



## Chance For One Time Financial Assistance



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There is an unusual opportunity for families of students with disabilities. Students currently residing in Chicago and enrolled in K-12 either public or private schools have an opportunity to apply for one of these cash grants. They will need to prove they have a disability and were impacted by Covid-19.

It will be a lottery-type grant drawing and up to 8,000 might receive a grant. They are needed to prove a disability and you can find them clearly on the website of Ada S. McKinley Community Services. The family can file applications for up to

two of their children. While filling out the application does not guarantee one of the grants, it is worth the effort. The application is available in Chinese, English, Polish and Spanish.

Those that are true advocates for children with disabilities may seek out your neighbors and help them in the process. I taught students with disabilities as a young teacher. It helped me realize the different methods many of these students have in learning.

The next couple weeks in our city we are preparing for heavy traffic, road closures, detours and hopefully nothing worse. I lived less than a mile from the Amphitheater during the 1968 convention. I hope you and your families remain safe.

If events warrant, we will talk about the Democratic Convention soon. Remember there are two locations, McCormick Place and the United Center. Hopefully people will express their opinions in a sane and dignified manner. The city has put maps on their website in hopes that it will make your travel easier.

## New Public Art For Neighborhoods



The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announces public art projects to be completed this summer and fall, including a neighborhood murals initiative as well as unique artwork on the Chicago Transit Authority Blue, Green, and Orange lines. The CTA train wraps will be on display starting in mid-August, as will many of the neighborhood murals being created by mainly Chicago-based artists in collaboration with community organizations. These new neighborhood murals will interpret themes of democracy, civic duty, diversity, equity, and inclusion and celebrate Chicago's Blues and House music legacies.

The artist-designed train wraps project, titled "Track(ed) Changes: Democracy runs through neighborhoods," is produced and project managed by the DCASE Public Art team. Participating artists include: Brandon Breau, Bob Faust, Kristoffer McAfee, Noel Mercado, Carlos Rolón, Esperanza Rosas, Territory, and youth artists with Urban Gateways.

Other DCASE Public Art projects are scheduled for completion in Summer/Fall 2024.

## National Day For ABLE Savings Accounts

Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs is celebrating the first-ever National ABLE Savings Day, a program that helps people with disabilities achieve financial independence through investment accounts.

ABLE is short for Achieving a Better Life Experience, and a decade ago Congress passed a law allowing states to

create programs to help individuals with disabilities save and invest their money to pay expenses that help to improve their health, independence, or quality of life, without risking their public benefits.

Illinoisans with disabilities opened the first IL ABLE accounts in 2017. Today, almost 6,300 people have accounts with an average balance of \$11,000. Funds can be used for a broad range of expenses, including therapy, health needs, assistive technology and recreation.

With an IL ABLE account, people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income benefits can grow their financial assets above the \$2,000 federal limit. As of June 30, about 180,000 Americans with disabilities have collectively saved more than \$2 billion in their ABLE accounts.

Visit [illinoisable.com](http://illinoisable.com) to learn more.

## Mexican Museum Offers Programs



**Eduardo Oropeza (CA. 1947-2003), Échale (Hit It), 1989, serigraph /serigrafia, National Museum of Mexican Art Permanent Collection, Gift of Self Help Graphics.**

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.

A new digital guide is available for free on Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and culture app that features visual descriptions, supplemental videos, art highlights from the permanent collection, and more.

Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home recounts the story of José Cruz Alba (1918-2002) and his immigrant journey from Durango to Chicago. Archival photographs, video, newspaper clippings and family interviews trace his life's work.

Children ages 7-12 are invited to explore the galleries during a guided visit of Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity. Spend time analyzing "The New Awakening" and creating building block artworks inspired by nature. \$15 registration fee includes all materials. Email [angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](mailto:angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org) to register.

Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home in the Chicag Gallery through Nov. 10th.

The art studio that hosts education programs has been completely revamped to offer improved and varied classes. Plus, it features a stunning mural by artist Cecilia Beaven. Join us on Saturday, Aug. 17th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to celebrate

the enhanced space and enjoy art activities.

*Día de Muertos, Where the Past is Present*, dedicated to Ray Patlán (1946-2024), a muralist and painter from Chicago who died in April opens on Friday, Sept. 20th with a reception from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The 38th annual exhibition commemorates the celebration of departed loved ones through ofrendas. Nearly seventy works from the Museum's Permanent Collection are part of this exhibition.

*Contemporary Casta Portraiture: Nuestra 'Calidad'* by Delilah Montoya examines the multiracial life experiences of the Southwest U.S. and Mexican borderlands through photography.

Sonido Fest opens Saturday, Aug. 24th. This vibrant festival highlights indie, alternative, electronic and contemporary Mexican music, featuring performances by local and international artists, accompanied by DJs. The event is free, but registration is encouraged.

Viva la Vida, a monthly workshop series tailored for creative agers, 55 & up are invited on Thursday, Aug. 29th from 1 to 3 p.m. for an art making activity followed by a visit to the galleries.

Coffee and treats will be provided. This program is free, but registration is required.

Most programs are free of charge; however, registration is required at [email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](mailto:angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org)

## IDNR Winners On Cicada Art Show

The rare double-brood emergence of billions of cicadas that Illinois experienced earlier this summer may be a faint memory, but the artwork these noisy insects inspired will commemorate their visit for years to come.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' call for cicada art submissions in May resulted in nearly 350 entries.

The entries were judged by art experts from the Illinois State Museum and educators from the museum and IDNR. Winning entries are on display at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield through Aug. 18th. Adult finalists and special award winners are on display in the law enforcement tent in Conservation World 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Youth finalists and special award winners are on display in the First Lady's Tent on Main Street of the fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

High school art teacher Chris Hodge of Batavia earned Best of Show recognition for his ink and illustration board piece, "Dawn of the Cicada," depicting a single recently molted cicada rising to meet the dawn.

Best of Show honorable mentions were awarded to: Mary Reese, Lisle, "Spring Emergence"; Belle Amelie Artistry, Decatur, "6 AM and Oak Lawn Library, 'Honey, I'm Coming!'";

Entries were grouped into adult and youth entries for judging. Adult Best of Medium winners were: Jessica Pignotti, Lemont, mixed media, "Dance of the Cicadas"; Jeremy Berkeley, East Peoria, printmaking, "Live Loud"; Kathryn Wicks, Homer, drawings, "Periodical Perceptions"; Stephanie Goehring, Chicago, painting, "The Brood"; Tammy Ramsey, Cypress, photography, "Chasing Waterfalls" and Steve Kost, Palos Park, 3D/sculpture, "17-Year Summer Song".

The First Lady's Award from MK Pritzker for adult entries went to Jennifer Wharton of Murphysboro for her photo, "Cicada on

Blooming Buckeye Tree." The Director's Award from IDNR Director Finnie went to Samantha Gallagher of Wadsworth for her pastel piece, "We're Ready Now."

Youth entries were broken into age groups for judging. Winning entries included:

Youth ages 0-7: First place: Carlos Gómez Arámbula, 6, Orland Park, "Cicada on Tree of Life". Second place: Reeva Gaikwad, 6, Chicago, "Musical Cicada". Third place: Nisa Bilazer, 2, Darien, "Cicada Painting". Honorable mention: Carter Csordas, 4, Elizabeth, "The Cicada in the Forest" and Sanchi Bansal, 6, Chicago, "Nature's Hidden Symphony: Cicada Secrets".

Youth ages 8-13: First place: Chanyam Yuen-Ortanez, 10, Chicago, "Cicadas of Resurrection". Second place: Reese Huston, 12, Springfield, "Cicada Named Brian". Third place: Riddhi Subhedar, 10, Chicago, "My Happy Cicada". Honorable mention: Christopher Martinez, 10, Charleston, "Colorful Creatures".

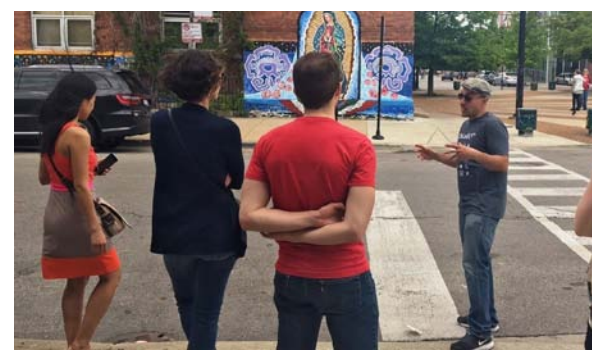
Youth ages 14-17: First place: Joy Cheng, 14, Chicago, "Cicada's Song". Second place (tie): Adrian Schneider, 14, Urbana, "The Heart of Science" and Elora Kloster, 16, Evanston, "Cicada Apocalypse". Third place: Megan Schoenherr, 16, O'Fallon, "Now Playing: Illinois Cicada Symphony". Honorable mention: Levi Mallow, 14, Germantown Hills, "The Old, The New"; Raegan Higbee, 16, East Peoria, "Emergence" and Deniana Clemente, 15, Chicago, "Cicada Fam".

The First Lady's Award for youth went to Cassi Kyros, 17, of Carol Stream for her piece, "A Summer Concert." The Director's Award went to Damian Erickson, 17, of Urbana for "Brood XIX."

People's Choice voting for cicada art favorites are open through Aug. 18th.

All entries will be exhibited online, and electronic voting for a special People's Choice Award will take place for work that was not awarded a ribbon.

## History Museum Schedules Events



The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. will conduct a Walking Tour of Bronzeville on Sunday, Aug. 25th from 12 to 2 p.m. Author and historian Bernard Turner leads this walking tour that highlights Chicago's most influential African Americans and their contributions to the city. \$25.

A Bike Tour of Chicago's Fabulous Fountains will be conducted on Sunday, Aug. 18th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Explore the fountains of Lincoln Park and the Near North Side with Greg Borzo, author of *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains* (2017). The city is home to more than 130 outdoor public fountains, and many of them have stories to tell. \$25.

A Walking Tour of Glitterati on the Gold Coast will be featured on Saturday, Aug. 24th from 1 to 3 p.m. Join a CHM History Buff volunteer guide and whisk away to a time when Chicago's rich and famous caroused on the coast. \$25.

Bring your group to the Chicago History Museum during August 2024 and enjoy \$2 off person for group admission and guided gallery tours. Email [groupstours@chicagohistory.org](mailto:groupstours@chicagohistory.org) to book today. Minimum of 10 people required.

Join History Buff volunteer guide Dave Gudewicz to explore the history of the Sheffield/DePaul neighborhood on Sunday, Aug. 25th from

12 to 2 p.m. The area was once home to immigrants who worked in the local factories, then wealthy Victorian-era families, and is now home to a university and its students. Tickets are \$25.

A Walking Tour of Graceland Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 25th from 1 to 3 p.m. Join History Buff volunteer guide Scottie Perry and discover the remarkable stories of Chicagoans buried here, including Marshall Field, Louis Sullivan, George Pullman and Potter and Bertha Palmer. Tickets are \$25.

A Walking Tour of Humboldt Park is scheduled for Saturdays, Aug. 17th & 31st from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join professional guide Eduardo Archo on a walk through home to Chicago's Puerto Rican community. \$25.

A Walking Tour of Hyde Park Viaduct Murals will be held on Sundays, Aug. 18th & Sept. 1st from 1 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join artist and educator Juarez Hawkins for a lively historical tour of the murals along the Metra underpasses linking Hyde Park Boulevard and Cornell Avenue in Hyde Park. \$25.

The Museum will be closed for a private event on Tuesday, Aug. 20th. The North & Clark Cafe, Museum Store and Abakanowicz Research Center will also be closed. Visit [chicagohistory.org](http://chicagohistory.org).

## County Farm Bureau Plans Farm Crawl

The Cook County Farm Bureau will offer free self-guided tours of Farms, Farmstands, Greenhouses, Garden Centers and Agri-businesses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22nd to 24th. There will be opportunities for tours, experiences, farm products to purchase, many offering specials and discounts.

Crawlers will use the Passport to Agriculture booklet to record visits at participating locations, details and operating times, and special offers. Crawlers who turn in their Passport to the CCFB office will be entered into a drawing

for the chance at top cash prizes of \$500, \$350, and \$150, and other small prizes. This year, 3 "Favorite Farm Crawl Passport Locations" will be awarded the same cash prize as voted by received Farm Crawl Passports.

To obtain your Passport to Ag, download at: <https://bit.ly/3SP69Ah>, email: [cbbf@cookfb.org](mailto:cfbf@cookfb.org) or call (708) 354-3276 to have one mailed.

## Dean's List At Washington U.

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri.

Jiahong Chen (60609), Jennifer Lopez (60638), Bernice Mai (60609) and Luis Salinas (60632). To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

## Lozano Honored

America Lozano was named to Albion College's Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better GPA while taking four graded courses are recognized.

A sophomore, Lozano is a graduate of Back of the Yards College Preparatory School.

## Just Married



**Dr. Nicholas & Katie Stepnoski**

Mr. and Mrs. James and Alicia Krok proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Katie Marianne to Dr. Nicholas Daniel Stepnoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas and Diane Stepnoski of Dyer, Indiana.

The wedding ceremony took place on July 27th, 2024 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, where Katie and her family are parishioners. A reception followed at Drury Lane, Oakbrook. At this church, the first marriage in her family took place 116 years ago. Katie walked down the aisle as a fourth generation bride on both her mother's and father's sides of the family.

Katie's maternal great-grandparents, Anthony and Marianne Libuszowski, were married at Saints Peter and Paul on Aug. 3rd, 1908; grandparents Joseph and Katherine Repel on June 1st, 1947; paternal great-

grandparents, Jan and Magdalena Krok, on Sept. 22nd, 1913; great-aunt and great-uncle Walter and Rose Machnyk on Aug. 6th, 1955. Katie's parents, James and Alicia Krok, on June 16th, 1985.

Katie is employed by Hilton Hotel Corporate Office and Nicholas practices podiatry in Orland Park. The couple honeymooned in Greece.

## Anguiano Graduates

Chicago native Mercedes Martinez Anguiano participated in Commencement proceedings at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, on May 19th. A graduate of Thomas Kelly College Prep, Anguiano received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Humanities.

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To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to [brightonparklife@aol.com](mailto:brightonparklife@aol.com). Opinions expressed by guest editors may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

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## Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "True Biz" by Sara Novic is the topic for Sept. 12th at 6 p.m.

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, Aug. 23rd and 30th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Teen programs to age 18 are held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

A Music Listening Party for adults will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10th at 2 p.m.

Homeschool Meetups will be held Friday, Aug. 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities will be available for kids while caregivers can chat and share resources.

Young Artists Club will meet on Tuesdays through Aug. 27th from 4 to 5 p.m. Each week, learn about a different artist, look at several of their works and then create some art of your own.

Fun Club offers unique activities for families to

engage with and afterwards kids can build with LEGO, play games and color on Wednesdays through Aug. 28th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Dinosaur Story Time for ages 2 to 6 will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 17th from 12 to 1 p.m.

Who - IQ Trivia Night: What Was Pompeii! for ages 8 to 12 will be held on Monday, Aug. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Are you a fan of the Who Was, What Is and Where is Books? Join us for fun trivia and craft event. Copies of the title will be available for check out. Read the book prior to the event.

Time for Tots Storytime, Mondays, Sept. 16th - 30th from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Ages 15 - 48 months. Join us for stories, songs & a craft.

Stories & Songs, Wednesdays, Sept. 11th - 25th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 15-48 months. Join us for stories, songs and a craft.

Back to School Yoga Thursday, Sept. 19th from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Join Ms. Kim for preschool yogo fun. This is a monthly program. Registration is required.

Family Escape Room, Thursday, Aug. 22nd from 6 to 7 p.m. Enjoy solving puzzles? Join us in unlocking the mystery of our amazing escape room. Contestants will work in teams to solve a variety of puzzles. Age 8 to 12.

Picture Book Round-Up, Saturday, Aug. 31st from 12 to 1 p.m. Help us celebrate our favorite new picture books in this hybrid story time and craft event. Ages 3 to 6.

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

### 8th District Beat Meetings

8th District Police Beats 815 and 821 will meet at the Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Wednesdays, Sept. 4th, Oct. 2nd and Nov. 6th at 7 p.m.

## Flight of Butterflies Sculpture Exhibits



Photo credit the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will welcome the "Flight of Butterflies," an expansive citywide public installation art experience, in 16 natural areas, starting August 23rd.

The sculptures that have been on display at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum since April 2024, will call these designated areas rich with native plantings home until September 2025. The Park District will feature these works of art prominently to display their beauty and bring attention to the importance of conservation of native landscapes and survival of butterflies and pollinators. Local exhibits can be seen at the Ping Tom Natural Area, 300 W. 19th st. and feature "In Your Light" by Moises Salazar Tlanchi. The Brighton Park Community Campus (Park 596), 4830 S. Western will feature "Drift Away" by James Jankowiak. The Burnham Nature Sanctuary, 2616 S. Shields will feature "Wisdomkeeper" by Olya Salimova.

## New Law Retitles Weapons Charges

Clarifying and providing more transparency on criminal possession charges, State Senator Javier Cervantes' new law will retitle these charges to more accurately reflect the nature of the crimes.

"By adjusting the naming of the charges, we can give more clarity around criminal conduct which will allow us to support charged individuals, most of whom are minorities disproportionately arrested for these crimes," said Cervantes (D-Chicago). "Prior to this law, an unlawful use of a weapon charge could seem like a violent action, while in reality it could be a simple possession of a firearm at the time of arrest. As we clarify these charges, we can provide support to residents who have been impacted and give them greater access to support services."

### Newberry Library Plans Programs

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton supports and inspires research, teaching and learning in the humanities. Its collection of 1.6 million, 600,000 maps, and 1,300 archival collections, a portal to more than 600 years of human history from the 15th century to the present.

A hybrid program "Creating and Preserving Disorder: Roynko, Daley and the 1968 DNC" is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29th at 6 p.m.

"Genealogy 101: An Introduction to Genealogical Research will be taught on Saturday, Sept. 7th at 9:30 a.m.

An exhibition of Indigenous Chicago will be on-view Sept. 12th through Jan. 4th.

For more information, call (312) 943-9090.

According to Cabrini Green Legal Aid, more than 86,500 people have been arrested and more than 33,000 were convicted of unlawful use of a weapon in Illinois since 2009. This disproportionately impacts people and communities of color, with Black individuals comprising 69% of all people arrested for UDW, and negatively affects people's ability to secure housing and employment.

The new law, House Bill 4500, will change the title of the "unlawful use of a weapon" offense to "unlawful possession of a weapon" in the Criminal Code, along with several similarly named criminal offenses. The legislation would also change the title of the "armed habitual criminal" offense to "unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony offender." The bill does not change the definitions, penalties or any other elements of the offenses.

After unanimously passing the Senate, House Bill 4500 was signed into law on Aug. 9th.

## Fall Registration For Park District

As Summer Day Camp culminates and Public School students as well as college students return to the classroom for the start of the academic school year, and athletes begin Fall training sessions, the Park District's pools will begin a phased transition in preparation for the Fall season.

The next month is full of summer programs, Night Out in the Park events and Movies in the Parks showings. For a calendar of free events, visit [www.nightoutintheparks.com](http://www.nightoutintheparks.com).

Summer Teen Basketball and Soccer Leagues for 13-18 yr. old happening through August 23rd. In-person registration available.

Late Summer Camp opportunities and Sports Camps options vary by park.

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### 5K Event At Burnham Park

The Chicago Parks Foundation will conduct its second 5K event at Burnham Park, 31st Street Beach and Sunday, Sept. 15th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Start the morning with the timed Lakefront Trail 5K or a guided 1-Mile Burnham Wildlife Corridor Nature Walk. Then enjoy the post-race gathering with food, drinks, and community fun.

Event registrations include a commemorative t-shirt and post-race party ticket.

All ages are welcome. Register at [chicagoparks-foundation.org](http://chicagoparks-foundation.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, Sept. 5th. 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 crime 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.

Family Story Time with picture books, stories, songs and a simple paper craft activity will be held on Tuesday, Aug 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Register by 5:30 p.m. the day before. A parent or guardian's email address is required.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion for ages 13 & up is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. During August, the club will continue reading of "Kaiju No. 8" by Naoya Matsumoto and "Deadbox" by Mark Russell.

Visit [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org) to register.

## Summer Events At Arboretum



Wine and Art Walk. Photo credit: The Morton Arboretum

During August, The Morton Arboretum of Lisle will offer special events and in-person and online programming for all ages. Nonmember guests must reserve admission online or by phone in advance of their visit.

All fees listed are for general public admission to the Arboretum and include free parking. For more programming information, visit [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org).

Wonder Woods Mini Golf through Monday, Sept. 2nd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$10 for adults (Does not include Arboretum admission; timed-entry ticket required.) \$8 for children (ages 4 through 17).

Arbor Evenings on Wednesdays through Aug. 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. \$15 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children ages 1 and younger. Enjoy live music on picturesque Frost Hill. Bring blankets or chairs for lawn seating.

Walking Plays on Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 25th from 6 to 8 p.m. \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 2 to 7 and free for ages 2 and younger. Featuring house at Pooch Corner.

Wine and Art Walk Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17th and 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included with Arboretum admission. Sip wine, enjoy live music and stroll around Meadow Lake.

### Music Festival At Grant Park

The Grant Park Music Festival is celebrating 90 years with another week of great performers.

Mahler Symphony No. 8 is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus will perform Gumpolskirchner Spatzen.

Free and reserved seats are available. Sit close to the stage for as little as \$27. Visit [gpmf.org](http://gpmf.org) or call (312) 742-7647 for more information and assistance planning your visit.

Drop-In Acorn Express Adventures Wednesdays and Thursdays through October from 11 to 11:45 a.m. \$8 (Does not include Arboretum admission.) The tram ride adventure will seek destinations for hiking, and guests will enjoy making crafts. Tickets are available at the information desk in the visitor center for the day of visit only.

Make with Wood - Free with Arboretum admission. Saturday, Aug. 17th, every 30 minutes between 1 to 3 p.m. Children can build and customize fun objects from wood in this hands-on discovery workshop. This program is for ages 6 and older with an accompanying adult. Reservations must be made in the Children's Garden on the day of visit only.

Admission rates are \$17 for adults, ages 18 to 64, \$15 for seniors ages 65 and older; \$12 for children ages 2 to 17, and free for children ages 1 and younger. On Wednesdays, admission is \$12 for adults ages 18 to 64. \$11 for seniors ages 65 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2 to 17. Parking is free with admission. Visit [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org).

### Mobile Office For 12th Ward

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez will conduct mobile office hours at Columbia Explorers Academy, 4520 S. Kedzie on Friday, Aug. 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the BPNC Community Fiesta Event. For more information, contact (773) 475-6783 or [ward12@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward12@cityofchicago.org).

### Midway C of C Sets Networking Event

Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct a Business Networking Event at Twisted Shamrock Pub, 6462 S. Central ave. on Friday, Aug. 23rd from 5 to 11 p.m. Membership is not required. Register at <https://business.midwaychamber.org>

### Holy Cross Ladies Set Basement Sale

The Holy Cross Ladies Aid will conduct a Basement Sale in the church assembly hall 3116 S. Racine ave. on Saturday, Aug. 24th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A great selection of clothes, kitchenware, books, DVD's, hardware/tools, home & seasonal decor, toys, baby items and much more. Clothing is Buy 1 Get 2 free and all children's books are free. Admission is free.

Due to limited space, item donations cannot be accepted. For more information, call (773) 523-3838.

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**Masses at St. Therese**  
Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander  
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**Real Estate For Sale**  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUE MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R10 Plaintiff, -v- JANISSA F. KING, TEARRA S. ALLEN Defendants 2023 CH 04882 6750 S. PEORIA ST. CHICAGO, IL 60621 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6750 S. PEORIA ST., CHICAGO, IL 60621 Property Index No. 20-20-405-042-0000 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The judgment amount was \$19,329.14. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

**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. Little Learners Story Time Fridays through Aug. 30th at 10:30 a.m.,

**Grant Funding For Development**

A new round of Community Development Grants being made available through the Department of Planning and Development can help pay up to 75% of eligible costs involving new construction and rehabilitation. Small grants up to \$250,000 are available for office, retail, light industrial and mixed-use projects. Deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 8th. Medium grants from \$300,001 to \$5 million are available for office, retail, cultural, industrial and mixed-use projects. Deadline to apply is Friday, Feb 14th. Large grants above \$5 million are available for office, retail, cultural, industrial and mixed-use projects. Deadline to apply is Friday, Feb 14th. Grant uses may include hard, soft and acquisition costs. Private and non-profit developers, property owners and businesses are eligible to apply. Funding is provided through proceeds from the Housing and Economic Development bond and other sources. Applications are evaluated using criteria based on a project's anticipated impact, location, site characteristics, uses, documentation and financing. DPD also reviews applications for potential issues related to zoning, design and historic preservation. Additional information, submission resources and program applications are available online at [www.city-of-chicago.org/CDG](http://www.city-of-chicago.org/CDG).

**Four Flamingo Chicks At Brookfield Zoo Chicago**



Photo credit: Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Brookfield Zoo Chicago announce the hatching of four American flamingo chicks whose genders are yet to be determined. Currently under the expert care of the animal care staff, they are being housed behind the scenes. Beginning Aug. 19th, the young birds can be seen daily through the Penguin Encounter room window from 12:30 to 1 p.m., where they will engage in exercise and water play. In early September, staff will be taking the birds outdoors on the South Mall from 12:30 to 1 p.m. These activities are important to build the strength and confidence needed to join the larger flock. When the chicks are about 2 months old, zookeepers will be able to see them daily at The Swamp along with the older flamingos who arrived in 2023. Zoo guests can expect to see downy, gray-feathered chicks with their distinctive pink feathers

coming in gradually as they mature. Native to the Caribbean Islands, South America's northern coastline, and the southeastern United States, flamingos are social birds typically living in large flocks. Fully grown by age 2, they can reach up to 5 feet tall with a similar-length wingspan. The Flamingo Feeding Adventure is available at The Swamp on select days and times through Labor Day. Or, guests can join in the daily parade, when the flamboyant birds take their strolls to the Formal Pool around 10:15 a.m. and back to The Swamp at 2:45 p.m., weather permitting. For \$35 to the Animal Adoption program, donor receives the Friend Package, which includes a personalized certificate of adoption, a 5-inch x 7-inch color photograph of an American flamingo, a fact sheet, an Animal Adoption program decal, and an invitation to the 2024 Animal Adoption summer event. The \$65 Plush Package includes all the benefits of the Friend Package plus a 12-inch pink plush flamingo and four tickets to the Animal Adoption evening in 2025. Visit [www.BrookfieldZoo.org/AmericanFlamingo](http://www.BrookfieldZoo.org/AmericanFlamingo).

**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 Magic Waffle Mondays at 1 p.m. (except Aug. 26th). Make a waffle with fun toppings and enjoy board games, coloring or bring your own book. Teen Tuneful Crafternoons on Thursdays through Aug. 29th at 1 p.m. A fun afternoon of crafts, socializing and snacks. Materials and snacks will be provided. ADULTS Polish Book Club meets 3rd Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. Schedule: canceled for August, resumes Sept. 18th, canceled for October.

English Book Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26th title is "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi. Sept. 25th will feature "Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zauner. Bedding 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.

**Church Services**

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Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., neighbor/community night with grilling and games in the church yard. All are welcome.  
Saturday Gathering for Spanish speakers, 5:30 p.m.

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Join us for services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study & Sunday School at 11 a.m., Chinese Bible Study every Saturday in the Ministry Center at 7:45 p.m.  
Save These Dates  
Saturday, Aug. 17th - Vacation Bible School for ages 4 to 10. A fun day of Bible stories, arts & crafts, music and games.  
Saturday, Sept. 28th - Rummage Sale.

**SummerDance At Davis Square Park**



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will conduct SummerDance at Davis Square Park, 4430 S. Marshfield on Wednesday, Aug. 21st from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free dance lessons are followed by live music and DJs. For more information, visit [www.ChicagoSummerDance.org](http://www.ChicagoSummerDance.org)

**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.

**DFSS Program For Grant Scholarships**

The City of Chicago Department of Family Services and Support is now accepting applications for the 2024 Community Services Block Grant Scholarship Program in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This program will award \$230,000 in scholarships to eligible full-time students enrolled in continuing education or vocational training programs for the upcoming fall term. The scholarships are intended to cover expenses such as tuition, books, and other related educational costs as confirmed by the institution. Scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are exclusively available to full-time students enrolled in a college, university, or vocational training program during the fall semester of 2024. To be eligible for this

one-time scholarship, students must meet the following criteria: Reside in the City of Chicago. Satisfy the program's income requirements. Earned a high school diploma or its equivalent and Be enrolled full-time at an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution Illinois with verification provided by the institution. For assistance with the application process and additional program information, DFSS is hosting a webinar on Monday, August 19th at 10am. To register, or for additional information, send an email to [DSScsbgscholarship@city-of-chicago.org](mailto:DSScsbgscholarship@city-of-chicago.org). To apply to the CSBG scholarship program and to learn about the income eligibility requirements, visit [www.chicago.gov/fss/scholarship](http://www.chicago.gov/fss/scholarship) Completed applications due Friday, Sept. 6th, 5 p.m.

**Back-To-School Events Planned**

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez will conduct Back To School events at Columbia Explorers Academy, 4520 S. Kedzie on Friday, Aug. 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Calmecca Academy, 3456 W. 38th st. on Thursday, Aug. 22nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Kelly Park, 2725 W. 41st st. on Sunday, Aug. 25th from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact (773) 475-6783 or [ward12@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward12@cityofchicago.org).

**Potluck Dinner At Play Garden**

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct a Community Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 28th at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Bring food or snacks to share. Drinks, plates, utensils and napkins provided.

**Music Festival At Daley Plaza**

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, and Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection announced the commercial corridor activation, "Celebrating Chicago at Daley Plaza" Aug. 19th to 23rd. The celebration will take place at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street, and is free to the public. This event is designed to showcase neighborhoods in the heart of downtown to residents and visitors. For more information, visit [Chicago.gov/DCASE](http://Chicago.gov/DCASE). Monday, Aug. 19th: Street Symphony: The Soulful Artistry of Chicago's Street Performers will include Food Trucks and performances from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20th: Chicago Vintage Festival

from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with 50+ vintage and handmade vendors at Daley Plaza. Indigenous / First Nations Mapping Event from 1 to 3 p.m., presented by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. Special edition of SummerDance from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21st: Chi-Town Stars: Youth in Da Spotlight will feature four performances by some of the city's top youth entertainers starting at 12:30 p.m. and will include food trucks. Thursday, Aug. 22nd: Daley Plaza Farmers Extended Twilight Market, will sell fresh seasonal produce, flowers, prepared foods, unique products and rare finds from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. along with special performances by local DJs from 12 to 7 p.m. For information, visit [Chicago.gov/BACP](http://Chicago.gov/BACP).

**Garden Show At Garfield Park**

The newest Artist's Garden Show at the Garfield Park Conservatory "The Creative Mind of George Washington Carver" is open through Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Most know Mr. Carver for his contributions to agricultural science through the development of peanut products. However, he was also a gifted artist whose biggest inspiration was nature. Pre-registration is required at [www.chicago-parkdistrict.com](http://www.chicago-parkdistrict.com)

**Jazz Institute Offers Concerts**

The Jazz Institute of Chicago announces that The Chicago Jazz Piano Festival will be staged at Pianoforte Studios, 1335 S. Michigan ave. with concerts by world-renowned pianists, including Elio Villafranca and Darwin Noguiera, Sept. 20th & 21st; Esteban Castro, Oct. 25th & 26th; Laurence Hobgood, Nov. 29th & 30th. Visit [jazzinchicago.org](http://jazzinchicago.org).

**BPNC Schedules Family Fun Fest**

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will conduct Family Fun Fest at Columbia Explorers Academy, 4520 S. Kedzie on Friday, Aug. 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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