



Refugees Trying To Blend In



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I talked with a group of recent refugees (or you might say immigrants) last week who were volunteering at a shelter. Their children are in the neighborhood schools and a few expressed their need to "pay back the community" for their acceptance. These adults were from four different countries and a few had learned some English. They credit TV with that. They expressed a desire to find a way to tell their children that even though some are sad that they have been uprooted, they believe the move will be good for the family. While I was interested in asking them questions, they seemed more interested in asking questions of me. I had been introduced as a multi-ethnic retired Principal. They expressed their desire to understand how I accomplished this without having educated parents. To

some of them, it seemed impossible. I told them it is more common than they might believe. They reminded me that this small group though from different countries had seldom visited outside their home villages.

In general, I asked them what they wanted most out of America. Most common were having a clean, safe home for their families -- this sounds like everyone else I know. They did wish they were able to walk around and not be looked at as shoplifters. They also wished that the people at the shelter would not think they must eat what they ate back at their old homes. They continued to question me a lot about the schools and especially about the differences in their home-lands, like age restrictions, classes taught, and what is their future.

I realize this was a small group who might have a better idea of what to expect. They said they like when they talk with the other immigrants (refugees) about what they learn, not so much about where they came from. This group seemed to be more focused on their future and how to help their children attain a good one than to discuss why they left their native homes. They told me they had trusted me and like-minded Americans more than some of their fellow refugees because they also had the fear they might be living with people who do not have the same goals as they do.

Dean's List At Lewis University

Just over 1,300 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2023 Fall Semester. Honorees have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

George Altman, Aviation Flight Technology; Ava Artz, Biology; Cristian Borges, Biochemistry; Evelia Calderon, Exercise Science; Omar Cruz-Bravo, Aviation Aerospace Technology; Nathalia Deaton, Undecided Nursing; Anahi Delgado Salgado, Finance; Christopher Dominguez Ramirez, Aviation Flight Technology; Michael Emaya, Criminal Justice; Mario Hernandez, Aviation Administration; Olivia Herrera, Undecided Nursing; Rocio Jimenez, Early

Childhood Special Education; Aleksandra Jozefowicz, Accounting; James Kodatt, Biochemistry; Alexander Kogut, Aviation Maintenance Technology; Robert Kogut, Aviation Flight Technology; Jason Krol, Sport Management; Emily McManus, Special/Elementary Education; Adryonn Ortiz, Aviation Flight Technology; Angel Rodriguez, Digital Marketing; Angel Rubalcava, Psychology; Hannah Ryan, Sport Management; Brindyn Schultz, Computer Science; and Christopher Seropian, Exercise Science.

City Schedules Blues Festival

The City of Chicago and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the lineup and programming highlights for the 2024 edition of the Blues Festival at Millennium Park, June 6th to 9th.

A special opening night performance will be held at the Ramova Theatre, 35th & Halsted at 6 p.m. Three stages set up across Millennium Park will welcome more than 35 performances and more than 250 artists.

Additional headliners include: Award-winning blues, soul and Americana singer Shemekia Copeland; "The Mississippi Blues Child," Mr. Sipp; GRAMMY-nominated Memphis-based Soul and Roots band Southern Avenue; and Centennial Tributes to Jimmy Rogers, Dinah Washington and Otis Spann.

The festival will culminate with a Sunday evening performance by Buddy Guy in one of his final Chicago concerts as part of his "Damn Right Farewell" tour.

For more information, visit ChicagoBluesFestival.us. Sign up for the DCASE Newsletter at cloud.citynews.chicago.gov/DCASE_signup to receive the monthly updates and event information.

MPCA Conducts Awards Dinner



The McKinley Park Civic Association held its Annual Awards dinner on Sunday, April 21st. Pictured seated are Agnes Bednarkiewicz, Association President; Gina Burrows, teacher at Greene Elementary; Olivia Medina, Blessed Sacrament Parish Religious Ed instructor; Jinhau Lai-Bao, teacher at Evergreen Academy Middle School; and Mayra Jimenez, teacher at Namaste Charter School. In background are Chris Bania, Secretary, and Suzanne Pletsch, Vice-President/Treasurer of MPCA; Dr. Roy Pletsch and Justin Kerr, winners of the William H. G. Toms Community Service awards; and Joellen Zielazinski, teacher at Thomas Kelly College Prep.

Brookfield Zoo Schedules Events



Photo credit Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Digital Photo Contest is open from May 24th - Aug. 2nd. The photographer's paradise has more than 3,000 animals representing over 500 species. Professional photographers will judge and choose the grand prize winner and their top seven picks in the following categories: mammals, birds, and reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates/fish. The public is being asked to then go to the Zoo's website and vote for first-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the three categories. For additional information, go to brookfieldzoo.org/digitalphotocontest.

The Roaring Nights—summer concert series

will feature June 22nd, The Fray; July 12nd, Barenaked Ladies and July 27th, Gin Blossoms. Limited capacity and reservations are required. For more information, including band line-up and ticket pricing, visit brookfieldzoo.org/roaring-nights.

Brookfield Zoo Chicago is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended summer hours of 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Admission to the Zoo is \$29.95 for adults, \$20.95 for children ages 3 to 11, and \$24.95 for seniors 65 and over. Children 2 and under are free. Parking is \$17-\$20.

Family Events At Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. has scheduled classes for dance, visual arts, music, theatre, senior, fitness and more.

Join the Youth Theatre Company for the full theatrical experience. Includes auditions, rehearsals, and live performances on The Baffes Theater's mainstage. Payment plans are available.

The open application period for the ART COMP 47 has begun. This annual juried gallery exhibition celebrates the talent of local and regional artists. Since 1976, ART COMP has supported artists with prize money and the opportunity to show their work in the Jack Simmerling Gallery.

BAC's Summer Arts Camp for ages 5 to 14 offers full-day dance, music, theatre and visual arts classes. The camp has four sessions, with the first three being two weeks long and culminating in a showcase. The fourth session, Summer Show Camp, is four weeks long and culminates in two performances of *Camp Rocks Musical*.

The Youth Theater Company will perform Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka Jr." on April 25th to 28th. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$18.50.

Treat your mother to the soulful sounds of Aretha Franklin performed by local band R.E.S.P.E.C.T. on Saturday, May 11th. Tickets are \$32.

Cover artists Lisa Rock and Natalie Cardone will perform 80's dance music on Friday, May 31st. Tickets are \$32.

Enjoy artwork by local artists that celebrates the beauty of our planet. Admission is free in Simmerling Gallery through April 27th.

The Nevery Brothers will perform a Rock "n" Roll Tribute on Saturday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28.

For ticket information, visit beverlyartscenter.com or call (773) 445-3838.

Clean-Up At Play Garden

The McKinley Park Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers are invited to clean the premises, repair broken items and spread mulch. Equipment will be available. Lunch and refreshments will be provided by Tio's Tamales.

CPS Schedules Family Programs

Families can explore summer programming and career opportunities during Summer50 Fest at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison st. on Saturday, May 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This citywide festival is designed to connect youth with more than 40 non-profit organizations and city agencies ready to get CPS youth signed up on the spot. To learn more and to pre-register at eventbrite.com/e/summer50-fest-tickets-882170314157?aff=partner#search. Entry and parking are free.

Pre-k applications are now open for the 2024-25 school year at cps.edu/ChicagoEarlyLearning and application portal or call (312) 229-1690 to register for free full-day pre-school programs for 4-year-olds and half-day programs for 3-year-olds.

The RE•VER•BER•ATE Arts Festival fea-

turing 100+ schools, 250+ performances, 35+ workshops facilitated by professional artists, takes place in downtown Chicago from May 1st - 4th. Free workshops include jewelry making, song writing, improv, hip hop, and more. Register and see the full schedule with times and locations at reverb2024.sched.com/.

The All-City Visual Arts Exhibition will be staged at the Design Museum May 1st-June 5th from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CPS Student Artwork Display will be at Art on The Mart on May 1st at 7 p.m. Email allcityarts@cps.edu for more information.

Applications for One Summer Chicago, the city's program to provide work and paid internship opportunities for youth ages 14-24, are now open at onesummerchicago.org/

Experience The Beauty of Morton Arboretum



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum, Lisle urges use of the Spring Bloom Report as a guide to discover the season's ever-changing beauty. Whether you seek a quiet stroll or an active family adventure, the Arboretum offers a variety of exhibitions, activities, events, and classes for all ages to enjoy.

The Arbor Day Plant Sale will be held April 25th-30th.

Explore the 4-acre Children's Garden that

offers immersive play, accessible designs, and more. Hop on the Acorn Express to experience the beauty of the Arboretum's 1,700 acres on a guided tram tour. This one-hour ride winds you through woodlands, wetlands, and prairie while listening to a narrated tour.

Sign up now for the Firefly Race Series on May 3rd-4th, featuring a 3K and 10K course through the rolling terrain. For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

Police Schedule Memorial Parade

Chicago Police Foundation will sponsor the Area 4 Ride to Remember Memorial Parade on Sunday, June 2nd at 9 a.m. from Lot K, United Center, 1901 W. Madison st.

The parade will travel along the boulevards to the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park at Waldron drive and Lake Shore drive. For more information, contact (312) 744-4652.

Resource Fair For Seniors

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi will conduct a Senior Resource Fair at 118 N. Clark st., 3rd floor on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14th and 15th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Supportive services available to seniors include AARP, Regional Transportation Authority, CEDA, Illinois Secretary of State and Cook County Health.

Elected Chair Of Women's Caucus



11th Ward Alderwoman Nicole Lee

11th Ward Alderwoman Nicole Lee was elected chair of the 18 member Chicago City Council Women's Caucus in a unanimous vote.

After appointment to the City Council in 2022, she won re-election in 2023. Committee positions include: vice chair of Budget and Government Operations; and member of Aviation, Committees and Rules, Economic, Capital and Technology Development, Education and Child Development, Ethics and Government Oversight, Finance and Police and Fire.

Ms. Lee spent nearly 15 years with United Airlines, where she served as director for Social Impact Optimization and Global Community Engagement. A lifelong resident of Chinatown, she is raising her two sons in the house

her family has lived in for four generations. Her Bachelor's degree was received from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs and Masters of Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

Polish Parade In Downtown Chicago



Children joyfully marking in the Polish Parade.

The 132nd annual Chicago Polish Constitution Day Parade will be staged on Saturday, May 4th at 11:30 a.m. at Columbus and Balbo Drives and marching north to Monroe st. The parade is organized by the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the U.S. in celebration of the ratification of the Polish Constitution of May 3rd, 1791.

The parade theme is: "NATO Protects and Unites". The Grand Marshal is Bishop Andrew Wypych, retiring leader of Polish-American Catholics in the Chicago area.

The Lira Ensemble will feature a "Polish & Proud" Concert at St. Francis Borgia Church, 8033 W. Addison on Sunday, April 28th at 3:30 p.m. Tickets at \$30 for adults are available at liraensemble.org

A wreath laying will be performed at the Thaddeus Kosciuszko Monument Solidarity Drive off DuSable Lake Shore Drive on Thursday, May 2nd at 10 a.m.



Bishop Andrew Wypych

The Polish Flag Raising and Celebration of Polish Diaspora Day will be held at Daley Plaza on Thursday, May 2nd at 12 p.m.

A free Chicago Chopin Foundation Constitution Day Concert will be performed in Grant Park on Saturday, May 4th at 2 p.m.

8th District CAPS Meeting

CAPS Beats 815 and 821 will meet at the Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Wednesday, June 5th at 7 p.m.

815 covers 38th to 55th st and Pulaski to Cicero. 821 covers 38th to 51st st and Kedzie to Pulaski.

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

Trivia Walk At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will present an Asian American Heritage Month Trivia Walk at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitors Center, 87th and Western on Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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.

TEENS

Teens are invited to explore their interests in various clubs on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Topics are: May 2nd, Self Care; May 16th, Sit n' Stitch: Crochet & Knitting; April 25th & May 23rd, Gaming.

Join us weekly on Mondays at 4 p.m. to work on creating fun art, excluding holidays.

Teens who need community service hours may apply to our volunteer program.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help for pre-k through high school from a certified teacher is available on Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m.

ADULTS

Drop-in Technology Help for adults is available on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m., except on holidays. Get help with your computer, phone or tablet.

Book Clubs: Polish Book Club meets 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m. Contact Elizabeth. English Book Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 and 6:30 p.m., contact Jeannine.

Craft Lab is available on Monday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 13th: Rock Painting. Register online or at the circulation desk. Materials will be provided.

Beading Time is conducted on the 1st Saturday of each month, 2 to 3 p.m. Create jewelry and ornaments with beads and wire. Bring your own material or use ours. Limited to 10 participants, register at front desk.

Adults social table - meet people while enjoying puzzles, coloring, doodling, crosswords or sudoku. Play a board game or just chat with other visitors. Located at the 2nd adult reading table.

Spanish Senior Medicare Patrol Bingo is played on Thursdays, May 23rd and June 13th from 1 to 2 p.m. The program educates Medicare beneficiaries and families to prevent fraud through community presentations that include bingo.

KIDS

"Matisse at the Library: Drawing with Scissors" will be held Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m. Art-making workshop where kids age 3+ will create collages inspired by artist Henry Matisse.

EYE GLASSES

Certificates for free eye exam and glasses from VSP and Lions Club will be available Saturday, May 11th from 2 to 4 p.m. Eligibility includes: one member household annual income \$25,760 or below (for each additional member, add \$9,080); and haven't used the program in the last 12 months.

For more information, visit chipublib.org.

Summer Jobs With Secretary of State

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced that his office is accepting applications for the second year of his administration's summer job program.

More than 120 positions are available for college, trade school and graduate school students or graduating high school students who are enrolled in college or trade school in the fall. Job offerings include working at DMVs or at one of the various departments in the Secretary of State's office.

Along with building job skills for students and learning about state government, the program bolsters the office's customer service efforts during the busy summer months.

Available positions include work in Secretary of State offices in Chicago, surrounding suburbs, Springfield and downtown facility locations. Pay is \$16 per hour for college and trade school students and \$25 per hour for specific contractual intern positions for graduate school students.

Applicants can visit www.ilso.gov/summer-jobs and submit a resume and cover letter explaining their interest and list up to three choices for their preferred work location.

Summer employees can begin their employment as early as May 13th.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls on May 18th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the public may call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on CBA's website at www.chicagobar.org.

Symphony Center Schedules Concerts

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

CSO xJazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, April 25th - 27th; BRSO Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks, April 28th; Sheherazade, May 2nd - 4th; Encounters of the Third Kind in Concert, May 3rd - 5th; Montgomery & Bruckner 7, May 30th - June 1st; Hilary Hahn & Friends, June 9th and The Elements with Joshua Bell, June 13th - 15th.

For ticket information, visit cso.org or call (312) 294-3000.

Mexican Museum Offers Programs



The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for families that provides opportunity to explore the galleries while learning about Mexican art and culture.

A new digital guide is available for free on Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and culture app that features visual descriptions, supplemental videos, art highlights from the permanent collection, and more.

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

Ancient Huasteca Women - Goddesses, Warriors and Governors will open in Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery on Friday, April 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. and run until July 21st. Over 130 artifacts highlight several roles or women in the Mesoamerican civilization known as the Huasteca. This exclusive exhibition, from the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Mexico includes recently excavated sculptures that reveal ancient stories of female deities, warriors, governors and priestesses.

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

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

Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home recounts the story of José Cruz Alba (1918-2002) and his immigrant journey from Durango to Chicago. Archival photographs, video, newspaper clippings and family interviews trace his life's work.

Auxiliary Board in partnership with Onward House is hosting a donation drive to support re-

cent arrivals. Donations of new and gently used items will be distributed to those in need. Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org for a list of items needed.

Children ages 7-12 are invited to explore the galleries during a guided visit of *Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity*. Spend time analyzing "The New Awakening" and creating building block artworks inspired by nature. \$15 registration fee includes all materials. Email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to register.

A free screening of "Bolero", a documentary following Angela Aguilar as she visits eastern Cuba to explore the roots of the genre will be offered on May 25th.

Arte Diseno Xicago II - From the World's Fair to the Present Day will be held through Aug. 11th. This exhibition examines the 1893 World's Fair and features 19th century works of art from both sides of the border, along with contemporary artwork by Chicago-based artists who were born in Mexico.

On Saturday, April 27th, a free tour of the exhibition and discussion of highlighted works of art will be available. The English tour will take place at 10 a.m. and the Spanish tour is at 11 a.m. The tours are available on a first come, first served basis for the first 30 people who check in.

On Sunday, April 28th at 12:30 p.m. join author Patricia Dominguez for storytelling as she releases her new bilingual book *El Tesoro de Abuelo*.

ImaginARTE, the Museum's Bilingual Summer Camp offers youth 7-12 years old the opportunity to learn about Mexican art and culture while expressing themselves through visual arts and physical movement. The cost is \$800 per child and takes place from June 24th to July 26th, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aftercare is available from 3 to 5 p.m. at an additional \$500 for the full session. For more information or reservation, email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

Ellas y Yo Mexicanas on Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m. will feature contemporary dance by Frida Kahlo and Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, two historic Mexican women. Ellas y Yo Mexicanas celebrates the resilience, and creativity of both iconic women through the extraordinary artistry of Silvita Diaz Brown. Tickets are \$15.

The Board of Trustees will present the annual Gala de Arte on Friday, May 10th at the Hyatt Regency. NMMA Founder, Carlos Tortolero will receive the Sandra Cisneros Award for his work in support of Mexican culture.

Most programs are free of charge; however, registration is required at angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

Forest Preserve Birdhouse Contest

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will sponsor its 2024 Birdhouse Contest at Trailside Museum of Natural History, 738 Thatcher ave., River Forest through May 15th.

The birdhouses will be exhibited on trailside from May 24th to Sept. 1st, visitors can cast their votes for their favorite.

Winners will be announced in early September on Trailside's Facebook page.

Categories are Most Creative, Best for Birds, Best Kids (under 14 years old) and People's Choice.

Participants under age 18 must be registered by an adult. Birdhouses should be designed for native birds, such as house wrens, bluebirds, tree swallows, and others.

Check out nestwatch.org for more information on birdhouse building.

For more information and registration, visit fdcc.com

City Offers Vacant Lots

The Department of Planning and Development encourages the redevelopment of City-owned vacant lots to return them to productive uses.

View a list of commercial, industrial and residential sites selected by the regional planning teams as high-priority redevelopment opportunities at chicago.gov. For questions email info@chicoblockbuilder.com.

Free Workshop On Finance

The Greater Southwest Development Corporation, 2601 W. 63rd st. will conduct a Financial Literacy Workshop on Tuesday, April 30th at 6 p.m.

Learn how to build your credit, maintain a good score, read your credit report and avoid identity theft.

Register at www.greatersouthwest.org.

Lakefront Loop 5K At Navy Pier

Navy Pier's annual Lakefront Loop 5k will be staged on Sunday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. This year's event will include a Kids Dash, timed 5k with age group awards, and post-race treats. Visit navypier.org.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

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

Little Learners Story Time will be held on Fridays, April 26th, May 10th, May 24th to July 19th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will join Ms. Katie for songs and stories.

Parent Book Club will be reading *Good Inside: A Guide to Becoming the Parent You Want to Be* by Rebecca Kennedy on Sunday, April 28th from 3 to 4 p.m.

A Poetry Month Writing Workshop for teens is scheduled for Monday, April 29th from 4 to 5 p.m. Explore different poetic

Job Fair At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo Chicago is gearing up for the start of its busy season by hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, April 27th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SSA Group, the Zoo's business partner, which oversees the concessions, retail, and catering, is seeking individuals to fill positions including retail associates, food service associates, banquet servers, and warehouse associates. Seasonal positions pay start at \$15 per hour. Full-time positions are also available.

Interviews will be held for outgoing individuals to be Motor Safari Adventure guides (minimum age is 18). Additional job openings for custodial services, grounds and landscaping, admissions, public safety, and attraction ride operators (minimum age 18) can be applied for on the Zoo's website.

To expedite the process, the employment application form can be completed at brookfieldzoo.org/jobopenings.

Preference For Veteran Hiring

On April 17th, the Chicago City Council unanimously approved a municipal code amendment establishing a Veterans' hiring preference across all city departments.

The Commissioner of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, will undertake measures to develop, promulgate, and publicize a city-wide veterans hiring preference program.

forms with Teen Associate Brooks. Snacks will be available.

Covid-19 related resources, including PPE, vaccine information, at-home tests, are offered by The Resurrection Project on Tuesday, April 30th from 2 to 5 p.m., while supplies last.

The Baby and Toddler Play Group will meet on Tuesday, May 7th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to play and socialize.

LEGO at the Library for ages 4 and up is offered on Wednesday, May 8th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Take on a variety of challenges or free build.

Reading Buddies for ages 3 to 13 will meet on Saturday, May 18th from 2 to 2:45 p.m. New and beginning readers and their caregivers are invited to practice together and play literacy games.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Obituaries

BONNIE LYNN BRADLEY (nee Smith), long time McKinley Park resident, passed away on April 22nd at the age of 80. She was the wife of late Wayne; mother of Beth (Dana) Shaut, Matt (Kathy) Bradley, and Amy (Ed) McNicholas; grandmother of Timur Malewicz, Zachary, and Sam Bradley, Bradley McNicholas and late John McNicholas; sister of Dawn Smith and late Charleen (late Don) Studaven. Bonnie was a former teacher at Healy Elementary School. Visitation will be held Saturday, April 27th from 3 to 8 p.m. with closing prayers at 7 p.m. at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne. Private interment will be held Monday, April 29th at St. Mary Cemetery.

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, loved, adored, glorified throughout the world now and forever. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day, on the ninth day your prayers will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you for prayers answered.

C.M.

Craft Brews At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct a Craft Brew Party after hours on Saturday, June 15th. The cost is \$55, general admission and \$65 early admission.

Take a leisurely stroll through zoo gardens and explore tasting stations featuring a diverse selection of craft brews and ciders. Purchase bites from food trucks, vibe to live music, and view your favorite animal.

Tickets include: Twenty 3-ounce tastings, one souvenir Craft Brews glass, opportunities to

chat with representatives from 40+ breweries, after-hours access to the zoo, yard games, live band playing all night and food for purchase.

Buy tickets at events@lpzoo.org.

Spring Cleaning At Dog Park

The McKinley Dog Park Advisory Council will conduct spring cleaning at 2210 W. Pershing on Sunday, April 28th from noon to 2 p.m. Volunteers are invited.

8th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

GOLF SCRAMBLE

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Register for the next virtual recruitment presentations on Wednesdays, May 1st from 10 to 11 a.m. or May 15th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Spanish only speaking may apply on May 22nd from 2 to 3 p.m.

Contact Dhs.Recruitment@Illinois.gov.

Dragon Boat Race At Ping Tom Park

The 2024 Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy will be staged at Ping Tom Memorial Park, 300 W. 19th st. on Saturday, June 22nd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free with cultural dance performance and more. For more information, visit chicagochinatown.org.

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Chinatown - 218 W. Alexander

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April 28, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 23, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. REGINALD WEATHERS Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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Survey To Assess Health Metrics

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced the start of the 2024 Healthy Illinois Survey, a statewide effort to compile data on the current state of health and wellness and areas where public health can be improved.

Under Illinois law, IDPH is required to administer an annual survey to obtain reliable data from every county and zip code, establishing a baseline of public health information to allow for progress to be tracked and measured each year.

May 5th Deadline For Competition

Metra announced today that it is extending the deadline for entries in its 17th Annual Safety Competition to May 5th.

Students in Grades K through 4 can submit a poster and students in Grades 5 through 8 can submit either a poster or a 30-second video.

For contest rules and information on how to submit an entry, visit the Safety Competition website, metra.com/safety-competition.

Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. offers 3rd Friday tours monthly at 6:30 p.m. Participants will explore the 3rd floor of asian art from the Main, Ming and Scholar's Galleries.

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

3rd Friday Free Admission Night is scheduled for May 18th from 5 to 8 p.m. Tour at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Explore the three galleries of the museum and the new special exhibition - Year of Dragon.

Homeowners must reapply for the Veterans with Disabilities and Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemptions.

Property owners who did not receive a booklet should apply online. The Homeowner, Seniors, and Persons with Disabilities Exemptions are automatically renewed.

New homeowners, first-time applicants, or those that need to reapply can do so online by visiting www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

Free Chore services include: short-term - temporary light home-making tasks like cleaning, laundry, shopping and self-care tasks like bathing, grooming or dressing after recovering from an illness or life transition.

Heavy - duty - a one-time deep cleaning, removing trash or clutter, packing items and moving furniture.



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

lifestyle of a typical Chinese scholar in the Qing dynasty: their furniture, tools, and objects of contemplation.

2024 Resident Artist Irene Hsiao has created an interactive installation, performance, and workshop series called If the Sky Could Dream that combines drawing, painting, dance, found materials and found spaces.

Because the dragon is a water deity in Chinese culture, this work also features projections of the waters of Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, and the lakes, ponds, and lagoons of Chicago Parks.

Peter Wong will conduct a 6-week Tai Chi workshop on Sundays through May 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$65. Topics are: Softening Exercises, Yang Style, Breath Relieving, Footwork, Pushing Hands and Standing Meditation.

For additional information visit heritageasianart.org.

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

The Scholar's Gallery gives a glimpse into the

Organ Tissue Donation Month

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias marked the beginning of National Donate Life Month by a partnership with planetariums in Chicago, Carbondale, Joliet, Normal and Peoria.

Illinois has one of the largest organ and tissue donor registries in the nation, averaging around 20,000 sign-ups per month across DMV facilities with around 6.5 million current registrants.

To become a donor, Illinoisans can visit www.LifeGoesOn.com, calling 800-210-2106 or signing up at a DMV facility.

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New Adventures At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit: The German Group

For this year only and in honor of the Zoo's 90th anniversary, a towering 130-foot Ferris wheel will give guests a unique bird's-eye view of the park's gardens, animal habitats, and Chicago skyline.

Brookfield Zoo offers new and returning experiences for guests of all ages from an Anniversary Ferris Wheel in celebration of the Zoo's 90th year.

Hamill Family Wild Encounters are now free year-round with general admission.

Beat Meeting For 9th Dist. Police

The Chicago Police Department 9th District will conduct a public meeting for Beats 921 & 922 at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, Thursday, May 2nd.

CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL GRAND RE-OPENING

After months of anticipation, we are thrilled to announce the grand re-opening of our renovated lobby! The new space will serve as a welcoming hub for both adoptions and animal reunifications.

Two new dedicated adoption rooms, improved client flow, and enhanced interaction.

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Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled an interesting schedule of programs. April is Poetry Month. Submit your original poem to hang on the bulletin board. All ages, use any format.

MSI: Spy Academy Club for grades 3-8 will be held on Wednesdays, May 1st to 22nd from 4 to 5 p.m. Test your speed and logic skills, make a spy ID buzzer; build a magic box and reflective eye glass lenses and construct an escape zipline.

The Artist's Studio is scheduled for Tuesdays, May 7, 21st and 28th from 4 to 5 p.m. Take part in family art-making projects designed in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago. For children of all ages.

"Diamond Painting" Coaster Craft for adults is offered on Saturday, May 11th at 1 a.m. Diamond painting is the process of applying tiny resin rhinestones to an adhesive pre-printed design to create a sparkling mosaic-style picture.

An Adult Book Discussion of "Mickey 7" by Edward Ashton is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 6 p.m.

Time for Tots Story time for ages 15 to 36 months and a caregiver is available on Mondays through May 20th from 10:30 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. Great opportunity to socialize and learn how to share, take turns and clean up.

Stories & Songs for ages 18 months to 4 years will be held on Wednesdays, May 1st to 22nd from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Early arrivals can build puzzles. Free play follows each session. Children learn to share and socialize with their peers.

Games People Play for adults will be enjoyed on Thursdays through May 30th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or use ours. Light refreshments will be served.

Morning Stories for ages up to 4 are recited on the first Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Fea-

turing a simple story, new song and familiar nursery rhyme. Playtime follows.

Knit Wits: Crochet Circle will meet on Saturday, April 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your projects to share or to help others finish. This is a meet-up-not a tutorial - it's to have fun and talk.

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

A Planner Meet Up for adults and seniors will be held Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your own journal/planner, stickers, washi tape and gel pens.

Senior Drop-In Games are available on Saturday, April 27th from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Bring a game or borrow some of ours.

LEGO Free Build for ages 5 to 10 on Wednesdays, May 1st to 15th from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination and we supply the bricks.

Baby Time will share books, songs and play on Fridays through May 17th from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Teen Designs: Painted Jar is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th from 6 to 7 p.m. Upcycle some old spaghetti sauce jars and turn them into beautiful vases to hold flowers or trinkets. Paint, pressed flowers, twine and more will be provided.

Game Day for teens features Nintendo Switch, Connect 4, Uno and more on Tuesday, May 14th from 6 to 7 p.m. If you're feeling creative, choose from gel pens, rainbow scratch art, paint markers and more for a craft.

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

Police Beat 911 Plans Meeting

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

At the May 2nd meeting, residents will meet beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions, receive crime stats and learn crime reduction strategies.

Troop 1441 Visits Harley Davidson Museum



On April 20th, members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society, traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to visit the International Harley Davidson Motorcycle Museum. Scouts had previously prepared many of the requirements to earn their Engineering Merit badge. Upon arrival, the Troop was met by members of the Motorcycle Engineering Staff Counselors to receive instructions on how to complete the Engineering Merit Badge course, followed by a full tour of the museum. Pictured are: John Massura (Scout Master); Andres Burgos; Alexi Ayala, (Patrol Leader); Luis Burgos; Lucas Kozel and Gabriel Hernandez. Any boys ages 11 to 17 from any school who are interested in Scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for further information.

History Museum Schedules Events



Photo provided by the Chicago History Museum

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

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

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

The permanent exhibition, "Facing Freedom in America" uses images, artifacts and interactive elements to explore stories from women's suffrage and the formation of labor unions, to Japanese internment and a local school boycott. Learn more at chm.org.

Deadline For Tax Exemptions

The deadline for homeowners to apply for property tax exemptions is Monday, April 29th. Exemptions are property tax savings that contribute to lowering a property owner's tax bill. Homeowners must reapply for the Veterans with Disabilities and Low-Income Seniors Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemptions.

The Homeowner, Senior, and Persons with Disabilities Exemptions are automatically renewed.

New homeowners, first-time applicants, or those that need to reapply can visit cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions.

Applications can be downloaded at cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions. Saving from exemptions are reflected on the second installment tax bill.

"To Mom" Concert At Athenaeum

The Mexican Folkloric Dance Co. of Chicago will present a "To Mom with Love" Concert at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport ave. on Saturday, May 11th at 6 p.m. Music will feature Sonos de Mexico Ensemble, Cuerdas Clasicas and Mariachi Perla de Mexico.

Free parking lots behind theater on Oakdale ave & SW corner of Southport & Oakdale. For tickets visit, <https://secure.athenaeumcenter.org/1163>. Enter code Mom24 for a 10% discount (valid only a short time).

Chicago Park District Offers Summer Jobs

The Chicago Park District is offering "Your Perfect Summer Job" opportunities for qualified candidates, ages 16 and up, to apply at chicagoparkdistrict.com/summer-jobs. More than 2,500 seasonal employees will receive competitive wages, life-skill building opportunities, flexible work schedules and pathways to careers and full-time employment.

Recreation Leaders age 16 & older guide activities and fun games with children and teens, and develop management, and program/event planning skills. A flexible schedule allows evenings and weekends off. More than 230 park locations will offer six-week day camp from mid-June to early August which allows applicants to work near their homes.

Junior Laborer age 16 & older enjoy being outdoors, visiting a variety of neighborhoods and learning about the landscaping world. These positions start as early as April and run through June.

The Park District launched several initiatives in 2023 to train and capacitate lifeguard candidates as part of the re-

cruitment campaign. These initiatives include the Lifeguard Explorers Training Program, and expanding free Learn to Swim programming. More than 150 youth, between the ages of 13 and 19, have participated in the Fall and Winter sessions of the Lifeguard Explorers.

The Spring session of the training program is for open registration. Participants receive a \$475 stipend for completion of the program.

Candidates must be 16 and older by July 1st, 2024. These positions start as early as April and run through September.

Special Recreation Leaders ages 16 & older and Inclusion Aides, age 18 & older lead activities and games for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. These positions run from mid-June to early August.

Attendants ages 18 & older help maintain facilities clean and orderly for visitors and assist with waste disposal.

To register and receive additional information, visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/teen-opportunity-fairs.

Jazz Institute Offers Concerts

The Jazz Institute of Chicago announces the Chicago Jazz Piano Festival will be staged at Pianosfort Studios, 1335 S. Michigan ave. with concerts by world-renowned pianists, including Miguel de la Cerna and David Kikowski, April 26th & 27th; Bethany Pickens and Uri Caine, May 10th & 11th; Elio Villafranca and Darwin Noguiera,

Sept. 20th & 21st; Esteban Castro, Oct. 25th & 26th; Laurence Hobgood, Nov. 29th & 30th.

The Gala will be staged at Park West, 322 W. Armitage ave. on Wednesday, May 29th featuring Grammy Award winner Samara Joy.

A Jazz Links Jam Session will be performed at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth ct. on Wednesday, May 8th at 5 p.m. Enjoy live jazz for free in one of Chicago's most distinguished clubs.

5K Event At Humboldt Park

The Chicago Sun-Times and WBEZ Chicago are sponsoring the Fast & Curious 5K at Humboldt Park, Division st. and California ave. on Saturday, July 27th at 8:30 a.m.

Participants will encounter trivia questions about the city's culture and history during the race. Answer selection will be determined by the chosen lane.

All ages and paces are welcome. The family-friendly event is open to all runners, joggers and walkers. Register at sundaytime.com/events.

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Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

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

Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, May 2nd. Beat 921 from 6 to 7 p.m. and Beat 922 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Community Policing Office will share crime statistics, teach crime fighting strategies and listen to issues. A "Kids Only" table full of crafts and other fun activities will entertain the little ones while the adults engage in the meetings.

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

Workshops with Brighton Park Poets will be held on Sundays, May 5th and 19th; June 2nd from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The community-based organization hosts a generative poetry workshop on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month where participants discuss source poems, respond to prompts and share their work. The facilitator is bilingual (English, Spanish).

Story Time with Mx. Dannie for children up to 2nd grade and their families are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for stories, songs and other

fun activities. An Adult Book Discussion of "The Con Queen of Hollywood" by Scott C. Johnson will be held on Friday, May 17th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

LEGO and DUPLO Club for ages 3 & up will meet on Thursdays, May 2nd and May 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We supply the bricks and you supply the imagination.

STEM Agent Academy for grades 3 to 8 will be taught Thursdays, May 2nd and May 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join Mx. Dannie for science experiments that help you become a Science Secret Agent.

Teen Hideaway is available on Tuesdays, through May 28th and Thursdays, April 25th to May 9th and May 23rd and 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. Create art or learn to use the 3D Printer, button maker, sewing machine or vinyl cutter. Video and board games are available.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The group will be discussing "The Man in the McIntosh Suit" by Rina Yuyang and continuing a discussion of "Akira" by Katsuhiro Otomo with book four.

Baby Story Time will feature Mx. Dannie stories, songs and other fun activities to practice literacy skills and build a love for books on Wednesdays, May 1st through June 12th, June 26th, July 17th and 31st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Boot Camp At Ping Tom Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct May in Motion: Boot Camp at Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Wednesday, May 29th from 12 to 12:45 p.m.

May in Motion is a citywide initiative to motivate adults to get moving.

Registration is encouraged, but not required at chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Nature Play Day At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Open Nature Play Day at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western ave. on Wednesday, May 8th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will connect with nature, enjoy stories, art and exploration.



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