

Library Schedules Money Smart Week

The Chicago Public Library will join the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Money Smart partners in hosting the 12th Annual Money Smart Week, April 20th - 27th. Free financial literacy seminars, workshops and other programs are designed to help people understand the business of money, gain control of their finances and overall wealth management. Such programs help families learn to reduce debt and provide practical money skills for life.

The following programs are scheduled at Chicago Public Library branch locations. Additional programs are scheduled at the Harold Washington Library Center 400 S. State St. All locations have books, periodicals and online information which allow

Chicagoans to learn about financial planning, investing and organizing their finances. For more information, visit chicagopubliclibrary.org or call (312) 747-4050.

Blue Cross Blue Shield will present *How the Affordable Health Care Act Can Benefit You* at the Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer on Thursday, April 25th at 2 p.m.

New provisions of the health care reform law will change how many people will get health insurance beginning in 2014. Attendees will learn how to make informed decisions.

The Internal Revenue Service will present Tax Benefits for Higher Education on Lozano Branch Library, 1805 S. Loomis on Thursday, April 25th at 6 p.m.

National Honor Society Induction At DeLaSalle Institute



De La Salle Institute inducted 23 students into the Br. J. Richard Rush Chapter of the National Honor Society during a ceremony in the Parmer Activity Center on March 27th. Lauded for academic and extracurricular excellence were front row: Anthony Slawson, Jasmine Neri, Sydney Sheppard, Adrien Cook, Catalina Pelaez, Margaret Rocha and Emily Brown. Middle row: Brian Bansley, Alexis Ochoa, Lauren Rhodes, Joseph Musco, Thompson Cragwell, Magdalena Salinas, Stacy Jean-Baptiste and Simon Aldama. Top row: Christopher Beccaria, Christopher Lepko, Peter Gorman, Alan Bilina, Jian Deng, Kevin Corcoran and Kyrach Davis. Not pictured is Anthony Pierce.

Public Official Of Year Award

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner Debra Shore was presented with the Illinois Water Environment Association Public Official of the Year Award during a ceremony held at Erin's Pavillion in Springfield on March 18th.

The award is presented to an elected or appointed public official that has made a documented contribution in the areas of clean water legislation, public policy, government service or another area of public prominence that resulted in improvements to the water environment.

Dr. Kirshna Pagilla, a professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology and president of Illinois Water Environment Association, submitted the nomination to the award selection committee.

"When the Thornton Reservoir comes online by 2015, the quality of the Chicago Area Waterways and incidents of flooding will improve," Shore said. "We are also developing methods for recovery and reuse of phosphorus and nitrogen from the wastewater treatment process that will further enhance



D. SHORE

water quality." Ms. Shore was elected to the Board in 2006 and reelected in 2012. She is the founding editor of Chicago Wilderness magazine and has been an active volunteer in habitat restoration in the Cook County Forest Preserves, where she was a member of the board of Friends of the Forest Preserve. She also served on the Illinois Environmental Council, the women's board of the University of Chicago and is a member of the Great Lakes Protection Fund Board.

Chicago Metro History Winners

St. Laurence High School announces that three of its students are finalists in the prestigious annual Chicago Metro History Fair contest. Patrick McQuinn, a junior from Palos Heights, wrote "The Pullman Strike of 1894;" Raul Smith, a junior from Garfield Ridge, whose essay was entitled "Safely Regulation after the Iroquois Fire" and Edward Smith, a junior from Morgan park, who wrote "The Irish Effect on the Catholic School System."

Other students receiving Honorable Mention for their research papers were: Tim Hodur, a junior from Scottsdale, "Chicago's Role in the Civil War;" Joe Russell, a junior from Scottsdale, "The Our Lady of Angels Fire;" Logan Landers, a junior from Burbank, "The Effect of the Cold War on Chicago;" Kyle Martinez, a junior from Garfield Ridge, "Bill Veeck's Effect on Baseball" and Sam Kazmierowicz, a junior from Brookfield, "Frank Lloyd Wright's Effect on Suburban Architecture."

MPCA Honors Outstanding Educators



The McKinley Park Civic Association held its 42nd annual awards dinner honoring Outstanding Educators from the surrounding community on March 3rd. Pictured seated are: Kathryn Mullaghy, Nathanael Greene Elementary and Lydia Garza, Namaste Charter School. Standing are: Agnes Bednarkiewicz, MPCA president; Christopher Bania, secretary; Michael Renfree, Kelly High School; Sgt. Marty Loughney, recipient of the W.M. Toms Community Service Award; Kamaal Khazen, De La Salle Institute; Ronald Hall, Evergreen Elementary; Dixon Galvez-Searle, Aquinas Literacy Center; Sue Pletsch, vice president-treasurer and Roy Pletsch, Education Officer.

Jim Laski Joins WCPT Radio Show

Long-time Chicago political figure Jim Laski is joining the weekend line-up of WCPT - Chicago's Progress Talk on April 27th.

His political career included service as a lawyer, congressional aide, alderman and city clerk. During his third term, Laski was indicted and convicted of corruption, as part of the "Hired Truck Program" scandal. He served eleven months in a Federal penitentiary. After his release, there were guest appearances on TV and radio programs, writing his autobiography, and hosting a midday talk show on



J. LASKI

WGN-AM. "The Laski Files" will air Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. on WCPT-AM (820) as well as being simulcast on WCPT-FM (92.7), WCPY-FM (92.5) and WCPQ-FM (99.9).

Advisory Council At Hoyne Park

The Hoyne Park Advisory Council will conduct their monthly meeting at the fieldhouse, 3417 S. Hamilton on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. Signatures will be collected to petition the city to replace the playground.

On Saturday, April 13th, a Clean and Green will be staged at Hoyne Park to get ready for Little League play and other events. Refreshments will be provided.

Jones Aboard Aircraft Carrier

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Deloris L. Jones, daughter of Denise Douglas and Sylvester Jones, aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis recently arrived in Singapore for a scheduled port visit.

This is the first port visit since entering the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility after five months of operating in and around the Arabian Gulf.

The Strike Group consists of USS Stennis, Carrier Air Wing 9, Destroyer Squadron 21 and USS Mobile Bay, is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR conducting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts to support regional security and stability of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

A 2007 graduate of Kelly High School, Deloris joined the Navy in August, 2007.

Pre-School At Burroughs Elem.

Burroughs Elementary School, 3542 S. Washtenaw is accepting applications of pre-school students for the 2013-14 school year, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through May 3rd.

Students must be age 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2013. Proof of age, income and address is required.

Congressman Tours Midway Airport



Rep. Dan Lipinski (left) visited Midway Airport to meet with pilots from Southwest Airlines.

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3), the state's senior member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration urging a stop to any plans for an overnight closure of the air traffic control tower at Midway Airport.

Lipinski, who sits on the Aviation Subcommittee, met with representatives and pilots from Southwest Airlines, as well as air traffic controllers, to learn more about the negative impact an overnight closure would have on the airport and the nation's aviation system overall.

"As one of America's top 25 busiest airports, Midway is vital to the economic success of the neighborhood and Chi-

cago area. Passenger traffic at Midway is at an all-time high, a remarkable accomplishment for an airport once on the verge of closing. It makes no sense that the FAA would consider an overnight closure of the tower. There seems to be little, if any cost savings from such a move."

Each year, Midway serves almost 20 million passengers and more than 250,000 aircraft operations, ranging from smaller general aviation airplanes to commercial airlines carrying up to 175 people. According to the city's Department of Aviation, the proposed closure of the control tower will result in 31 square miles of uncontrolled airspace each night in a densely populated area that includes

downtown Chicago.

"This is one more reason why the sequester is a terrible way to go about addressing the country's budget problems," Lipinski said. "The sequester's indiscriminate cuts and failure to make a distinction between worthwhile and wasteful programs is irresponsible."

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Author Events At H-W Library

During April, the Chicago Public Library will welcome Academy Award-winning director William Friedkin, financial expert Terry Savage, poet Campbell McGrath and a host of authors as part of its free monthly Authors @ the Library series. All programs listed take place at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium (Lower Level). For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

On Tuesday, April 16th at 6 p.m., Academy Award winning film director William Friedkin will join "Filmspotting" co-founder Adam Kempenaar to discuss his new memoir, "The Friedkin Connection."

On Thursday, April

18th at 6 p.m., Thomas Diya will discuss his new book, "The Third Coast: When Chicago Built the American Dream". Before air travel overtook trains, nearly every coast to coast journey included a stop in Chicago.

Cat Spa Day At Party Animals

Tree House Humane Society will sponsor its first Cat Spa Day and Social at Chicago Party Animals, 1133 W. Fulton Market on Saturday, April 13th from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Nominations For Service Academics

Congressman Dan Lipinski is accepting nomination request letters from young persons in the 3rd Congressional District to the U.S. Service Academics for the classes entering in the summer of 2014. These include: Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Naval

Academy, Annapolis, Md.; West Point Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. and Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.

Coast Guard Academy admissions are based on a nationwide competition with no Congressional nominations.

Potential candidates must have reached their 17th birthday and not passed their 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year they would enter the academy; be a United States citizen; have graduated from high school; be unmarried; have taken the ACT and/or SAT and meet the stringent entrance requirements of their preferred academy.

The selection of nominees is based upon a "whole person" evaluation. Although nominations will not be made until January 2014, all interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible. The deadline for completed files is Dec. 2, 2013. Nomination requests can be submitted to Joe Bonomo in Rep. Lipinski's Chicago office at 6245 S. Archer, (312) 886-0481.

Scholarship Fund At Kelly High

Thomas Kelly High School, 41st & California, has created a new initiative entitled The Saint Thomas O'Kelly Scholarship Fund to raise \$25,000 for new and existing scholarships.

Proceeds will be distributed to deserving students via the Dexter Duck Scholarship, Dream Act Scholarship, and several departmental and sports scholarships.

Individuals and businesses who are interested in making a donation may contact Ms. Jenny Nolan at jnolan1@cps.edu or at (773) 535-4900. Tax ID numbers will be provided.

Cubs Care T-Ball At Kelly Park

Brighton Kelly Baseball in conjunction with Kelly Park will accept registration for Cubs Care Tee Ball for boys and girls ages 4 to 7 years of age every Tuesday in April at Kelly High School, door #5, 42nd & California from 6 to 7 p.m.

This program is free and space is limited. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present at registration.

For more information, contact Carmelo Ramirez at (312) 504-7051 or Kelly Park (312) 747-6197.

Soccer Honors For PJPII School



Two soccer teams at Pope John Paul II Catholic School earned first place in their divisions. K-2 Team members are, first row: Ayleen Tupayachi, Mateo Padilla and Isabelle Rojas. 2nd row: Coach Mendez, Sebastian Rojas, Pedro Mendez, Luis Munoz, Richard Mercado and Gisella Mitchell.



3rd-4th grade team members are, first row: Elliot Tupayachi, Robert Madrigal and Sebastian Castaneda. 2nd row: Andre Balanzar, Christian Alaves, Roberto Correa-Figueroa, Alan Zavala and Luis Gonzalez. Top row: Coaches Alpizar, Castaneda and Alaves.

Polish Fraternal Schedule Outings

Polish National Alliance vice president Paul C. Odobina announces that four Fraternal Organizations will be sup-

porting three summer events with tickets at reduced rates.

On June 1st, Polish American Day will be at Six Flags Great America. Tickets are \$29 each and could also be used on June 2nd, 8th or 9th.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, The Chicago White Sox will host the Baltimore Orioles at US Cellular Field. Lower box seat tickets are \$20. Orders must be placed by Monday, June 17th.

Polish American Night Toyota Park will feature the Chicago Fire Soccer versus Montreal Impact on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Tickets are \$22 (regular \$40).

For Great America and White Sox tickets, call (800) 621-3723, ext. 316. For Chicago Fire tickets, call (708) 496-6784.

Alumni Memorial At St. Laurence

St. Laurence High School and the Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual solemn mass of remembrance, honoring deceased alumni on Saturday, April 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Father Norm Trela, from St. Symphora Parish, and the school's Chaplain, will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection in the library.

A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Following the liturgy, snacks and refreshments will be served.

Family, friends and relatives are welcome to attend. Reservations are requested with Ed Kozak at (708) 458-6900.

Author Robinson At City Lit Books

Gabrielle Robinson, author and former professor, will promote her novel *The Reluctant Nazi: Searching for my Grandfather* with a book talk and signing at City Lit Books, 2523 N. Kedzie on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

The story shares Gabrielle's experience discovering that the grandfather who raised her was a member of the Nazi party during World War II. Using his journal as her guide, the author follows her grandfather - as he is forced to leave his family and return to Berlin as an army doctor.

Registration At N. Davis School

N. Davis School, 3014 W. 39th place, will accept registrations for the 2013-14 school year beginning April 1st. Head Start Applications for 3 and 4 year old students. Kindergarten enrollment requirements: students must be 5 years old before Sept. 1st, 2013; birth certificate, two proof of residence (rent receipts are not accepted), parent picture ID, recent and complete physical and dental examination forms, immunization record, transfer from any former school (if applicable).

For more information, call (773) 535-4540, ext. 80823.

Pell Grants Still Available

In the first three months of the year, Illinois students filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid have qualified for nearly \$1.1 billion in federal Pell Grants to help pay for their postsecondary education during the 2013-14 academic year.

Students should be aware that even with projected funding for the state's Monetary Award Program exhausted, those who are MAP-eligible will likely also qualify for a Pell Grant, which can provide up to \$5,645 annually when attending an eligible institution full time.

For a community college student, the maximum Pell Grant covers 100 percent of tuition and fees with some money remaining to help pay for books and other expenses.

Grant amounts are dependent on the student's expected family contribution to pay for college; the cost of attending the institution; full-time or part-time enrollment status;

and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less.

For more information, visit www.isac.org.

Trout Fishing Season Opens

The 2013 spring trout fishing season in Illinois is now open.

The IDNR stocks more than 60,000 rainbow trout each spring in bodies of water where fishing is permitted during the Spring session.

Anglers must have a valid Illinois fishing license and an inland trout stamp. The annual fishing licenses for the 2013 season are valid through March 31st, 2014. Anglers may also purchase a 24-hour license which includes trout fishing privileges.

Cook County locations are Axehead Lake, Belleau Lake and Sag Quarry East. For more information, call (217) 782-6424.

Competition For Short Films

Illinois filmmakers are invited to enter their work in the 2013 short-cuts competition through Aug. 30th. Entrants must be over the age of 18 or students over the age of 18 who attend Illinois colleges and invites. The winner will receive a cash prize and the winning film will be screened during the Chicago International Film Festival.

Participants may use any format - film, video, graphics and/or animation - to tell a narrative story, a documentary or free form visual expression of ideas. Submissions must be 15 minutes or less in running time. Entries will be judged by a panel of film industry professionals.

For more information, visit www.film.illinois.gov.

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State Launches Reading Program

Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon, Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois Reading Council have formally launched *Illinois Reads*, the first statewide literacy program spanning all generations.

Classrooms, public and school libraries, community groups, and community bookstores throughout the state will feature the titles of 35 books in six separate age groupings until Family Reading Night on Nov. 21st.

These books range from read-to books for infants to read-aloud books for home-bound seniors and everything in between. There are several Spanish-language titles and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics related books.

The Illinois Reads

website (www.illinoisreads.org) will serve as the focal point for the campaign with virtual community conversations, webinars, author interviews, book reviews, book trailers, and art work. Visitors will also find the website's marketplace has lanyards, license plate frames, tote bags, tumblers, and t-shirts available for purchase.

Good Neighbor Business Award

State Rep. Silvana Tabares announced the kick-off of her Good Neighbor Business of the Month award to recognize local businesses that partner with the community to improve their neighborhoods.

For more information, or to nominate a business contact her constituent service office at (773) 522-1315.

Reception At Art Gallery

Prospectus Art Gallery, 1210 W. 18th st., will present "Indecent Liquidation" a one man exhibition by Chicago artist, Mark Nelson April 12th through May 24th.

The opening reception will be held Friday, April 12th from 5 to 10 p.m. Admission is free, parking will be available. For more information, call (312) 733-6132.

Catino Makes Dean's List

Charles G. Catino was named to the Dean's List at Miami University of Oxford, Ohio for the first semester of the 2012-13 school year. Only the top 20% of undergraduate students within each division are recognized for academic performance.

Teen Center At Blessed Sacrament Parish



The Blessed Sacrament Teen Center's boys and girls groups traveled to the old St. Maurice Convent for an evening of socializing with Amate House Volunteers on March 19th. The volunteer program is for recent college graduates who are dedicating a year of their lives to full-time volunteer service at various non-profits. Amate House has three locations, in Little Village, Uptown and McKinley Park. Each community houses between nine and twelve volunteers who work in schools, legal clinics, refugee services, and other programs. Blessed Sacrament has two volunteers working in the Teen Center. On March 26th, the Teen Center conducted a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium for a day of education and fun. On Holy Thursday, the annual church-hopping and overnight event was held after attending mass. Participants wrote a list of 15 people in their lives that they want to give a prayer or moment of thought to. They visited various churches in McKinley Park, Bridgeport, the South Loop and Pilsen to remember the death of Christ and consider a person on their list. The group returned to the Teen Center around midnight and spent the next seven hours playing basketball, volleyball, hide-and-go-seek, and pool while some teens brought their musical instruments and performed. For more information, call (773) 847-2011.

City Clerk Hiring Interns

City Clerk Susana A. Mendoza's Office is accepting applications for its summer internship program. Students currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or law school or a technology or business school are encouraged to apply.

Interns must be available to work 35 hours per week and some Saturdays from 6 to 10 weeks.

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or 3.5 on a 5.0 grading scale. Applicants who speak Polish or Spanish will be given first preference.

Freshmen and sophomores earn \$9.50 per hour, college juniors and seniors earn \$10.50 per hour and graduate level students earn \$11.50 per hour.

A complete job description and application information can be found at cityofchicago.org/CAREERS under "Open Job Opportunities."

Qualified applicants are placed on employment list and names are drawn through a lottery system.

Washington Trips For WWII Vets

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)3 Not For Profit Organization which is dedicated to bringing WWII Veterans to Washington, D.C., at no cost.

The round-trip charter flight includes a personal escort for the day (wheel chairs provided), tours of the WWII Memorial and all meals, snacks and beverages. Applications can be found on the website honorflightchicago.org or by calling (773) 227-8387.

Volunteers and donations are the core of this operation and are much appreciated.

The membership of the American Legion Central Park Post 1028 proudly includes 20 WWII veterans.

Panel Discussion On 1983 Election

A panel discussion titled *Breaking New Ground: Harold Washington and the 1983 Election*, is featured as the Chicago Public Library's 2013 Harold Washington Birthday Celebration at the Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Monday, April 15th at 6 p.m. Professor Timuel D. Black Jr., author, historian and civil rights activist; Helen Shiller, former 46th Ward Alderman and community activist; and Professor Dick Simpson, Political Science Department at the University of Illinois Chicago, will discuss

Washington's mayoral victory in 1983. Moderating the event is Laura S. Washington, Chicago Sun-Times columnist and ABC-7 political analyst.

B-K Baseball Seeks Volunteers

Brighton Kelly Baseball needs volunteers to serve as managers, coaches and umpires for the 2013 season.

Interested persons may contact Coach Rick Barrera at (773) 485-1077 for more information.

Car Outlet Offers 10 Scholarships

The Car Outlet announces comprehensive scholarship program for students pursuing higher education. In the 2013-14 academic year, ten \$1,500 scholarships available to students who meet eligibility criteria and are selected by an external review committee.

The scholarships are to be applied to tuition and other academic expenses. It is the company's first formal scholarship program since the creation in 2000.

A portion of the application process asks students to describe in essay form, the role that access to adequate transportation has played in their life. Research on the factors affecting immigrant earnings and job access led by the University of California, Los Angeles found that having access to a car increases the likelihood of being employed in the past year by two times.

The website www.caroutletscholarship.com has been created to house application forms, receive

applications, address questions and provide information on the process and opportunity.

Book Club For Young Children

Children, kindergartners through second graders and their parents are invited to join the Chicago Public Library's new Hop Into Reading; New Reader Book Club, through May 24th. Parents will read with their younger children, track the minutes they read and return a complicated "frog log" to the children's librarian at their neighborhood branch library.

Families who return completed logs before May 24th will be entered into a raffle to win a new reader library of books.

For more information, call (312) 747-4780.

Candy Days For Misericordia North

Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge ave., will sponsor its 11th annual Candy Days on Friday and Saturday, April 26th & 27th. The fundraiser helps cover the difference between what the State of Illinois provides and what it costs to care for 600 adults and children.

In 1976, 39 children, mostly with Downs Syndrome and 35 Staff left Misericordia Home South, 47th & Richmond to begin Misericordia North on the former Angel Guardian Orphanage Campus.

All of their savings went to renovate four floors of two buildings to create three dormitories and a learning center.

The agency provides human services for people with developmental disabilities, currently 16 adults in their sixties and 68 adults in their fifties.

Individuals or groups who wish to volunteer to man a corner for the Candy Days may contact Tessa at (773) 273-2768.



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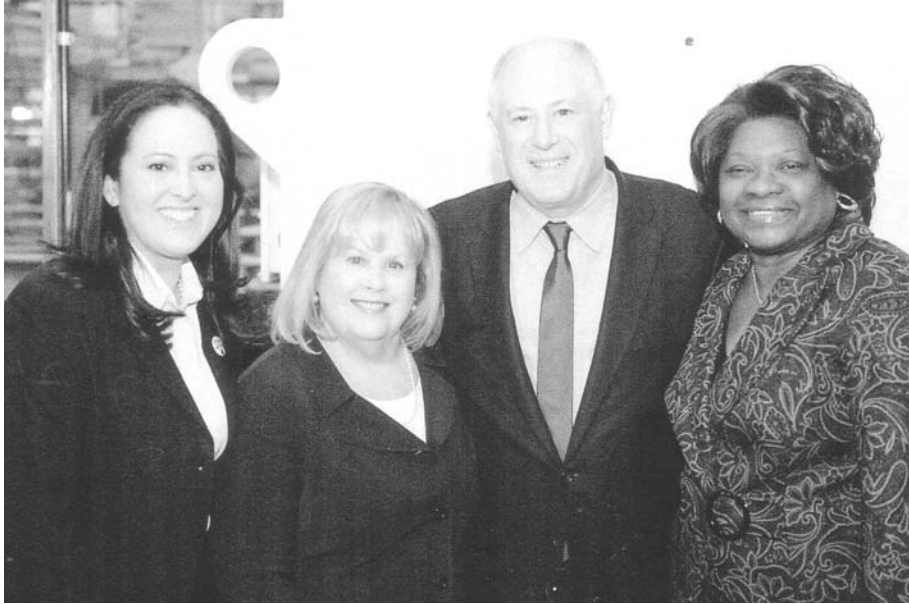
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Clean Water Project



Governor Pat Quinn recently awarded a \$250 million low interest loan to update the region's water infrastructure, clean up area rivers and improve public health. Financed through the governor's Illinois Clean Water initiative, the projects will create 2,000 construction related jobs and support an additional 8,000 jobs in local communities. With Governor Quinn are Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners Mariyana Spyropoulos, Kathleen Meany and Barbara McGowan.

Arbor Day 10K At Arboretum

Help The Morton Arboretum plant and protect trees by participating in the 3rd annual Arbor Day 10K run on Sunday, April 21st at 8 a.m.

The USATF - certified course follows the Arboretum's East Side Main Tour through scenic, rolling terrain. Runners will wear the Chronotrack B-Tag system.

Registration and packet pickup begins at 6:30 a.m. Runners receive a short-sleeve technical T-shirt, recovery food, a discount on the pancake breakfast following the race, and admission to the Arboretum. The top male and female overall finishers will receive a plaque and a gift certificate for a pair of shoes from Dick-Pond Athletics. The top three men and women in the designated age groups will receive medals.

Register at mortonarb.org/calendar by Thursday, April 18th. The cost, including admission, is \$35 for nonmembers. A special new member offer is \$74 and includes race registration plus a discounted one-year individual membership to the Arboretum (a savings of \$11).

The Arbor Day 10K kicks off a week of events at The Morton Arboretum in celebration of its signature holiday, Arbor Day. Additional events include EcoFest, Sunday, April 21st at 11 a.m. and Tree Planting and Story Time with Curious George on Friday, April 26th at 11 a.m.

The Morton Arboretum is an internationally recognized outdoor tree museum on 1,700 acres. Plant collections, scientific research and education programs support the mission to plant and con-

serve trees and other plants for a greener, healthier and more beautiful world. Throughout natural landscapes are specialty gardens., 16 miles of trails and nine miles of roads. Located 25 miles west of Chicago in Lisle, the Arboretum is open daily 7 am. until sunset.

Book Club At Roosevelt Branch

The Chicago Public Library will present two family book discussions with a special focus on Latino heritage and culture at the Roosevelt Branch, 1101 W. Taylor st. on Saturday, April 20th at 2 p.m. and will feature a discussion on Julia Alvarez's novel *Before We Were Free*. On Saturday, April 27th at 2 p.m., a second book discussion will feature another Alvarez novel, *How Tia Lola Come to (Visit) Stay*.

For more information, call (312) 746-5656.

Applications For Evanston Fair

Piccolo Theatre of Evanston is accepting applications from arts & crafts exhibitors and food vendors for Custer's Last Stand Fair which will be open Saturday and Sunday, June 15th & 16th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be 370 artists, crafts people and antique dealers, food from 30 restaurateurs and entertainment on 3 stages.

For more information, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

Panel Discussion At H-W Library

The Chicago Public Library will present a panel discussion "The New Chicagoans" at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Wednesday, April 17th at 6 p.m.

A panel of journalists, activists and thinkers will look at Chicago as a gateway for migrants today, just as it was when The Great Migration draw so many African-Americans here in the 20th century.

Presentation For Ridge Seniors



Jonathan Siedlecki, owner and director of Szykowny Funeral Home and Nancy Siedlecki, Attorney at Law and director of Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer recently hosted a presentation for the Garfield Ridge Satellite Senior Center. A number of timely topics were discussed including facts on cremation and pre-need funeral planning along with estate planning, wills, trusts, power of attorney designation and guardianships. Approximately 40 seniors attended and expressed amazement at the changes established in the last few years and how these new facts can have a direct impact on their own plans. Attendees were also given pens and personal phone directories along with printed materials. Groups who would like to schedule a presentation on this or other death care issues, may call (773) 735-7521. Pictured are Gene Virginas, Nancy Siedlecki, Pat Detrick, Connie Antowicz and Jonathan Siedlecki.

City Book Club Names Selection

Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined Chicago Public Library Commissioner Brian Bannon and Library Board President Linda Johnson Rice in announcing a major expansion of the Library's One Book, One Chicago program and the choice of Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* as the next selection in city-wide book club.

"Isabel Wilkerson's book brings to life the stories of African Americans who left their homes in the South in search of a better life. These are the stories of people who helped create the Chicago we know today - and of people continuing to come to our city each day in hopes of finding their dream," said Mayor Emanuel. "Each of us has a story to tell about our family's path to Chicago and how we all helped to make Chicago the most American of American cities."

The Library will now host a year-long discussion of one book and its ideas, an expansion from the month-long programs offered twice a year since the series started 12 years ago.

Girl Scouts Invite Members

The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana invites all girls in grades K-12, ages 5 to 18 years to join. Participants will have fun, make new friends, earn badges, perform crafts and activities.

There are several sponsorships in the neighborhoods that are registering returning and new girls in their troops.

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Arbor Foundation Offers Booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees. Conservation Trees features illustrations, colorful photos and understood descriptions.

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence.

To receive the booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Homework Help At A-H Library

The Chicago Public Library Foundation will present the "Teacher in the Library" Homework Help program at the Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Students will learn appropriate learning strategies and find resources to complete their assignments.

Parents will learn how to assist their children with homework.

Shuttle Service For Sr. Citizens

SSA #39 Brighton Park & Archer Heights is offering free shuttle bus transportation services for senior citizens (60 years and older).

Seniors must live in the following boundaries: California to Cicero and 51st street.

The bus will pick up residents at their home, take them shopping or to the doctor and return them home. For a reservation, call a day before at (773) 523-5116 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

St. Bruno School Sets Open House

St. Bruno School, 4839 S. Harding will conduct Open House on Sunday, April 14th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The institution has been educating children in grades pre K through 8th grade since 1926.

The event will feature school tours, meet the teacher and students plus enrollment and curriculum information.

A half day program for preK 4 is now available. For more information, call (773) 847-0697.

Free Counseling For Housing Loan

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council 4477 S. Archer has HUD-approved counselors that can help with foreclosure prevention and intervention.

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Guest Speaker For PNA Seniors

Michael B. Barrett, a prominent Attorney at Law for over 20 years, will address the Polish National Alliance Seniors at Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer on Tuesday, April 23rd at 10 a.m.

His practice mainly concerns Personal Injury, Workers Compensation, Wrongful Death and Probate.

Married and the father of two children, both of which are avid hockey players, he is president of the Illinois Hockey Official's Association. His wife of over 20 years is also a practicing attorney.

Barrett received his Bachelor of Business Administration and Finance, making the Dean's List at the University of Iowa. He received his Juris Doctor



M.B. BARRETT

Degree at Loyola University School of Law, where he was on the Dean's List and recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award.

Team Challenge For Heart Assn.

The American Heart Association Chicago has Harlem Shake fever and the only cure is to sign up for HeartChase at Roosevelt University, 501 S. Wabash on Saturday, April 27th from 1 to 3 p.m. The Association is launching this new event that brings teams of all ages together in a community-wide competition to uncover clues, solve puzzles and complete challenges.

Dancers will participate in heart healthy exercises like swimming, push-ups, bike riding, running, weightlifting, softball and tennis.

View the HeartChase Harlem Shake Video here: <http://www.youtube.com/HeartChicago>.

The adventurous event takes several teams throughout the city guided by a smartphone app to different locations where they must solve clues and participate in physical challenges to complete checkpoints in the quickest time possible.

Registration For Clean And Green

The Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation invites residents and community groups to volunteer to revitalize their neighborhoods by participating in the 2013 Clean and Green citywide beautification effort on Earth Day, Saturday, April 20th.

Community groups who wish to participate are asked to identify a worksite and contact 311 to register. The Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation can provide the brooms, rakes, shovels and bags to complete each cleaning project.

Individuals who wish to participate can also call 311 to be referred to Clean and Green activities in their area. Anyone interested in participating in the program is encouraged to register by April 12th.

MWRD Events For Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Month, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be promoting the value of water conservation and clean water at numerous Cook County community events during April. Stop by the MWRD booth at an event to learn more about water conservation, flood prevention and wastewater treatment processes.

Participants can also fill out water environment pledges and register to win a free rain barrel. Staff will be on hand with a rain barrel display and an assortment of coloring books and educational materials.

Upcoming events include: Brookfield Zoo Party for the Planet on Sunday, April 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; CDW Earth Day Celebration, 120 S. Riverside Plaza on Monday, April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency Prescription Drug Take Back Day at the Stickney Plant, 6001 W. Pershing road on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to noon.

Scholarships For Italian Students

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation announces that graduating high school seniors who are full or partially of Italian ancestry are invited to compete for college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Applicants will be selected upon the basis of financial need; scholastic achievements; activities in high school showing character and leadership; applicant's personal essay and faculty recommendations.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, in writing, at 9447 W. 144th place, Orland Park, IL 60462. Includes a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Memorial For Fallen Soldier



14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke (left) presided over the dedication of an honorary street sign at 47th and Keeler in memory of United States Army Private First Class Omar E. Torres of Archer Heights who died in 2007 during combat operations in Iraq. Also shown are the soldier's parents, Doris & Oscar Torres; sister, Oralia; and brother, Police Department Recruit Oscar Torres, Jr. His uncle Emilio Ortega, also participated in the ceremony. 200 people attended the event alongside elected officials and community leaders including, Congressman Daniel Lipinski, State Representative Dan Burke, Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago and 11th Ward Alderman James Balcer, former State Representative Dena M. Carli, UNO CEO Juan Rangel and students from the Omar E. Torres UNO Charter School.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

The Sisters of Saint Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette rd., invite all to join them at a Mass to pray for continued blessing on the Beatification Cause of their foundress, Venerable Maria Kaupas on Saturday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Edward Linton, OSB, will be the celebrant.

Light refreshments will follow. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

Assistance With Mental Health

Emotions Anonymous conducts regular meetings at the Greater Lawn Mental Health Center, 4150 W. 55th st. on Fridays at 11 a.m.

Persons suffering from depression, anxiety, panic attacks, fear and mental or emotional disorders may call (651) 647-9712 for assistance.

Financial Aid For College

Each year millions of dollars in federal and state financial aid for post-secondary education goes unclaimed because students fail to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form or submit it too late. Late filers may receive nearly 25% less financial aid than those who complete it early in the year.

City Clerk Susana A. Mendoza and Ladder Up have partnered to provide free FAFSA workshops in room 107 of City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. through April 9th. This is a free service, regardless of income, and no appointment is necessary.

The FAFSA is required for all students seeking grants, work-study opportunities or student loans. Students interested in attending a university, community college or technical program may be eligible to receive more than \$10,000 in grants and other aid.

Required information for applicants and their parents or spouse are So-

cial Security numbers, birthdates, 2012 income statements, completed 2012 federal tax return (if available) or 2011 tax return, checking and savings account balances and a list of colleges. It is recommended that parents accompany their students to the assistance session.

For more information, contact Ladder Up at (312) 458-9105.

Lipinski Sponsors Art Competition

Congressman Dan Lipinski is inviting high school students from the 3rd Congressional District to participate in the 2013 Art Competition. The winning piece will be displayed in the Capitol complex in Washington, D.C. for the next year. The winner also receives two roundtrip tickets to Washington for the exhibition opening this summer. The runner-up will have their artwork displayed in Rep. Lipinski's Washington office for one year.

Entries must be received at his district office at 6245 S. Archer by April 15th.

For more information, call (312) 886-0481.

State Rep. Tabares Offers Internships

State Rep. Silvana Tabares is encouraging local high school seniors, college students and recent graduates to apply for an internship program through her constituent service office to help them learn more about state government and community involvement.

"The students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, so it's important for them to get first-hand experience working with state government and get more involved in our community," Tabares said. "I am excited to be able to provide young people with the opportunity to participate in our government while learning valuable skills."

Internships are available during all semesters and quarters of the school year, including the summer, students may also have the opportunity to gain college credit, depending on their coursework.

For more information, call (773) 522-1315.

Arbor Foundation Invites Members

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 26th and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holiday.

By joining the Foundation in April, new members receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by April 30th.

Obituaries

MARION BASLER of Aurora, formerly of Brighton Park, age 78. Survivors are his wife of 59 years, Elinora (Golden); children Donna (David) Doubek, Mike Basler and Cathy Richter; granddaughters Kris (Steve) Castaldi and Beth Richter; great granddaughter Lily Castaldi; siblings Lee (Vivan), Dob (Za), Curt (Nancy), Susie Tullis; sister in law Doni (late Earle) and brother in law ReDon (Phyllis) Golden. Marion was a 50 year Master Mason, Past Master of Brighton Park Lodge AF&AM and a Past Patron of Starlight Chapter, OES. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 11th from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 14 N. May, Aurora.

JOSE RAMIERZ, long time resident of Brighton Park passed away on April 1st at the age of 86. He was the husband of Margarita; father of Alfonso (Rosario), Ana Maria (Marcos), Maria Isabel (Tariq), Jose Albino and Ramon (Hula); grandfather of 11 and great grandfather of 12. Funeral services were held April 6th from Ocwieja - Robles Funeral Home to St. Pancratius Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Library Series On Music Industry

The Chicago Sinfonietta will present *The Art of Business: Making a Living from Your Music*, a free monthly panel discussion series offering insight into the music industry at the Lozano Branch Library, 1805 S. Loomis through June.

Spotlighting such topics as songwriting, accounting, marketing and more, industry professionals including musicians, managers, accountants, publicists and recording executives will discuss various aspects of the music business. Reservations are required at (312) 284-1552.

The May 9th program at 6 p.m. will feature panelists sharing their secrets on fan building, deal-making and public relations.

The June 6th program at 6 p.m. will feature panelists discussing how musicians can make their music distinguishable from others in the same genre.

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