



Unaccompanied Alien Children



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There are numerous news articles about the effect of the open borders. The Office of Inspector General released the report as did the Immigration and Customs with some information you seldom hear. There are over 600,000 noncitizens with criminal records listed on a non-detained docket.

Non-detained means that they are in a group that got signed in and just told to come back some time for the paperwork. This group includes about 15,000 that have been convicted of homicide or the trial is pending. More than 20,000 have been charged with sexual assault. 60,000 charged with robbery, 18,000 on weapons violations and over 100,000 for assault.

These numbers are staggering, but many of these people we continue to hear about. In my opinion, it is a young group that is being taken advantage of. Maybe not as badly as the victims of the crimes that some of these individuals continue to be involved with.

In a few articles by The Verdict, there were an estimated 13.6 million aliens that crossed the border during the Biden administration. ICE has been responsible to monitor all unaccompanied alien children inside the USA. Somehow this agency lost track of about half a million of these individuals age 17 and under.

Some of these children have been trafficked and exploited. Using our local news media, much of this

has been documented. There is an agreement that most of these children do not speak English. Therefore, do not blend in all places. This makes people who look and sound like them are the people they rely on. For good or for bad, most of them do need help. The younger the child, the less likely they choose who to get help from poorly.

Many of these children find jobs because they work cheap and are happy to have money for food. However, some of those find jobs working for the gangs, like delivering drugs, taking messages, and shoplifting. Some are forced into the sex trade and fear makes them stay. In several areas, the older individuals start their own gangs and, as all gangs, can be very violent.

There have been reported cases of those that were in the camps for these children were molested and even raped. These camps were set up for them to be a safe haven. But once again, fear is keeping many of the victims silent.

Some of these children have been reunited with family when they have been picked up by ICE officers. There have been 1.2 million that have self-deported through the government's plan to send them home free, the promise to be allowed to return in the future legally. There are no figures indicating if any of these children who left were among the unaccompanied.

Some of these children chose their help well and have been taken in by other families. They, in turn, have taken care of them and many have reported their whereabouts to the ICE agents who have been told of parents and family members who were seeking to find their children who may have been in this group. Our hope for these young ones is that they do not think that being so influenced by this hard start in life that they begin to think that it is normal and no future for them.

Grand Opening For Journalism Club

"Mouse Arts and Letters" Journalism, Literature, Film Club announces the opening of its new social club at 555 W. 31st st. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, Jan. 16th at 12 noon, followed by a day-long open house, and a News Night gathering at 7 p.m., where journalists Maya Dukmasova (of Injustice Watch), Casey Toner (of the Illinois Answers Project) and Alice Yin (of the Chicago Tribune) will discuss their work.

A Spanish-English Interchange will be conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. One hour in Spanish, one in English.

A Citywide Newsroom is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Journalists are

Castaneda Graduates

Nicole Castaneda was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Victim Services Management during the 2025 fall semester at Sam Houston State University of Huntsville, Texas.

Dean's List At Carthage College

Carthage College of Kenosha, Wisconsin announces its Fall 2025 Dean's List in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

A minimum 3.5 grade-point average is required while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

Local honorees are Dominic Gadalsinski and Michael Shew of 60609; Shannon Heitschmidt, Rachel Tribe, Gabrielle Acosta and Lorelei Witkowski of 60638.

Holiday Decorating Award Winners



On Jan. 7th, The McKinley Park Civic Association announced the winners of this year's Holiday Decorating contest. 1st place: The Torres Family, \$100 prize; 2nd place: Angela Martinez Dueñas \$75; 3rd place: The Vargas Family \$50 and Honorable Mentions for the Luna and Pletsch Families, \$25 gift cards. The contest was sponsored by Maribel Castillo, Realtor of ReMax Mi Casa Real Estate.



First Place was awarded to the Torres Family.

Ill. CPA Society Program Scholars

The Illinois CPA Society and its charitable partner, the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois, announce the 14th cohort of the annual Mary T. Washington Wylie Internship Preparation Program. This award-winning program equips Illinois-based college students pursuing account-

ing careers with training, resources, and mentorship.

Chicago scholars include: Tyshawn Allison, Northern Illinois University; Philip Esparza, University of Illinois; Kevin Estrada, Saint Xavier University; Oscar Gutierrez Jr., Harold Washington College; Iyanu Kehinde, University of Illinois; Ryan Lau, University of Illinois; Daniela Marroquin Ruiz, University of Illinois Chicago; Siniyah Parks, Governors State University; Alyssa Richard, Northern Illinois University; Tavariana Simmons, University of Illinois and Yuma Yoshioka, Harold Washington College.

The virtual program, held Jan. 6th-8th offered scholars practical preparation and exposure to the accounting profession through resume and interview coaching, guidance on internships and the certified public accountant exam, and engagement with professionals. Highlights included motivational speeches, panel discussions and networking opportunities.

Juried Competition At Bridgeport Art

Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. announces a call for artists for the 14th Annual Art Competition that is exhibited in the 4th Floor Gallery.

The event is open to artists 18 years of age and older, who are living or working within 150 miles of Chicago. Work must have been completed within 2023-2026. This juried competition accepts a broad range of art media and styles. Not eligible are functional pottery, jewelry, clothing, accessories, furniture, other functional art, or time-art such as video, sound, or film; or works previously exhibited at the BAC.

The early deadline is March 23rd with a \$35 entry fee.

Awards are Best of Show, \$3,000; 2nd Place, \$1,500; 3rd Place, \$750; 4th Place, \$250; 5th Place, \$150 and People's Choice, \$500.

The opening reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 15th from 7 to 10 p.m.

Visit bridgeportart.com or call (773) 843-9000 for more information and application.

Fall Dean's List At Elmhurst U.

Over 1,000 Elmhurst University students were named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List that is composed of students who attained a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher (out of a possible 4.00).

Chicago scholars are Grace Abawi, Rosio Almazan, Ariana Cahue, Judith Cervantes-Corcoles, Melanie Chen, Angelica Garcia, Olivia Grabowski, Ryder Johnson, Andrea Palafox, Amanda Pisano, Jimena Serrato and Camila Torres.

Fall Dean's List At UW-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students from Chicago who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Eligible students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements.

Scholars and their college are: Kasandra Acosta, Letters and Science; Sadie Ahern, Letters and Science; Jonathan Alvarado, Engineering; Lizbeth Amaro, Human Ecology; Miguel Arias, Letters and Science; Grace Billows, Education; LeAndra Branscomb, Letters and Science; Leilany Calvillo, Letters and Science; Edison Chiu, Letters and Science; Anais Chorne, Letters and Science; Gabriela Drew, Agricultural & Life Science; Kaylee Galvez, Letters and Science; Jazmin Garcia, Agricultural & Life Science; Kaylie Gilbert, Letters and Science; Emily Guaman,

Education; Rebeca Guisosa, Letters and Science; Eloise Guth, Letters and Science; Atziury Izaguirre, Education; Mayra Jacinto, Agricultural & Life Science; Jatsarah Leon, Letters and Science; Ashley Lesnicki, Letters and Science; Siyong Li, Education; Danny Lin, Engineering; Dean's Honor List; Angel Ma, Letters and Science; Isabel Melero, Human Ecology; Dean's Honor List; Evelyn Morales, Agricultural & Life Science; Tiffany Ngai, Business; Jaden Nhan, Education; Melissa Penafiel, Letters and Science; Carolina Rivera, Letters and Science; Xavier Rivera, Agricultural & Life Science; Malany Romero, Nursing; Dean's Honor List; Mandy Ruan, Letters and Science; Cinthya Urgilez Tene-saca, Agricultural & Life Science; Yesenia Valdez, Human Ecology; Dean's Honor List; Jocelyn Villa-Auquilla, Letters and Science; Leo Xiao, Letters and Science; Jiahua Yu, Agricultural & Life Science and Wenyu Zhao, Education.

Assistance For Flooding Issue



Photo provided by the 12th Ward Office

12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez states that the Jan. 8th unseasonal rain caused flooding issues all over Chicago. If your basement flooded and experienced water damage, contact her office at 773-475-6783 or email ward12@cityofchicago.org.

The Chicago Department of Water Management is working to address area flooding in Brighton Park with the installation of a larger capacity sewer under Archer Ave. from 39th place to Sacramento ave. The increase from a 24-inch to a 60-inch diameter sewer will help prevent basement and streets from flooding. This project is estimated

at over \$30 million and is infrastructure investment for the ward.

Periodic no parking restrictions, traffic lane reductions, some left turns eliminated, and a few water shut offs will occur from February through March. The project is scheduled to be completed by June. Updates will be posted at the12thward.org/constructionupdates.

Ice Skating At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct "Love is in the Air Skate" at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Make your reservation at <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/ice-rinks>.

The Valentine's Day themed skate event features a romantic atmosphere with roses, sweet treats, and Polaroid photo ops. Take advantage of half-priced skate rentals during the first session.

Sled assisted skating is designed with foot guard, ABS bucket seat, foot rest, and pusher handle. Available upon request.

MPDC Wins Grant For Public Art

Jocelyn Solis (left) and Amari'ah Carter (right) the 2025 Illinois John Lewis Youth Leadership Award.

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced the recipients of the third annual John Lewis Youth Leadership Award, honoring two outstanding young leaders whose service reflects the legacy of the late Congressman John Lewis.

Solis, a senior at Rockford University, leads the "In Youth We Trust" philanthropy program through the Community Foundation

of Northern Illinois. The program empowers high school students to review grant applications and direct funding to community organizations serving children and families.

Carter, a senior at

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, is a founding student member of the team that launched the SIUE Freedom School in summer 2024 with support from the Children's Defense Fund.

encouraged to participate. Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese translation will be available.

The new brand will be used in signage, public art, and promotions for small businesses.

Family Events At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo Chicago will transform into a 1920s jazz haven of glamour, indulgence, and wild charm on Feb. 14th from 6 to 10 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day with 5-course dinner accompanied by a live jazz performance.

The night begins with cocktail hour set to light jazz melodies and an exclusive animal encounter. Tickets info at <https://www.brookfieldzoo.org/roar-mantic-rhythms>.

Experience "Glow Wild: A Lantern Festival of Hope" a breathtaking journey of light, art, and conservation on Thursdays through Sundays, March 19th to May 10th from 6 to 10 p.m. Wander paths under the moonlight, illuminated by handcrafted lanterns representing wildlife and mythology from around the world.

General admission for adult on Thursdays, \$19.95, Fridays to Sundays \$24.95. General admission for child, Thursdays, \$9.95 and Fridays to Sundays, \$14.95. Tickets at <https://www.brookfieldzoo.org/glow-wild>.

Grant funds beyond program operating expenses will be paid to artists. Local artists can get involved by sending a better of interest, bio, and work samples to info@mpdcchicago.org.

A community dinner will be held at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 6 p.m. The program will consider the creation of a brand with colors, graphics, and themes that reflect the diverse neighborhood.

Neighbors of all ages and language groups are

Rosa Honored

Clarke University of DuBuque, Iowa announces that Luz Rosa earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester. Full-time students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded undergraduate hours are honored.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PRIVATE EQUITRY TRUST NO. 037-2024-5 DATED 5-17-2024, JERRY KURZAC, TRUSTEE Plaintiff vs. BLUECORE LLC; OLANKUNLE OLOJUNDUDU; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant
23 CH 10193 CALENDAR
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on February 23, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 20-20-310-019-0000.
Commonly known as 6800 South Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois 60636.
The real estate is: commercial building. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by cert-72024-5. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Waite Law Firm LLC, 633 Rogers Street, Suite 103, Downers Grove, Illinois 60015 (773) 680-0610. Private Equity Trust vs. Bluecore LLC INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Intercountryjudicialsales.com 13280014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Backed Acquisition Trust 2006-CH2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-CH2 Plaintiff vs. Daniel Montor, Jr. Defendant
25 CH 3705 CALENDAR 64
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P.I.N. 19-15-311-022-0000.
Commonly known as 6054 SOUTH KOLMAR AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g)(1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 25-004197
INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Intercountryjudicialsales.com 13280024

Valentine's Dance At West Lawn

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Valentine's Dance at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Friday, Feb. 13th from 6 to 8 p.m.
Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Must register in advance at chicagoparkdistrict.com.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, -v- JULIE FOX, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DAVID RUFFIN, DECEASED; STEVEN EARL RUFFIN, SR.; STEVEN E RUFFIN, JR. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID RUFFIN; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
2025CH00829
4681 WEST 82ND STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60652
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/5/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 2/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on February 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
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Property Index No. 19-34-112-026-0000
The real estate is improved with a Multi-Family. The judgment amount was \$182,518.44 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 4681 WEST 82ND STREET into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act. 605/18.5(g)(1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP (312) 346-8088 please refer to file number 24-18602IL. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 24-18602IL Case Number: 2025CH00829 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 13279666

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Law at Library Online Series

The Chicago Bar Association, Chicago Public Library, and Evanston Public Library are offering free monthly virtual information series to answer legal questions and provide practical resources and insights into today's legal issues.
The Wednesday, Jan. 21st topic is "Navigating the Justice System: Know Your Rights" from 6 to 7 p.m.
This event takes place on Zoom. Register at least 24 hours in advance at chipublib.org. You'll receive an email link to the secure.

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 am. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES
Little Learners Story Time, ages 0 to 5, on Fridays, through Jan. 30th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for songs, movements, stories and Play time.

Family Nintendo Switch, ages 8+ on Sunday, Jan. 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. Choose from our collection of games, like Mario Kart and Minecraft. Parents/ caregivers must be present for kids under 13.

LEGO Club for ages 6 to 13 will feature "Fidget Spinner" on Jan. 22nd, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Family Fun for ages 1 to 13 will create "Snow Dobbleck" on Jan. 31st from 2 to 3 p.m.

Toddler Play Group for ages 1 to 5 is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 20th from 10:30 to 11:30

a.m.
Bilingual Family Board Game for ages 5+ on Monday, Jan. 26th from 4 to 6 p.m.

TWEEN/TEEN
Teen Craft n' Snack will explore 3D Printing for ages 11-19 on Wednesday, Jan. 28th from 3 to 5 p.m.

ADULTS
Open Art Studio with Ericka Soto on Saturday, Jan. 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Supplies are provided or you are free to bring your own. All skill levels are welcome.

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Seniors on Saturday, Jan. 17th from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Adult Book Club will discuss "The Mayor of Maxwell Street" on Wednesday, Jan. 21st from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

CINEMA
Film Screening of "Elio" on Friday, Jan. 16th from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Teacher in the Library returns on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Run Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo's annual fundraiser, Run for the Zoo! will be held on Sunday, May 31st. Events include 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Course. The cost is \$24.99+, all ages. Sign up at lpzoo.org.

Gage Park Library Schedules Programs

The Gage Park Branch Library, 2807 W. 55th st., has scheduled exciting programs for all ages. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fri-

day and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call (312) 747-0032 or visit www.chipublib.org for more information and to register for the following programs.

CHILDREN
Afterschool Fun on Thursdays, Jan. 15th to March 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Listen to music, play board games, do puzzles or enjoy the weekly craft.

Popcorn Reading on Thursdays, Jan 22nd, Feb. 5th to 19th, March 5th to 19th from 5 to 6 p.m. Practice your reading skills at our read aloud group. Snacks are provided. For ages 6 and up.

FAMILIES
Family Game Day on Thursday, Jan. 15th, Monday Jan. 26th and Thursday, March 12th from 4 to 6 p.m. Play cards, board and video games.

Pokeman GO on Sunday, Jan. 18th and Saturday, Feb. 14th from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring your own device. For adults, teens and kids 6 and up.

TEENS
Teen Resume Workshop on Sunday, Jan. 25th from 2 to 3 p.m. We'll help you edit the current version to fit your goals. Registration required.

ADULTS
3D Modeling with Tinkercad on Saturdays, Feb. 7th & 21st and March 7th from 1 to 2 p.m. The focus will be on designing a key-chain to print and take home.

Looking to Buy Your First Home?

The Greater Southwest Development Corp., 2601 W. 63rd st. will conduct a First Time Homebuyers Class on Saturday, Jan. 24th from 9 a.m. o 2 p.m.
Participants will learn about: The home buying process, How to get qualified, Down payment assistance programs, Financing options and The closing process.
Register at greater-southwest.org or call (773) 436-1000.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st., (312) 842-8884, info@heritageasianart.org has interesting exhibits.
Free admission museum night runs on Friday, Jan. 23rd from 5 to 8 p.m. The museum tour begins at 6 p.m.
Rotating pop-up exhibitions will highlight how these traditions continue to inspire creativity.
"Obsessive Eyes" Mayumi Lake Artist Talk on Jan. 24th, 2 to 4 p.m. Join artist Mayumi Lake

for an intimate artist talk exploring, her ongoing body of work spanning photography, sculpture, and installation.
Chinese Puppetry: Performance & Workshop on Jan. 31st, 3 to 5 p.m., \$15. Step into the world of Rugao rod puppetry, a 2,000 year old art form. Enjoy a vibrant performance filled with music, movement, and masterful puppet techniques.
For more information and tickets visit www.heritageasianart.org. (312) 842-8884.

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Volunteers For Snow Removals

The Community Innovation Center has launched its Snow Removal Program to help seniors aged 60+ and older, plus neighbors with disabilities, in the 60629, 60632, and 60638 ZIP codes. Volunteers will assist with clearing front steps and sidewalks after snowfall.
High school student, members of a community group, or someone who wants to help out is welcome to sign up at Volunteer Today: https://form.jotform.com/253315062892053.
Sign up for Snow Removal at https://form.jotform.com/253315216521043.

Ice Skating In Millennium Park

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph st. is open through early Feb. (weather permitting).
Free skating with your own skates. Free skating lessons will be available on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m.
Admission is free, but reservations are required. For more information, visit chicago.gov/dcase.

Pruning Workday At McKinley Park

Openlands staff will conduct a Pruning Workday of its trees at McKinley Park on Tuesday, Jan. 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Those who wish to participate should bring a water bottle, eye protection, gloves and tools if possible. Meet by the basketball court on Pershing rd. Email jsmartinez@openlands.org to sign up.

Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

The Back of the Yards Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st. has scheduled the following events.

ADULTS
A Stitch in Time Crochet Club on Tuesday, Jan. 20th from 6 to 7 p.m. We have yarn and crochet hooks to share. Bring your own project or start one based on one of our ideas.

Adult Book Club will discuss the ABC mystery selection on Thursday, Jan. 15th from 6 to 7 p.m. Title is available in English and Spanish.

Film Screening of "Stardust" (2007) on Friday, Jan. 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tristan hopes to win the heart of his beautiful, but shallow love, Victoria. He promises to recover a star that fell somewhere beyond the stony Wall that sets between the mundane England and the fantasy kingdom of Stormhold. © Universal Studios - 127 Minutes - MPAA Rating: PG-13

Polar Adventure At Northerly Isle

The Chicago Park District will conduct Polar Adventure Day at Northerly Island Park, 1521 S. Linn White dr. on Saturday, Jan. 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Enjoy husky sled dog and live demonstrations, art & crafts, nature play and warm up with hot cocoa by the bonfire.
Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com, for updates and weather details.

Get Covered Extends Deadline

Get Covered Illinois is giving residents an additional 16 days to enroll in health insurance through the state's official marketplace. Customers now have until Jan. 31st to apply for and enroll in coverage.
Visit GetCoveredIllinois.gov to apply and enroll or call 866-311-1119.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Issued by: Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program
Date: January 13, 2026
Subject: Change in Date for February Board Meeting
NOTICE is hereby given that the date for the February Board Meeting of the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program has been changed.
Original Date: February 9, 2026
New Date: February 17, 2026
Meeting location:
5334 West 65th Street
Chicago, IL 60638
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773-735-2000
Christopher Koczwara, Chariman

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