



Review The News



By Dr. R. Pletsch

During this election cycle, most people rely on soundbites to form their ideas. When people are asked where they heard something, a huge number say on the soundbites between my TV shows. These soundbites help us form our ideas about the issues and character of the candidates. The trouble with this is, if you constantly watch the same channels you may not be exposed to the entire story. Some of the stations are actively pro-Democrat or pro-Republican. They give only the part of the story that favors their candidate or maybe not cover a story at all.

Some of you might not have heard of "Hunter's Laptop". Many news outlets did not cover this issue, some just pretended it didn't happen. Why is this significant? Well

many who did not hear about it later, said it would have changed their vote. The situation was very close and unfair to the voters. If the laptop story interests you, look it up as it has much internet coverage. For this article, I choose not to discuss the issue. But if you are interested, do so.

There are numerous items like this that you may think of on your own. I recently was surprised to find how many seemingly aware individuals do not know that the FBI recently arrested several foreign nationals in possession of machine guns. They were part of a plan to attack polling places on election day. Think about it, if five men with automatic weapons attacked your polling place, it is protected by one CPD officer with a Glock. The officer would probably be the first casualty.

The point is to be aware of your surroundings and listen to more than one station for your news. Then make up your own mind and if your news reporter uses the same "word of the day" change the station and listen to someone else. They do exist. You may still not know the full story, but your diligence might bring you to a conclusion more in line with your family's worries and concerns on the issues. We, as a people, deserve this from each other.

Tennis Improvements For McKinley Park



The McKinley Park tennis courts are back open after being resurfaced by the Chicago Park District. The six courts along 37th street remain strictly for tennis. New striping for four new pickleball courts has been added to the two Western Blvd. courts which can still be used for tennis.

LaCoco's Celebrates 40th Anniversary



LaCoco's Pizza and Sports Club, 47th & Homan is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a spooky and music filled Halloween party from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. A costume contest will feature prizes of \$100 cash for 1st place; \$75 gift card for 2nd and \$50 gift card for 3rd.

The business opened with a 900 square foot wooden building in

August of 1984. In 1992, a pizza recipe was developed and is still in use. In 1997, construction of new masonry building was started. A 2 story building with sports bar and party room was added in 2001. A beer garden was completed in 2019.

Science Program At H-W Library

The Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. will conduct STEAM - Powered Saturday, Oct. 26th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hands-on activities will include: making slime, science play for the youngest kids, testing your sense of smell, creating art using robots, live animals presentations and more.

For kids 3 to 11 ages and their families. A parent or guardian's email address must be used to register at chipublib.org.

Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



The Chicago Architecture Center will sponsor Open House Chicago free admission weekend at the Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19th - 20th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a self-guided tour and explore more nearby fun places in Bridgeport.

A Make Your Own Antique Paper Clay Workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 2 to 4 p.m. General admission is \$8. Craft your own mini sculpture, inspired by the museum's collection led by painter and sculptor Cai Shuo. No prior art experience is needed and the workshop is open to all ages.

The 2024 Year of the Dragon Exhibition has been extended to the end of the Lunar New Year, with more performances, workshops, and collaboration with local artists in the program - The Dragon Within: Loong and Global Symbols.

3rd Friday Free Admission Night is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 18th at 6:45 p.m. The event offers wine and appetizers in addition to an engaging evening tour led by a museum docent.

For more information, visit heritageasian-art.org or call (312) 842-8884.

Native Life At Newberry Library

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St. is featuring "Indigenous Chicago" exhibition through Jan. 4th.

Developed in partnership with advisors from the Chicago Native community and representatives from tribal nations with historic connections to Chicago. The latest exhibition reflects the dynamic aspects of Native life from the 17th century to the present.

The project includes a guided audio tour of the exhibition galleries, digital resources and interactive maps, curriculum for high school social studies students and new oral histories of community members.

The Bookshop has

titles related to the exhibition including *Paper Cuts*, a graphic novel by Jim Terry (Ho Chunk), *Sacred City*, a collection of short stories by Theodore Van Alsi Jr. (Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians), and three volumes of *Super Indian*, a series of comic books by Aragon Starr (Kickapoo).

The Newberry will host Public Programs in collaboration with the exhibition. Indigenous Artists and the Archives, Mapping Indigenous Chicago, Oct. 17th, 6 p.m. on Zoom and Indigenous People and the Chicago Portage, Nov. 21st, 6 p.m., in-person and livestreamed on Zoom.

Name Finalists For DCASE Music Showcase

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events in collaboration with Next Showcase USA announces the 15 finalists selected to perform in the 2024 DCASE Chicago Made Music Showcase Finale on Saturday, Oct. 19th at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center Claudia Cassidy Theater, 78 E Washington St. The Finalists will perform before a live audience and panel of industry experts to win networking opportunities, performing

opportunities, and one artist/group will receive the \$10,000 grand prize. The Showcase Finale is free and open to the public at 6 p.m. Visit ChicagoMade.us for more information.

Chicago Made supports local creatives with the necessary resources to get started and keep going in the music, film and creative industries.

Finalists include: Da Legend, Mike Lawry Baby, Zia Jenaye, St. John Family Hour, Dr. Soul, Clarice, King Limitless, M.E.H., NDP-NDNT, Zara Zahariva, Miata, So Darling, Zion Ali, Song Bird and Zaji Uchenna.

Phone Bank To Help Taxpayers

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas and ABC 7 Chicago will host an "Our Homes Matter" phone bank.

Taxpayers can call (312) 603-5105 between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17th to search for potential refunds.

Eight phone banks have been held since 2021 and helped 15,718 taxpayers identify more than \$31.5 million owed for overpayments and missed exemptions.

Owners of residential properties may be eligible for six types of exemptions: Homeowner, Senior Citizen, Senior Freeze, Person with Disabilities, Disabled Veteran and Returning Veteran.

Callers who are unable to connect with phone bank representative may research eligibility for refunds at cookcountytreasurer.com by using the purple box on the home page labeled "Your Property Tax Overview" and enter their address.

Localites At Albion College

Albion College announces first year students from Chicago who have been accepted to programs that offer enhanced instruction, experiential learning opportunities, and focused career preparation in pre-medical studies, public policy, business, environmental studies, social change, professional education, and the liberal arts.

Eric Garcia-Arista a graduate of Monsueto High School, joined the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management.

Francisco Izquierdo, a graduate of UIC College Prep, joined the Lisa & James Wilson Institute for Medicine.

Joan Espana, a graduate of Mansueto High School, joined the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service.

Collections Fall After Property Tax Increases

More property owners failed to pay their property taxes on time following record increases in south suburban residential tax bills this year, according to an analysis by the Office of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

The spike in south suburban tax delinquencies, combined with a smaller collections drop-off in other parts of the county, led to \$225 million in additional taxes going uncollected. That puts more residents at risk of losing their homes and squeezes finances for schools, municipalities and other taxing districts, according to the latest edition of the Pappas Portal newsletter.

Cook suburbs with the lowest collection rates were Ford Heights (31.38%), Robbins (50.06%), Harvey (52.19%), Phoenix (60.78%), Riverdale (67.19%), Willow Springs (73.38%), Dixmoor (73.68%), Calumet Park (77.98%), Chicago Heights (78.99%) and Dolton (79.06%).

Taxpayers can avoid the Annual Tax Sale, Pappas said. The sale, which can lead to the loss of one's property, is held about 13 months after the due date. Pappas proposed legislation signed into law last year that halved the interest rate on late tax payments to 9% annually to ease the burden on struggling homeowners.

A new property tax payment calculator on her office's website, cookcountytreasurer.com, shows property owners how to pay in installments to avoid the sale.

The number of delinquencies, or property owners who had not paid their full tax bills 31 days

after they were due, increased by 22,500 to 195,845 this year, compared to 173,345 for the same period in 2023.

The countywide collection rate one month after bills were due stood at 95.1%, a 1.3% decrease from the same point in the previous year. In the south and southwest suburbs, collections were down by 1.5% — fueled by a 27.7% increase in the number of residential delinquencies — after reassessments in that region shifted much of the tax burden from businesses to homeowners.

Two factors — a record-short period between final tax bills in 2023 and 2024 and the dramatic shift of the tax burden in the south and southwest suburbs — likely contributed to the drop in collections. Economic factors, such as higher consumer prices, a financially struggling office and retail sector, and the lower interest rate on late bills also may have played a role.

More than one in 10 households in the south and southwest suburbs still owed taxes in 2024, a 27.4% increase from the previous year. South suburban seniors, in particular, seemed to have had a hard time paying. The number of delinquencies on properties with senior exemptions — which indicate it's the primary residence of someone 65 or older — grew by 50.6%.

But many, if not most, senior delinquencies will be reversed after assessment errors are fixed.

Visit the Pappas Portal newsletter page at cookcountytreasurer.com to read the collection rate report.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



Photo credit CZS-Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo Chicago will conduct Holiday Magic on Nov. 22nd - 24th, 29th - 30th and Dec. 1st, 5th-8th, 12th-15th, 19th-22nd, 26th-31st from 3 to 9 p.m.

Discover giant illuminated animals, a tunnel show, visits with Santa,

walk through displays, 900+ decorated trees lit up by community groups, Candy Cane Lane and Sparkling Coast.

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

Meet Santa from Nov. 22nd to Dec. 22nd from 5-8 p.m. at Seven Seas underwater viewing area.

Four indoor habitats will be open during Holiday Magic: The Swamp, Living Coast, Great Bear Wilderness Underwater Viewing, and Seven Seas Underwater Viewing. Outdoor habitats will feature big cats, bison, camels, kangaroos and reindeer.

For more information, visit brookfieldzoo.org.

Respiratory Virus Season Begins

The Illinois Department of Public Health is reminding the public that October brings the start of respiratory virus season. Illinoisans are urged to safeguard them from illnesses that surge during the fall and winter, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. This includes getting vaccinated.

The Department has upgraded its Seasonal Respiratory Illness Dashboard and has posted two new FAQ documents on its website providing the latest guidance on vaccinations and how to get tested and treated. A new Respiratory Illness Data Channel provides nationwide information for anyone planning to travel out of state.

Anyone with respiratory symptoms — such as coughing, a runny nose, or fever — should try to self-isolate unless they need to seek medical care.

The new vaccines are available at pharmacies and through hospitals, and community health clinics. The major pharmacy chains allow you to make an appointment to get a shot online. For help finding a provider of vaccines, go to www.vaccines.gov.

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.

On Saturday, Oct. 26th, we celebrate Dia de los Muertos with flowers, food and drink. Guests will enjoy ofrendas, live musical performance and art activities.

Studio Saturday: Clay Sculpting for ages 7 to 12 with Daniel Paredes is on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 9 to 11 a.m. \$30 registration fee covers all materials.

Join us for Listos para el museo on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Families with children 6 and younger are invited to learn from artists Jacobo and Maria Angeles. This workshop is free with a suggested donation of \$20.

Late Wednesdays are back on Nov. 6th and Dec. 4th from 5 to 8 p.m.

Viva la Vida is a free monthly workshop series tailored for ages 55+ on Thursday, Oct. 24th from 1 to 3:30 p.m. An experience in the galleries followed by an art making activity to create "nichos".

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

"Calidad" in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery through March 16th.

Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection. The Museum, in partnership with the Government of the State of San Luis Potosi will present Xantolo on Friday, Oct. 18th at noon with a conversation entitled: "The Tradition of Zantolo in the Huasteca Potosina". A workshop entitled Zantolo's Ofrenda Kitchen will follow at 3 p.m. A musical performance is set for 6 p.m. in the Ray Castro Plaza. This free event will be presented in Spanish.

The 10th annual Dia de los Muertos Love Never Dies Ball will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 6 to 10 p.m. Enjoy a festive Day of the Dead celebration in remembrance of departed loved ones with live music, DJs, dancing, culinary treats, cocktails, silent auction and open galleries.

Yollocalli will present Chill Set for youth 25 years old and under on Friday, Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. with music, health information, workshops and food. This event is free and registration is encouraged.

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

Halloween Shows At Beverly Arts Center

Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. has scheduled Season of the Witch: Halloween movie shows.

Holy Ghost Bingo, an interactive Halloween comedy night of Goblins and games is set for Friday, Oct. 18th at 7:30 p.m. Adults only \$32.

Youth theatre company will perform *The Addams Family* a new musical comedy on Oct. 24th to 27th, Thursday & Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is \$15.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show with shadow cast will offer two

shows on Saturday, Oct. 28th at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Admission is \$25. Guests are encouraged to attend in costume and patrons will receive a prop bag to take part in the spooky mayhem.

County Launches Grants Program

The Cook County Office of the President announced the launch of its Digital Equity IMPACT Small Grants Program to support community organizations in using storytelling as a tool to promote digital inclusion. Funded with \$187,500 provided by the American Rescue Plan Act, this initiative will award \$7,500 or \$15,000 depending on the size and scope of project.

City Bureau, an innovative nonprofit journalism lab, will co-design and implement this program.

Applications must be submitted by Nov. 15th. For more information and how to apply, visit www.cookcountyil.gov/service/digital-equity.

Midway C of C Plans Halloween Parade

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Annual Halloween Pumpkin Jamboree Parade on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 10 a.m. Archer/Nordica line-up by 9:30 a.m. Eastbound on Archer Ave. to 56th St. to Merimac southbound to 56th St./Kennedy HS.

Must register on line at www.garfieldridgecc.com to participate.

12th Ward Plans Viaduct Clean-Ups

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez has scheduled community clean-ups for local viaducts. The 36th & California location will meet at The Hut, 3601 S. California on Saturday, Oct. 19th at 10 a.m.

The 34th & Hoyle location will meet at Hoyle Park, 3417 S. Hamilton on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 10 a.m.

The 34th & Damen location will meet at LaPalapa, 2000 W. 34th St. on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 10 a.m.

Cleaning materials and refreshments will be provided. Wear comfortable work clothes. For more information, call (773) 475-6783 or visit ward12@cityofchicago.org

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Fall Features At Morton Arboretum



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

With the Chicago region experiencing an official moderate drought, the tree experts at The Morton Arboretum say it is still too early to tell how it will impact the timing and vibrancy of peak fall leaf color changes.

The region's lack of moisture triggered early fall color in some trees, including walnut, honey locust and other drought-sensitive species, such as certain birches. These trees have shown mostly yellow leaves, with some individual leaves already shedding. Some trees and seedlings also have shriveled green leaves.

Trees that have already turned color and are losing leaves will likely continue to do so. Receiving more rain would help slow the

process in trees that are partially turned or have yet to turn.

The Arboretum, which has tree collections containing nearly 4,100 species has a long fall-color season.

The Arboretum's annual Fall Color Festival features the Fall Color 5K Run and Walk, Oct. 26th; Walking Plays: "The Grimmet of Tales," weekends through Oct. 27th; and the Senorita Mariposa Story Walk, daily through Oct. 31st.

Seasonal concessions will be available on weekends in October outside the Visitor Center, with apple cider doughnuts, taffy apples, cotton candy, warm kettle corn, warm pretzels, chili, craft beers and warm beverages.

For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

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.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, Nov. 7th, 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 rime 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.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion

for ages 13 & up is scheduled for Thursdays, Oct. 17th, Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Middle Ground for grades 6 to 8 is offered on Mondays through Dec. 9th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Play video games on Nintendo Switch, make crafts and art. Earn service hours for attendance.

Creative Teen DIY sessions for ages 13 to 19 are available on Tuesdays, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 5th, 19th and 26th, Dec. 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m. All materials will be provided and vary each time.

Family Story Time will feature picture books, stories, songs and a paper craft activity on Tuesdays through Dec. 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Teen Hideaway for ages 13 to 19 is open Thursdays, Oct. 17th and 24th, Nov. 7th to 21st, Dec. 5th and 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. Read in the teen area, create art of use our 3D Printer, button maker, sewing machine or vinyl cutter. Board games are also available. Visit chipublib.org to register.

Adult Night At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon dr., will celebrate Adults Night Out: Howl-o-ween presented by On The Rocks Premium Cocktails and -196 Vodka Seltzer on Thursday, Oct. 24th from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Costumes are encouraged. Features include complimentary face painting, DJ on main mall spins music all night, Halloween-themed animal chats, free rides on the ferris wheel, endangered species carousel and giant fun slide. Bars, concession stands and a food court with festive food and drink for purchase. Tickets are \$25, order at lpzoo.org.

Contest Promotes Recycling Challenge

Recycle by City invites all to join ChiSustOber, a month-long sustainability challenge designed to make the city more resilient while rewarding eco-conscious efforts.

Whether you're passionate about reducing waste, conserving energy, or just looking for ways to live more sustainably, this contest provides the opportunity to make local impact while having fun.

During October, participants will earn points by completing earth-friendly tasks and answering trivia questions through the ChiSustOber app.

The following local nonprofits are partners in ChiSustOber.

EcoShip: EcoShip collects used and new packaging materials from communities and provides them to local businesses and individuals for reuse.

Reduce Waste Chicago: Reduce Waste Chicago collects items for reuse, repurposing, reclamation, and recycling; provides education and inspiration to schools, groups and businesses.

Trash People run projects that facilitate connection and contribution to the community. They host neighborhood clean ups, Volunteer Fairs, and The Parlor, a resource redistribution project.

The WasteShed provides an organized, affordable, and reliable resource for repurposed art, craft, and school materials, with a dynamic center for activities related to sustainability, art, craft, education, and material culture.

Sign in at chisustober.com. Complete earth-friendly tasks and answer trivia questions at the ChiSustOber app. Document your completed tasks to earn points by Oct. 31st.

Prizes include: Five \$75 gift certificates to The Refillery, Chicago's zero-waste/refill store, will be awarded in a prize drawing for players who earn 200 points or more.

The grand prize, a \$150 Visa Gift Card will go to the player with the highest total points.

Visit chisustober.com.

Emergency Food And Shelter

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

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

Past due 1 month of rent or mortgage (principal & interest only). Must be a primary residence. 1st month's rent eligible (no security deposit assistance). Qualifying hardship such as unemployment, underemployment, medical or at risk of homelessness, etc.

For more information call (773) 523-7110 or visit financialservice@bpnccchicago.org. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

A CEDA Utility bill assistance information session will be held on Monday, Oct. 21st from 12 noon to 1 p.m. An Energy Services representative will answer questions about resources available to assist with heating, electric and water bills.

The Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion will offer a series of classes on how to prepare delicious food on Tues-

days at 11 a.m. on Nov. 12th and 19th, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th. Children under age 13 must be accompanied by a guardian, registration is not required.

The adult book club will discuss Viet Thanh Nguyen's Pulitzer Prize winning novel "The Sympathizer" while enjoying some Vietnamese food, drink and music on Wednesday, Nov. 13th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the front desk.

A jewelry making workshop with Joy Joshua is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11th from 4:30 to 6 p.m. You'll explore creative techniques using beads, raw materials and metals to design your own necklace, bracelet or earrings.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Creatures of Night At Garfield Park



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will present "Creatures of the Night" at Garfield Park Conservatory on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be live creatures in the tropical plant collection to explain the relationships between animals and plants. Activities will include Creepy Crafts, learning about carnivorous plants, Tiny Tot areas with a sensory table and storytelling, and a monster Mash Costume Bash. Reserve your time at <https://garfieldconservatory.org/visit>. Parents must accompany their children.

Shift in DMV Facility Hours

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced a change in DMV facility operating hours across the state to align with higher customer demand in the morning.

DMV locations will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., a half hour earlier than the previous hours of 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Facilities that offer services on

Saturday will also change from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Senior facilities located in Addison, Bridgeview - 7358 W. 87th st., Calumet Park, Evanston and Westchester will remain the same 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

To check facility hours, make an appointment or apply for online services, customers are encouraged to visit www.ilsos.gov.

Internship For Accounting Career

The Illinois CPA Society is accepting applications for its 13th annual Mary T. Washington Wylie Internship Preparation Program, which will be held virtually from Jan. 7th-9th, 2025. This three-day program is dedicated to preparing students for success in the accounting profession. Applications are due on Nov. 4th, 2024, and can be submitted at www.icpas.org/mtww.

College students who identify as a racial or ethnic minority who are Illinois residents, or who attend college in Illinois, and are seeking internships in accounting are encouraged to apply. Fol-

lowing a competitive selection process, program scholars will partake in an agenda that will arm them with the skills needed to secure their first accounting position and work toward earning the CPA credential. Participants will engage with representatives from various firms, who'll also interview participants for a variety of paid internships.

Other program highlights include motivational keynotes, resume advice, interview coaching, and opportunities to network with other accounting students and professionals. All participants receive a \$500 scholarship to help with their educational expenses.

Business Expo At McCormick Place

The Department of Procurement Services Government Hub will be exhibiting at McCormick Place, Oct. 22nd and 23rd.

Visit Booth 744 to learn of upcoming tenders and opportunities. Register for tickets at chicago.bizdexpo.com

Fall Fest At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Jewel-Osco will sponsor its 10th Annual Fall Fest at Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. Fridays to Sundays through October 27th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Enjoy free musical performances, a pumpkin patch, fall-themed enrichment for the animals, make s'mores or just view the seasonal decor. Some activities require ticket purchases.

For the family: Rides and attractions, including a Fun Slide, Game Zone, and inflatables. Free Story Time with the Chicago Public Library. Spooky Zoo presented by Comer Children's Hospital with trick-or-treating on Oct. 19th.

For the adults: Free fall garden tours with horticulturalists. Haunted History walkabouts led by Adam Selzer (ages 16+). Penguin Encounters for ages 6+. Adults Night Out: Howl-o-ween Presented by On the Rocks Premium Cocktails and -196 Vodka Seltzer (ages 21+).

Register at lpzoo.org.

CSO Announces 2024/25 Season

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association announces 2024/25 Season programming for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Center Presents. Marking its 134th season, the CSO recognized as one of the top orchestras in the world, regularly collaborating with an impressive range of internationally acclaimed guest artists and conductors to share their exceptional artistry with audiences.

Oct. 17th - 19th: Mozart Coronation Mass at 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. Oct. 19th: Family Matinee: Philharmonia Fantastique, Oct. 24th - 26th: Don Quixote, Oct. 25th: Charles Lloyd Jazz Quartet; Oct. 27th: Lila Downs; Dia de los Muertos, Oct. 31st - Nov. 3rd: Muti, Uchida, Emperor & Eroica.

Choose any three or more concerts and save 15%. Visit CSO.org or call (312) 294-3000.

Beat Meeting For 9th Dist. Police

The Chicago Police Department 9th District will conduct a public meeting for Beats 921 & 922 at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, Thursday, Nov. 7th. Beat 921 will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by 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 activities will entertain them while the adults engage in the meetings.

Obituaries

RALPH EDWARD LEE who was born on Oct. 28th, 1940 passed away on Oct. 13th at the age of 83. Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 18th from 10 to 11 a.m. at Moody Church, 1635 N. LaSalle dr. Funeral Mass will follow. Interment will be at Fairview Memorial Park, Northlake, IL. Services provided by Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director.

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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 Oct. 18th 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 two new permanent exhibitions in the sculpture garden. The focus is on the Lady Elgin, the deadliest disaster on the open waters of the Great Lakes, and on Captain Bill Pinkey, the first black sailor to solo-circumnavigate the globe around the five Great Capes. The event is free but there is a suggested \$20 donation to help support the programming.

Policy of Truth, an exhibition featuring political

art commentaries curated is open through Nov. 1st. The role of a political artist is to express and expose different points of view regarding global politics and social justice standards.

Bouncy House is a visual conversation and a party through Nov. 3rd. In this experimental show, you'll witness the exchange between two artists, Sheila Smith (b.1968) and NoonSlaps (b. 1994). In a blast of vibrant colors Noon's art gravitates towards cellular forms, giving life to irregular shapes adorned with intricate linework. Smith finds her center in humble dots, which she repeats and layers into hypnotic landscapes of waves, swirls and splashes.

Register at bridgeportart.com.

Music Jam At Dan Ryan Woods



Courtesy of Forest Preserves of Cook County

The Dan Ryan Visitor Center, 87th st. & Western Ave., will hold a Music Jam on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 12 to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "Hidden Valley Road" by Robert Kolker is the topic for Nov. 14th at 6 p.m. and "The Book Eaters" by Sunyi Dean on Dec. 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 Oct. 25th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Time for Tots Storytime, Mondays through Oct. 28th at 10:30 a.m. Ages 15 - 48 months. Join us for stories, songs & a craft.

Stories & Songs, Wednesdays through Oct. 30th at 10:30 a.m. Ages 15-48 months. Join us for stories, songs, bubbles and playtime. Early arrivals can build puzzles. Free play follows.

Halloween Preschool Yoga for ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Thursday, Oct. 17th from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Little Miss Ann Fall Concert for ages 18 months to 6 years will be held Saturday, Oct. 19th at 11 a.m.

Senior Coffee Hour will be enjoyed on Thursday, Nov. 14th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Games People Play for ages 18 and up is scheduled for Thursdays through Nov. 14th from 2 to 4 p.m. Play Scrabble, UNO, Yahtzee, cards, trivia, chess, pinocle and Mexican train. Bring your own game and a friend.

Visit our volunteer constructed Haunted House on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd from 6 to 7 p.m. Costumes are encouraged. A craft activity will follow.

Homeschool Meetup on Friday, Oct. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities will be available for kids while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share recourses.

Monday Mazes for ages 8 to 13 are scheduled through Oct. 28th at 4 p.m. Each week encounter new obstacles and build with various materials.

Dia de los Muertos is on Nov. 1st and 2nd. A community altar will be on display through Octo-

ber. Join in remembering loved ones who have passed away by bringing in picture copies of family, friends or pets. You can also email your picture to gherrera@chipublib.org through Monday, Oct. 21st.

Oak Street Health will sponsor Spooky Bingo for seniors on Thursday, Oct. 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be 10 games and prizes.

Ask a librarian for a pumpkin coloring sheet or make a paper pumpkin of your own at home. Your entry will be included on the Pumpkin Patch Wall and three winners will be chosen to receive a scary Halloween book. There is one entry and winner for ages 3-5; ages 6-8 and ages 9-12.

Join us in celebration of Polish American Heritage Month with local Polish American educator and performer. The Headspin Guy on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 4 p.m. The program features music, movement and interactive activities.

Teens ages 13-18 will paint Glow in the Dark Totes on Friday, Oct. 25th at 2 p.m.

A Senior Halloween Costume Party is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wear a costume or something orange. Bring candy or treats to share. We'll provide the pizza, chips and beverages. Participants will play trivia games and guessing games.

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

Open Nature Play Day



Courtesy of Forest Preserves of Cook County

Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Center ave. will conduct open nature play day on Wednesday, Nov. 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your little one for open nature play time and help your children connect with nature. Enjoy stories, art and exploration.

Nominations For Leadership Award

The Illinois Secretary of State's office is accepting applications for the 2024 John Lewis Youth Leadership Award that celebrates the efforts of Illinoisans between the ages of 18 to 25 who have made exceptional civic contributions to their communities.

The Award, established by the National Association of Secretaries of State, honors the late Congressman, whose accomplishments advocated for civil and voting rights and encouraged young people to participate in the democratic process. In his youth,

Lewis was integral to the Civil Rights Movement as chairman of the

Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee, one of the original 13 Freedom Riders and a lead organizer of the March on Washington.

Interested applicants or nominators can access the application at www.ilsos.gov/JohnLewisAward.

Productions At Lyric Opera

Lyric Opera's new season is an enchanting mix of new, contemporary works and familiar, classic productions. The season continues with Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, Nov. 9th - 30th, followed by Jeanine Tesori's *Blue*, Nov. 16th to Dec. 1st; Singin' in the Rain, Feb. 7th; The Puccini Heroines, Feb. 8th, 13th & 16th; Puccini's *La Boheme*, March 15th - April 12th; Issy Mazzoli's *The Listeners*, March 30th - April 11th and a Wondrouso Sound, April 16th & 19th.

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

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

"Day of Dead Live" At Library Center



The Chicago Public Library will present Day of the Dead LIVE! at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Tuesday, Oct. 29th from 6 to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 30th from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 31st from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 1st from 1 to 2 p.m. The musical journey will celebrate Dia de los Muertos, the holiday of family remembrance.

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.

Oktoberfest At Play Garden

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518-28 S. Wolcott ave. will sponsor Oktoberfest 2024 for adults on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 6 to 10 p.m.

Activities will feature local brews from Marz Beer, gourmet hot dog from The Duck Inn and engaging conversation.

Tickets are \$25 - \$30 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oktoberfest-2024-21-over-tickets-1010833459087>

Teen FallaPalooza At H-W Library

Mayor Brandon Johnson will sponsor a Teen FallaPalooza for ages 14 to 19 at the Harold Washington Library Center, 401 S. Plymouth Court on Friday, Oct. 18th from 5 to 8 p.m.

My Chi, My Future will provide music, games, food and activities. CTA passes will be available. Register at MYCHIMyFuture@cityofchicago.org

Midway C of C Halloween Parade

The Midway Chamber of Commerce invites registration for the Annual Halloween Pumpkin Jamboree Parade on Oct. 26th at 10 a.m.

For more information <https://business.midwaychamber.org>.

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).

TEENS

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

ADULTS

Polish Book Club meets 3rd Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. Schedule: canceled for October, resumes Nov. 20th and Dec. 18th.

The English Book Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23rd will feature this year's One Book, One Chicago selection: "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. A modern love story about two childhood friends, Sam, raised by an actress mother in LA's Koreatown and Sadie, from the wealthy Jewish enclave of Beverly Hills, who reunite as adults to create video games, find-

ing an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives. Future titles are "Secrets We Kept" by Lara Prescott on Nov. 27th and "The Stationery Shop" by Marian Kamali on Dec. 18th.

Senior programs presented by Oak Street Health. Join us for fun, afternoon event. Light refreshments will be served. Session is in English and Spanish. Thursday, Oct. 17th at 1 p.m. Medicare 101 Informative Session - come with your questions and learn the basics about the program from an insurance agent.

Beading time on 1st Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. (except in November). Create jewelry and ornaments with beads and wire. Bring your own material or use ours.

"Grave Rave" For R & R Museum

The Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66 in Joliet suffered significant damage after July's strong storms and minor damage to the iconic giant guitar towering over the entrance. The first floor of the museum remains open while repairs to the damaged building are progressing.

The exterior has to wait until spring due to the availability of materials.

As part of recovery efforts, the Museum is having a "Fun-Raiser" event called "The Grave Rave" at the Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa st., Joliet on Sunday, Oct. 27th. Dress up in your favorite costume for Halloween and enjoy Cadillac Groove play.

Tickets are available at RoadtoRock.org.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

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

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