



Golden Dome, Not Just In Indiana



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Many reading this article when they hear the term Golden Dome, think of the Church on the campus of Notre Dame. But in a recent article by Ben Solis in Newsline, he writes about the Golden Dome as a missile defense system that the USA is working on.

The system is similar in concept to the missile defense system that is used by some of our allies. It is a program that remains classified, but General Guetlin of The Space Force oversees the program and made some announcements. Therefore, they are no longer classified. The General noted that there were recently some very successful tests in restricted areas of New Mexico and Virginia.

This new system is planning on detecting and intercepting present and future sophisticated weaponry. It will include sensors, radar, satellites along with new technology still classified in the hopes to keep our citizens safe from anyone who plans an attack, be it from traditional opponents or some rogue group that we presently are unaware of.

The Middle East has recently had several

attacks from Iran and some of their allies like Hamas. They are using everything they have. Most have not caused too much damage. In a strange way, it may benefit us because our scientists test our responses.

Space X's Military Star did well in recent tests in the Indo-Pacific. They were capable of setting commands and information roughly 9,000 miles. The Pentagon is using this for the time that we have space-based abilities for defense.

Mr. Solis has noted the need of the future is more missiles and other logistic weapons. You cannot protect the whole nation without the weapons to support the Golden Dome. He notes that Lockheed is building a large production center in Alabama. Other companies seeking military contracts are also building and expanding. He notes that one of the worries is funding. There are always people saying no more money for weapons. But these two things: when the program is up, we will be safer and it can produce jobs.

Chicago will be in the crosshairs because we are no longer protected by the distances of two oceans. There are already three countries that could attack us because the shorter distance is over the North Pole. That is not that far.

This reminds me of two families, one when I was in Brighton Park and one when I was in Pilsen, I had students that died in a home fire. In both cases, they had working smoke alarms but no batteries. Many grieved over these families that may have been saved by a \$3 battery. It is similar. You don't want to build a big defense and not be able to use it.

Mexican Museum Offers Programs



Photo provided by The National Museum of Mexican Art

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, with summer programs for children ages 7 and up.

The Museum will present the U.S. premiere of *Juan Gabriel: Mi Primer Bellas Artes* at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park on Friday, Aug. 28th at 7 p.m. The screening of the newly restored edition of the concert film was recorded during Gabriel's 1990 performances at Mexico City's Palacio de Bellas Artes. The film commemorates the 10th anniversary of his passing.

Join us for a special performance by Juan Dies, co-founder of the Sones de Mexico Ensemble on Saturday, Aug. 29th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Through live music, bilingual storytelling, and projected visuals, Dies celebrates the Mexican corridor tradition and brings stories of courage, hope and history to life.

Admission is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged but not required.

The National Museum of Mexican Art is delighted to announce the

upcoming exhibition *Where Memory Lives: 40 Years of Día de Muertos*, opening on Friday, Sept. 25th in the Main Gallery. This exhibition looks back through the Permanent Collection to trace the evolution of Day of the Dead and the Museum itself.

This year's exhibition honors Dr. Gilberto Cárdenas (1947-2026), a scholar, pioneer of Chicano Studies, and friend of the Museum.

The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, Sept. 25th from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Visit these thought-provoking exhibitions: *Xochicago: Floating Gardens of the Chicago River and México* in the Chicagó Gallery through Oct. 4th.

Vivir la Tierra: Acquisitions from the Permanent Collection 2010-2026, in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery through Feb. 7th.

Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection, ongoing.

Join us on Sept. 2nd at Late Wednesdays for a free tour of *Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Museum's Permanent Collection*.

Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to learn more and to register for the free tour.

Property Taxes Up \$743.8 Million

By Maria Pappas

Cook County homeowners face a sharper increase in property taxes this year compared to businesses, a result of home values climbing much faster than commercial real estate values, according to that latest tax bill analysis by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

Local governments across the county are seeking \$743.8 million in new taxes, bringing the total amount property owners must pay to more than \$19.9 billion, an increase of about 3.9%, well above the annual regional inflation rate of 3.1%. Over the past 30 years, tax increases have pushed up the total tax tab by \$12.9 billion, or 184%, twice the 91% increase in the local cost of goods and services.

The increase in the overall tax burden is a result of local governments — school districts, cities, villages, the county, park districts and the like, continually seeking more money from property owners. This year marks the 32nd annual increase in a row.

Homeowners must pay \$593.4 million, or 80%, of this year's tax increase, with owners of businesses — commercial buildings, industrial plants and large multifamily properties, and vacant land picking up the rest. The inflation-topping increase in taxes for homeowners pushes up the cost of owning a home, renting an apartment, leasing office space and buying from a store at a time when affordability weighs on many households.

"Local governments need to learn to do more with less, particularly in these precarious economic times," Pappas said. "And taxpayers need to vote. Residential taxes in the north and northwest suburbs increased at pace more than triple that of

the inflation rate, in part because of recent tax-hike referendums approved in off-year elections by an average of one in five eligible voters."

This marks the fifth year in a row that an increased tax burden has fallen mostly on homeowners as commercial values have declined or grown at a far smaller pace than those for homes, a trend that has continued since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those valuations are key to the property tax equation, because the share of taxes one pays is determined by the assessed value of their property. The higher the value, the higher the tax bill.

Suburban homeowners north of North ave., where all properties were reassessed last year, saw the value of homes rising more than they did for businesses, causing 2% of the overall tax burden to shift from businesses to homeowners.

That shift, combined with a 6.4% increase in overall taxes in the north suburbs, resulted in a 6.7% increase in the median homeowner bill, compared to businesses which saw just a 0.1% increase.

In the suburbs south of North ave., where property values for businesses and homes decreased by a fraction of a percent, the median business tax bill increased by 4.5%, more than it did for homes, which face a 3.8% increase in the median bill.

In Chicago, where tax assessment appeals continued to lower assessments, business values fell 1.6%, compared to just 0.7% for homes, the median bill increase for homes was 3.2%, compared to 2% for businesses. Those increases were relatively modest because overall taxes in the city increased by 2.2%, less than the rate of inflation.

Summer Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. invites families to see the animals and enjoy the beauty of the zoo, which is also an accredited arboretum and botanic garden.

For the most up-to-date schedule, visit go.lpzoo.org.

Play! At Farm-in-the-Zoo 10 a.m.–noon, Wednesdays through Sept. 2nd.

Training and Care Demonstrations. Giraffe Training 1:45 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 2nd at Regenstein African Igouana.

Jamaican Igouana Care 11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House.

Monkey Cognition 11:45 a.m., Mondays through Fridays at Regenstein Macaque Forest.

Ape Cognition and Care 1 p.m., daily at Regenstein Center for African Apes.

African Penguin Feeding 2 p.m., daily at Robert & Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove.

Feedings at Farm-in-the-Zoo. Feed the Chickens 11 a.m., daily through Sept. 7th. Feed the Cows 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., daily through Sept. 7th.

Visit the Rhino Calf, Hazina and her mother Kapuki are now outside intermittently, and you

might get a chance to see her if you come to the zoo and head to the southernmost rhino habitat at Regenstein African Journey.

'80s vs. '90s Night at the Zoo will be presented by River North Fests on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 6:30 to 10 p.m., 21+. Whether you were living for synth-pop and shoulder pads or grunge and Game Boys, this is your chance to relive the best of both decades with karaoke, cocktails and throwback jams. Tickets for ages 21+ are \$20.

Zoo Brews: Howls and Growls is a 21+ Halloween party with unlimited craft beer and cider samples at themed stations on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23rd & 24th from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Themes include Hop-notic, Barrel of Laughs, and Hazy Hollow—and drink samples will match the theme of each zone.

You will encounter roaming entertainers, professional pumpkin carvers, and plenty of moonlit mischief, including a costume contest with prizes. The cost is \$60 person.

Through Oct. 31st, Malott Family Penguin Encounters, Age 6+.

Through Nov. 15th, Behind the Scenes Tour of Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House. Ages 13+.

Summer Events At Navy Pier



Photo provided by Navy Pier

Summer Skate at Navy Pier is rolling on until Sept. 7th to enjoy an indoor roller-skating experience complete with retro arcade games, photo ops, and summer fun.

With the Play the Park deal, take in panoramic views of Chicago and Lake Michigan from the Centennial Wheel, putt your way through Mini-Golf, and hop on your favorite Pier Park rides throughout the day.

Chicago Live Festival is Back Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19th & 20th. Get ready to experience the Midwest's largest free performing arts festival with an exciting lineup of live music, dance, theater, and more from 100+ talented artists and cultural partners across 5 stages. Presented by the Pritzker Foundation with support from Ferrara Candy Company.

Wintrust Winter

WonderFest will transform the Pier into a festive indoor wonderland with seasonal attractions, holiday décor, ice skating, and family fun for all ages, Friday, Nov. 27th through Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

Celebrate Labor Day with a seafood-filled weekend at the Great American Lobster Fest on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 5th & 6th. Complete with delicious food, live entertainment, and lakefront fun.

For more information, visit <https://navypier.org>.

Welcome Students Back to School

This week, Mayor Brandon Johnson and CPS Superintendent and CEO Dr. Macqueline King celebrated the beginning of the 2026-27 school year with visits to schools across Chicago.

Throughout the week, the Mayor joined school officials, City representatives, Safe Passage workers, Chicago Principals & Administrators Association, Chicago Teachers Union and Service Employee International Union leadership, students and families to highlight the importance of a safe, supportive start to the academic year.

Curie Metro High School, 4959 S. Archer will welcome Mayor Johnson and CEO King during lunch period on Thursday, Aug. 27th at 12:10 p.m.

Free Days At Chicago Museums

Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore dr. Free for Illinois residents Sept. 8th to 10th and 14th - 15th; visit adlerplanetarium.org.

Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan ave. Free for Illinois residents on Thursday, Aug. 27th from 5 to 8 p.m. artic.edu.

Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. Free for Illinois residents on Aug. 27th and Sept. 7th and 24th; chicagohistory.org.

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Free for Illinois residents on Aug. 27th and 31st and Sept. 1st-2nd, 8th-10th, 15th - 16th, 20th-23rd and 27th to 30th; griffinmsi.org.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. Free admission on the third Friday of each month; heritagemuseum.org.

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon dr. Free for Illinois residents on Sept. 8th-11th, 14th-18th, 21st-25th and 28th-30th; nature-museum.org.

Free All Year Long Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st.; chicago.gov.

Chicago Fed Money

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct its next general meeting in the auditorium of the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 6 p.m.

An awards ceremony will take place for the winners of the 1st annual Neighborhood Garden Contest. General business will also be discussed. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Museum, 230 S. LaSalle st.; chicagofed.org.

Climate Action Museum, 300 S. Riverside Plaza; climate-actionmuseum.org.

Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell ave.; hydeparkart.org.

Jane Addams Hull House Museum, 800 S. Halsted st.; hullhousemuseum.org.

Mindworks: The Science of Thinking at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, 224 S. Michigan ave.; chicagobooth.edu/mindworks.

Museum of Contemporary Photography, 600 S. Michigan ave.; mocp.org.

National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st.; nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood ave.; smartmuseum.uchicago.edu.

Giannoulis Urges Skipping the DMV

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis is encouraging skipping the DMV by completing routine driver and vehicle transactions through online services.

Every day, up to 2,000 customers visit DMV facilities for driver and vehicle services that can be completed online thanks to modernization efforts. Illinoisans can visit www.ilso.gov to see if their transaction can be handled online.

Over the past year, nearly 4.4 million online renewals of eligible driver's licenses, state IDs and vehicle stickers were completed online.

During the first seven months of 2026, some 560,000 eligible driver's license and ID transactions were completed online, compared with nearly 392,000 during the same period in 2025.

Illinoisans are encouraged to check the full list of online services at www.ilso.gov.

Puppet Show



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will present "The Dinosaur of Lake Michigan" at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Friday, Aug. 28th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mary is fascinated by the legends of monsters in the Great Lakes. She invites audiences to join her treasure hunt for the "dinosaur of Lake Michigan", also known as a sturgeon. Kerfuffle and Rabbitfoot Puppetry use realistic animal puppets made out of recyclable items, live music, and physical storytelling to bring this participatory play to life. Best enjoyed by children ages 3-6 with their caregivers. Visit www.kerfufflepuppetry.com

Jazz Institute Offers Concerts

The Jazz Institute of Chicago's Emerging Artists Project has scheduled several free programs.

Take a 90 minute cruise down the Chicago River with Chicago Line Cruises, 465 N. McClurg ct. on Sunday, Aug. 30th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. while enjoying the sounds of Alejandro Salazar & The Afro Cuban Exchange.

On Sunday, Aug. 30th, the Michael Ciesielski Quartet will perform at the Bucktown Arts Festival, Leavitt & Lyndale from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Chicago Jazz Festival features an acclaimed slate of headliners at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 3rd to 6th. Friday hours are 11:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Saturday and

Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 27th take a cruise down the Chicago River while enjoying the sounds of Dev Shaw and the Ghetto Space Band from 5:30 to 7 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit chicagoline.com.

For more information, visit jazzinchicago.org.

Community Potluck At Play Garden

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct a Community Potluck on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 6 p.m.

All are welcome. Bring food or snacks to share. Drinks, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided.

Chicago House Music Festival & Conference

The Chicago House Music Festival & Conference is scheduled for Thursday to Sunday, Aug. 27th to 30th at the Chicago Cultural Center, Millennium Park, Daley Plaza, Riverwalk & SummerDance in Grant Park. Admission is free.

The event celebrates Chicago's enduring global impact as the birthplace of House music through four days of free performances, dance, education and community programming at Millennium Park and across downtown Chicago. The 2026 festival includes a citywide kickoff at Daley Plaza, SummerDance in Grant Park, the Chicago House Music Conference at the Chicago Cultural Center, the return of the Chicago House Dance Summit and a closing celebration along the Chicago Riverwalk.

The kickoff is scheduled at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington st. on Thursday, Aug. 27th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. will host the House Music Conference on Thursday, Aug. 27th beginning at 4:30 p.m. On Friday, Aug. 28th, the

Dance Summit will run from noon to 5 p.m.

Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan ave. (corner of Balbo dr. and Michigan ave.) will host SummerDance on Friday, Aug. 28th from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Music Festival & House Dance Summit will be staged at Millennium Park, Jay Pritzker Pavilion, 201 E. Randolph st. on Saturday, Aug. 29th at 1 p.m.

The Wind Down: House on the Riverwalk is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 30th from 1 to 5 p.m. A relaxed session of music after three days of festivities. Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy the scenic views of The Confluence, where the Main, North and South Branches of the Chicago River meet.

Han Honored

Yulong Han of 60608 has been recognized for outstanding academic performance during the Spring 2026 semester at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Indiana by being named to the Dean's List High Honors.

BrightonParkLIFE.com
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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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 for ages 0 to 5on Fridays to Sept. 25th at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of songs, movements, and stories. Play time follows.

Family Nintendo Switch (ages 8+) on Sundays, Aug. 30th & Sept. 27th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Teacher in the Library starts on Monday, Aug. 31st from 4 to 6 p.m.

TWEEN/TEEN

Need service hours this summer? Ask the front desk for a volunteer application, ages 12-17.

Teen Gamer's Choice on Wednesdays, Sept. 2nd, 23rd & 30th from 3 to 5 p.m. We have Nintendo games such as Princess Peach: Showtime!, Minecraft, Mario Wonder and more. For ages 12 to 16.

LEGO Club on Thursdays, Sept. 3rd & 17th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Complete our design challenges or let your imagination run wild. LEGO bricks and materi-

Campaign For Organ Donors

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias launched a new public awareness campaign encouraging Illinoisans to become organ and tissue donors.

The campaign uses humor to highlight the sometimes questionable gifts and family traditions that are passed down through generations, including an outdated prom suit, an antique lamp and a treasured family recipe.

A single donor can save or improve the lives of up to 25 people.

Register online at Life-GoesOn.com or by calling (800) 210-2106.

Canoe Outing For Birders

The Chicago Park District will conduct "River-Lab: Birding Paddle" at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

This peaceful guided canoe outing is designed for bird enthusiasts of all levels to observe and experience the beauty of the Chicago River. We'll provide waterproof field guides and binoculars, but feel free to bring your own. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and sunscreen. All equipment is included in your registration fee of \$5. Basic instruction will be provided, and beginners are encouraged.

Beats 815 & 821 Plan Meetings

Chicago Police Department Beats 815 & 821 will conduct a public meeting at the Archer Park Field House, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 7 p.m.

Boundaries for 815 are 38th st to 55th st. / Pulaski rd to Cicero ave. 821 boundaries are 38th st. to 51st st. / Pulaski rd. to Kedzie ave.

For more information, contact (312) 747-8724 or email at caps.008district@chicagopolice.org.

“Refugio” Concert



Photo provided by the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will present Christian Larumbe “Refugio” at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Thursday, Sept. 10th from 6 to 7 p.m. The concert experience is built around the album titles that translates to “shelter” reflecting the comfort these classic Latin American songs have provided during her years away from home. Featuring drummer Gustavo Cortiñas, bassist Kitt Lyles, and guest soloist Emily Kuhn, the performance reimagines beloved pieces like “La Llorona” and “Como Fue,” or “La Bikina”.

Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

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

CHILDREN

Fun with Reading on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Ages 2 to 8.

Outdoor Play on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Ages 3 to 12.

Story Time at Coffee-houses on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Ages 0 to 5.

STEAM Kids for ages 3 to 12 on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Family Story Time on Saturdays at 2 p.m. Ages 0 to 5.

Bilingual Story Time on Saturday, Aug. 29th from 2 to 3 p.m. Join us for lively stories, songs and rhymes. Then stick around to play after the program or to make a craft. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Family Game Night on Friday, Aug. 28th from 7 to 10 p.m. Families with kids of all ages are invited to enjoy an evening of board games, video games

and friendly competition. Kids' Sewing Craft on Wednesdays, Sept. 2nd and 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn the basics of machine sewing and more. All levels welcome. All materials are provided. Participants are also encouraged to bring clothing and materials. For ages 3 to 13.

TEENS

Teen Chess Open Play on Fridays, Sept. 4th to 25th from 3 to 4 p.m. All levels of expertise are welcome. For teens 13 to 18.

ADULTS

Adult Book Club on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 6 to 7 p.m.

ALL AGES

Mexican Heritage Night on Tuesday, Sept. 15th from 5 to 7 p.m. Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a fun evening of arts and crafts, games and music. For all ages.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Free Online Tool By Mather Inst.

Chicago has a new tool to help understand where neighborhood conditions support social wellness among older adults – and where thoughtful investment and partnership may expand opportunities.

Mather Institute launched a free Social Wellness Map, which scores the 77 community areas in Chicago on social wellness for adults 55 and older. The map was developed in partnership with NORC at the University of Chicago.

Policymakers, community organizations, funders, planners and service providers can explore local patterns, identify assets and consider where new investments may have the greatest benefit

for older adults. The map is based on a survey of more than 4,000 residents age 55 and better, combined with public data on community conditions, including walkability, economic factors and access to gathering places such as libraries, churches and community centers.

The free map can be explored at: <https://www.matherinstitute.com/social-wellness-map/>

The free expo will kick off with a networking session sponsored by the Office of the City Treasurer, an exhibition hall offering resources from over 30 nonprofit and government agencies, workshops and a keynote address.

The keynote address will feature Chef D'Andre Carter and Heather Bublick, Co-Founders of Soul & Smoke. To register and learn more, visit Chicago.gov/BizExpo.

Brighton Park Library 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.

The Southwest Collective community box is available for patrons to take or leave toiletries and non-perishable food items.

Crafting Corner for adults on Wednesdays, Sept. 2nd & 9th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

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).

TWEENS & TEENS

Teen Volunteer Hours Thursday, Aug. 27th and Sept. 24th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 1 volunteer hour while helping at your library. Bring your timesheet. Grades 6 - 12 only.

Tween Tuesday - Sept. 1st, Locker decorations; Sept. 15th, Tissue Paper Jar Luminaries, 4 to 5 p.m. Bi-monthly craft just for ages 10 to 14. Materials and snacks will be provided.

CHILDREN

Matinee Movies, Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Join us for family films and snacks.

Family Movie, Sunday, Aug. 30th, 2 to 4 p.m. “The Sandlot”. Sept. 27th “Coco”. Snacks available while supplies last.

Sensory Friendly Cinema on Sunday, Sept. 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. Join us for “Kung Fu Panda”.

Family Story time on Thursdays, Sept. 17th and 24th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stories, songs and fun for the whole family. For children 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Paper Cup Rocket Launcher on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 12 p.m. Make a set of paper cups decorated as rockets. They launch with rubber bands.

Messy Art: Paper Bag Pinata on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 6 p.m. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making paper bag pinates.

LEGO Club on Monday, Sept. 28th from 6 to 7 p.m. Put your engineering skills to the test with one of our challenges or use your imagination to build your own creations. For ages 5 and up.

Oversight Of Tow Trucks

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' initiative to crack down on rogue tow truck operators, strengthen oversight of registrations and combat fraud has been sent to Governor JB Pritzker.

House Bill 4843, which the Illinois General Assembly approved unanimously, expands the Secretary of State's authority to suspend or revoke certificates and special registration plates issued to tow truck and wrecker operators who fraudulently obtain registrations, illegally use tow truck plates or violate vehicle registration laws.

The Secretary of State may suspend or revoke tow truck or wrecker registrations and plates if an individual or company:

Is not lawfully entitled to the registration or plates; Has made or knowingly permitted illegal use of the plates; Has committed fraud in the registration of vehicles; or Has failed to provide required notices involving vehicle transfers.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Image: SuRa Dupart – Green Sun Drummer, foam acrylic paint sculpture with black frame 54"x 40"x 6". Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on Sept. 18th from 7 to 10 p.m.

Gurushots Photo Exhibition: Chicago 2026 is open in the 3rd floor gallery through Sept. 4th.

The digital platform features a series of exhibitions displaying photographic works from over 30 countries. Learn more at gurushots.com

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

Tax Relief For Severe Weather

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Revenue announced disaster tax relief for individuals and businesses in 15 counties affected by widespread damage from torrential downpours, flash flooding, straight-line winds and several tornadoes. Illinois currently leads the nation with approximately 204 tornadoes this year as verified by the National Weather Service.

Tax relief applies to areas included in Governor Pritzker's Disaster Proclamation for Summer 2026 Storms. Currently, this includes the following counties and dates of severe weather: Alexander (July 9-11), Champaign (Aug. 9-11, Aug. 13-16), Cook (July 27, Aug. 9-11), DuPage (July 27, Aug. 9-11), Ford (Aug. 13-16), Fulton (Aug. 13-16), Kane (July 2-4), LaSalle (Aug. 9-11), Lake (July 27), McLean (Aug. 13-16), Marshall (May 16, June 10-11, June 19-June 29), Pulaski (July 9-11), Tazewell (Aug. 13-16), Vermilion (July 27, Aug. 13-16) and Will (July 27, Aug. 9-11).

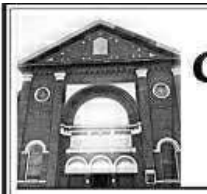
Those who have already been billed for penalties, they should email REV.DisasterRelief@Illinois.gov and provide their name, business name, account number(s), and the periods for which they filed late due to the storms to request penalty abatement. Taxpayers should include "Severe Storms - Summer 2026" in any communications with IDOR when requesting relief.

Taxpayers who experienced property damage should contact their county supervisor of assessments if they wish to apply for a reassessment.

The Motor Fuel Use Tax is not included in this disaster tax relief. For storm relief questions, email REV.IFTA@Illinois.gov.

Creative Reuse

The Imagination Station with the Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange is an all-ages craft station that focuses on reusing everyday items and recycled goods into craft projects. Come make a craft with us at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, Aug. 29th from 12 to 3:30 p.m.



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Masses at St. Barbara

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St. Barbara: 312-842-7979 St. Therese: 312-842-6777 School 312-326-2837

Masses at St. Therese

Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander

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Weekday Schedule

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8 AM Mass

August 30, 2026

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2016-1 Plaintiff, -v- CI CHICAGO OPPORTUNITY ZONE FUND I LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TYLER PERDRO, PALM CAPITAL HOLDINGS FUND LP, SHUVAM BHAUMIK STEPHEN LEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. 2023CH09271.

2023-2027 SOUTH VINCENNES AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60621

NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 7201-7207 SOUTH VINCENNES AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60621

The real estate is improved with a commercial property.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- Robert H. HAZLEY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATES OF JOHN A. HAZLEY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. 2023CH09269

1028 W 107TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60643

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/6/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 9/14/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on September 16, 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.

Commonly known as 1028 W 107TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60643

Property Index No. 25-17-401-036-0000

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$80,025.45 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1028 W 107TH PL into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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/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.

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, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1.

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For information, contact LATIMER LAYE FYOCK, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 55 W MONROE SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 412-8000.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker, Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Real Estate For Sale

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5504-06 W. POTOMAC AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 29, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 23, 2026, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 5504-06 W. POTOMAC AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651

Property Index No. 16-04-123-024-0000

The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.

The judgment amount was \$515,352.36.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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/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.

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