



Check Both Sides Of The Story



By Dr. R. Pletsch

This article is often written in an effort to help the readers understand our condition in this time in history. I try not to be one sided, but I also make the effort to mention things I have researched and are not necessarily in what most consider our common knowledge.

In the last few years, some have been accused of trying to control the flow of knowledge. Often the press has been charged with withholding stories and some have been accused of lying about stories and withholding things that do not meet their political agenda. Many people have strong opinions about this.

Social media has also been charged with censoring articles that their bosses do not like. I won't help the efforts of these people by being specific, but if you watch social media, newspapers and TV reports it can make

you wonder about many things.

Now with more and more articles and books are challenging what some consider the facts as we know them, and only believe what they hear first. Our history is full of these things. As we progress, especially now with an election year coming up, and people becoming more attuned to the Freedom of Information Act in which common citizens can get original documents. Many of the articles you have read or heard about are different from the first time you heard the story about the subject because someone used their due diligence and the Freedom of Information Act.

An issue that is beginning to get vast scrutiny is the pandemic. What some people consider lies that were told to the public for the past couple years. There are numerous reports of lies and coverups -- do we really know the truth? It might be out there, but there are many conflicting stories. You must look at articles and their reason for being printed. I recently viewed an excellent interview of Dr. Rand Paul by former Governor Mike Huckabee. This fine interview was about the new book "Fauci and Deception". This book is well researched, complete with footnotes. You can look them up and make up your own mind. It may help you with your decisions for your family. This is not an endorsement, but it seems to be an excellent source for you to help make up your own mind.

Holiday Lights At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo's annual ZooLights presented by ComEd and Invesco QQQ returns for its 29th year, through Jan. 7th. This much-anticipated holiday celebration will delight guests of all ages with beloved attractions, plus a selection of new experiences inspiring even more festive cheer!

This year features a dazzling array of new LED light displays, a never-before-seen garden-themed light show on the South Lawn, festive photo ops, costumed characters and Victorian carolers on select nights. The Pepper Family Wildlife Center will transform into the North Pole, hosting visits with Santa.

Returning this year is the twinkling Light Maze, the towering Ferris Wheel, ice carvers and light tunnel on the Main Mall.

Ticket sales support the zoo's animal care, global conservation

efforts, learning programs and help keep the zoo free to the public.

General admission ZooLights tickets are \$7 person. Tickets on Fridays, Saturdays, and New Year's Eve are \$10 person. General admission is free on Mondays.

ZooLights runs from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 4:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. ZooLights will not be open Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

On free admission Mondays, all regular ZooLights hours and ticketed attractions, apply. Food and beverage is available for purchase. Tickets are required for all guests, including infants.

Special offerings include Family-friendly New Year's Eve with a special countdown every hour; Rides and Special Attractions.

To learn more, visit lpzoo.org.

Free Studio Theater At Cultural Center

The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. will present free performances of the Studio Theater Residency Pilot, Dec. 16th to 18th.

On Saturday, Dec. 16th from 1:30 to 4 p.m. enjoy "Tomato Tattoo" by Rammel Chan with APIDA Arts Leah and Gerald, two middle aged Asian American strangers, must come to terms with their past family traumas when their respective elderly parents, Natalie and Richard, meet in a coffee shop and fall in love. Tempers flare and confrontations mount when the aging couple decide to spontaneously get married during a big family dinner.

On Sunday, Dec. 17th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. "It's Whampo, Whampo, Whampo Time: Where All Of It Is True and None Of It Is Real" by Arlene Malinowski with Bodies of Work and Chicago Dramatists. Four remaining contestants vie for the grand prize on the Reality show "WHAMPO" described as "Survivor

meets Big Brother meets Fear Factor meets Project Runway meets The Hunger Games without the killing." Hope, who was formerly of NPR, aspires to make "Transcendent TV."

On Monday, Dec. 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. "Is You Is" by L.C. Bernadine, Erik Olsen and Nik Whitcomb presented in partnership with The Stillwell Institute for Contemporary Black Art. A new musical set largely in Chicago Public Schools in the 1930s and revolving in part around the opening of The Field Museum's exhibit, "The Races of Mankind", which remained on display for more than 30 years.

Featuring a jazz-meets-musical theatre score, two sets of characters in two eras as they struggle to deal with what they've inherited, and to reshape the institutions that shape their lives.

Music Director for the public reading is T.J. Anderson.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo



Photo provided by CZS Brookfield Zoo

A 20-foot-tall orb featuring thousands of LED lights is the perfect place to take a memorable photo at Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic.

Brookfield Zoo's 42nd annual Holiday Magic® lights festival takes place Dec. 14th-17th, 21st-23rd, and 26th-31st, from 3 to 9 p.m. (Brookfield Zoo will not open until 3 p.m. on these dates.)

The park will be illuminated with two million LED lights, creating a magical winter wonderland. Light displays of giant animals—bison, reindeer, giraffe, and bear—can be seen throughout the Zoo, and guests will stroll through two, 300-foot light tunnels synchronized to seasonal tunes. Adding to the ambience are the nearly 900 lit and decorated community and corporate trees located on Roosevelt Fountain.

Nightly entertainment from 5 to 8 p.m. takes place throughout the Zoo. At the North Pole, located in The Pavilions, guests can take in performances by Those Funny Little People and juggling elves, and youngsters can share their wish lists and have their photos taken with Santa. Youngsters can also deposit their holiday wish lists in the Santa Letter Drop Box. On the Nature Stage, zookeepers can watch professional ice carvers create frozen works of art from giant blocks of ice. Roaming carolers will sing holiday

songs and dance parties take place at Polar Plaza.

Photo opportunities include inside the luminous 20-foot-tall orb, in front of a 41-foot-tall tree or next to a 16-foot-tall 3D gingerbread house.

Indoor and outdoor animal habitats to be open include Tropic World, Big Cats, The Swamp, Feathers and Scales, Reptiles and Birds, Desert's Edge, Clouded Leopard Rain Forest, The Living Coast, Hamill Family Wild Encounters (reindeer and goats only), Great Bear Wilderness, Australia House, and Hamill Family Play Zoo. All indoor animal buildings close at 8:30 p.m., except for Tropic World and Hamill Family Play Zoo, which close at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$29.95 for adults, \$20.95 for children, and \$24.95 for seniors 65 and older. Parking is \$17-\$20. Advanced reservations are not required for entry at the North Gate, however, guests are encouraged to secure admission and parking online prior to their visit. For South Gate entry, advance reservations and parking fees are required.

To make reservations and for more information, visit [CZS.org/Holiday Magic](http://CZS.org/HolidayMagic).

State ID Cards For Ex-Detainees



Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart and Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced a partnership to provide State Identification Cards for individuals leaving Cook County Jail.

Government issued IDs are critical for enrolling in educational programs, onboarding for jobs as well as obtaining housing and government benefits. Individuals in custody may have lost their ID cards or they may have expired while in custody, and they may face challenges in attempting to renew them after returning to the community.

"We know that people who have a safe place to live, are receiving servic-

es they need, and are employed are less likely to reoffend," Sheriff Dart said. "Having a government-issued ID is the first step to obtaining those things. So, this initiative not only helps people with their individual needs but also helps public safety."

The program is initially working with individuals who either have previously applied for a State ID card or driver's license, or have access to documents, such as birth certificates and social security cards, to apply for the first time. The program will gradually expand to provide IDs to everyone in Cook County jail custody.

Sheriff's Office staff will work with participants interested in getting an ID to complete the application forms and take photographs. If necessary, Sheriff's Office staff can also help first-time applicants with accessing vital documents they already have such as birth certificates or social security cards.

The collected information will be sent electronically via secure transfer to the Secretary of State's Office. After staff determines applicants have met the requirements for an ID card, they will be mailed to their residences.

Application For Energy Assistance

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity encouraged eligible families to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to support with utility bill assistance for natural gas, propane, and electricity. Applications are open for income-eligible households with seniors age 60+, Illinoisans with a documented long-term disability, and/or children under age 6.

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 sup-

port until funding is exhausted. Families who earn up to 200% 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 15, 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.

Walking Club For Seniors

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct a free Senior Walking Club at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Wednesdays, Dec. 20th and 27th from 8 to 9 a.m.

Participants will meet and mingle with those who have a shared interest in health, wellness and the outdoors. For more information, contact (312) 415-2970.

Toy Giveaway

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will conduct a Toy Giveaway at Brighton Park Elementary School, 3825 S. Washtenaw on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., 23rd District State Representative will attend as Santa Claus.

Holiday Craft Vendor Fair

The Chicago Park District will sponsor a Holiday Craft Vendor Fair at Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st. on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per table. Register at (312) 742-7529. Admission is free.

Cookies With Santa At Hale Park



The Chicago Park District will sponsor Cookies with Santa for ages 2 to 5 at Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st. on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of \$10 includes Cookies with milk, a craft project, pictures with Santa (parent/caretaker phone or camera) and storytime with Olaf. Register at (312) 742-7529.

English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. needs volunteers to help adult immigrants learn English. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English for 90 minutes per week.

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on

Saturday, Jan 27th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register in advance to begin tutoring. For more information, contact the Associate Director at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Holiday Festival At Science Museum



Photo provided by the Museum of Science and Industry

The Museum of Science and Industry's annual holiday spectacle, *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*, which runs through Jan. 7th, features a forest of more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers to represent the holiday traditions from cultures around the globe.

Additional holiday programs and events will take place throughout the remainder of 2023, including:

Naughty or Nice 21+ After Hours Event: On Friday, Dec. 15th from 6 to 10 p.m. guests are invited to enjoy 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. Tickets cost \$35 and include free parking.

The MSI Holiday

Market offers roasted and candied nuts, hot chocolate or mulled apple cider, and chocolate chip cookies.

Photos with Santa and the Grand Tree: Fridays through Sundays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the weeks leading up to Christmas and everyday Dec. 15th-24th during the same hours. Guests can buy timed tickets to meet Santa on MSI's website. The same goes for photos in front of the Grand Tree in the rotunda.

Winter Break Camps: Students in 6th through 8th grades are invited to learn about winter science around the globe with Winter Break Camps. Inspired by *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*, these three-day camps—running Dec. 27th-29th and Jan. 3rd-5th offer hands-on STEM activities run by MSI's Education team and a chance to explore the entire Museum.

Antarctica at the Giant Dome Theater: Experience the snowy tundra of Antarctica on a five-story screen through Jan. 7th.

Snowflake Science by Caltech Physicist Ken Libbrecht will feature photographs of real snowflakes.

Experience the Magic of Snowfall: Every 30 minutes, guests can experience the magic of snowfall amid Christmas trees in the North Court.

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 editors may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

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Obituaries



JESUS CHUY VALDEZ, son of late Carmen (nee Torres) and late Gonzalo Valdez Sr.; brother of Delia (Adan) Sanchez, Elsa (Rafael) Velasquez, Francisco (Nancy), Victoria (Jose Luis) Lopez, Patricia (Saul) Rodriguez and Gonzalo Valdez, Jr. Visitation was held Dec. 8th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels 5088 S. Archer Ave. followed by Mass at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.

LAWRENCE E. KULIK, U.S. Army Veteran and longtime resident of Brighton Park, passed away on Dec. 2nd at the age of 85. He was the husband of Claudette (nee Szafranowski) for 52 years; son of late Jacob & Pearl (Barlog) Kulik; son-in-law of late Stanley and Gertrude Szafranowski; brother-in-law of late Harold and Joan (Lange) Szafranowski and Stanley and Sandra Szafranowski. Larry graduated from Five Holy Martyrs Catholic School and Kelly High School. After military service, he was employed by Continental Electric and a member of IBEW #134 for over 60 years.

An active member of the Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name Society, he promoted numerous events, especially the visit of Pope John Paul II to Chicago. In 1998, the Holy Name Society honored him as Man of the Year.

Visitation is at Szykowny Funeral Home Ltd., 4901 S. Archer on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 14th from 9 to 10 a.m. Funeral Mass will follow at Five Holy Martyrs Church, Richmond and Pope John Paul II Drive at 10:30 a.m.

Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL.

Special Events At Arboretum

During December and January, The Morton Arboretum will offer special events and in-person and online programming for all ages. Guests are required to reserve timed-entry admission in advance of their visit.

All fees listed are for general public admission to the Arboretum and include free parking, visit mortarb.org.

Nonmembers can enjoy free admission to the grounds on Christmas Day, Monday Dec. 25th with timed entry reserved in advance online. All buildings and the Children's Garden will be closed. Portable restrooms will be available. Last entry is at 3 p.m. For free tickets, visit mortarb.org.

Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



Traditional Ink Painting Workshop with a Christmas theme.

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.

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

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

Free admission museum nights take place every third Friday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. The tour will start at 6:30 p.m. The event offers wine and appetizer.

A traditional Ink Painting Workshop with a Christmas theme will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. A limited amount of tickets are available for purchase at heritageasianart.org.

Brown Bear Cubs At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit: Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo

Tim and Jess, two 11-month-old Alaskan coastal brown bears made their public debut at Brookfield Zoo's Great Bear Wilderness on Dec. 11th. Guests can see the growing cubs in their outdoor habitat between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. As they get more acclimated to their new home, the hours will be extended.

The cubs, who arrived at the Zoo in early November, were orphaned in Anchorage, Alaska. They now have a forever home at Brookfield Zoo thanks to the collaborative efforts among the Zoo, Alaska Zoo, Alaska Department

of Fish and Game and generosity of FedEx. Since arriving at Brookfield Zoo, the bears received physical examinations and have been becoming familiar to their new home behind the scenes and animal care staff.

Axhi, a 28-year-old brown bear, also resides at Brookfield Zoo. In 1995, he along with his brother, who passed last year, were orphaned as well and found a forever home at the Zoo.

Approximately 30,000 bears live in Alaska, where they face threats of habitat loss due to development, mining, logging, and hunting.

Nativity Exhibit At St. Barbara

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish and St. Theresa Chinese Catholic School will present "The Living Nativity" at St. Barbara Catholic Church, 2859 S. Throop st. on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Celebrate the Christmas season with an outdoor scene complete with barnyard animals, Bethlehem's marketplace, music and Christmas readings in multiple languages. Afterwards, attend St. Barbara Church for the 5 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass and reception. Admission is free.

Golab In Frieze Lecture

Alexis Golab, of 60638, was among four Augustana College women, gender, & sexuality studies majors who participated in the Frieze Lecture series titled, "Feminism: From Basics to Barbie" at the downtown location of the Rock Island Public Library on Oct. 19th.

Students worked with Dr. Jennifer Heacock-Re naud for the lecture titled "Intersectionality Explained: Why Feminism is About More than Gender Equality." The event included a panel discussion of Greta Gerwig's 2023 "Barbie" blockbuster.

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.

Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussions will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each month, read and discuss a graphic novel and a manga selection. Stay for the conversations that can be anything from the details of the book to the latest happenings in comic book culture. For January, the group will be discussing "Golden Rage, volume 1" by Chrissy Williams and "Akira Book One" by Katsuhiko Otomo.

Family Craft Night will be enjoyed on Thursday, Dec. 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. LEGO Duplo Club will meet on Thursdays, Dec. 14th and 21st from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Families with children ages 5 & up will build their own design or try a design challenge. Work on your own or as a team.

Middle Schoolers in grades 6 to 8 are invited to play video games or Nintendo Switch, make crafts and art on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Family Story time will feature picture books, stories, songs and a paper craft activity on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Story time will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This event is available in person and online via Zoom. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Family Events At Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. will present "The Christmas Schooner", Dec. 14th - 23rd. Based on the true story of the Rouse Simmons, a schooner ship which brought the first evergreen trees to Chicago by way of the treacherous winter waters of Lake Michigan.

This story of love, faith, and family is bound to become your family's new Christmas tradition.

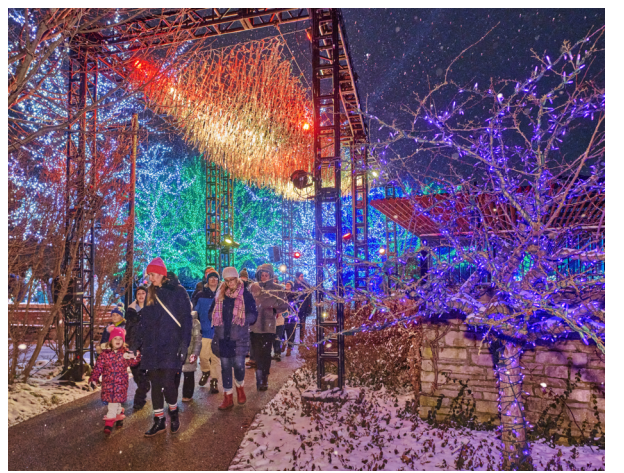
The Chicago Kids Company's holiday classic, "Mrs. Claus! A Holiday Musical" will be presented through Dec. 23rd.

14th Annual 19th Ward Children's Film Festival will be shown Thursday, Dec. 28th. The feature has "PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie" at 10 a.m. and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and available on a first come, first served basis.

The School of Fine Arts Winter/Spring 2024 catalog is now available. Learn more about classes for dance, visual arts, music, theatre, senior, fitness and more.

For ticket information, beverlyartscenter.com.

"Illumination" Display At Morton Arboretum



Provided by Morton Arboretum

Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum will brighten up the holiday season through Jan. 6th.

This year's exhibition will feature 18 dazzling light and music displays, including two new and four updated experiences.

Along a new reversed route that is ADA compliant and accessible for all visitors. The Illumination journey begins in The Grand Garden after entering through a gateway of light. The more immersive mile-long path surrounds guests with light and music in enhanced exhibits Golden Glade and Ornament Hill, leading to a waterfront finale synchronized to music at Meadow Lake.

Brand new displays are Starlit Trail – large twinkling "stars" that envelop the walking path – and Winter Radiance – LED "tall grasses" that pay homage to native Midwest plant species. They join returning favorites such as Symphony Woods, Treemagination, Festival of Lanterns and more.

This year, Electric Illumination – an 18-and-older late-night experience – will feature a new curated disco and house music soundtrack from 9:30 to 11 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 15th and 22nd; and an '80s music-themed dance party Dec. 29th.

Also new, and exclusive to Electric Illumination, is a 360-degree photo booth featuring a camera that rotates around a platform where guests can stand, pose or dance for a professional-looking video they can share on their social media.

Warm concession tents will offer beverages and snacks, such as s'mores kits, hot chocolate and festive cocktails, beer and wine, to enjoy by crackling bonfires along the route.

The exhibition was custom designed and developed uniquely for the Arboretum in partnership with international media and exhibit designers Lightswitch LLC and features energy-efficient, eco-friendly LED lighting.

Illumination tickets are available at mortonarb.org and in-person at the Visitor Center during operating hours. Ticket prices for *Illumination* and Electric Illumination vary based on the day and time selected, beginning at \$18. Children under age 2 are admitted free of charge. Through the Museums for All program, reduced-rate weekend tickets are available to those with a state-issued EBT or LINK card, or a valid WIC card, while supplies last.

Illumination is generously sponsored by Invesco QQQ, ComEd, and Duly Health and Care.

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Mandrian Mass followed by Christmas Carols
Sunday, Dec. 17, 12:30PM, St. Therese

Sat., Dec. 16: 3-5PM, Outdoor Living Nativity, at St. Barbara
5PM, Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception Dinner



EMERGENCY HEATING REPAIR PROGRAM (EHRP) 2023-2024

The Emergency Heating Repair Program (EHRP) is a grant program available to income-eligible Chicago homeowners for service to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Grant funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

November 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024
You can call 311, go to the CHI311 app, or visit www.chicago.gov/ehrp to apply

Size of Household	80% Area Median Income
1 Person	\$61,600
2 Person	\$70,600
3 Person	\$79,450
4 Person	\$88,250
5 Person	\$96,350
6 Person	\$102,400
7 Person	\$108,450
8 Person	\$116,500

MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME (2023)

The program is open to Chicagoans who own and occupy a 1-to-4 unit residential property within the city limits. The property must be in habitable condition and not at risk of foreclosure. Commercial and mixed-use properties do not qualify.

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Travelers Aid Seeks Volunteers

O'Hare International Airport and its social services partner Travelers Aid are seeking volunteers to staff information desks and provide referrals to passengers.

Volunteers complete a comprehensive training program to understand airport operations and usually perform one five-hour shift per week.

Residents interested in becoming a Travelers Aid volunteer should visit the organization's flychicago.com and email travelersaid@heartlandalliance.org.

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12th Ward Alderman Julia Ramirez has Dog Waste signs ready for pick-up at her office, 3868 S. Archer.

Chicago Artopia Offers Concert

Chicago Artopia announces its free Winter Concert series at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th St., will feature Chris White Jazz Trio, a Charlie Brown Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2 p.m.

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.

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Holiday Events In Chicago Loop



Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza

Chicago Loop Alliance annually compiles a detailed guide of recommended experiences, restaurants, hotels, Loop deals, Santa in the Loop, and more. The most popular seasonal attractions and downtown businesses are featured in printed pocket guides and updated online Holidays in the Loop guide. View the guide and earn a chance to win a \$1,000 Loop Staycation package at LoopChicago.com/Holidays.

Christmas Carol, 170 N. Dearborn, through Dec. 31st; Millennium Park Tree, 11 N. Michigan, through mid-January; State Street Holiday Lights, from Ida B. Wells to Wacker Dr., through early January; Christmas Candlelight Tours at Glessner House, 1800 S. Prairie ave., Dec. 16th - 17th; *Holidays of Light* by Chicago Sinfonia at Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells dr., Dec. 15th; Shop Columbia's 15th Annual Holiday Market, 619 S. Wabash ave., through Dec. 20th and The Peppermint Lounge at Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark st., through Jan. 5th, 2024.

Holiday Traditions and destinations include Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington, through Dec. 24th; Goodman Theatre's A

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

The Banned Books Club will meet to discuss on Thursday, Dec. 28th from 4 to 5 p.m. December topic is *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe.

Wednesday Book Clubs for Polish on 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. and English 4th Wednesday each month at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Pick up copies at the circulation desk. No registration required.

Conversations & Coffee: English Languages are planned for Sunday, Dec. 17th from 3 to 4 p.m. Join new English speakers for 60 minutes or practice in a relaxed environment. All levels are welcome.

Maker Monday: Art Club for ages 13 to 19 will be offered Monday, Dec. 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials will be provided to create a fun art project.

The Manga and Anime Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. Discuss books, shows, and discover new favorites.

Family Story and Play Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers is held on Thursdays through Dec. 28th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sing and dance your way through an active story time filled with exciting books. Open play follows with giant blocks, puppets and make new friends.

Fun Club for ages 3

and up is conducted on Tuesdays through Dec. 26th from 4 to 5 p.m. Each week explore a different craft, experiment or engineering project followed by kid-led play with LEGOs, car tracks and more.

Create your own Candy House with graham crackers and frosting on Monday, Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.

Homework help is available from a certified teacher on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

Popcorn Reading for children who will read aloud will be held Wednesday through Dec. 27th from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Practice reading skills in a fun and supportive environment.

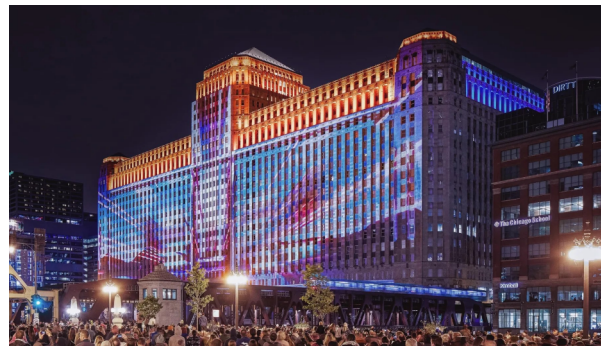
Beading Time: Craft for Teens ages 13 to 19 will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 2 to 3 p.m. Make bracelets, necklaces and ornaments. Patrons can bring their own beads or use ours.

An Adult Book Discussion of "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 27th from 1 to 2 p.m.

A Craft Lab to create Clay Pinch Pots for ages 13 & up will be held on Monday, Jan. 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All materials will be provided.

For more information, visit chipublic.org.

"Season of Light" At Merchandise Mart



ART ON THE MART celebrates the 'Season of Light' with a new commission by Yorgo Alexopoulos, a School of the Art Institute of Chicago alumn, known for immersive moving image works. The 2023 winter program is on view through Dec. 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Alexopoulos is best known for immersive video installations and mixed-media sculptures that fuse his own paintings, drawings, photographs, and digitally created assets. His new time-based digital animation work, "Out of the Sea Came Eternity", will take views on a journey through a series of visual chapters.

The winter program also features a collaborative work titled "Analog" made by students from SAIC's fall 2023 Department of Art & Technology / Sound Practices Department.

Charles Atlas' projection "The Geometry of Thought" will run through Dec. 5th. Best viewed from the Riverwalk on Wacker Drive between Wells Street and Franklin Street. For more information, visit artonthemart.com.

Emergency Heating Repair Program

The Emergency Heating Repair Program provides service grants to assist income eligible, owner-occupants of 1-to-4-unit properties with emer-

gency heating system replacements or repairs during the winter season.

The program is open to April 1st, 2024. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and funding is limited.

An inquirer who has an email address can move forward with completing a service request via one of the following options: Online, The City's 311 service line or CHI311 APP

An inquirer who does not have an email address will need to call 311 to be sent a paper application package by mail to apply. Completed applications can be returned to: Department of Housing, Attn: Emergency Heating Repair Program, 121 N. LaSalle, Room 1000, 10th fl., Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Eligible properties must be located in Chicago, habitable, owner-occupied, and not at risk of foreclosure. The applicant's name must be listed on the deed to the property for a minimum of one year at the time of application. All applicants must be income qualified. Households earning 80% or less of the area median income are eligible to participate in the program. The total gross income of all owners and other household members shall be included and may not exceed this limit. The gross income of all adults, 18 and older, who reside in the property, are included to determine income eligibility.

All utilities must be current and in working order. If the owner sells, transfers title, or no longer occupies the property within one year of receiving the service, the owner will be required to repay a prorated portion of the grant.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

Craft ArtVentures for ages 6 to 12 will be available on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. A variety of craft supplies will be provided.

LEGO Free Build for ages 6 to 10 will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Creations will be put on display.

Thank You Card Workshop Drop-In for ages 5 to 13 will be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 26th from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The paper and templates will be provided.

An Adult Book Discussion: "Now Is Not the Time to Panic" by Kevin Wilson will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Baby Time for ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers will be held on Fridays, Jan. 12th to Feb. 23rd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. We will share books, songs and play together.

An Adult Planner Meet-Up is scheduled for Saturdays, Jan. 27th & Feb. 24th from 10 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. Bring your own journal/planner, stickers, wash tape and gel pens, to create a planner for the new year. Some art supplies, gel pens, markers, and stickers and light refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring a treat to share.

Time for Tots Story time for ages 15 to 36 months and a caregiver is available on Mondays, Jan. 29th, Feb. 5th & 26th and March 11th to 25th from 10:30 to 11:30 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, Jan. 31st, Feb. 7th, 21st & 28th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Early arrivals can build puzzles. Free play follows each session. Children learn to share and socialize with their peers.

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

Winter Flower Show In Garfield Park



The Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave., Winter Flower Show 'Silver: Celebrating 25' recognizes the Conservatory Alliance's 25th anniversary. Formed by community members in 1998, the non-profit organization connects people to nature through public programming, school partnerships and fundraising initiatives. Silver foliage, lush poinsettias, winter flowers and plants will be on display through Jan. 7th. Open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is required at <https://garfield-conservatory.org/visit>.

City Support For Caregivers

The City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services offer caregiver services programs that include free services.

Education & training: Learn new skills to care for you and loved one.

Gap-filling funds: help buying essential items like clothing, grab bars, eyeglasses, technology and hearing aids.

One-on-one counseling: help with decisions, self-care and support.

Support groups: share your stories, successes, and challenges caring for

your loved ones with fellow caregivers.

Respite: Take a short-term break with help at home from a professional caregiver or caregiver of your choice or a nursing home stay for the person receiving your care.

Programs are for individuals of any age who are caring for: a Chicago resident age 60+ or under age 60 with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

Contact the DFSS Senior Services Division Information and Assistance Unit aging@city-ofchicago.org or (312) 744-4016.

Light Up The Lake At Navy Pier



Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand ave. will present a reimagined Light Up The Lake holiday program through Dec. 31st. Experience outdoor ice skating with a breathtaking backdrop of Lake Michigan, roast smores by firepits, ignite your creativity at holiday workshops, discover finds with local artisan markets, experience axe throwing, enjoy live music, take a ride on the heated Centennial Ferris Wheel and enjoy fireworks on Saturdays at 9 p.m. Free and ticketed activities for guests of all ages.

Ice Rink Open At McKinley Park



Photo courtesy Chicago Park District

The McKinley Park Ice Rink, 2210 W. Pershing rd. is accepting pre-registration on Mondays at noon for the sessions that run two weeks later.

Register on Dec. 18th for the week of Jan. 1st - 7th; Dec. 25th for Jan. 8th - 14th; Jan. 1st for Jan. 15th - 21st; Jan. 8th for Jan. 22nd - 28th; Jan. 15th for Jan. 29th - Feb. 4th; Jan. 22nd for Feb. 5th - 11th and Jan. 29th for Feb. 12th - 19th.

Pre-registration is required for all programs including Open Skate, Senior Skate, Stick & Puck and Pond Hockey,

Rat Hockey and Drop-In Learn to Skate Lessons.

For information on hosting a private event, call (312) 747-5992.

Ice Skating At Maggie Daley Park

The Ice Skating Ribbon at Maggie Daley Park, 333 E. Randolph st. is releasing tickets on a rolling basis on Mondays at 12 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 18th for Jan. 8th - Jan. 21st; Jan. 8th for Jan. 22nd - Feb. 4th; Jan. 22nd for Feb. 5th - Feb. 19th; Feb. 5th for Feb. 20th - March 3rd; and Feb. 26th for March 4th - March 10th (Closing Day).

Ice resurfacing takes place between sessions and prior to opening.

Open 7 days a week: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 4 p.m., 5 to 7 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

Visit info@maggiedaley-park.com or call (312) 552-3000.

Holiday Craft Vendor Fair

The Chicago Park District will sponsor a Holiday Craft Vendor Fair at Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st. on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per table. Register at (312) 742-7529. Admission is free.

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