Night Out in the Parks presents engaging events and performance in every neighborhood through theater, music, movies, dance, nature programs, and community festivals. To learn more, visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/about-night-out-parks.

Chicago based organizations, collectives and individual artists are invited to participate in the 13th season. The 2025 Call for Proposals is now open and accepting cultural project ideas. For details and information on how to apply, review the proposal information. Proposals are due on Monday, Dec. 9th.

Chicago Onscreen, the Chicago Park District's annual celebration of local films and filmmakers is returning to parks in 2025 with the 12th annual slate of free screenings locally-made short and feature films in parks. Filmmakers of all ages, skill levels, and professional experience are invited to submit their films for this screening opportunity. For more information, and submission information, check out chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/chicago-onscreen-submissions or FilmFreeway.com/Chicago-Onscreen/.

Mayor Releases 2025 Budget

The City of Chicago has released the 2025 Budget Engagement Report, that highlights community engagement aimed at shaping a fiscally responsible document.

The engagement process featured three phases and multiple channels of input, including public roundtables, youth engagement events, online surveys and outreach to under-represented groups.

Highlights from the report include: Extensive Reach, Youth Engagement, Top Public Priorities, Equity-Driven Insights and Informed Recommendations.

All are encouraged to review the full report, on the City of Chicago's Office of Budget and Management's website at: bit.ly/3ZuudME

Community Bonfire At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Community Bonfire at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Thursday, Dec. 19th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Spend the evening trying out the skating rink, meeting your neighbors, learning about local wildlife and warming up next to a fire

Bring your own marshmallows, roasting sticks will be available.

Skate rentals are free during the two hours of the bonfire.

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St. Barbara: 312-842-7979 St. Therese: 312-842-6777 School 312-326-2837

This Sunday, Cantonese Mass, 10:30 AM St. Therese, Dec. 8
This Sunday, Indonesian Mass, 11:30 AM St. Barbara, Dec. 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, Dec. 9
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NOTICE is hereby given, that on January 3rd, 2025 a sale will be held at Metro Collision Experts, 3077 W. Columbus Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622, to sell the following article to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, or material expended upon a storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty days of the publication of this notice:

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN AS OWNER TRUST FOR RCAR ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, -vs- DEVIN CROCKETT, SONJA LYDE, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants
2024 CH 05625
3742 W. 83RD PL CHICAGO, IL 60652
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 9, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 30, 2024, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN AS OWNER TRUST FOR RCAR ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, -vs- RICARDO FRANCISCO MARTINEZ BARRERA, MAYRA E. MARIN Defendants
2023 CH 03667
3742 W. 83RD PL CHICAGO, IL 60652
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -vs- ANDRE L. JACKSON, ALJ INVESTMENTS, INC., CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants
2024 CH 03272
304 W. 58TH STREET CHICAGO, IL 60621
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 7, 2025, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -vs- GOOD-KARMA LLC, DANIELA RECILAS, ANDRES RECILAS, ANTONIO REYES, CHANGER DIVISION FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES, TENNESSEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
24 CH 1595
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 29, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 6, 2025, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -vs- GOOD-KARMA LLC, DANIELA RECILAS, ANDRES RECILAS, ANTONIO REYES, CHANGER DIVISION FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES, TENNESSEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
2024 CH 03438
8244 S. TROY ST CHICAGO, IL 60652
NOTICE OF SALE
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Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m., Darnell Lewis, speaker.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., neighbor/community night with dinner and Bible Study in the book of John. This study is in Spanish

Wednesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Awana (kids club) age 3 through 6th grade & Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) Note: Dec. 4th was the last Awana meeting for this semester. We will meet again starting January 22nd.

Saturday Gathering for Spanish speakers, 5:30 p.m.

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Join us for services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study & Sunday School at 11 a.m., Chinese Bible Study every Saturday in the Ministry Center at 7:45 p.m.

Emergency Food And Shelter

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer is offering an emergency food and shelter program designed to help with one month of rent or mortgage payment.

Eligible zip codes are 60632, 60629, 60623, 60609 and 60608.

Past due 1 month of rent or mortgage (principal & interest only). Must be a primary residence. 1st month's rent eligible (no security deposit assistance). Qualifying hardship such as unemployment, underemployment, medical or at risk of homelessness, etc. For more information call (773) 523-7110 or visit financialservice@bpncchicago.org. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. invites volunteers to tutor an adult newcomer in the English language.

Pre-service training is provided and a two-hour weekly commitment is required. Email Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512.

Application For LIHEAP Now Open

Applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be accepted through Aug. 15th, 2025, or until funds are exhausted.

The energy bill assistance program will provide \$226 million to eligible families to assist with natural gas, propane, electricity bills and furnace assistance. Income-eligible families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

LIHEAP customers of Peoples Gas will also receive a monthly discount on their natural gas bill through the new Low Income Discount Rates. Visit https://www.powerbilldiscount.com/ for more details.

Kringle Market Invites Crafters

Sts. Bruno & Richard Parish will conduct a Kris Kringle Market in the St. Bruno Parish Center, 4839 S. Harding on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Crafters and vendors may participate for \$30 a space. For information or to request an application, email Delia at dporras@sbrchicago.org or call the parish office at (773) 585-1221.

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.

Make your visit complete by visiting the following exhibitions: Dia de Muertos, Where the Past is Present in the Main Gallery through Dec. 8th

Contemporary Costa Portraiture: Nuestra 'Calidad' in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery through March 16th.

Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection.

Semilla, a solo exhibition by artist Cecilia Beaven is now open in the Cicágo Gallery. The exhibition shares her imagi-

native universes from Mexico City to Chicago, where she has resided since 2017. Her work invites viewers to explore the interplay between the personal and the mythical. The exhibition also includes a touchable object for individuals who are blind or have low vision.

Other exhibitions include Dia de Muertos, Where the Past is Present in the Main Gallery through Dec. 8th; Contemporary Costa Portraiture: Nuestra 'Calidad' in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery through March 16th and Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection.

Most programs are free of charge; however, registration is required at email angela@national-museumofmexicanart.org

Plan Commission Approves Project



A community meeting on the project is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at Bowen High School, 2710 E. 89th st.

Read more at https://chicagoyimby.com/2024/11/72072.html

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Sing-Along At St. Richard Church

St. Bruno & Richard Parish will conduct its 1st annual Christmas Sing-Along at St. Richard Church, 50th & Kostner on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 2 p.m.

Admission is free, all are welcome. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. For more information call (773) 585-1221 or visit www.stsbrunorichard.org.

Advertisement for BISSELL PET FOUNDATION'S empty the shelters HOLIDAY HOPE EVENT. It features images of various pets and text: 'The energy bill assistance program will provide \$226 million to eligible families to assist with natural gas, propane, electricity bills and furnace assistance. Income-eligible families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages. LIHEAP customers of Peoples Gas will also receive a monthly discount on their natural gas bill through the new Low Income Discount Rates. Visit https://www.powerbilldiscount.com/ for more details. Kringle Market Invites Crafters Sts. Bruno & Richard Parish will conduct a Kris Kringle Market in the St. Bruno Parish Center, 4839 S. Harding on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Crafters and vendors may participate for \$30 a space. For information or to request an application, email Delia at dporras@sbrchicago.org or call the parish office at (773) 585-1221. Join us: December 1st to 17th, 2024 2741 S Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60608 fee-waived adoption event SCAN HERE BISSELL PET FOUNDATION'S empty the shelters HOLIDAY HOPE EVENT BISSELL PET FOUNDATION® Until every pet has a home.'

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Use The Want Ads. BrightonParkLife@aol.com. Dear Inter Tuesday 12 p.m. noon (773) 523-3663. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff vs. JOSE RIGOBERTO ALVAREZ-URIBE, STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE-CITY OF CHICAGO-KNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 22 CH 6187 CALENDAR 57 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on January 6, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.L.N. 19-11-423-034-0000. THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST MORTGAGE. Commonly known as 4638 S. WASHINGTON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60632. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g) of Section 15-1701(C) of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC, (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 24-00347. Auction.com LLC 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606. Tel No. 412-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 24-00347 Case Number: 24 CH 1362 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Case # 2024 CH 06905 13255726

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on Dec. 20th from 7 to 10 p.m. Experience the vibrant art scene of the city in person and get inspired by the creativity. Explore various art studios, interact with local artist and witness their works in progress. Visit the Sculpture Garden Exhibit Space for a holiday market featuring tenants and select vendors in the rest of the building from the River Level to the 5th floors. The Chicago Maritime Museum announces two new permanent exhibitions in the sculpture garden. The focus is on the Lady Elgin, the deadliest disaster on the open waters of the Great Lakes, and on Captain Bill Pinky, the first black sailor to solo-circumnavigate the globe around the five Great Capes. The event is free but there is a suggested \$20 donation to

help support the programming. Surfaces: BAC Artists' Exhibition will be curated by Marci Rubin on the 3rd floor gallery. Artistic surfaces include paper, canvas, wood, metal, clay, fabric, glass, found objects or the outside of anything that an artist can build work upon. Artists activate a surface by applying their medium to the selected substrate using their specific techniques and skills. Transforming the surface could include actions such as: carving, drawing, enameling, glazing, painting, plastering, pouring, printing, staining, upholstering, or varnishing. Finished surfaces are often described as matte or gloss; textured or patterned, soft or hard; and rough or smooth. Register at bridgeportart.com.

Toy Drive In 12th Ward

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez is conducting a Toy Drive at 3868 S. Archer ave. through Dec. 20th. Donations will be given to low-income families in Brighton Park and McKinley Park. Office hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tues. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Seniors Dance

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Senior Citizen Winter Dance at Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st. on Friday, Dec. 13th from 6 to 9 p.m. Seniors will enjoy dinner, music, live entertainment and raffle prizes.

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.

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 Thursday, Dec. 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Middle Ground for grades 6 to 8 is offered on

Mondays through Dec. 16th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Play video games on Nintendo Switch, make crafts and art. Earn service hours for attendance.

Family Story Time will feature picture books, stories, songs and a paper craft activity on Tuesdays through Dec. 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Baby Lapsit Story Time and Play is offered Wednesdays through Dec. 18th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs and other fun activities as we practice literacy skills to build a love for books. Siblings are welcome.

Teen Hideaway for ages 13 to 19 is open Thursdays, Dec. 5th and 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. Read in the teen area, create art of use our 3D Printer, button maker, sewing machine or vinyl cutter. Board games are also available.

Family Crafting Time is scheduled for Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Build Legos, make a craft, create art or play a board game.

Visit chippublib.org to register.

'Christmas Trees from Around the World'



For the 21st year, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas is celebrating ethnic holiday traditions of nearly 100 nationalities at her "Christmas Trees from Around the World" display Dec. 2nd to Jan. 2nd.

The annual celebration of cultural diversity showcases handcrafted ornaments and decorations on 3-foot trees decorated by members of various ethnic and religious communities. Pappas invites the

public to celebrate Christmas with music and festivities from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6th, at the Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark st., Room 112.

Trees are decorated with ornaments, tinsel, lights, animals, flowers, fruit, candles, plates, boats, stars, flags, dolls and features a Christian Nativity scene, an African American Kwanzaa Kinara, a Hindu Prayer Thali and a Jewish Menorah.

McKinley Library Scheduled Programs

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

Nightfall Story Time (online) Mondays, 6 p.m., ages 0-5, enjoy stories and songs. Online registration required.

The Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion will offer a series of classes on how to prepare delicious food on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. on Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th. Children under age 13 must be accompanied by a

guardian, registration is not required.

STEM Explorers will consider computer science, physics, electricity, forensics and various STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities on Saturdays, Dec. 7 to 28th from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants engage in hands-on projects designed to develop life skills and STEM competencies. For ages 9 to 15, but siblings are always welcome. This program is made possible by Illinois Extension College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Visit chippublib.org to register.

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equipment. For more information, visit devices4thedisabled.org or call (773) 870-1553.

Toy Drive

The Alliance of Hispanic Law Enforcement is accepting new, unwrapped toys for children and teens at the 23rd Ward Office, 6247 S. Archer through Dec. 15th.

Illumination At Morton Arboretum



2024 Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle is open through Jan. 4th. Exciting features and immersive installations will delight all ages along a one-mile path that is fully ADA compliant. The exhibition features 17 displays, including one new

experience, enhancements to one returning feature and two features in new locations.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; last entry at 8:30 p.m. (last entry 7:30 p.m. on Electric Illumination nights); lights out at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 20th - 21st the last entry at 9 p.m.; lights out at 10 p.m.

Electric Illumination: Late night, adults 18+ only, Fridays and Saturdays: Dec. 6th - 7th (Country Music Mashup), Dec. 13th - 14th (Diva Anthems). Doors open at 8:30 p.m.; last entry at 9 p.m.; lights out at 10 p.m. Event is closed Dec. 9th-10th, 16th-17th, 24th (Christmas Eve), and 25th (Christmas Day).

For more information, visit mortonarb.org/illumination.

DMV Kiosk At Mariano's

Illinois residents who need to renew their driver's license or state ID have a new option for avoiding a trip to a secretary of state services center.

Fast-Lane kiosks will also renew driver's licenses, state IDs and vehicle registrations and vehicle stickers. Using a kiosk will cost \$4.95 per transaction, and a credit card processing fee if applicable.

The nearest location is Mariano's at 3145 S. Ashland.

Free Concert At West Lawn Library

Chicago Artopia will present a free concert featuring Chris White and A Charlie Brown Christmas Jazz Trio at the West Lawn Branch Library, 4020 W. 63rd st. on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 2 p.m.

Tickets must be reserved at www.chicagoartopia.org.

Boccia Clinic For Veterans

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Veterans Boccia Clinic and Tournament at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Monday, Dec. 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Ricardo Luna (ricardoluna@chicagoparkdistrict.com) for more information.

Park District Offers Outdoor Ice Skating

The Chicago Park District will continue the tradition of ice skating in neighborhoods at five outdoor sites. Programs and hours vary at each site. Visit each rink's official webpage to view hours, program schedules, accessibility information, rules, and more. The following outdoor ice rinks will open on Friday, Nov. 29th and close on Feb. 17th, weather permitting:

Midway Plaisance Park Ice Rink, 1130 Midway Plaisance North; Mt. Greenwood Ice Rink, 3721 W. 111th st.; Warren Park Ice Rink, 6601 N. Western ave.; Wentworth Park Ice Rink, 5625 S. Mobile ave.; Due to mechanical repairs, the McKinley Park Ice Rink opening will be delayed.

Each outdoor rink site is open Wednesday through Sunday on regular business days, except for Midway Plaisance Park Ice Rink, which is open seven days a week. Skaters are encouraged to check website for holiday hours. Skate trainers/walkers are available for children.

Toys for Tots donations of new toys are being accepted at all ice rink locations through Dec. 13th, during operating hours.

Skate with Santa takes place at: Warren Park on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 1 to 3 p.m.; Midway Plaisance Park on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 12 to 2 p.m. McKinley Park on Saturday Dec. 14th

Flower Show At Lincoln Park

The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton dr. will present "Champagne Toast" Winter Flower Show Wednesdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 5th.

The display features poinsettia varieties such as 'Autumn Leaves', 'Jubilee Pink', 'Ice Crystal', and 'Maren', all of which capture the theme in unique shades of apricot, gold and pink. Fresh cut fir trees adorn the room and hanging baskets of dichondra float like chandeliers.

Free registration is required at lincolnparkconservatory.org/conservatory-reservations/ or call (773) 883-7275.

Advisory Council For Seniors

Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services Senior Advisory Council is accepting applications through Dec. 13th.

Members provide input for programs and services, identify service gaps and advise on how to strengthen and expand programming.

Submit applications to 6117 S. Kedzie ave. or online at <https://bit.ly/309bsrB>.



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