



## School Work At Home Is Important



By Dr. Roy Pletsch

This crazy school year continues as many 8th graders recently received notification of their acceptance into Specialty Schools. This year without standardized testing of 7th graders, the method of selection will likely change for them.

My suggestion for the families of elementary school students, especially 7th graders, if you hope to be placed in a selective enrollment high school, you must use this time to do all your assigned work. I realize many have been told that these papers would not be graded. But, if you do not take it seriously, you could be left behind. The selection process is competitive. You must out score the other students.

I believe those who are or were home schooled at some point have a chance to do the best. Why? They have parents that already have the necessary experience. These students almost always have a set schedule to study daily, not just a certain number of papers, but a length of time. They also follow set curriculum, which can be enhanced with the data that the Board offers.

In general, there are three other groups. 1) parents that still work, 2) the parents that are usu-

ally home, and 3) the teachers who have been sent home during this pandemic. Those parents who have to go out to work, may have it hard to find a babysitter. With luck, they have found a family member or trusted neighbor to help.

If not, sorry folks, after work you have to become the teacher. Hard, but your kids are worth it. The families that do have a parent at home should not consider this time as an extended weekend. These kids should have a large amount of time to schooling. Don't trust them to just be okay.

The teachers that are home should be well equipped to utilize the time to keep their own children on task no matter how many kids or their ages. I am not saying this would be easy. After all, teaching your own kids is much harder than teaching others.

These things, of course, are easy to say and hard to accomplish. If your student is of high school age, the problem can be even more profound. Many of them are worried about getting into college or the military or into the work force. In all of these cases, it is competitive. There are often more people applying than can be accepted.

A difficulty for the high school student is that they may be having four, five or six different subjects daily. Many parents are not equipped to help in all the subjects. With the help of your child's school's website, you should be able to find help for them.

Your student will fall behind in the quest for good standardized test scores for college. It is true that schools are closed around the nation and therefore, it even the field a little, but those parents that better prepare their students will most likely have the best results. Remember those who prepare for the future have one.

## New Rules For Student Loans

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that, due to the COVID-19 national emergency, the Department will halt collection actions and wage garnishments to provide additional assistance to borrowers. This flexibility will last for a period of at least 60 days from March 13th.

The Department has stopped all requests to the U.S. Treasury to withhold money from defaulted borrowers' federal income tax refunds, Social Security pay-

ments, and other federal payments. Such withholdings, known as "Treasurer Offsets" are permitted by federal law and applied toward repayment of defaulted federal student loans. The Department will refund approximately \$1.8 billion in offsets to more than 830,000 borrowers.

Private collection agencies have been instructed to halt all proactive collection activities, including making phone calls to borrowers and issuing collection letters and billing statements.

Borrowers with defaulted student loans, a current relationship with a private collection agency, and an interest in continuing a prior payment arrangement, consolidating their loans, or beginning a loan rehabilitation arrangement with their private collection agency, should contact the Department's Default Resolution Group at 1-800-621-3115.

Visit StudentAid.gov/coronavirus for more information.

### Glessner House Cancels Events

Pursuant to recommendations from the mayor, governor, and Chicago Department of Public Health, Glessner House, 1900 S. Prairie ave. has cancelled all tours and programs through April 30th.

In late April, the situation will be evaluated to determine if the closure should be extended. Visit <https://www.glessnerhouse.org> for updates.

## Penguin Field Trips At Shedd Aquarium



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### Carmen and Kayavak

By Johnny Ford

Wellington and the other penguins may have met some animals at the aquarium that are just as curious as they are. The 32-year-old rockhopper was one of several penguins that visited the Underwater Viewing area of Shedd's Oceanarium habitat, which is home to several beluga whales.

The belugas abruptly stopped their swimming to take in the penguins. The whales, including Annik the calf born last year, collectively gathered at the window to take in

Wellington and the other birds, who stared back as they waddled back and forth.

Belugas are native to the northern hemisphere, so they would likely never encounter a penguin in the wild, as all penguin species are found in the southern hemisphere. That being said, the latest penguin field trip seemed just as enriching for the belugas as it was for the birds. See below!

Penguin/Beluga Field Trip: <https://personal.fileanywhere.com/fs/v.aspx?v=8e6a65865a606fa56d9c>

## Online Visits To Museums

While individuals are unable to visit their favorite museums and attractions in person, many institutions in Chicago are featuring their works of art, prized collections of artifacts, and favorite feathered or scaled inhabitants online.

The Art Institute of Chicago features thousands of artworks from their world-renowned icons to lesser-known gems as well as books, writings, reference materials, and other resources. Field Museum has learning resources, available for pre-K through high school which are easily filtered by topic, grade, resource type, and language.

Watch the Brain Scoop for hours of natural history fun and wonder. The Museum Blog digs deep into science stories. Chat with Maximo, the world's largest dinosaur.

Stay connected to the animals behind the scenes via Shedd Aquarium's Facebook, as well as explore, experience and learn more about the aquatic animal world through other digital resources.

Adler Planetarium has resources to help you find answers to all of your

### Legal Resources During Pandemic

For free or low cost legal assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, contact the following: CARPLS Legal Aid Hotline for legal information, advice and referrals for Cook County residents (312) 738-9200.

Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network, for free legal assistance for veterans, active service members, reservists and their dependents, (855) 452-3526.

Illinois Legal Aid Online, for online legal research, forms, guidance and statewide legal aid directory.

Illinois Free Legal Answers, a virtual legal clinic where low-income Illinois residents can submit a question online to ask a lawyer for help with a civil legal issue.

astronomy and science-related questions on their website.

The Adler has the largest collection of historic scientific instruments plus rare books, manuscripts, archival materials, models, and photographs.

Every weekday at 11 a.m., Brookfield Zoo is presenting "Bring The Zoo to You", a live chat on their Facebook, where they will feature a new creature everyday.

The following institutions are also offering virtual tours and a behind the scenes look. The British Museum - London, United Kingdom; Museum d'Orsay - Paris, France; The Metropolitan Museum of Art - New York; Van Gogh Museum - Amsterdam, Netherlands; Louvre Museum - Paris, France and Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery - Washington D.C.

### Loan Programs For Small Businesses

Small businesses in need of relief are urged to apply for two new emergency assistance programs according to Assistant Majority Leader Tony Munoz.

To provide assistance to struggling small business owners, Mayor Lori Lightfoot unveiled the Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund, a \$100 million program that will support low-interest loans of up to \$50,000.

Businesses with fewer than 50 employees, have gross revenues of less than \$3 million in 2019, and have suffered more than a 25% revenue decrease due to COVID-19 will be eligible to apply.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced the Hospitality Emergency Grant Program which offers \$14 million in grants to restaurants, bars, hotels, and other hospitality businesses to help them make ends meet during COVID-19.

Businesses interested in applying for a loan should complete an interest form at [il.gov](http://il.gov).

## Support Services For Sr. Citizens

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services Lisa Morrison Butler, AARP Illinois State Director Bob Gallo and AARP IL Volunteer State President Rosanna Marquez for a telephone town hall to address the senior population amid the COVID-19 public health crisis.

City led projects have included: Securing home-delivered meals for seniors who are unable to prepare for themselves or have no other mechanism to procure. Working with local grocery stores to create and implement "senior only" so residents are able to quickly and safely do their shopping.

Securing screening that will help to determine eligibility for more than 2,500 city, state and federal benefits such as prescription drug coverage, weatherization, energy assistance, taxes, energy assistance, housing options and in-home support services.

Providing care services for seniors that are in-line with public health guidance. Creating and providing resources for families taking caring of seniors which have included in-home respite services, workshops for

guidance and legal assistance. Providing adult protective services including investigative responses to reports of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect, confinement and financial exploitation.

Providing long-term care ombudsmen advocacy, complaint resolution and rights protection of residents in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. Providing professional staff on site when families that care for seniors are away.

Heat and electricity suppliers have suspended shutoffs due to a resident's inability to pay, indefinitely. The Chicago Department of Water Management will continue its moratorium on shutoffs from inability to pay. The Cook County Sheriff has also suspended evictions while the health crisis continues.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, text COVID19 to 78015, email [coronavir@chicago.gov](mailto:coronavir@chicago.gov) or visit [Chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://Chicago.gov/coronavirus). For anyone that needs assistance or help accessing essential services, call 311.

Helpful resources for older adults are available at [aarp.org/Chicago](http://aarp.org/Chicago) and [aarp.org/coronavirus](http://aarp.org/coronavirus).

## Record Claims For Unemployment

The Illinois Department of Employment Security announced they are taking additional steps to address the unprecedented volume of unemployment benefit claims the department has fielded as a result of COVID-19.

The website has been moved to new hardware infrastructure to handle the increased demand; web, storage, and processing capacity has been increased to meet needs of increased traffic; methods have been implemented to track COVID-19 related claims; call center capacity has been increased; daily call center hours have been extended to respond to those waiting in the queue after closure; call center staff has been supplemented by 40% to cut down on wait times.

Individuals should adhere to an alphabetized schedule when filing an unemployment benefit claim online and over the phone.

The Online Filing Schedule for those with last names beginning

with letters A-M is Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays; those with last names beginning with letters N-Z is Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Saturdays will be available for anyone who could not file during their allotted window.

The Call Center Filing Schedule for those with last names beginning with letters A-M is Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Those with last names beginning with letters N-Z is Mondays and Wednesdays between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fridays (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) will be available for anyone who could not file during their allotted window.

Claims will be backdated to reflect the date in which a claimant was laid-off or let go from their job due to COVID-19.

For more information, visit [IDES.Illinois.gov](http://IDES.Illinois.gov).

### Guidance For Consumer Fraud

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection announced guidance for residents to avoid consumer fraud related to the COVID-19 outbreak, including false advertising, phishing, and price gouging. Consumers can report suspicious consumer fraud activity by calling 3-1-1 or through CHI311.

The majority of complaints are for household or health items such as toilet paper, tissues and hand sanitizer - with some related to food and beverage products. BACP evaluates each complaint based on relevant factors and will impose fines of up to \$10,000 per offense.

Consumers can also submit complaint to the Illinois Attorney General's Office website or by calling (800) 386-5438.

### Grant Program For Housing

The Department of Housing announced the creation of a COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant program to assist Chicagoans who have lost their jobs or otherwise been impacted by the pandemic. Made possible by a partnership with the Family Independence Initiative, DOH will deploy \$2 million from the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for one-time grants to help impacted Chicagoans with rent and mortgage payments.

With 2,000 individual grants in the amount of \$1,000, half will be awarded through a lottery system, while the other half will be distributed by non-profit community organizations. Apply online via the DOH Online Intake Portal at [www.chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://www.chicago.gov/coronavirus) and over the phone through community-based organizations.

Applicants will be required to provide documentation such as a recent unemployment insurance claim, notification of employment status change, as well as proof of household income at or below 60% of the area median income prior to job loss.

## Basketball Honors For DLS Students



T.K. HOWARD



S. DAWSON

De La Salle announces that guards TaKiya (T.K.) Howard '21 and Janiece Dawson '21 were chosen to the 2019-20 All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference White Division Team basketball team.

Howard averaged 11.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game this

season, while Dawson paced De La Salle in scoring at 12.3 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest.

The Meteors concluded the 2019-20 campaign with an overall record of 17-15. The season ended with a loss in the Illinois High School Association Class 3A Regional final.

## Remote Learning For Public Schools

Chicago Public Schools and City Colleagues of Chicago have established remote learning plans to ensure instructional time continues while school buildings and campuses are closed.

Chicago Public Schools released guidance that outlines expectations, strategies, and resources for schools to implement remote learning beginning on April 13th.

Schools will offer digital and non-digital learning options to promote equitable access to instructional materials.

CPS is working to put more devices in the hands of families by moving approximately 65,000 school-based devices into homes, allocating 37,000 devices that were recently purchased, and deploying additional devices acquired through potential philanthropic contributions. The district will prioritize schools with the greatest need based on a hardship index, percentage of students that qualify for free and reduced-price lunch, and percentage of students in temporary living situations.

While the district does not have the resources to provide Internet access for every student, Comcast and AT&T are currently offering free Internet access for high-need families.

On March 23rd, City Colleges of Chicago, implemented remote learning and shifted

classes for tis more than 30,000 credit-earning students online. The community college went from 10 percent of credit sections being taught fully online to 92 percent. Students can access admission, advising, the library, tutoring, financial aid, registrar, business office, veterans services, transfer services, wellness center, information technology help desk, disability access centers, and Call center, online at [www.ccc.edu/vss](http://www.ccc.edu/vss).

On April 13th, City Colleges' free adult education courses, including GED and English as a Second Language, will start to be offered via distance learning. Adult education students can apply for loaner laptops at <http://apps.ccc.edu/LoanerLaptop/login>.

### Suspension Of Debt Collection

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced that the City of Chicago will be temporarily suspending debt collection practices and non-safety related citations and impounds, as well as penalties for late payment.

The penalty relief package includes a temporary suspension of late fees and defaults on payment plans, including city tickets, utility bills, parking and red-light citations, booting and other non-public safety related violations. Additionally, there will be no new interest accumulated on current compliance plans.

The City will not be issuing violations for city stickers, expired plates, street sweeping and residential permit parking until April 30th.

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## ComEd Offers Customer Support

ComEd is taking action to help its customers with payment assistance programs and by imposing a moratorium on service disconnections and waiving new late payment charges through at least May 1st, as many businesses and institutions are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by taking temporary measures to shut down or limit operations to control the spread of COVID-19.

Programs to help customers through temporary or extended financial hardship are in place and will be working with customers on a case-by-case basis to establish payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options.

Customers who struggle to cover their energy expenses have a growing range of assistance options. The company offers financial assistance programs and flexible payment options, all of which can help eligible customers reduce budget strain and avoid disconnection of service. Particularly during this time when some customers are facing unforeseen circumstances, ComEd will work on a case-by-case basis with customers who are struggling to pay their energy bills to help them remain in service.

## Outdoors Open At Morton Arboretum



### 14 IDHS Offices To Remain Open

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced that 14 Family Community Resource Centers will remain open with reduced staff to balance the need to provide essential services while meeting Center for Disease Control social distancing guidelines.

Customers may apply for and manage their benefits online at [ABE.illinois.gov](http://ABE.illinois.gov) or by calling 1-833-2-FIND-HELP.

IDHS's ultimate goal is to have a few FCRC offices open as possible, while ensuring that customers are able to receive their life-sustaining benefits. For those offices that remain open, IDHS will continue to take steps to ensure social distancing, customer, and employee safety.

The Morton Arboretum is continuing to monitor the status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and enact prevention and preparedness measures in accordance with the latest guidance from the DuPage County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organizations.

The Arboretum grounds are open at this time for visitors to enjoy 1,700 acres of trees and outdoors. All buildings are closed, including the Visitor Center, The Arboretum Stores, Plant Clinic, Sterling Morton Library, and Thornhill Education Center. The Children's Garden and Maze Garden are also closed.

Limited restroom facilities are available to visitors in the building adjacent to the Visitor Center.

The Plant Clinic will be available to answer tree and plant related questions via email at [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Monitor your health for your own wellbeing and be respectful of its potential impacts to others. If you are not feeling well, refrain from visiting the Arboretum until you are fully recovered.

There are no existing special events on the calendar prior to April 10th. Special events scheduled on or after April 10th, will continue to be evaluated. Event registrants will be notified of any changes.


All classes and educational programs are canceled or postponed through April 12th. Select programs have been moved to an online learning format.


For more information, visit [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org).

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## COVID-19 RESPONSE & RESOURCE GUIDE

### Unemployment Insurance

If you or a loved one has been laid off as a result of COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment insurance through the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Legal Permanent Residents and DACA recipients can also apply. We know many of you are having a hard time getting someone on the line. Please be patient and try again, IDEAS has hired additional staff. You can also file online by visiting their web page:

[bit.ly/UnemploymentIDES](http://bit.ly/UnemploymentIDES)

### Now Hiring

Illinois grocers throughout the state are looking to hire. Many are hiring on-the-spot. The Illinois Retail Merchants Association has a listing of grocery stores hiring on their page.

<https://irma.org/covid-19/>

### Utilities

**ComEd & People's Gas** are suspending service disconnections for customers who cannot pay, and waiving new late payment charges. ComEd is committed to do this at least through May 1, 2020. If you are having trouble paying your bills please call them to talk through your options: **People's Gas:** 866-556-6001 **ComEd:** 800-334-7661

**Comcast and ATT** are offering 2 months of free internet service to low-income families who are new customers. To learn more go online Comcast: [internetessentials.com](http://internetessentials.com) or AT&T: [click here](#)

**AT&T** will not terminate the service of any wireless, residential or small business customer because of their inability to pay in this crisis. They are waiving late fees until May 13 and will keep their Wi-Fi hotspots open for anyone.

### Housing

The City of Chicago has an Emergency Rental Assistance Program and a COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant which families can apply to for a one time \$1,000 cash grant. For more information:

[bit.ly/chirenta](http://bit.ly/chirenta)  
[bit.ly/Chirentalassistance](http://bit.ly/Chirentalassistance)

### NO EVICTIONS IN COOK COUNTY

The Cook County Sheriff will not enforce eviction orders until April 13th, 2020. If the court has already ordered that a tenant should be evicted, the sheriff will not take action until April 13th at the earliest.

### MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES

If a building is in foreclosure, there is a moratorium on entering and executing final judgments in foreclosure cases. This moratorium means that the existing landlord will not lose the building for at least 30 days, and tenants should continue to pay rent if demanded.

### Food Security

Chicago Public Schools will be providing free food boxes that will contain three days of breakfast and lunches for every student in the household. All families will be able to pick up meals at their nearest CPS school. You can call 1-773-553-KIDS or email at [familyservices@cps.edu](mailto:familyservices@cps.edu) to make a request for food delivery. You can also fill out this form.

[bit.ly/CPSLunchbox](http://bit.ly/CPSLunchbox)

The Greater Chicago Food Depository can also help secure access to food. Anyone in need of emergency or supplemental food assistance in Cook County is eligible. Find a Food Depository member agency in your neighborhood online or by phone (773) 247-FOOD (3663)

[www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/)

Catholic Charities also provides financial assistance for rent, utilities & transportation . In addition to assisting with food security. Call them at (312) 655-7700 or click here for more information - [more info](#)

Questions? Need help? Please call us at (872) 281-5775 or email us at [rep.theresamah@gmail.com](mailto:rep.theresamah@gmail.com)

## City To Ensure Access To Food

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined The Salvation Army, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Illinois Retail Merchants Association and the United Way to ensure access to food and services while operations are limited and more residents are at home.

All residents are urged to maintain normal shopping routines and avoid stockpiling food and other necessities.

The Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund will direct emergency food and basic supplies, rent and mortgage assistance, and utility assistance to areas with the greatest need. As of today, the fund has raised \$13.5 million.

Citadel and Citadel Securities mobilized \$2.5 million in aid to help Chicago Public Schools and the Greater Chicago Food Depository sustain the food distribution locations at more than 500 schools.

The Food Depository's benefits outreach team is available at (773) 843-5416 on weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or apply directly with the Illinois Department of Human Services at [abe.illinois.gov](http://abe.illinois.gov), to help Chicagoans apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid benefits. SNAP benefits can be used to purchase groceries from local stores.

For benefits outreach assistance, call 773-843-5416 on Mondays-Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or apply directly with the Illinois Department of Human Services at [abe.illinois.gov](http://abe.illinois.gov).

The Salvation Army is prepared to serve identified individuals who are in quarantine or isolation. For more information on emergency assistance, call (773) 725-1100 or visit [salarmychicago.org/coronavirus](http://salarmychicago.org/coronavirus).

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services will provide daily quantities of take-away boxed meals to senior citizens in need at six senior centers, 15 satellite centers and 30 community sites.

Meals will be home-delivered by calling (312) 744-4016 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meals on Wheels will continue to operate, and provide meals to home-bound seniors ages 60+.

For more information, visit: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/serv/alerts/2020/arch/dfss-response-to-covid-19.html>

Chicago Public Schools and Charter Schools are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with grab-and-go meals (breakfast and lunch). Families will receive three days a meal for each young person in the household.

If families have trouble getting to a site, they can call (773) 553-KIDS or email at [familyservices@cps.edu](mailto:familyservices@cps.edu) to make a request for food delivery. For more information, visit [cps.edu/coronavirus](http://cps.edu/coronavirus).

The Archdiocese of Chicago offers 120 sites to support residents, which includes schools open for drive-by meal pick up on weekdays. Locations and phone numbers can be found here: <http://www.catholiccharities.net/Home/Search.aspx?search=emergency+services>. To access other services call (312) 655-7700.

More information and updates on COVID-19 can be found on CDPH's "The Doctor Is In" Livestream Monday-Friday at 11am, by texting "COVID19" to 78015 or by visiting [Chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://Chicago.gov/coronavirus).

## Obituaries

**GUILLERMO BAHENA-VIRTO**, passed away on March 27th at the age of 101. He was the husband of late Juana (nee Patricia); father of Guillermo, Ofelia (Luis Lara), Maria (Oscar Gallardo), Micaela (Natividad Onofre), late Vicenta (Abertano Benites), and late Carmen (late Abel Benites); grandfather of 21; great grandfather of 45 and great-great grandfather of 15. Visitation: was held April 1st at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**JESUS CALDERA** passed away on March 20th at the age of 65. He was the son of late Jose Caldera and Elosia (nee Hernandez); brother of Antonio, Angel, Camalo, Eloisa and Maria Dolores. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.



**ANGIE TRYBULA**, (nee Pawlikowski), of Palos Heights, passed away on March 26th at the age of 75. She was the wife of late Stanley J. Trybula; mother of Stanley B. (Patricia Linnane) and Christopher J. (Maureen) Trybula; grandmother of Shelby, Michael, Brianna, Ella and Nora; sister of late Marina and late Jan. A private family visitation was held at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery. A future memorial Mass will be scheduled. Mrs. Trybula was a retired supervisor for a cleaning maintenance company.

**JAIME VILLAGOMEZ**, passed away on March 23rd at the age of 66. He was the husband of Sonia (nee Zamora). Loving father of Nicolas (Guadalupe), Miguel, Alejandra, Margarita (William), Daniela, and Jonathan; brother of Nicolas, Jose, Pedro, Agustin, Jesus, Carmen, Ramona, Juana, and Araceli; grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 1. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements were by Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

### Art Competition For U.S. Congress

Congressman Dan Lipinski is inviting high school students from the 3rd Congressional District to participate in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. The winning piece will be displayed in the Capitol complex in Washington, D.C. for visitors to view for the next year. The runner-up will have their artwork displayed in Lipinski's Washington office for one year.

Entries must be received by April 9th at 6245 S. Archer ave.; at 5210 W. 95th st.; Orland Park at 14700 S. Ravinia ave.; or Lockport at 222. E. 9th St.

For more information, including contest guidelines and release forms, visit <https://lipinski.house.gov/congressional-art-competition1/>, or call (773) 948-6223.

### Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, April 18th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

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**St. Barbara:** 312-842-7979

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Mandarin - 2nd Saturday 4PM  
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**St. Therese:** 312-842-6777 **School** 312-326-2837

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### Assessor's Office Continues On-Line

The Cook County Assessor's Office announced the temporary suspension of assessment notice mailings and appeal deadlines. This suspension will remain in place until further notice while the office remains closed to the public.


Customer service via phone is currently unavailable. Property owners with assessment, exemption, or appeal questions can visit [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com) for answers to the most frequently asked questions. Customer service support is also available by sending an email via the Contact section of the website as staff continues to serve the public remotely.

Residential property owners can continue to file homeowner, senior/senior freeze, veterans and persons with disabilities exemptions online at [www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions).

Property owners who have already received assessment notices for 2020 can file appeals online at [www.cookcountyassessor.com/appeals](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com/appeals).

Crucial services and operations of the Assessor's Office continue on a remote basis. Appeals and exemptions already filed will continue to be processed. Many employees have been equipped with the resources necessary to work remotely.

### Decorative Arts Tour At Glessner House



Glessner House Museum, 1800 S. Prairie ave. will conduct a Decorative Arts Tour on Saturdays, June 6th and Oct. 3rd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The behind-the-scenes tour, led by curator William Tyre, explores the fascinating collection of original decorative arts. John & Frances Glessner began collecting in the mid-1870s, and over the next several decades, amassed a significant collection including furniture and ceramic, glass and metal objects, many commissioned from local craftsmen. Prepaid tickets at \$25 per person are required. Call (312) 326-1480.

### Relief Package For City Small Business

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced a new \$100 million economic relief package to support small businesses that are experiencing a temporary loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The new Chicago Small Business Resiliency Loan Fund will provide low-interest loans to small businesses over the coming months, targeting under-resourced communities.

The economic relief package is designed to provide cash flow relief for neighborhood entrepreneurs and includes extended due dates for business-related tax payments until April 30th.

The fund leverages a \$25 million grant by the City of Chicago, \$50 million in capital by the Chicago Community Catalyst Fund as well as \$10 million from Goldman Sachs' Urban Investment Group, \$1 million from Fifth Third, \$250,000 from Clayco and \$15 million from additional private funding sources.

Up to \$50,000 in working capital loans to neighborhood entrepreneurs will help support rent and payroll expenses. A network of Community Development Financial Institutions will be responsible for providing support with application screening, credit underwriting, loan disbursements and servicing.

Eligible businesses must have experienced a more than 25% revenue decrease due to the impact from COVID-19. Furthermore, to qualify as a small business, each establishment must have fewer than 50 employees. Beginning on March 31st, the City's CDFI partners will begin accepting loan applications from local businesses. In the meantime, business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to fill out an interest form and a City representative of the fund will reach out on next steps.

The City is temporarily suspending debt collection, and limited ticketing and towing practices. New economic relief package will temporarily defer all business fine collections as well as license renewal and late fees until April 30th.

Due dates for payments will be extended until April 30th for the following City taxes: bottled water, checkout bag, amusement, hotel accommodation, restaurant and parking.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, tune into CDPH's "The Doctor Is In" Livestream weekdays at 11 a.m., for mobile updates, text COVID19 to 78015 or email: [coronavirus@chicago.gov](mailto:coronavirus@chicago.gov).

### DeLaSalle Implements E-Day Learning



Because of safety precautions taken regarding the coronavirus, DeLaSalle Institute has instituted its E-Day policy in which the students become online learners. This policy will be in place until at least March 31st.

According to Associate Principal for Curriculum and Learning Technology Paul Dirschl, "Online learning is used by all of our teachers, students and administration. The students check their courses for assignments and complete them electronically. This has worked well in the past, we've done professional development in the past and the teachers collaborate with each other on different strategies. The students can log into Schoology and watch online videos, interactive PowerPoint presentations and listen to audio presentations."

Many of your local restaurants have remained open for delivery and pick-up

Consider ordering out to help support these businesses in your community during this time.

**Tio Luis Tacos**  
3856 S. Archer (773) 843-0098

**LaCoco's Pizza & Sports Club**  
3350 W. 47th St. (773) 523-2205  
10 a.m. to 4 a.m.

**Palermo's On 63rd Street**  
3751 W. 63rd St. (773) 585-5002

**Tierra Caliente Restaurant**  
4070 S. Archer (773) 847-9755  
Mon - Fri. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sat - Sun. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**The Hut**  
3601 S. California Avenue (773) 847-0240

**Dino's Carry-Outs**  
4135 S. Archer Ave. (773) 376-4693  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Frank's Chicago Shrimp House**  
4459 S. Archer Ave. (773) 523-4624  
Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 12-8 p.m.

**La Palapa**  
2000 W. 34th St. (773) 376-9620

To be added to this list call (773) 523-3663 or email [brightonparklife@aol.com](mailto:brightonparklife@aol.com)

### Resources For Covid 19 Crisis

Hotel Utilization: Individuals who do not require hospital-level care can be transferred to downtown hotels rented by the City of Chicago to quarantine affected individuals. For more information, call (312) 746-4835.

Meals on Wheels: The home-delivered meal program for seniors is managed by The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services. Contact Information and Assessment at (312) 744-4016.

Rental Assistance: If you need information, call the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage Grove, at (312) 747-2300.

Chicago Public Schools Food Program: Schools are open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide breakfast and lunch to those under 18 years. If you have trouble getting to the site, contact (773) 553-5437.

Greater Food Depository: The benefit outreach team helps people in Cook County with SNAP, Medicaid and other public benefit programs. They can be reached at (773) 843-5416.

Mental Health Resources: Call 311, the NAMI Chicago Helping (833) 626-4244, or the TURN Center (883) 887-6123 for a counselor.

### Flag Design Contest For Cook County

Cook County has launched #FLAG2021, a contest for County high school students to redesign its flag in time for the County's 190th anniversary.

On the contest website, students are advised to consider the geography, mission and history, and people. The new flag will be the banner for all 5.2 million residents, and students are advised to describe the meaning and symbolism in their designs.

The deadline for submission of entries is April 15th, 2020. 25 semi-finalists, will meet with volunteer design professionals to further refine their designs. The Panel will select five finalists for the County Board to consider this fall. The winning flag will be raised above Daley Plaza during a January 2021 ceremony.

The winning flag design will become the official banner of Cook County and will be flown and displayed in all locations where the current flag is located.

Students may submit online at [www.cookcountytill.gov/flag2021](http://www.cookcountytill.gov/flag2021), via email to [flag2021@cook-countyil.gov](mailto:flag2021@cook-countyil.gov), or by mailing the paper entry form (found at the website above) or any physically constructed flag to 118 N. Clark Street, Room 436, Chicago, IL 60602.

### Lottery Closes Claim Centers

The Illinois Lottery announced that its claim centers will be closed to the public until further notice.

Winner players are encouraged to mail in their claims. If you claim is \$600 or less, you can still visit your local Lottery retailer. Visit the Lottery's website, <http://www.IllinoisLottery.com/winning>, to download a claim form and for more information on how to submit a claim through the mail. Winning tickets can also be claimed for up to 12 months after purchase. For more information, visit [www.IllinoisLottery.com](http://www.IllinoisLottery.com).



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### Adler Planetarium Announces Closure

As a preemptive measure to curtail the spread of coronavirus, the Adler Planetarium will be temporarily closing the museum to the public until further notice.

All events through May 1st, will be rescheduled or cancelled. If you have purchased tickets already, visit [guestservices@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:guestservices@adlerplanetarium.org) to exchange your ticket for a future date, or donate the return of your tickets to the Adler and receive a tax donation receipt. This offer extends to general museum admission passes as well.

Reopening will occur when the risk to public health has declined. Any additional updates to hours and programs will be announced by email, on [www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org) and through social media (@adler-planet).

For more information, visit [www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases](http://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases).

### Hotline For Domestic Abuse

If you or anyone you know may experience domestic violence during the Stay at Home order, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) recommends creating a safety plan that considers travel restrictions and limited shelter options. More information is available in English and Spanish at [bit.ly/NDVHcorona](http://bit.ly/NDVHcorona).

The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline (1-877-863-6338) is experiencing an increase in calls, its shelters are at capacity.

### NLEI Suspends Events Until May

The National Latino Education Institute, W. Pershing road, has cancelled or postponed all events until May. Enrollment for new classes are placed on hold until further notice. Information on programs is available through [education@nlei.org](mailto:education@nlei.org).

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