



Calculus, Trigonometry and Physics



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There are professional educational organizations that discuss these classes and where they should fit in the school system's curriculum. These are titles of subjects that seem to automatically indicate to many the quality of the system and the particular school.

In general, classes attended by parents, some with staff members, were often given by teachers like myself in efforts to give smaller schools the ability to work together with staff members from other area schools. These classes were considered to be a part of all quality high school curriculum. Many considered it a necessity for your school to succeed. Yet, the professional Math organizations often argued that Calculus should be moved to colleges and change its sequence in the curriculum. The argument for colleges was that Business Majors, which far outnumbers Math,

had to pass Business Calculus for them to succeed in the program.

College placement officers admitted that Calculus students were given "an edge" in placement and that about 53% of the colleges admitted that this seemed correct. There is already a clear edge to families with higher income that those families may have other members who have already attended college. Often this is a great advantage to students in these families who are sometimes listed as the most educated already in their families. If you don't already know what Calculus or Trig or Physics is, it is simply a matter of being introduced to the subjects. There also seems to be a discrepancy with schools that are majority Black or Latino only 38% of the high schools even offered Calculus, while 50% of schools with 50% or more White offered the classes.

The 2013 stats show Calculus does not show enormous gains compared with students that ended high school with their highest Math class being Pre-Calculus. It is argued that Math majors think differently than the rest of us. I taught high school Math for years and many of those students became quite successful as adults and some include even Doctorates. I've talked with several of them at reunions and funerals and they seem to think that high school Calculus made little difference in their quest toward success in the workplace. If you wish to look these things up, Sarah Schwartz of Education Week has much detail available on the internet.

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 Nov. 17th from 7 to 10 p.m. Enter and check-in through the Atrium Entrance off of Racine Street. +21 wristbands are available at check-in for complimentary wine bar.

POP! Art in the 4th floor gallery, curated by Zak Blatt and Marci Rubin, features artwork that stimulates conversations regarding popular cultural trends.

Homogeneous Hues in the 3rd floor gallery curated by Kelvin Taylor and Marci Rubin, features artworks created by Bridgeport Art Center's artists whose primary subject is the exploration of a specific color or color palette.

Project Onward features the Art on Cardboard Show that promotes a central idea that Art doesn't have to be expensive or exclusive to be cherished. This

show was born out of frustration with challenges so that artists of all abilities and backgrounds could have their work showcased.

The History of Ship Repair Facilities on the Great Lakes will be explained by Walter Lewis. Over the nineteenth century the continued "health" of vessels gradually became dependent on specialized ship repair facilities.

Register at bridgeportart.com

Ice Skating At Maggie Daley Park

The Ice Skating Ribbon at Maggie Daley Park, 333 E. Randolph st. will open on Friday, Nov. 17th at 11 a.m.

Tickets will be released on a rolling basis on Mondays at 12 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 6th for Nov. 17th - Dec. 3rd; Nov. 20th for Dec. 4th - Dec. 17th; Dec. 4th for Dec. 18th - Jan. 7th; 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.com or call (312) 552-3000.

Holiday Events In Chicago Loop



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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.

Holiday Traditions and destinations include Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington, Nov. 17th - Dec. 24th; Goodman Theatre's *A Christmas Carol*, 170 N. Dearborn,

Nov. 18th - Dec. 31st; Millennium Park Tree, 11 N. Michigan, Nov. 17th - mid-January; State Street Holiday Lights, from Ida B. Wells to Wacker Dr., Nov. 14th - early January; Catalog Holiday Marketplace at Willis Tower, 233 S. Wacker Dr., Dec. 5th - 7th; Christmas Candlelight Tours at Glessner House, 1800 S. Prairie ave., Dec. 16th - 17th; *Holidays of Light* by Chicago Sinfonieta at Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells dr., Dec. 15th; ShopColumbia's 15th Annual Holiday Market, 619 S. Wabash ave., Dec. 4th - 20th and The Peppermint Lounge at Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark st., Nov. 13th - Jan. 5th, 2024.

Submissions For Parks Night Out

The Chicago Park District invites organizations and individual artists to join the 12th season of the Night Out in the Parks cultural and arts event series from June to December. Applicants should apply at www.nightoutintheparks.com by Dec. 10th, 2023.

Projects have varied from traditional musical performances to hands-on workshops, nature-based programs, interactive dance, plus new and creative concepts.

The partnership offers support in four key ways, including grant awards, a platform to perform in parks, promotion of the performances through various outreach channels, and production assistance.

Projects are encouraged that include an accessibility plan that includes mobile access,

bi-lingual narratives, ASL interpretation, audio description, and inclusiveness.

The Chicago Park District's Chicago Onscreen Local Film Festival is also seeking proposals from interested filmmakers to apply for the celebratory 11th season of the movie showcase. Qualifying entries must be submitted by Nov. 27th at Chicago Onscreen Submissions.

Chicago Onscreen supports and highlights the filmmaking community with free, public screenings of locally-focused films in parks. Filmmakers of all ages, skill level and professional experience are encouraged to submit work for consideration.

Selected films will receive an honorarium up to \$500 in addition to the public screenings.

City Observes Veterans Day

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will honor veterans who have served our nation during this year's Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 11 a.m. at Soldier Field. The program includes an honor guard, live music from U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes.

Retired U.S. Navy Admiral Cecil D. Haney will deliver the keynote address, and members from each branch of the United States military and civic leaders will be represented. The ceremony will be held inside the United Club on the 1st floor of Soldier Field, 1410 S. Special Olympics Drive, 11am. (Doors open at 10am., enter at Gate O.)

Originally known as Armistice Day and so declared by President Woodrow Wilson, it was created to mark the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I. Following World War II, it was declared a day to honor all veterans and in 1954, renamed Veterans Day by Congress.

The City's Veterans Day event will be live-streamed on the Mayor's Twitter and Facebook as well as on Chicago.gov/Live.

Business attire or service dress uniform is requested. Complimen-

tary parking is available at the Waldron Deck Parking Structure; exit at 18th Street from DuSable Lake Shore Drive. The event is open to the public and free to attend; reservations are recommended.

Expansion of Utility Aid

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are encouraging additional income-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 expanded to include income-eligible households that are disconnected or facing disconnection.

Eligible families can apply by visiting heliinoisfamilies.com or call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support 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.

Park District Winter Programs

The Chicago Park District offers an array of low-cost programs for all ages, ability levels, and families that operate Jan. 8th to March 24th. Programs can be viewed beginning Monday, Nov. 27th.

Online Registration accepted Monday, Dec. 4th at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks west of California ave. & for all Virtual Programs. Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks east of California ave. Tuesday, Dec. 5th at noon for gymnastics centers

In-Person Registration is accepted Saturday, Dec. 9th or Monday, Dec. 11th, if spots remain after online registration.

Review the Registration Checklist to facilitate the online process.

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

Ages 6-17 get the First Session of Youth Learn to Swim Programs Free with Coupon Code - First Free.

Park Kids After-school Program for ages 6 to 12

offers a variety of brain play, nature, fitness, sports, and art activities, along with homework time. Financial assistance is available.

The Park District's gymnastic centers offer quality instruction for beginners to advanced competitors year-round.

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

Youth (6-12 yrs.) can enjoy boxing, basketball, dance, woodcraft, cheerleading, fitness options and more.

Teens can choose from a variety of programs including basketball, cultural offerings, fitness classes and clubs.

Adults and Seniors are offered cultural activities, fitness and wellness and Pickleball.

Special Recreation programs are offered for individuals with disabilities. Participants will enjoy crafts, cooking, fitness and social clubs.

Contact (312) 742-7529.

Seasonal Fun In Millennium Park



Millennium Park will open the Holiday Season with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 17th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Emceed by Joe Donlon and Irika Sargent of CBS 2, the event will include multiple viewing locations with screens and concessions across the Park followed by fireworks.

The Holiday Art Market will be open Friday and Saturday, 12 to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

Located in the Chase Promenade North tent, local artists will sell a variety of items including jewelry, pottery, drawings and paintings. Holiday themed food, hot drinks, and cocktails will be available, along with live music.

Sing-Alongs will be conducted in Wrigley Square on Fridays, Dec. 1st to 15th from 6 to 7

p.m.

Ice skating at the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink returns Nov. 17th through March 3rd. DCASE presents free skating lessons (reservations required) from 9 to 10 a.m. on most Saturdays and Sundays, teaching beginner and intermediate ice skating and hockey skills

Major Rehab For Western Bridge

The Chicago Department of Transportation is planning a major rehabilitation of the South Western Avenue/Boulevard Bridge (SN 016-6056) over the Sanitary and Ship Canal. The construction of this project is planning to begin in Summer 2024.

The bridge was built in 1940, carry vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The rehabilitation includes full superstructure replacement, rehabilitation of the piers and abutments, pavement reconstruction adjacent to the bridge and pavement resurfacing between 31st to the north and RR viaduct to the south.

The proposal will include two sidewalks, two lanes of traffic in each direction on the boulevard and avenue, and on bike land in each direction on Western Avenue and restoration of architectural fixtures.

Construction will happen in three stages to allow traffic to utilize different sections of the bridge while it is under construction.

For more information, visit www.the12thward.org/western-bridge-updates.

MPAC Meeting

The McKinley Park Advisory Council will conduct its last meeting of the year at the Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Monday, Dec. 11th at 6 p.m.

Holiday Festival At Science Museum



The Museum of Science and Industry's annual holiday spectacle, *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*, is set to open Nov. 18th, with a ceremonial tree lighting and community-focused festival at 11 a.m. Themed around the science of snow, this year's annual holiday show will feature the photographic work of a snowflake scientist and will be accompanied by a range of on-site programs and events for all ages.

The celebration also includes a meet-and-greet with a Chicago Cubs player courtesy of Coca-Cola, activities from Sloomoo Institute, story time with Chicago Public Libraries, and live performances from local cultural institutions.

The exhibit, 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.

Jazz Showcase Celebrates DeJong

The Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth ct. will celebrate the life of Jim DeJong (1942-2023) on Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. The family and friends of Jim DeJong invite all to celebrate his impact on the music and arts community.

The event will be livestreamed on the Jazz Showcase's Facebook page. Visit jazzinchicago.org.

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 STEAM 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 from Nov. 18th 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.

Enrollment For Health Insurance

Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace is available through Jan. 15th.

The Illinois Department of Insurance released health insurance rates for the 2024 Plan Year from twelve issuers.

Enhanced subsidies from the Inflation Reduction Act are still available, allowing more people to qualify for financial help to purchase health plans.

Last year in Illinois, 342,995 plans were selected during Open Enrollment, and more than 88% of enrollees received advanced premium tax credits to help lower their monthly premiums.

Consumers must enroll by Dec. 15th to have health insurance coverage start on Jan. 1st. After the Jan.15th, deadline for Open Enrollment, consumers can only purchase insurance coverage on the ACA Marketplace if they have a qualifying life event, including losing job-based coverage, getting married, having a child, adopting a child, or moving.

For the 2024 Analysis of the Illinois Exchange Plan, visit: Illinois Department of Insurance. For information on the ACA Marketplace Open Enrollment period, visit: GetCoveredIllinois.gov.

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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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Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



Tibetan Sand Mandala Creation with Lama Losang Samten.

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 event offers wine and appetizer.

Coming Nov. 9th-12th in collaboration with the Chicago TIBETcenter. Renowned Tibetan scholar, the Venerable Losang Samten, will be visiting the Heritage Museum to demonstrate the meditative art of Tibetan, mandala sand painting over the course of four days. To sponsor the Sand Mandala Program or discuss custom sponsorship opportunities, email Deelyu@heritageasia-nart.org.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

Baby & Toddler Programs

Time for Tots ages 18-36 months Mondays, Nov. 13th & 27th, Dec. 4th & 11th at 10:30 a.m. Read stories, learn the ABCs, sing songs and make a craft to take home.

Baby Book Club Friday, Nov. 17th at 9:30 a.m., ages 0-12 months. Explore a preselected set of books with your baby, sing songs, play and meet other families.

Time for Tots, ages 18 to 36 months with a caregiver, will experience stories, songs, rhymes and a themed craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, build puzzles and play with toys. The event is offered Mondays through Dec. 11th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Programs

Saturday Play Day for ages 3 to 5 on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 11 a.m. Have fun playing with library's toys, including imagination station, kitchen toys, trains, cars, dolls, puzzles and more.

Turkey Story Time Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 10:30 a.m., ages 18 months to 4 years. Join us for a fun pumpkin story time and craft. Early arrivals can color or build a puzzle. Play time follows.

Thanksgiving Themed Yoga Thursday, Nov. 16th at 6 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Yoga guru Mr. Kim is back for a special Halloween class designed especially for little ones.

ABCs & Me! Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 10:30 a.m., ages 18 months to 5 years. Join us for a special Halloween story time. Children may wear their Halloween costumes.

School Age Programs

LEGO Challenges for ages 6 to 8 on Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 3:30 p.m. Work in teams to complete timed LEGO challenges. Creations will be put on display in the library.

The Science Connections program will conduct Transportation Exploration for ages 8 to 10 on Mondays, during November. Children will be able to work on a project with provided materials. Topics are Careening Cars on Nov. 20th at 11:30 a.m. and Stumping STEM Challenges, Nov. 20th at 11:30 a.m. and Dec. 4th at 4:30 p.m.

ArtVentures for ages 6 to 12 on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 4 p.m. Get your hands on a variety of craft supplies and see what you can make. Take your creation home or leave it to display in the library.

Homeschoolers' Book Club for ages 7 to 9 on Friday, Nov. 17th at 1:30 p.m. Meet up with other

kids to discuss a featured book.

Pre-Thanksgiving UNO for ages 6 to 11 on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 1 p.m.

Teen Programs

Wood Burning on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 6 p.m. Take drawing to the next level and add fire. Using a heated tool to burn a design onto wood.

Button Maker on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 6 p.m. Drop in to make big 2.25" buttons. Perfect to decorate tote bags, bookbags and jean jackets.

Senior Programs

Senior Cookie Exchange on Saturday, Nov. 18th at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring in recipes to copy and cookies to pass out to the others to take home. Enter our special raffle that day. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Games People Play is available on Thursdays through Nov. 30th (except Thanksgiving) from 2 to 4 p.m. with Scrabble, Pinochle, Yahtzee, cards, trivia and more. Bring your own game and a friend.

Senior Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bud and Marge will serenade with holiday tunes and good cheer. Wear something festive - gold, red or green. Refreshments will be provided.

Adult Programs

Crochet 101 Series on Sundays, Nov. 12th & 26th, Dec. 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Create your own project. Bring what you have from home or we have supplies.

Adult book discussion of Arsenic and Adobo by Mia P. Manansala on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 6 p.m.

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

Family Plays At Beverly Arts Ctr.

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. will present the delightful play, "Annie Jr." Nov. 16th to 18th. Little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

The Baffes Theatre will feature "The Christmas Schooner" Dec. 14th to 23rd. Based on the true story of the Rouse Simons, 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. For ticket information, visit beverlyartcenter.org.

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 Nov. 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.

Sensory Friendly Play Sessions

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, 5100 W. Museum drive offers Sensory Friendly Play Session on the second Wednesday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more info and tickets at \$3 person. Visit www.cmoaklawn.org.

Veteran's Day at Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit CZS - Brookfield Zoo

A variety of military memorabilia and vehicles will be on display for guests to view at Brookfield Zoo Veterans Day event.

In honor of those who served our nation, the Chicago Zoological Society is hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at Brookfield Zoo. Admission to the Zoo will be free to all veterans and their families (parking fee still apply).

A variety of activities and entertainment will take place at the Discovery Center. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., guests can view military memorabilia and vehicles. Representatives from Cook County's Military and Veterans Discount Program, Honor Flight Chicago, and Wounded Warriors will share information about their organizations. Zoogoers will have the opportunity for experi-

ences with the Zoo's animal ambassadors between 11 and 11:30 a.m.

From noon to 12:45 p.m., guests can enjoy a performance by the Legacy Girls as they sing hit tunes from the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. The posting of colors and singing of the National Anthem follows at 12:45 p.m. The Jesse White Tumblers will perform an entertaining routine.

The Chicago Zoological Society offers free general admission to Brookfield Zoo year-round to active, reserve, and retired members of the Armed Forces with an ID.

For a schedule of Veterans Day ceremony activities, visit CZS.org/VeteransDay.

Lifeguard Course At McGuane Park



Photo provided by the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District is conducting Lifeguard Certification at McGuane Park, 2901 S. Poplar through Nov. 19th. This is an American Red Cross Blended Learning Waterfront Lifeguard Training Course. Pocket mask and American Red Cross Training materials will be provided. There is online course work, and in person skills and evaluation.

Prerequisites: The first day of class you must complete the following: Any online components assigned by the instructor, a 550yd continuous swim using front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both without stopping, 2 minutes treading without support and an underwater timed event. If you cannot complete these skills you will not be allowed to take the class. You also will be required to utilize a valid email for registration and online course work with the American Red Cross. Contact (312) 742-7529.

DOA Counseling For Medicare

The Medicare open enrollment period is open through Dec. 7th. Older adults looking to make changes to their Medicare coverage can receive counseling and assistance through the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior Health Insurance Program.

To help beneficiaries compare available plans and make an informed decision about which option best meets their needs, counseling is provided at no cost to people with Medicare.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a local SHIP counselor to review their current plan, costs, and health needs, then see how other plan options compare.

For more information, call 1-800-252-8966 or email AGING.SHIP@illinois.gov.

Obituaries

MARIA DONES NUNEZ passed away on Oct. 29th at the age of 95. She was the wife of late Santiago Dones; mother of Virginia Dones Trevino (Jose Trevino) and Sonia (Oswaldo (Realivasquez); sister of Emilio Martinez; grandmother of 5 and great grandmother of 6. Visitation was held Nov. 2nd at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 3rd at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment was at Mount Auburn Cemetery, 4101 S Oak Park ave, Stickney.



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 through Dec. 29th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will join Ms. Katie for songs and stories.

Family Crafts for ages 3 and up will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 18th from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

The Early Readers Book Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 9th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. New and beginning readers are invited to build their early literacy skills by reading a story together and playing literacy games.

The Baby and Toddler Play Group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 21st from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Holiday STEAM Challenge will be conducted on Thursday, Nov. 30th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Kids 5 and up are invited to take on challenges related to the winter holidays.

A Sew Your Own Holiday Gift workshop will be held on Monday, Nov. 27th from 6 to 7 p.m. Give your loved ones a creative gift from the heart. Learn

how to sew a fun project with costume designer Anna Glowacki. Space is limited. Once registration fills, walk-ins will be taken if space is available. Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Forest Preserves Issues Warning

Residents should not dump leaves, yard clippings, fallen branches or any yard waste into the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Instead, your yard waste belongs: In your yard: Beneficial native insects spend the winter in the ground, under leaf litter and in the stems and dead plant material, improving the soil and providing food for birds.

In your compost bin: Set up a compost bin or pay for a composting service in your area. It reduces rat issues, methane gas, and protects the preserves.

Using a lawn service? Ask them what happens to your yard waste.

People caught dumping pumpkins (or anything) in the Forest Preserves can be fined up to \$500. Visit fpdcc.com.

Free Help With College Applications

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission annual College Changes Everything® Campaign provides free college and financial aid application completion workshops.

This year, activities will extend through the winter to better support students and families in light of the transition to and later launch date of the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The U.S. Department of Education announced that the new, simplified 2024-25 FAFSA will not be available until December 2023. To align with the launch of the FAFSA,

the 2024-25 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid for qualifying undocumented students will also launch in December 2023.

During November, ISAC and partners will continue to offer free college application workshops, as well as planning and financial aid presentations. Everyone who plans to complete the FAFSA will need to get an FSA ID (username and password), and the process may involve multiple steps. Free workshops encourage everyone to get their FSA ID now, so they will be ready to complete the FAFSA once it is available.

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id>.

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, Nov. 11th 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.

Workshops For Emotional Wounds

Centro Sanar is conducting a therapeutic group for people who seek to heal emotional wounds caused by one of more interpersonal relationships, learning therapeutic techniques to process emotions and regulate nervous systems at Immaculate Conception, 2745 W. 44th st. on Wednesdays through Nov. 22nd from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Register at (224) 788-7201 or email intakecentrosanar.org.

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From every city, town and crossroads in the nation, you answered the call to arms. You fought courageously. Some of you still bear the scars of war.

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Holiday Lights At Lincoln Park Zoo



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Lincoln Park Zoo's annual ZooLights presented by ComEd and Invesco QQQ returns for its 29th year, Nov. 17th to 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, Thanksgiving Eve and New Year's Eve are \$10 person. General admission is free on Mondays. Tickets will be available to the general public mid-October with a special presale for members.

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 Thanksgiving Day, 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 Sensory-Friendly Night on Wednesday, Dec. 6th; Family-friendly New Year's Eve with a special countdown every hour; Rides and Special Attractions.

Holiday events include: The Chris White Trio Tribute to A Charlie Brown Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 10th and Adults Night Out: Holiday on Thursday, Dec. 14th.

To learn more, visit lpzoo.org.

Homeless Youth And Suicide

Youth.gov suggests that providing timely and direct interventions to youth experiencing homelessness is important to protect them from suicidal ideation and other risks from living on the streets. Also important is providing these young people access to mental health care.

The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of youth suicide through educational awareness programs. If you have friends or loved ones who are homeless, it is necessary to know the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide. For more information, visit www.jasonfoundation.com.

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 Thursdays, Nov. 23rd and Dec. 28th from 4 to 5 p.m. Books are available in physical and digital formats. Titles are October: *Flamer* by Mike Curato, November: *Maus* by Art Spiegelman and December: *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 Sundays through 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 Mondays through Dec. 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials will be provided to create a fun art project.

Self Care for ages 13 to 19 will be offered on Thursday, Dec. 7th from 4 to 5 p.m. Each month, a new activity will give teens the tools to manage their mental health.

Beading Time: Craft for Adults will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 2 to 3 p.m. Make bracelets, necklaces and ornaments with your own beads or use ours. On Dec. 9th, an Illusion Necklace will be created for a special occasion or for a gift. Register at the registration desk.

The Manga and Anime Club will meet on Thursdays, Nov. 9th and Dec. 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. Discuss books, shows, and discover new favorites.

Sit n' Stitch: Crochet and Knitting Club for ages 13 to 19 will meet on Thursday, Nov. 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Chat and learn new patterns, or swap supplies. Bring your own materials as supplies may be limited.

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.

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

DINovember Stories and Crafts for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers is set for Sunday, Nov. 12th from 2 to 3 p.m. Stomp and roar your way through an active dinosaur-themed story time. Fun dinosaur crafts will follow.

Craft Lab: Hand Stitched Cards for teens and adults will be taught on Monday, Nov. 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All materials will be provided. Register online or in person. Gift Cards will be featured on Dec. 11th.

I Can Do It: Preschool Story time for ages 3 to 5 and caregiver on Thursday, Nov. 16th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Grow their practical life skills in this Montessori-inspired program.

For more information, visit chipublib.org.

Awareness Month For Adoption

November is Adoption Awareness Month, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is celebrating the lifelong commitment of families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need of loving families.

Today there are 19,835 youth in care waiting for a family and place to call home. To learn more, visit the Heart Gallery of Illinois at <https://greenlight-family-services.org/heart-gallery/ffil/>. For information about becoming an adoptive parent, visit dcsf.illinois.gov and click on "Loving Homes" then on "Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent."

DCFS offers a range of supports to adoptive families, including reimbursement for attorney fees and court costs, a monthly subsidy, a medical card and other benefits which assist in defraying expenses. Many considering adoption become licensed foster families first, giving them a better understanding of the needs of children from disrupted families before making a life-changing decision.

Concessions For Park District

The Chicago Park District has available concession opportunities. Submit your business concept by Nov. 21st.

Opportunities may vary by location and type of operation including food and beverage, retail and services.

Food & beverage: fine and casual dining, cafes, grab-n-go, carts and more.

Retail & services: wide range from bike, beach chair and chair and umbrella, jet ski, and kayak rental; to massage, newsstands and many others.

Apply at parkconcessions.com.

Pet Adoption Fee Waived

Chicago Animal Care and Control, 2741 S. Western will conduct adoption Yappy Hour during November. Adoption fees will be waived on weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit cityofchicago.org/cacc or call (312) 747-1406.

Free Throw At West Lawn Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Turkey Basketball Free Throw Contest for ages 9 to 12 at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Contact (312) 742-7529.

Fall Color In Forest Preserves



Fall foliage is set to peak in October this year, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County can help visitors find the closest fall color hot spot via a new interactive web map feature.

In the first update, the interactive web map, found at map.fpdcc.com, compiled a list of spots most likely to feature dramatic fall color.

Created in 2021, the interactive web map helps users locate hundreds of Forest Preserves locations, trails, amenities and activities available throughout 70,000 acres of natural public land. The new Fall Color activity filter joins 28 other searchable activities, many of which are free to participants, from fishing, biking, Nature Centers, picnic spots, canoeing to birding.

Highlights include: Deer Grove, N Quentin Rd, north of W Dundee Rd., the entire complex is ablaze with color, and the site's topography makes it a must-see destination.

River Trail Nature Center, 3120 Milwaukee Ave in Northbrook, The

sugar maple bush offers a stunning display of yellows and oranges.

Thatcher Woods, Chicago Ave, west of Thatcher Ave., Traverse unpaved trails to explore this floodplain forest with an incredible canopy of yellows and oranges.

Orland Grassland-South, Orland Grassland Land and Water Reserve and Orland Grove, just west of La Grange Road near Orland Park. The grasslands offer intense fall color too, with neon pink, yellow and orange. Late-blooming goldenrods, asters and gentians will enhance your color display.

Schubert's Woods, Sauk Trail, west of Ashland Ave. features bright yellows in the understory and burgundy oaks in the canopy.

Forest Preserves Resource Operations Manager Nick Kuhn says a dry spring followed by rainy summer and crisp September evenings means some of the most vibrant colors in nature can be expected this month. Visit fpdcc.com.

Mexican Museum Offers Programs

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

Reservations for docent-led tours of Dia de Muertos exhibition can be made on the website via online form.

The Museum's youth initiative Yollocalli Arts Reach has been chosen to participate in a charitable giving campaign funded by Target. Now through Dec. 31st, vote for us through the Target Circle program. Find out more and vote at www.target.com/circle.

Yollocalli Arts Reach presents its annual Chill Set: a late night at the museum for youth 25 years and under on Friday, Nov. 17th. Enjoy exhibits, dance to a live band and DJ and eat snacks. Registration is encouraged for this free event.

Chill Set on Saturday, Nov. 11th is intended to give teens a safe and engaging evening of art and community, a party and a workshop. Adults are not invited, exceptions for group chaperones. Order tickets at bit.ly/chillset23.

Loyola University Chicago is interested in understanding more about children's learning and improving the academic success by participating in two 45-60 minute conversations with a family of children ages 3.5 Families will receive \$45 and a small gift. Email cmaldonado1@luc.edu for more information.

The U.S. Latinx Art Forum is co-presenting the second installment in the 2023-24 season of The Art of Research, X as Intersection online via zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 3 p.m.

The methods that Diógenes Ballester, Daisy Quezada Ureña and Diana Solís employ share a resemblance to anthropological study and investigative journalism.

This conversation is

Junior Football At Soldier Field

Junior Bear is a tackle football program with two divisions; 8-10-year-old pee wee and 11-13-year-old varsity with season that runs from Sept. to Nov. Uniforms, transportation, and giveaways are provided. The championship Mum Bowl will be held at Soldier Field on Friday, Nov. 10th at 6:30 p.m. Admission and parking is free.

This program is coordinated and administered by the Chicago Park District's Athletics Department.

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 Thursdays, Nov. 16th and 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.

Family Craft Night will be enjoyed on Thursdays, Nov. 9th and Dec. 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LEGO Duplo Club will meet on Thursdays, Nov. 9th to 16th and 30th, Dec. 7th to 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 Tuesdays through 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 Tuesdays through Dec. 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Story time will Mx. Dannie has stories, songs and other fun activities to practice literacy skills on Wednesdays through Dec. 20th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

STEM Agent Academy - Secret Agent Science for 3rd through 8th grade is conducted on Thursdays through Dec. 21st from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join Mx. Dannie to perform a variety of science experiments.

Attendees and their families will be invited to attend Family Day at the Museum of Science and

Industry on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. A bus from the library branch will travel to the museum for a day of exploring.

Poetry Workshop with Brighton Park Poets will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19th from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Participants will discuss source poems, respond to thoughtful prompts and share their work.

The facilitator is bilingual (English, Spanish). Though most of the workshop will be facilitated in English, work written in Spanish is welcome and prompts can be offered in both languages.

Marquette and Joliet's Voyage in Their Own Words will be explained on Tuesday, Nov. 14th from 6 to 7 p.m. Travel back in time to the 17th century when America was full of indigenous peoples and dangerous terrain. Listen to these two explorers in their own words with a talk from historian E.J. Neafsey who has researched the voyage.

Teen DIY will create something new with provided materials on Saturday, Nov. 25th from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Water Dept. Offers New Service Link

The Chicago Department of Water Management is offering free lead service liner replacements and free water meters to income-qualified homeowners through the Equity Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The program will replace your lead service line with a new copper line saving you over \$16,000.

Complete the application online by visiting <https://chicagowaterquality.org/LSLREquity> or by calling (312) 742-2406 to have an application mailed to you.

You must reside in the home you own, have a household income less than 80% of the area median, income of \$66,700 for two people. Full list of household size and income limits at <https://chicagowaterquality.org/LSLREquity>.

For more information on this and other programs, visit <https://www.leadSAFEchicago.org>.

Forest Preserve Picnic Permits

The Forest Preserves of Cook County announces that 2024 Picnic Permits will go on sale on Wednesday, Nov. 15th (online only). In-person reservations start Thursday, Nov. 16th at 8 a.m. at 536 N. Harlem ave. and 87th & Western ave.

Visit fpdcc.com/permits or call (800) 870-3666 option 1 for more information.

Free Tests For COVID-19

CPS households can visit covidtests.gov to order four free COVID-19 rapid tests to be delivered to their home through the U.S. government. Households are eligible even if they have previously received free tests. These are rapid antigen-at-home tests, which allow individuals to receive their results within 30 minutes. Take a COVID-19 test.

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