



Living Through History



By Dr. R. Pletsch

This week, as I was preparing to write this article, I was doing research into the Cartel using Indian reservations to move fentanyl and methamphetamine through central Arizona. But I was interrupted by a phone call. That's how I was informed about the incident in Butler, PA. Its simple message changed everything. You can smuggle drugs all you want to, if no one on the other side is stupid enough to buy and use them. But the whole idea of our world was somehow different when someone tried to assassinate an ex-President and Presidential candidate. As a graduate student in history, during the 70's, I look for more.

During the time I was watching TV trying to learn all I could, who was the shooter? Where was he or she? Was it a lone wolf or would more shots ring out? No one was sure and now after some time has gone, by you probably know more than I did when I wrote this article. I then identified with

the victims in the crowd and their families. Are they watching TV like me and hoping and praying it was no one they knew and those who were with their loved ones that fell? As an administrator for many years, I identified with those in charge trying to protect as many as they could. I was proud of that old wounded victim who worried about his shoes and then raised his fist so they knew that he was okay. Like that football player being taken off the field on a stretcher and giving a thumbs up to the people.

A little later as they settled down and most were sure there was not a second shooter, I realized it was not a matter of who I favored as a candidate. I was proud of these people who jumped on others before they had no confirmation that there were no other shooters. I noticed how local police seemed to come out of nowhere and help people in the crowd.

Those in my generation remember JFK, RFK, King and Reagan. But the one I most remember and was most shocked was when they shot Pope John Paul II. I pray my children will never have to live through events like this. We have, as a people, lived through Pearl Harbor and 9/11, and we have come back stronger for it. If you and your family did not, I hope you can trust and have empathy for all involved. You might live 500 miles away, and some people will continue to affect them forever. Help your neighbors when you can. God Bless America.

National SkillsUSA Workforce Competition

100 students from SkillsUSA Illinois finished in the top 10 during the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, held from June 24th-28th at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. The students from 26 schools competed in a Championships session with 115 national career competitions featuring 6,647 students.

The Illinois top competitors earned 26 medals against the best national competition, including 8 gold medals as national champions.

More information about the conference is available at www.nlsc.skillsusa.org/. That website includes a live-stream video of the awards ceremony and description of the workforce development preparation.

Students first competed at local and regional levels, then advanced to

the state championships in Peoria in late April. Illinois brought more than 300 students from the state championships to Atlanta for the national competition.

The national competition tests students' skills and preparation as the culmination of a year of hands-on career and technical education. Industry partners, trade associations and labor organizations volunteer to judge career competitions where students lay bricks, repair engines, practice hairdressing and more against the clock and their counterparts.

Kelly College Prep participants were Adrian Uribe, Customer Service, 7th Place; Armando Perez, Brendan Tang, David Hernandez, Dulce Parades, Esmeralda Pineda, Ethan Li and Marleny Marquez. Opening and Closing Ceremonies, 7th place.

History Museum Schedules Events



The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. will offer Hojarasca® Cookies to visitors, featuring the original recipe created by Francisco and Celia Bonilla, founders of El Nopal Bakery®. The cookies were a staple of the bakery, that opened on January 1, 1954, and operated for over 60 years in Pilsen and later at a second location in Little Village. Their son Frank helped run the bakery until he retired in 2015. To honor his parents, Frank began writing their history, and shared the recipe so their legacy could continue.

A Walking Tour of Hyde Park Murals will be conducted on Sunday, July 21st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join artist and educator Juarez Hawkins for a lively historical tour of the murals along the Metra underpasses linking Hyde Park Blvd. and Cornell Ave. \$25.

A Walking Tour of Pilsen Murals will be held on Saturday, July 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Experience the murals with poet and multidisciplinary artist Luis Tubens. The public art on railroad viaducts, buildings, and doors shows an evolution of the community's Mexican identity, heritage, and activism. \$25.

A Walking Tour of Bronzeville is set for Sunday, Aug. 25th from

12 to 2 p.m. Author and historian Bernard Turner leads this walking tour that highlights Chicago's most influential African Americans and their contributions to the city. \$25.

A Bike Tour of Chicago's Fabulous Fountains will be conducted on Sundays, July 21st and Aug. 18th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Explore the fountains of Lincoln Park and the Near North Side with Greg Borzo, author of *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains* (2017). The city is home to more than 130 outdoor public fountains, and many of them have stories to tell. \$25.

Bring your group to the Chicago History Museum during August 2024 and enjoy \$2 off person for group admission and guided gallery tours. Email groupstours@chicagohistory.org to book today. Minimum of 10 people required.

Get 20% off a one-year membership, receive a free exclusive poster until July 31st with promo code: 24SPMEMPHO. Visit chicagohistory.org.

Urge Reading Of Property Tax Bill

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas urges taxpayers to read their property tax bills to better understand record-high increases that have impacted homeowners, especially in the south and southwest suburbs.

Tax bills are posted online at cookcountytreasurer.com to view, download and pay. Bills were mailed July 2nd to owners of nearly 1.8 million parcels. The due date is Thursday, Aug. 1st.

The redesigned bills show the amount of taxes owed for 2023, how much changed from 2022 and how much is paid to each tax body.

Pappas explained that this year's 19.9% increase in median homeowner tax bills in the south and southwest suburbs were the result of increases in the amount of taxes requested by schools, municipalities and a shift in tax burden from businesses to homeowners from the reassessment process.

The online version of "Where Your Money Goes" allows taxpayers to click links for each taxing body. Visitors who enter an address or Property Index Number can search websites for school districts and other taxing bodies to research levies, budgets and other financial information. The website cookcountytreasurer.com also offers links to browse all financial reports filed by units of government.



Treasurer Maria Pappas

Taxpayers can use the information to contact representatives of taxing bodies with questions and to learn when budget hearings and other public meetings are held.

To help homeowners burdened by high property tax bills, Pappas led a campaign to reduce the interest rate charged for late taxes by half, from 18% to 9% per year. Property owners who do not pay their taxes in full by the due date are charged interest of 0.75% per month instead of 1.5%. Those unable to pay in full may make partial payments.

There is no fee to pay bills at cookcountytreasurer.com from bank accounts. There is a 2.1% processing fee for those who pay with a credit card. Enter an address and Property Index Number, and a photo of the property should appear.

Special Events At Morton Arboretum



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 31, Lisle will offer special events and in-person and online programming for all ages. Nonmember guests must reserve admission online or by phone in advance of their visit.

All fees listed are for general public admission and include free parking. For more programming information, visit mortonarb.org.

Children's Activities and Family-Friendly Events:

Art in the Garden - Free with Arboretum admission. Sundays, July 21st, Aug. 11th or Sept. 21st, every 30 minutes between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will explore art in this hands-on discovery workshop at the Children's Garden. This drop-in program is for children ages 3 to 8 years old with an accompanying adult. Reservations must be made in the Children's Garden on the day of visit only.

Nihon Night Thursday, July 25th, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Included in \$5 discounted-rate admission per adult and child (ages 2 and older; timed-entry reservation required). From paper lantern crafting to karaoke, families are invited to discover the traditions of Japan with family-friendly activities.

Make with Wood - Free with Arboretum admission. Saturdays, July 27th, Aug. 17th or Sept. 21st, every 30 minutes between 1 to 3 p.m. Children can build fun objects from wood in this

hands-on discovery workshop. Participants will learn safe hand tool techniques for working with wood and create their own projects. This drop-in program is for children ages 6 and older with an accompanying adult. Reservations must be made in the Children's Garden on the day of visit only.

Noche de Familia, Thursday, Aug. 15th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Included in \$5 discounted-rate admission per adult and child (ages 2 and older; timed-entry reservation required.) Families can enjoy cultural cuisine, such as empanadas and churros, and explore the connection between monarch butterflies and Hispanic heritage through crafts, songs and story time.

Drop-In Acorn Express Adventures, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 11th from 11:45 a.m.-\$8 (does not include Arboretum admission). The Acorn Express - a family-friendly tram ride adventure will seek fun destinations for hiking, and guests will enjoy making crafts. Tram tickets are available at the Information Desk in the Visitor Center for the day of visit only. For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

Newberry Library Schedules Fest

NewberryFest will take over the first floor of the library, 60 W. Waltston st., providing unique opportunities for engagement, education, and enjoyment on Saturday, July 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

View extraordinary items from the collections and have questions answered by expert librarians and curators. Enjoy a lineup of talks and performances that will help you navigate all the Newberry has to offer and learn about upcoming classes and exhibitions.

Visit two exhibitions - A Night at Mister Kelly's and Chicago Style: Mike Royko and Windy City Journalism.

Visit the Bookshop or peruse a selection of used books. Take a tour to learn more about the library's history. This event is a free; no registration is necessary.

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 July 19th 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.

The Chicago Maritime Museum announces the grand opening of two new permanent exhibitions in the sculpture garden from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition focus on the Lady Elgin, the deadliest disaster on the open waters of the Great Lakes, and on Captain Bill Pinkey, the first black sailor to solo-circumnavigate the globe

Naccarato Graduates

Amber Naccarato earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater during spring commencement, May 11th.

Approximately 1,500 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the ceremony, held at Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center.

around the five Great Capes. The event is free but there is a suggested \$20 donation to help support the programming.

In Conversation with Dale Washington, an art exhibition, dedicates to late visual artist will be hosted from July 19th to Sept. 6th. On view will be selected works from his prolific portfolio including early works and pieces from his last years in Portland.

GuruShots is a digital platform that allows photographers from around the world to submit their work for a variety of thematic challenges. Visitors will be able to view this remarkable collection of 150 unique printed works, July 19th to Sept. 6th. The opening reception will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

Register at bridgeportart.com.

Flores Graduates

Daniel Flores was among nearly 4,100 students from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio who received degrees during spring commencement on May 18th. Flores graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in University Studies.

Spring Graduates At UW-Madison

8,586 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 10th-11th.

There were live ceremonies, for undergraduates at Camp Randall and for graduate degree candidates at the Kohl Center.

Local degree recipients are: Ibrahim Abubakar, Master of Business Administration; Vianey Arreola, Bachelor of Science-Human Development and Family Studies; Jaime Barajas, Bachelor of Science-Biomedical Engineering; Sarah Cyszczechon, Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Charlene Gorman, Bachelor of Science, Political Science; Florence Huang, Bachelor of Business Administration, with Distinction; Kaylynn Lam, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; Ana Lopez, Bachelor of Arts, Legal Studies; Yireisy Mancera, Bachelor of Science-Education; Molly McCormick, Bachelor of Science-Nursing;

Rachel Pan, Bachelor of Science, Biology; Braulio Puente, Bachelor of Science, Life Sciences Communication, with Distinction; Priscilla Pulido, Bachelor of Business Administration; Jonathan Rodriguez, Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology; Jaloni Taylor, Bachelor of Arts, Legal Studies; Aaron Torres, Bachelor of Science, Computer Sciences; Raquel Valentin, Bachelor of Science-Human Development and Family Studies; and Joseph Varela, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Awareness Day For Glioblastoma

Glioblastoma is the most common, complex, treatment-resistant, and deadliest type of brain cancer. It can strike any age, gender, background or socioeconomic status.

As one of the more expensive cancers to treat, it often leaves patients and families with major financial hardship on top of the burdens of the disease.

GBM Awareness Day takes place each year on the third Wednesday of July to recognize the impact of this devastating disease and highlight the need to advance research, raise awareness, and ultimately cure. Learn more, including what the National Brain Tumor Society is doing to find better treatments and a cure at braintumor.org.

Children's Programs At West Lawn Park



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will present "The Lizard y El Sol" at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Sunday, July 28th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. When El Sol (the sun) vanishes from the sky, it's up to one brave Lizard to embark on a quest to find and bring back the light. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this enchanting retelling of a Mexican folktale featuring storytelling, puppets, and music and dance. Performances are free and followed by a workshop for audiences.

Food Coupons For Senior Citizens

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, administered jointly by the Illinois Department on Aging and Illinois Department of Human Services, offers income-eligible older adults access to up to \$50 worth of locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey from certified farmers.

Free coupon books, each containing five \$10 checks are distributed to more than 28,000 low-income older Illinoisans annually.

Eligible participants must be at least 60 years old and have a household income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. For a single-person household, that amount is \$2,322 monthly. For a two-person senior household, the income threshold increases to \$3,151.

Checks can be used by Oct. 31st at participating farmers markets and roadside stands in 37 counties. SFMNP vendors display a yellow sign with black lettering indicating "farmers market nutrition program benefits accepted here."

Income-eligible older adults are encouraged to contact the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Martinez Honored

Molly Martinez (60638), has been named to the Kalamazoo College Spring 2024 List.

Recognition is earned with grade point average of 3.5 or better with a full-time course load of at least three units, without failing or withdrawing from any course.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@aol.com. Opinions expressed by guest editorials may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

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

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, Sept. 5th. Beat 921 from 6 to 7 p.m. and Beat 922 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Community Policing Office will share crime statistics, teach crime fighting strategies and listen to issues. A "Kids Only" table full of crafts and other fun activities will entertain the little ones while the adults engage in the meetings.

Workshops with Brighton Park Poets will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month where participants discuss source poems, respond to prompts and share their work. The facilitator is bilingual (English, Spanish).

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

Adult Book Discussions are held on the third Friday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time will Mx. Dannie features stories, songs and other fun activities to practice literacy skills and build a love

for books on Wednesday July 31st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Family Story Time with picture books, stories, songs and a simple paper craft activity will be held on Tuesdays through Aug 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Register by 5:30 p.m. the day before. A parent or guardian's email address is required.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DIY Crafts will be offered on Mondays, July 22nd and 29th at 4:30 p.m. Make a pan flute, sound sandwich or paper telephone.

A Wiggleworms Concert with Old Town School of Folk Music will be held on Wednesday, July 24th at 11 a.m. Families with children to age 8 will sing along to their favorites.

A Kid Olympics End of Summer Party is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3rd from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Play games like bags and hula hoop to win fun prizes.

A group singalong is planned for Saturday, Aug. 3rd from 2 to 3 p.m. Join artists from the Old Town School of Music to sing Folk & Pop Songs.

A Silent Disco for families will be enjoyed on Thursday, Aug. 8th at 5:30 p.m. There is music playing but the room is quiet.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

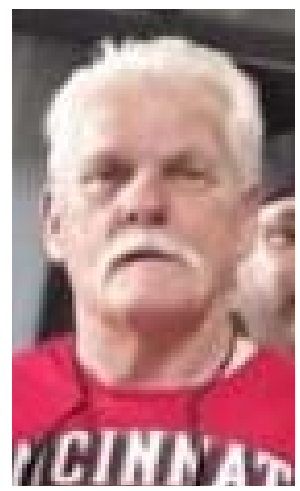
Obituaries

KEVIN C. BRADY, 40 year partner of Roy F. Carlton, Jr.; brother of Rob (late Mary Jo) Brady, Joanne (Reuben) Araiza and late Stephen (Charlotte) O'Connor; son of late Delma Dean (nee Jensen) and late James C. Brady; uncle of Jay, Lesli, Gloria, Tony, Sean, Katie, Brian, Julia, Carrie and Charleigh. Kevin received a BA in Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 1973 and was a member of the University Club of Chicago. Visitation was held July 6th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park.



EWARUST DZIKIEWICZ passed away on July 8th at the age of 64. Son of Pawel & Danuta Dzikiewicz; survived by children and spouses, Edyta and Anthony Arenas and Christopher and Gaby Jasinski; grandfathers of Angelica, Maximus, and Alexander Arenas, brother of Slawomir Dzikiewicz and Adam Dzikiewicz. Visitation was held July 11th & 12th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Richard Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.

JUAN CEJA who was born on July 5th, 1980 passed away on July 8th at the age of 44. Grave-side services were held July 15th at St. Casimir Cemetery, 4401 W. 111th st. Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director.



STEVEN D. COUGHRAN of Brighton Park, passed away on June 29th at the age of 68. He was the brother of late Jerry, John and Michael Coughran, uncle of several. A memorial gathering will be held at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyle on Sunday, July 27th from 2 to 6 p.m.

Program On Chicago River

Shedd Aquarium is presenting a free program on the ecology, history and future of the Chicago River at the Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Blood Drive

A 12th Ward Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, July 19th from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer. Appointments are appreciated, walk-ins are welcome. To sign-up visit: <https://tiny.url.com/71924BD>.



BOLESŁAW JARONCZYK; of Homer Glen, formerly of Archer Heights; husband of Rosa Maria (nee Garcia); father of Kasia (Grzegorz) Dachowski, Sebastian (Anne) and Krystian Jaronczyk; grandfather of Evelyn; son of late Zofia (nee Tylka) & late Stanislaw Jaronczyk; brother of Adam (Zofia) Jaronczyk and late Stanislaw Jaronczyk and late Kazimierz (Teresa) Jaronczyk. Boleslaw was President of Kolo #83 Podczerwone since 2008 and the owner of PolMex Real Estate for 20 years. Visitation will be held Friday, July 19th from 3 to 8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, July 20th, 10 a.m. at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Potluck Dinner At Play Garden

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct a Community Potluck Dinner on Wednesdays, July 24th and Aug. 28th at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Bring food or snacks to share. Drinks, plates, utensils and napkins provided.

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).

Foam Party on Saturday, July 27th at 2 p.m. Dance in bubbles, play games and create crafts.

TEENS

Magic Waffle Mondays at 1 p.m. (except Aug. 26th). Make a waffle with fun toppings and enjoy board games, coloring or bring your own book.

Teen Tuneful Crafternoons on Thursdays at 1 p.m. A fun afternoon of crafts, socializing and snacks. Materials and supplies will be provided.

Teen DIY for ages 14 to 19 will be available on Tuesdays, July 23rd and 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. Projects include art, perfume rollers, block painting, patches and vinyl stickers.

Bat Walks At McKinley Park

McKinley Park Stewardship will resume monitoring the bat population in McKinley Park this summer with a loan of equipment from Lincoln Park Zoo.

The group walks around the park at dusk with sonar equipment to track bats movements. All ages and abilities are welcome. This is a free community event, ongoing through the summer. Email mpkgarden@gmail.com to join.

Photo Contest At Brookfield Zoo

The Brookfield Zoo Chicago 2024 Photo Contest is accepting submissions through Aug. 2nd. Send in your best animal photo for a chance at winning fabulous prizes, including a one-year Family Plus Membership, a Penguin Encounter for four, an original painting created by the Zoo's Humboldt Penguins and more! Learn more at <https://www.brookfieldzoo.org/digitalphotocontest>.

Walking Tour Of McKinley Park

Chicago for Chicagoans will conduct a walking tour of the McKinley Park community on Sunday, July 28th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Neighborhood history, architecture and current development will be discussed.

For tickets and more info visit ChicagoforChicagoans.org.

Participants will meet at the 35th/Archer Orange Line Station, 3528 S. Leavitt.

8th District Beat Meetings

8th District Police Beats 815 and 821 will meet at the Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Wednesdays, Aug. 7th, Sept. 4th, Oct. 2nd & Nov. 6th at 7 p.m.

Millennium Park Marks 20 Years



Fruko y Sus Tesos. Photographer: Daniel Prada

Celebrating its 20th anniversary season, Millennium Park delivers a world-class collection of architecture landscape design and art that provides the backdrop for free cultural programs including concerts, exhibitions, interactive art and family activities.

In addition to the more than 80 free events throughout the summer, a four-day 20th Anniversary Celebration will take place July 18th to 21st featuring headliners, activities, workouts, public art, dance performances, concerts and fireworks.

Highlights include the salsa group from Colombia Fruko y Sus Tesos with special guest Sonora Dinamita featuring Alfredo de la Fe, along with Chuwi and Codigo FN as part of the ¡Súbelo! presentation on Thursday, July 18th. Grant Park Orchestra delights on Friday, July 19th with favorites from John Williams, including Star Wars, Indiana Jones, E.T., and more. On Saturday, July 20th, attendees can enjoy family programming throughout the day including Physical Theater Festival Chicago and a roving performance by Los Pleneros de Don Segundo, a special 20th birthday celebration hosted by Eli's Cheesecake at Cloud Gate, and the highly anticipated Common with the Grant

Park Orchestra evening concert, culminating with a fireworks display. The festivities conclude on Sunday, July 21st with The Golden Horse Ranch Band followed by an all-star lineup of House Music.

The Park is located on Michigan ave., bordered by Randolph st., Columbus dr. and Monroe st. and open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Plan your visit at MillenniumPark.org.

The Summer Film Series (Great Lawn) is on Tuesdays through Aug. 20th; Summer Music Series (Jay Pritzker Pavilion), select Mondays & Thursdays, through Aug. 8th; Chicago Jazz Festival (citywide), Friday, Sept. 20th to Sunday, Sept. 29th.

WorldMusicFestivalChicago.org. For more information about City-funded events visit Chicago.gov/DCASE. For Grant Park Music Festival information, visit GPMF.org.

Public Meeting On 35th st. Rezoning

A public meeting to discuss rezoning for 35th street will be conducted at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Monday, July 22nd from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Musical Puppetry At Kelly Park



ChangoSnakeDog and Friends will perform a multicultural, musical puppetry concert at Kelly Park, 2725 W. 41st st. on Wednesday, July 24th at 2 p.m. The music blends different rhythms and musical traditions like reggae, blues, swing-jazz, reggaeton, son jarocho and Mayan.

Basketball Jam At Park 596

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Teens in the Park Basketball Jam at Park No. 596, 4830 S. Western on Thursday, July 18th from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event is an extension of the Windy City Hoops and Summer Teen League basketball program. Participants compete intramurally at local parks to qualify for this unique tournament. Giveaways, halftime fun and music are featured.

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Penguin Births At Shedd Aquarium



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The penguin colony at Shedd Aquarium recently grew by two members, as two penguin pairs welcomed and are raising chicks in Polar Play Zone.

The young birds hatched just days apart on June 18th and June 20th. Each weighs nearly 3 pounds, and are being weighed daily by animal care staff to ensure they are growing appropriately.

Both chicks are being raised by their biological parents. One chick is being raised by Bosco and

Tussock – a new pair that is raising a chick for the first time. The second is being raised by Edward and Annie, two veteran parents that rose to stardom following Shedd's penguin field trip videos and were the subject of their own children's book.

The parents receive supplemental food throughout the day to keep their energy levels high and ensure they have plenty of food to provide their chicks, which they feed through regurgitation.

McKinley Library Schedules 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. No story time on July 22nd.

Little Learners Story Time Fridays, 10:30 a.m., ages 0-5. Enjoy stories and songs.

Being Bilingual Rocks! Family Concert with Mi Amigo Hamlet and Alina Celesta, Wednesday, July 17th at 6 p.m.

Family Story Time, Wednesday, July 24th, 6 p.m. Enjoy stories, songs and a craft.

Kids' Karaoke, Saturday, July 27th, 2 p.m., ages 0-13. Love to sing? Show off your talents.

Baby & Toddler Play Group, Thursday, Aug. 1st, 10:30 a.m., ages 0-3.

End-Of-Summer Fun, Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 11 a.m., all ages.

The McKinley Park Music School Student Showcase will perform on Sunday, July 21st from 3 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Musical Instrument DIY is set for Saturday, July 20th to 27th from 12 to 2 p.m. Join us to make a different musical instrument to take home. Kits will be provided. Registrations are required. Walk-ins will be taken if space is available.

A Film Screening of "Alvin and the Chipmunks" will be shown on Tuesdays, July 23rd and 30th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Chipmunk brothers Alvin, Simon and Theodore become pop sensations.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

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.

Ancient Huasteca Women - Goddesses, Warriors and Governors in Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery runs 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.

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

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

Arte Diseno Xicago II - From the Worlds Fair to the Present Day will be held through Aug. 11th.

This exhibition examines the 1893 Worlds 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.

The Auxiliary Board will sponsor Copitas de Sol: A Spirited Mixer on Sunday, Aug. 4th. Explore the world of agave spirits like mezcal, tequila and raicilla; plus delicious bites and craft brews. There are to sessions: "Know More" 1 to 3 p.m. and "Bubble Vibes" 4 to 6 p.m.

Take a deeper dive into *Arte Diseno Xicago II - From the World's Fair to*

the Present Day on Saturday, July 27th for a free tour of the exhibition. A docent will guide visitors through the gallery and discuss highlighted works of art.

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 how check in at the desk.

Copitas de Sol explore the world of agave spirits like mezcal, tequila and raicilla on Sunday, Aug. 4th for two sessions, 1 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Other features are small bites, cocktails, craft brews and raffle.

Join us in the Malinali Garden for an acoustic performance with A Flor de Piet on matinee concerts take place Saturday, July 20th at 11 a.m.

Summer Wednesdays are set through Aug. 7th when the galleries will be open until 8 p.m. for guests to explore. The Teinda Tzintzuntzan will be open for your shopping needs. Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home in the Chicago Gallery through Nov. 10th.

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

Sheriff's Police Recover Goods

A Cook County Sheriff's Police investigation into a fencing operation at a Chicago store led to the recovery of approximately \$2.4 million in suspected stolen merchandise and five firearms. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart announced.

On July 2nd, Sheriff's Police executed a search warrant at a store in the 2200 block of West Taylor Ave. An investigation by the Organized Retail Crime Team found store employees purchased specific stolen items to resell.

The store is not an authorized dealer for those items, and the Sheriff's office is working with the manufacturers to determine their authenticity.

Five firearms, multiple magazines, including an extended magazine and drum magazine, and nearly 200 rounds of ammunition were also found.

On July 3rd, the State's Attorney's Office approved felony charges against the store owner and employee.

Their next court date is July 26th.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Candy House" by Jennifer Egan is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8th at 6 p.m. "True Biz" by Sara Novic is the topic for Sept. 12th.

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

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

Baby Time will share books, songs and play on Fridays through Aug. 2nd from 10 to 11 a.m.

Teen programs to age 18 are held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

A Music STEAM program for ages 6 to 12 will explore music through a variety of art projects, science experience and more on Tuesdays through July 30th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Kids Summer Reading Program for ages 7 to 12, through Aug. 3rd. Registration and check-ins daily. Kids need to read or be read to: 500 minutes and complete 5 activities to earn a t-shirt. Weekly raffles and grand prize: a Karaoke Machine.

Gold Record Readers on Wednesday, July 24th at 4 p.m. Between chapters, enjoy fun reading and word games.

A Music Listening Party for adults will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 10th at 2 p.m.

DIY Tie Dye Bandana for ages 8 to 12 on Thursday, July 18th at 6 p.m. Have fun twisting and tying this fun and far-out fashion accessory.

Little Lunas Bilingual Kids Concert for ages 3 to 13 on Monday, July 22nd at 11 a.m. Sisters Belinda and Maritza Cervantes merge their love of music and education to bring movement, instruments and play.

Homeschool Meetups will be held Fridays, July 26th, Aug. 9th & 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities will be available for kids while caregivers can chat and share resources.

Record Collaging and Painting for ages 8 to 12 on Saturday, July 27th at 12 noon. Use a 7 inch vinyl record as canvas to create fun music themed art.

Bilingual Music and Culture Workshop with Son Chiquitos for ages to 8 on Monday, July 29th at 11 a.m.

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

"Books & Beats" At McKinley Park

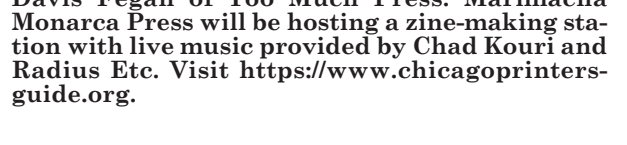


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The Chicago Printers Guild will present "Books & Beats", a Night Out in the Parks series at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing on Saturday, July 20th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Explore the art of paper-making and mono-prints with Angela Davis Fegan of Too Much Press. Marimacha Monarca Press will be hosting a zine-making station with live music provided by Chad Kouri and Radius Etc. Visit <https://www.chicagoprinters-guide.org>.

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Eligible families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or by calling 1-833-711-0374 for assistance.

All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support until funding is exhausted. Families who earn up to 200% of the federal poverty level, have a household with a senior, a child or children under 6, and/or a person with a disability are eligible to receive support through

LIHEAP.

Applications will be accepted through August 15th, 2024, or until funds are exhausted. The energy bill assistance program offered through the Help Illinois Families Program in program year 2024 will provide \$237 million to eligible families for energy bill assistance.

Holy Cross Ladies Set Basement Sale

The Holy Cross Ladies Aid will conduct a Basement Sale in the Church assembly hall, 3116 S. Racine Ave. on Saturday, July 20th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kitchenware, books, DVD's, hardware/tools, home decor, seasonal decor, toys and other items will be available. Admission is free.

For more info or questions, call (773) 523-3838.

Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

From India to Chicago: Mantras and Temple Life" by the Jangchub Choeling Tibetan Buddhist Nuns on Friday, July 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. Free with Suggested Donation to the Jangchub Choeling Nunnery.

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan St. offers 3rd Friday tours monthly at 6:30 p.m. Participants will explore the 3rd floor of Asian art from the Main, Ming and Scholar's Galleries. Free parking, museum admission and appetizer will be available.

3rd Friday Free Admission Night is scheduled for July 19th from 5 to 8 p.m. Tour at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Explore the three galleries of the museum and the new special exhibition - Year of Dragon. Free parking, museum admission, tour and appetizer will be provided.

Guardians of the Earth and Sky: A Performance and Art - Marking Activity is scheduled for Palmisano Park, Saturday, July 27th, 2 to 4 p.m. and Garden of the Phoenix, Saturday, Aug. 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. Free to the public. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes for walking approximately one mile. Dance, music and storytelling will be inspired by the four guardian animals of the Chinese constellations: the Tiger, Tortoise, Dragon and Bird.

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

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

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

2024 Resident Artist Irene Hsiao has created an interactive installation, performance, and workshop series called If the Sky Could Dream that combines drawing, painting, dance, found materials and found spaces. Because the dragon is a water deity in Chinese culture, this work also features projections of the waters of Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, and the lakes, ponds, and lagoons of Chicago Parks.

For additional information visit heritageasianart.org.

Water Fight Splash Day

SGA Youth & Family Services will sponsor Water Fight Splash Day! for ages 14 to 24 at the Brighton Park Community Campus, 4830 S. Western Ave. on Saturday, July 20th from 12 to 3 p.m. There will be free food for first 100 guests.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

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

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, July 20th 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.

Support Group For Parents

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will conduct a Parent Support Group at Davis School, 39th & Sacramento on Tuesday, July 30th at 10 a.m.

Mental Health and its affect on the family unit will be discussed. Child care will be available. For more information or to register, contact, Eveline Echeverria (312) 544-9569.



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