



Voting By Mail



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The Primary elections are now underway. Some of you have asked for and received a mail-in ballot that can be used until March 19th. I've had several people ask me about the ballot and they varied in age quite a bit. So I thought I would try to make a simple article to help people out. You may return the completed ballot by mail with the envelope you received or drop it off at the McKinley Park Branch Library or McGuane Park.

The Chicago Board of Elections has worked hard to make these ballots more secure and less likely to be used by someone else. Please remember when the regular polls close at 7 p.m. on March 19th, you can no longer use the ballot.

It has been shown that

fewer people vote in the Primary because you must declare the party you choose to vote for, be it Democrat or Republican. Many of us normally split our ballot and many positions have no candidates or are unopposed, which makes some people say, why bother. Some even take ballots for the other party to vote against someone. Oh, this life of politics.

Once you have voted, you may contact the Election Board to confirm that your vote was counted. There is no problem if you leave blanks or if you decide to vote in person either early or until the polls close on March 19th. Bring the ballot with you to the polls and tell the judge. Of course, you can't do both.

Your voting shows your family and the local elected officials that you try to stay informed. Even if the world thinks you are voting for someone who has no apparent chance of winning, still make your preference count. A good example was during the last election. Many people were afraid to put up a sign of their preferred candidate. But surprisingly even though their candidate still lost, and the people thought they might be the only ones voting for that candidate, there were over 2,000 voters in his Ward that voted like he did. This made him feel, in reality, he was not alone.

Iron Horse District B.S. A. Klondike Derby



Over the weekend of Feb 9th, members of the Iron Horse District of the Pathway to Adventure Council held their annual Klondike Derby and overnight camping event at Goodenow Nature Preserve, Beecher, IL. Boy Scouts practiced for weeks prior for the Patrol to Patrol Winter skills competitions, starting the day with a flag raising, morning drag sledge races followed by Troop site challenges: Cold weather First Aid, Knot Identification, Ice Safety, Fishing Pole team building, patrol relay and stretcher construction and uses. The afternoon brought Winter skills events such as: fire building races, pancake cook off, lash it together, shelter building, ice rescue and orienteering. The winning patrol was presented with the traveling trophy. For more information about Scouting, contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825.

St. Mary Star of the Sea Boy Troop 1441 entered their Patrol, named "Blue Monsters". Front row: Lucas Kozel, Andres Burgos, Demian Jimenez, Luis Burgos and Gabriel Hernandez. Back row: Ed Melkonian (Asst. Scout Master), Angie Kozel (Troop Treasurer), Minerva Gonzalez (committee member), Efrain Hernandez (committee member) and John Massura (Scout Master). Not pictured is Pedro Moreno (committee member).

Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. offers 3rd Friday tours monthly at 6:30 p.m. Participants will explore the 3rd floor of Asian art from the Main, Ming and Scholar's Galleries. Free parking, museum admission and appetizer will be available.

The Lunar New Year will be observed with a Special Exhibition: *Year of Dragon* featuring a preview reception, an opening ceremony and workshop series with an exclusive Jade Lecture.

3rd Friday Free Admission Night is scheduled for March 15th from 5 to 8 p.m. Tour at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Explore the three galleries of the museum and the new special exhibition - *Year of Dragon*. Free parking, museum admission, tour and appetizer will be provided.

Jun Wan will provide lecture, "Introduction to Jade" on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 2 to 3 p.m. in Mandarin. For ticket information, visit heritageasianart.org. Free parking is available.

The Main Gallery displays artifacts from China, Japan, Korea, Cambodia, Thailand, India and other Asian countries.

The Ming Gallery features Chinese art from the Ming Dynasty, including statues, furniture, paintings, calligraphy, etc.

The Scholar's Gallery gives a glimpse into the lifestyle of a typical Chinese scholar in the Qing dynasty: their furniture, tools, and objects of contemplation.

2024 Resident Artist Irene Hsiao has created an interactive installation, performance, and workshop series called *If the Sky Could Dream* that combines drawing, painting, dance, found materials and found spaces. Because the dragon is a water deity in Chinese culture, this

work also features projections of the waters of Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, and the lakes, ponds, and lagoons of Chicago Parks. The schedule includes Friday, Mar. 15th, 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Mar. 16th, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Friday, Apr. 19th, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 11th, 1 to 3 p.m.

A free museum tour for children will be offered on Saturday, March 9th from 2 to 3 p.m. Discover, create and explore vibrant art and ancient traditions in an interactive setting designed for young minds.

A Korean Culture Workshop will be conducted by Young Kim on March 23rd from 1 to 3 p.m. Join this workshop for an exploration of Obangsaek, the colors of Korea and create your own collage postcards.

For additional information visit heritageasianart.org.

Teen Center In Brighton Park

Party Per Purpose, a non-profit organization that serves ages 13 to 19 maintains a Teen Center at 3932 S. California.

Activities include workshops, mentorship, peace circles, outings, mental health resources, violence prevention, community service, internships and job opportunities.

Free Hip Hop Classes are provided every Wednesday with Dance Class from 6 to 8 p.m. and open practice from 8 to 9 p.m.

Free Mosaic Workshops are taught every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Supplies are provided. Contact (872) 267-1388, email: partypurpose@yahoo.com or visit www.pppchicago.org.

Family Events At Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. has scheduled classes for dance, visual arts, music, theatre, senior, fitness and more.

Join the Youth Theatre Company for the full theatrical experience. Includes auditions, rehearsals, and live performances on The Baffes Theater's mainstage. Payment plans are available.

The open application period for the ART COMP 47 has begun. This annual juried gallery exhibition celebrates the talent of local and regional artists. Since 1976, ART COMP has supported artists with prize money and the opportunity to show their work in the

Jack Simmerling Gallery.

BAC's Summer Arts Camp for ages 5 to 14 offers full-day dance, music, theatre and visual arts classes. The camp has four sessions, with the first three being two weeks long and culminating in a showcase. The fourth session, Summer Show Camp, is four weeks long and culminates in two performances of *Camp Rock Musical*.

The School of Fine Arts Winter/Spring 2024 catalog is now available. Learn about classes for dance, visual arts, music, theatre, senior, fitness and more.

For ticket information, visit beverlyartscenter.com.

Outdoor Adventures At Morton Arboretum



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum of Lisle invites all to take a walk while immersing in the beauty of the great outdoors, absorb the fresh air, the serene sounds of nature, and look for signs of spring.

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24th & 25th, explore a display of LEGO® bricks featuring trains running through city streets. Entry to the exhibition requires a timed-entry ticket available at the Visitor Center.

Explore the numerous classes that focus on how to take care of flowers, get started on gardening, or how to grow great tomatoes. Visit the Plant Clinic's page to explore

other ways to take care of your flowers or plants year round.

Looking to keep your little ones busy during spring break? Make the outdoors their laboratory during a five-day Spring Science Camp from Monday, March 25th to Friday, March 29th.

Purchase general admission tickets for the Winter Whiskey Tasting, in the Firefly Pavilion on Friday, Feb. 23rd.

For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

Fall Deans List At Bradley U.

Nearly 1,850 students were named to Bradley's Dean's List for Fall 2023. Honorees must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Local scholars are Elena Cerero (60608); Jill McManus, Ann McManus and Emily Brazel of (60609); Nathen Kwan (60632); Michelle Patino, Julian Salgado, Dylan Gazda, Julian Wojturski and Joanna Burdzy (60638).

Dean's List At Knox College

Carmen Labrador and Roselyn Vazquez of 60632 were named to the Knox College Dean's List for the 2023 Fall Term. Honorees must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

\$250 Million Commitment For Asylum Seekers

Governor JB Pritzker and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced a joint funding plan of over \$250 million to provide shelter, wraparound services and healthcare remain available for asylum seekers sent to Chicago. State, County and City teams concluded that an additional estimated \$321 million is needed to maintain shelter and services this calendar year, on top of previously committed funding.

In November, Illinois committed an additional \$160 million to the asylum seeker response to invest in welcome, shelter and independence. That commitment was in addition to the \$478 million the State has spent since the start of the response. As part of the joint funding plan, the State is pledging an additional \$182 million, which will be part of the Governor's upcoming Fiscal Year

2025 budget proposal.

Cook County has committed more than \$100 million in its current FY24 budget for new arrival related costs, primarily for healthcare and up to \$70 million more is planned for this joint funding plan.

The County, through its Health and Hospital system, has been the primary health care provider for new arrivals and have served more than 25,000 patients and provided for nearly 70,000 visits including physical exams, testing, lab services, vaccinations, school physicals and pediatric vaccines, as well as behavioral health screenings and counseling, care coordination, prescription medications and follow up care.

More than 35,000 asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago and surrounding suburbs over the last year and a half.

History Museum Schedules Events



Photo provided by the Chicago History Museum

City On Fire: Chicago 1871. A rapidly growing city built of wood. A summer-long heat wave. An exhausted and misdirected team of firefighters. Racial, social and economic tensions bubbling just below the surface. All Chicago needed was a spark. Open until October 2024.

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. will celebrate Black History Month with activities that center on "African Americans and the Arts" on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Remembering Dr. King: 1929-1968 invites visitors to walk through a winding gallery that features over 25 photographs depicting key moments in Dr. King's work and the Civil Rights Movement, with a special focus on his time in Chicago. While the center of his activism was focused on dismantling southern Jim Crow, the systems that kept African Americans oppressed in the American South, he spent time in Chicago and often spoke out on the realities of northern discrimination, particularly around the issues of poverty, education, and housing. Through March 3rd.

Back Home: Polish Chicago features more than 90 artifacts and documents as well as more than 100 reproduced photographs to help tell the story of the Chicago area's vibrant Polish communities from the mid-1800s to today. Explore personal narratives, music, community involvement, as well as art installations from five local Polish artists.

This exhibition is a collaborative project and oral history initiative with the Polish History Museum (Warsaw, Poland), Polish Museum of America, and Loyola University Chicago Polish Studies program. Temporary exhibit through June 8, 2024.

A Day of Dialogue presented in partnership with the Polish American Historical Association and the Polish Museum of America, join us for an exciting symposium delving into Chicago's Polish history March 16th at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit chicagohistory.org.

8 interns are needed to support the upcoming exhibition *Aqui en Chicago*, opening in fall 2025. Participants will conduct research regarding Latine peoples and communities in the Chicago metro area, learn how an exhibition goes from concept to reality, develop research and writing skills, and more. Positions are open ages 16-20 who are not yet attending university. Expected work time is 15 hours per week with payment of \$16 per hour for 8 weeks, June 17th to Aug. 16th. Applications are accepted through Friday, April 1st at chicagohistory.org.

Funding For Jobs Program

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity awarded over \$18 million in funding to 36 recipients, serving 1,700 community members statewide, to expand the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

The program creates a talent pipeline of diverse candidates in construction and the building trades. The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program launched in 2021 with the goal of increasing diversity and access to apprenticeship programs. Comprehensive pre-apprenticeship programs help participants

gain admission to apprenticeship programs, which provide a greater opportunity to obtain employment in the construction trades and secure a life-long career.

DCEO is expanding its network of providers to recruit, prescreen, and provide pre-apprenticeship skills training. Program providers offer structured pathways and manage the program graduates' transition from the pre-apprenticeship program to a full apprenticeship program in construction and building trades.

Participants attend tuition-free and receive a stipend and other supportive, barrier reduction services to help enter the construction industry. Upon completion of the program, pre-apprentices receive industry aligned certifications which prepare and qualify them to continue to a registered apprenticeship program.

Dean's List At Trinity Christian

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College of Palos Heights released the Dean's List for Fall 2023.

The highest academic honor is recognized for undergraduate students who achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or better in 12 or more credits with grade points.

Local scholars are 60609: Madelyn Babuskow; 60628: Kiara Singleton and Tamara Watkins; 60632: Melissa Ballesteros, Bartlomiej Maciczak and Ricardo Monroy; 60638: Gillian Alberto, Isabel Alonso, Angelina Calvillo, Angelina Calvillo, Liam Curtin, Andrzej Machaj, Lilliana Magana and Laila Rodriguez

Chavez Honored

Matthew Chavez, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Honors List for the 2023 Fall Semester. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering.

Undergraduates who have earned at least 12 credits in residence and have a gpa of 3.20 or higher are recognized.

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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.

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Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, March 13th. 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.

Ladder Up will provide free tax return filing to low income on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 13th.

Teen Hideaway for ages 13 to 19 will be held on Thursdays through March 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays through March 26th from 4 to 6 p.m. Design and create with our 3D Printer, button maker, vinyl cutter, play video or board games.

Preschool Story Time for children up to kindergarten and their families will be held on Wednesdays through April 24th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs and other fun activities as we practice literacy skills and build a love for books.

S-W Home Equity Assurance Program

The Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program guarantees the property value of its members that is established during registration.

After 5 years of membership, if you decide to sell your home and it sells below the assured value, the program may reimburse you for the difference between the sale price and guaranteed value. If you sell above the assured value, that is your profit. Members may take advantage of a home improvement loan program to update, upgrade and renovate their home.

Borrow \$1,000 to \$15,000 at 0% interest on a 5-year term; \$15,001 to \$20,000 at 2% interest on a 7-year term or \$20,001 to \$30,000 at 3.5% interest on a 15-year term.

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For more information, call (773) 735-2000 or visit swhomeequity.com.

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Mexican Museum Offers Programs



The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for families that provides opportunity to explore the galleries while learning about Mexican art and culture.

Mariachi Potosino - *The Sound of Home* will open in the Chicago Gallery on Saturday, Feb. 24th. This exhibition 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 since its founding in 1958 through 2019.

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.

The 30th annual Sor Juana Festival will kick off March 2nd and continue through May. The festival honors Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, a 17th century Mexican nun who was a celebrated playwright, mathematician and poet.

The achievements of Mexican women feature film music and literature. Noa Sainz will perform a musical concert on Saturday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

A contemporary dance performance inspired by Frida Kahlo for Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz will be offered by Silvitia Diaz Brown on Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Stitches of the Soul: Quilting Series will be conducted Saturdays in March and April from 12 to 3 p.m. Joint textile artist Carina Yopez or an eight-week series on the foundations of quilting through applique, discuss topics on identity and ancient garments. The class fee is \$360 and includes all materials. Space is limited, to register email dolores@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org or call (312) 433-3938.

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

Brunch With the Bunny At Brookfield Zoo



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Zoo

Hop on over to Brookfield Zoo this spring to enjoy Brunch With the Bunny! The event features visits from the Bunny to each table, an interactive DJ with games, coloring book style tablecloths designed for kids to decorate with stickers, crayons, and stamps. Seatings are on Saturdays March 23rd and 30th, and Sunday, March 31st at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Reserve tickets at czs.org.

County Discounts For Spay-Neuter

Pet owners can bring their dogs and cats to participating veterinarians throughout Cook County to receive a \$40 discount on spay or neuter services for up to two pets per household during February. The County's Department of Animal and Rabies Control is offering the program.

Residents should confirm that their veterinarian offers the discount before making an appointment. For more information, visit www.cookcountyl.gov/service/spay-and-neuter-program.

English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. needs volunteers to help adult immigrants learn English. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English for 90 minutes per week.

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on Saturday, March 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register in advance to begin tutoring. For more information, contact the Associate Director at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a wide range of informative programs.

Wednesday Book Clubs for Polish on 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. and English 4th Wednesday each month at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Pick up copies at the circulation desk. No registration required.

Family Story and Play Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers is held on Thursdays through March 21st and Saturdays, March 2nd and 6th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sing and dance your way through an active story time filled with exciting books. Open play follows with giant blocks, puppets and make new friends.

Homework help is available from a certified teacher on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. Popcorn Reading for ages 6 to 13, will be available Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 5 to 6 p.m. Practice your reading skills in a fun and supportive environment. Each week we will make our way through two books by taking turns reading aloud. This program is meant for children learning to read or need to practice reading aloud.

Maker Mondays for ages 13 to 19 will be offered on Feb. 26th and March 25th through May 20th from 4 to 5 p.m. Spend an hour each week working on a fun art project. Materials will be provided.

Sit 'n Stitch: Crochet and knitting Club for ages 13 to 19 will be held Thursdays, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn new patterns or swap supplies. Bring your own materials, as supplies may be limited.

Technology Help for adults is available on Mondays, Feb. 26th and March 11th through April 29th from 1 to 2 p.m. Examples of help provided include: navigating the Internet or setting up an email. Help formatting a Word document. Downloading eBooks or eMagazines in library apps: hoppla or Libby. Accessing job resources such as Chicago DigitalLearn, LinkedIn Learning, or Brainfuse.

Gaming Club for teens will include video, card and board games on Thursdays, Feb. 22nd, April 25th and May 23rd from 4 to 5 p.m.

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles is set for Wed., Feb. 28th at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. "Invisible Child" by Andrea Elliot is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Craft Lab: Upcycled Decoupage Jars will be held on Monday, March 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn how to decoupage on glass with a technique that allows you to upgrade everyday glass

Midway C of C Plans Meeting

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct a general meeting at the Wintrust Sports Complex, 5449 W. 65th st. on Tuesday, March 5th at 12 noon. Mayor Brady of Bedford Park will be guest speaker.

For information, visit midwaychamber.org.

items, such as jars, vases or bottles. All materials will be provided. Adults and teens are welcome.

An Adult Social is held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to engage in activities like doodling, coloring, crosswords or a board game.

Gravity - Powered Robots for ages 3 & up will be created on Monday, Feb. 26th from 6 to 7 p.m. Use basic craft items to build your robot that can race against other builders on our robot race track.

Fun Club for ages 3 & up is offered on Tuesdays, from 4 to 5 p.m. Each week we will explore a different craft, experience or engineering project followed by kid-led play with LEGO bricks, car tracks and more. On Feb. 27th, towers and other structures will be made from cups.

The Artist's Studio for families with kids of all ages will be held Monday, March 11th from 5 to 6 p.m. Projects are designed in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago. This session we will be making "Patterned Portraits: Mixed Media Collage," inspired by the art of Bisa Butler.

LEGO Club for ages 6 to 13 will be held Wednesdays, March 13th and 20th from 5 to 6 p.m. Compete in new and fun challenges.

Watercoloring Painting for ages 3 & up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Have fun exploring different techniques to create your work of art.

Avoiding Home Repair Scams will be explained on Monday, March 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. One out of five complaints received at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General involves disputes between homeowners and home repair contractors. Bring your questions, the presentation will be in English and Spanish.

For more information, visit chipublib.org.

Schedule For Home Shows

The 2024 Spring Chicago Home Shows will be staged at Tinley Convention Center, Feb. 24th & 25th; Schaumburg Convention Center, March 9th & 10th; Oak Lawn Pavilion, March 23rd & 24th and Lake County Fairgrounds, April 27th & 28th, all from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission and parking are free.

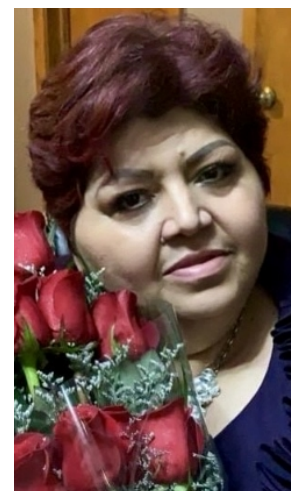
Obituaries



JOHN KANE, of the Brighton Park passed away at the age of 84. He was the husband of Dorothy (nee Bercier); father of Karen Kane & Kristine Kane; grandfather of Brandon (Andrea) Kane & Michael Borocz, Jr.; great grandfather of Zoey & Cooper Kane; son of late Helen C. (nee Drake) & late Francis M. Kane; brother of Betty Juhlin, Kathy Bataoel, Michael & Margie, late Jimmy, & cousin Billy.

John was a Chicago Tribune truck driver; a coach and umpire for the Brighton Kelly Little League, member of Lourdes H.S. Father's Club, and Board member of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council.

Visitation was held Feb. 20th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer ave. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 21st at Five Holy Martyrs Church.



MICAELA ORTEGA who was born on Oct. 3rd, 1959, passed away on Feb. 14th at the age of 64. Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 23rd from 4 to 8 p.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 Archer ave., Jonathon Siedlecki, owner - director. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 24th at 10 a.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Church, 6243 S. Fairfield. Interment will be at St. Casimir Cemetery, 4401 W. 111th st.



ISAIAS C. SANCHEZ SR. passed away on Feb. 13th at the age of 84. He was the father of Isaias Sanchez Jr., Annette (Ed) Pavon, Maria Sanchez (Michael), Anita Sanchez, Robert (Estelle) Sanchez, Arturo Sanchez Sr. and Laura Garcia; grandfather of Isaias Sanchez III, Edward (Laura) Pavon, Natalie Pavon, Michelle Pavon (Sergio), Corrina (Roberto) Dominguez, Robert Jr. (Melissa) Leodoro, Ryan, Robert Jr, Jennifer (Will), Genesis, Brandon (Alandra), Artie Jr., Sophia, Zachary, Gabriella, Michael, Joseph and Angel Jr.; great grandfather of 24; son of (late) Pablo Sanchez and (late) Dolores Ceniseros, and brother of Anna Maria Rodriguez, (late) Ermelinda Gonzalez, (late) Elisa Ortiz, (late) Roberto Sanchez and (late) Rodolfo Sanchez. Visitation was held Feb. 19th at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer ave. Inurnment will be Saturday, Feb. 24th, 11 a.m. at St. Mary Cemetery, 87th & Pulaski. Meet at the Cemetery Office parking lot. A procession to the Chapel and Inurnment site will follow.

CAPS Beat 912 Plans Meeting

Beat 912 of the 9th District Police Dept. will conduct public meetings at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month. The next meeting is March 13th from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Residents will have the opportunity to meet beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions, receive crimes stats and learn crime reduction strategies.

For additional information contact Community Policing Office at (312) 747-3501 or email caps.009district@chicago.police.org.

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McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. has scheduled interesting and informative programs.

Little Learners Story Time will be held on Fridays, March 22nd and 29th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will join Ms. Katie for songs and stories.

COVID-19 related resources, including PPE, vaccine information, at-home tests, are offered by The Resurrection Project on Tuesday, Feb. 27th from 2-5 p.m. While supplies last.

Tower Science for ages to 13 will be taught on Wed., Feb. 28th from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

A film screening of "Woman King" (2022) is scheduled for Friday, March 22nd from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Suitable for age 18 & up. In the late eighteenth century, the Kingdom of Dahomey

flourished as one of Africa's most powerful empires. Yet as European merchants encroach, seeking riches at the expense of its people, warrior Nansica takes a stand to uphold her peoples' freedom, inspired by true events.

Group Games will be played on Saturday, March 23rd from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Board, card and party games will be available.

A film screening of "Triangle Fire" (2011) is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Near closing time on Saturday afternoon, March 25th, 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York's Greenwich Village. 146 of the 500 employees had died. Many of the employees were women, some as young as 14 years old.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Park District Restores Habitat



Photo credit the Chicago Park District

From eagles courting in Big Marsh Park, to the Great Lakes Piping Plovers building a family near the Montrose Dunes, the Chicago Park District's citywide natural habitat restoration efforts have created ideal environments for endangered species.

A majestic Bald Eagle has been spotted soaring above Horner Park in Chicago's Irving Park community area.

Big Marsh Park has been a magnet for these birds since industry was replaced with nature. The northwest section of the park in the Calumet Area Reserve opened to the public in 2016 with new walking trails and a bike park, but Bald Eagles have been appearing regularly since the early 2000 with the highest count being 12 eagles on a single day in 2018.

In 2013, a river shoreline restoration project began, returning 11-acres of riverbank from a thicket of invasive and weedy plants to a thriving savanna of native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose ave.

The Chicago Birds Photography Contest invites Chicago residents to explore and capture photos of any of the 350 bird species thriving within the city limits. The contest is open to all ages, and is intended to encourage park exploration, inspire learning about birds and their ecological importance, celebrate the diversity of bird species within Chicago year-round, and raise awareness about bird and habitat conservation.

The contest categories include Urban Aviary,

Lakefront Flyers, Seasonal Spectacles, Feathered Flocks and Wetland Wonders. Entries will be judged based on creativity, technical skill, composition, and adherence to the category theme. A first-place winner and three runners-up will be selected for each category. The contest will run through Aug. 1st. For contest details, visit <https://www.chicagobird-irder.org/chicago-bird-photo-contest>

Bike Ride At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County Wellness in the Woods program will feature a 16 mile bike ride on Saturday, March 23rd at 8 a.m.

Bring your own bike and helmet and join a guided ride while learning about who Marshall "Major" Taylor was and his connection to the Forest Preserves on the trail named in his honor. Meet at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western.

Resource Program For Veterans

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez, 3868 S. Archer invites veterans to connect with resources on Monday, Feb. 26th from 12 to 4 p.m. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will assist with Healthcare, Medical Disability, Employment and Financial Assistance.

Appointments are not needed. For more information, call (773) 475-6783 or visit ward12@cityofchicago.org

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson will be held on March 14th at 6 p.m. "The Five Wounds" by Kristin Valdez Quade is scheduled for April 11th at 6 p.m.

Baby Time for ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers will be held on Friday, Feb. 23rd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. We will share books, songs and play together.

Time for Tots Story time for ages 15 to 36 months and a caregiver is available on Mondays, Feb. 26th and March 11th to 25th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and a themed craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, build puzzles and play with toys. Great opportunity to socialize and learn how to share, take turns and clean up.

Stories & Songs for ages 18 months to 4 years will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Early arrivals can build puzzles. Free play follows each session. Children learn to share and socialize with their peers.

Chess for ages 6 to 13 will be played Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Play different opponents to improve your skills.

Craft ArtVentures for ages 5 to 13 will be held Tuesdays, Feb. 27th and March 5th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. A variety of craft supplies will be provided.

Games People Play for adults will be enjoyed on Thursdays through March 28th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or use ours. Light refreshments will be served.

Senior Drop-In Games will be available on Saturdays through March 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Join in card and board games, coloring sheets, word finds, crosswords, an ongoing jigsaw puzzle and more. Apply for a library card and find out about eBooks. No registration is required. Bring your knitting or crochet projects too.

Leap Day Story Time for ages 3 to 5 and caregivers will be observed on Thursday, Feb. 29th from 5 to 6 p.m. This day only comes once every 4 years, so don't miss your chance to listen to stories and have a great time with your friends.

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.

Knit Wits: Crochet Circle will meet on Saturdays, Feb. 24th through March 23rd from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your projects to share or to help others finish. This is a meet up not a tutorial - it's to have fun and talk.

Tote Bag Tuesday for teens is scheduled for March 5th from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn how to use our vinyl cutter and heat press. You can customize a tote bag or a beanie. Snacks will be provided.

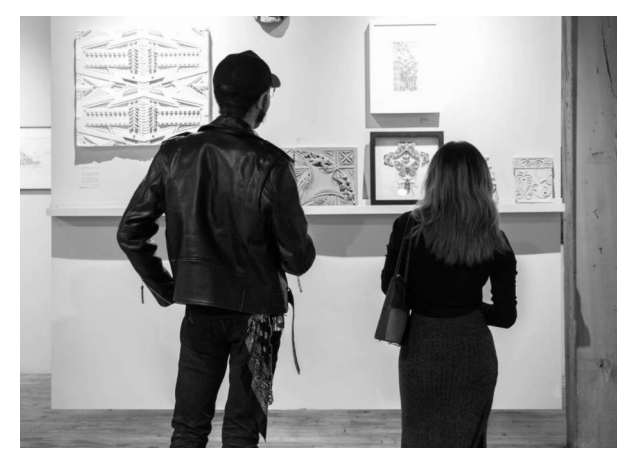
The Spanish Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m.

Spring Crafts for ages 5 to 13 will be featured Monday, March 25th from 1 to 2 p.m.

UNO and other games for ages 5 to 13 will be played on Tuesday, March 26th from 1 to 2 p.m.

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

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on Feb. 16th from 7 to 10 p.m. Enter and check-in through the Atrium Entrance off of Racine Street. +21 wristbands are available at check-in for complimentary wine bar.

The Third Friday Lecture Series on March 15th is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Park Yon-jae is a Korean visual designer who has been a professor in the Department of Industrial Design at Joongbu University for 24 years. Under the theme of "Return to Nature," his exhibition expresses human desire to return to pure nature through March 1st.

"Decadence Of Another Kind" will be on display through March 1st. Let art lead the way, as these 12 artists have cracked the code in presenting their true selves to the world as Black Artists. Their varied approaches to art include textiles, paintings, sculptures and installations that reflect historical and cultural significance.

The Chicago Ceramic Center is conducting pottery classes and hand-building workshops.

Onion City Memories, an art exhibition by Muddy AKA @MahmudTheMedium will be on display through March 1st. This exhibition will bring attendees into Muddy's world of Onion City, a futuristic alternate reality inspired by Chicago and other places that Muddy has lived in and visited. Each piece will be a window into specific moments and memories of the original characters.

Artists are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Juried Art Competition that will be on display from May 17th to July 5th. Work must have been completed within 2021-2024 in a broad range of media and styles. Not eligible are functional pottery, jewelry, clothing, accessories, furniture, functional art, time-art such as video, sound, or film. Deadline is Wednesday, March 27th. Application fee is \$35. Prizes are \$3,000 - Best of Show, \$1,500 - 2nd prize, \$750 3rd prize and \$500 - People's Choice Award.

Register at bridgeportart.com

Jazz Fair At Cultural Center

The Jazz Institute of Chicago announces the return of the Winter Jazz Fair, a celebration of music, culture, and community, on Friday, February 23rd from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. 10 hours of live performances, panel discussions, and a vendor fair are offered free of charge and open to the public.

For a full lineup and free registration, visit JazzInChicago.org/jazzfair.

Spring Flower Show At Garfield Conservatory



Photo provided by Chicago Park District.

The Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. will conduct its Spring Flower Show, "What's in a Name?", through May 8th. Plant names are an important way of communicating history, culture, and identity. In addition, because there are many plants with the same common name, or many common names for the same plant. Knowing the botanical name helps people know which plant is which. Learn about how to identify plants amongst stunning spring blooms like Tulipa 'Rococo', Lilium 'Josephine', Viola 'Matrix Yellow' and Anemone 'Giant Blue Poppy'. Reservations are required at <https://garfieldconservatory.org>.

Walking Club For Seniors

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct a free Senior Walking Club at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Wednesdays through Feb. 28th from 8 to 9 a.m.

Participants will meet and mingle with those who have a shared interest in health, wellness and the outdoors. For more information, contact (312) 415-2970.

Free Days At Shedd Aquarium



Photo Credit Shedd Aquarium/Brenna Hernandez

Shedd Aquarium offers free general admission to Illinois residents on February 22nd, 27th-29th.

Free Tuesday Evenings will be available

from 5 to 9 p.m. during March, April, May and June.

Guests will enjoy full access to all exhibits, touch experiences to discover the unique textures of some animals and an Animal Spotlight to join caretakers in the Abbott Oceanarium.

Tickets must be secured in advance at shedd-aquarium.org.

Note: A transaction fee applies to all Illinois Resident Free Day tickets reserved online.

Formerly known as the Roof and Porch Repair Program, the Home Repair Program provides grants to income-eligible homeowners for improvements to their roof or porch. The amount of financial assistance is based on household need and available funding. A site inspection will determine the scope of work required for a roof porch and the repair cost.

Households earning up to 50 percent of area medium income may be eligible to participate in the program.

Income qualifications: (household size and income) 1 - \$38,630, 2 - \$44,150, 3 - \$49,650, 4 - \$55,150, 5 - \$60,650, 6 - \$66,150, 7 - \$71,650, 8 - \$77,150.

Homeowners can register their interest in the program from Monday, Feb. 26th through Friday, March 8th. A link to register and a map of priority areas will be made available on Feb. 26th.

Registering your interest in this program does not guarantee service. Callers will be prioritized based on Dept. of Housing priority areas. Department staff will contact you within a month of the registration deadline regarding the status of your registration. Visit chicago.gov/housing for more information.

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