



Closed Border and Housing Affordability



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Those of us that follow the news have had some well-covered stories, the war with Iran, the Fauci scandal and the Chicago Public Schools passing an unbalanced budget. Interesting, but well covered. I found an article I would like to share. Ben Solis, a writer for the AMAC Newswire, wrote an interesting article. The subject: housing affordability.

In a well documented look at the recent enforcement of our laws at the border and how it has affected housing, jobs and services, it is his assumption that the huge influx from the Southern border caused housing prices to rise. Now that the number is better controlled, the prices are coming down again.

Custom and Border officials recorded over 11 million encounters with people crossing the border from 2021 and also 2.2 million known "got-aways". Pew Research claims the number to be at least 14 million crossed the border from 2021 - 2024. That made a total of 4.1% of the US population. Some of these new people had relatives to live with, but

most were competing for jobs, apartments, starter homes and subsidized housing. Prices always go up when the demand is greater than the supply. Many of us remember trying to buy a Cabbage Patch doll or Tickle Me Elmo.

The Dallas Fed published a story stating it created a severe housing shortage. They found the influx of people helped cause housing prices to increase 6.6% on average, and rent by 4.3%. The Fed study indicates that in the last 15 months, there have been 0 numbers of new undocumented immigrants. Following existing border laws, the new administration reversed this dynamic and called for no longer using catch and release. The vigilance at the Southern border has caused the decrease in international migration (legal and illegal). The Census Bureau found the total migration fell from 2.7 million in 2024 to 1.3 million in 2025.

With less demand for housing, lower rent has begun. National rent fell 4.4% from the Biden Era peak. Metro areas in Texas showed even greater reduction. The rent in Austin, Texas went down 21.5%, San Antonio, Texas 13.5% and Dallas, Texas 9.5%. Some other cities that showed signs of new affordability, the rent in Phoenix, AZ went down 13.8%, Denver's 10.7%, Orlando, 10.7%, Atlanta 10.4% and Nashville, 10.2%.

Solis notes that immigration is not the only factor affecting housing costs. But it is truly making the rental costs much more affordable nationwide.

Air and Water Show Returns Aug. 15th - 16th



Photo credit City of Chicago

The City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will present the 2026 Chicago Air and Water Show on Aug. 15th and 16th along the lakefront from Fullerton ave. to Oak st., with North ave. Beach serving as the show center from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. This year's event will feature the return of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the U.S. Army Golden Knights, military demonstrations, civilian aerobatic performers and more.

First held in 1959, the Show remains the nation's largest free-admission air and water exhibition also serves as one of Chicago's signature celebrations of America's 250th anniversary, honoring the nation's history through spectacular aerial demonstrations and military tributes.

Presenting sponsor American Airlines will open each day of the show

with special ceremonial flyovers commemorating the airline's 100th anniversary and America's 250th anniversary. Saturday's flyover will feature the airline's Centennial livery aircraft created to commemorate the milestone anniversary. On Sunday, American will feature its America250 livery created in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

For more information and to view the list of performers, visit ChicagoAirandWaterShow.us, follow @ChicagoDCASE on Instagram, and use #ChicagoAirandWater.

Public parking is not available at North Avenue Beach, and attendees are encouraged to use public transportation. Pick-up and drop-off will be available at the north-bound entrance of DuSable Lake Shore Drive, depending on crowd size. Guests may sit or stand on the sand or grass areas, with an accessible viewing area available near Castaways.

Audio description will be available online for guests who are blind or have low vision during both days of the event.

Featured military performers are U.S. Air Force C-17 Demo - 15th Airlift Squadron, Illinois Air National Guard KC-135 - 126th Air Refueling Wing, U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue Demo, F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team and USMC F-35B Lightning II Demonstration Team.

Boy Scout Troop 1441 Service Project



On Aug 10th, members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 participated in a Service Project for St. Mary Star of the Sea school's playground. A truckload of mulch was delivered for resurfacing the playground in preparation for the new school year. Any boys ages 11 to 17 who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for English or Angle Kozel at (773) 851-7855 for Spanish. Gabriel Hernandez, Luis Burgos and Andre's Burgos are Scouts in action.

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 Journey.

Jamaican Iguana 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

Public Schools Open Aug. 24th

Chicago Public Schools reminds families to mark calendars for the first day of school which for kindergarten through 12th graders is Monday, Aug. 24th while all preschoolers will start the next day on Tuesday, Aug. 25th.

CPS Superintendent/CEO Dr. Macquiline King, teachers and staff are eager to welcome back students and staff for a successful year of teaching and learning.

Families are encouraged to start preparing by checking the District's health requirements and lists of recommended school supplies. It's also a good time to help children get back on a sleep schedule conducive to the upcoming school day schedule.

The District has set a separate first day for younger learners, aiming to provide a calmer start to the school year following the first day's excitement with older students. Families with children attending charter schools should check with their own school administrators as those start dates may vary.

More information, including family resources, health forms and all other support is available online at cps.edu/b2s.

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 southern-most rhino habitat at Regenstein African Journey.

A Night Out for Craft enthusiasts on Friday, Aug. 21st from 6:30 to 10 p.m., 21+, \$25. Adults Presented by Grey Goose Vodka, Patron Tequila, and St. Germain. Crafters of every experience level are invited to spend an evening at the zoo after hours with watercolor painting hosted by The Paintbrush, a stitch circle and yarn swap with Knit 1, live acoustic music and more.

'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+.

Community Potluck At Play Garden

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct a Community Potluck every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. on Aug. 18th and Sept. 22nd.

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

Free Days At Chicago Museums

Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore dr. Free for Illinois residents Aug. 26th and Sept. 8th to 10th and 14th - 15th; visit adler-planetarium.org.

Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. Free for Illinois residents on Aug. 13th and 27th and Sept. 7th and 24th; chicagohistory.org.

Field Museum, 1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Free for Illinois residents every Wednesdays to Aug. 26th; field-museum.org.

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Free for Illinois residents on Aug. 24th - 27th and 31st and Sept. 1st-2nd, 8th-10th, 15th - 16th, 20th-23rd and 27th to 30th; griffin-msi.org.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago ave. Free for Illinois residents on Tuesdays, Aug. 18th and 25th from 5 to 9 p.m.; mcachicago.org. Every Tuesday through Aug. 25th, the MCA offers a free contemporary jazz concert.

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon dr. Free for Illinois residents on Aug. 24th-26th, and Sept. 8th-11th, 14th-18th, 21st-25 and 28th-30th; nature-museum.org.

Johnson Graduates

Zoe Camille Johnson of Chicago, earned a Master of Science President's List in Cybersecurity Management and Policy from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2026. To qualify for the prestigious program, students must have graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 4.0.

Johnson was among more than 7,300 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the spring 2026 term.

Adult Night At McKinley Post 231

Knights of Columbus Daniel Dowling Council #1063 will sponsor a Cigar, Wine and Bourbon Night at William McKinley Post 231, the American Legion, 1956 W. 35th st. on Saturday, Aug. 15th from 5 to 9 p.m.

Entry of \$60 person includes one cigar, one glass of bourbon or wine, and food. Features include raffles and Split The Pot.

Tolbert Honored

DaJuan Tolbert of Chicago has been named to the Dean's List of Blackburn College of Carlinville, IL for the Spring 2026 semester. Students must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher for the semester.

Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Free for Illinois residents from 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 18th and 26th; sheddaquarium.org.

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

Chicago Fed Money 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/mind-works.

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.

Jazz Institute Offers Concerts

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

On Friday, Aug. 14th, experience the Anthony Olague Trio Sonambulo at the Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan ave., Suite 500 from 6 to 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 20th, the Oliver y Su Orchestra will perform at Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln ave. from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

Chicago Park District Extends Pool Season

The Chicago Park District announced its expanded end-of-summer aquatics schedule, keeping 20 neighborhood pools open through Labor Day while continuing to operate all 23 swimming beaches, including Humboldt Park Beach, through Labor Day, and more than 200 water play features through Sept. 30th.

This summer, the Chicago Park District opened indoor and outdoor pools across the city, with outdoor pools operating seven days a week for at least eight hours each day. The District also recruited, trained, and onboarded more than 700 seasonal aquatics employees—including lifeguards, shallow water attendants, aquatic ambassadors, attendants, and customer service aides.

As students return to school each August, the Park District's seasonal lifeguard workforce naturally declines. To continue providing access to swimming later into the summer while maintaining staffing at all beaches through Labor Day, the District extends operations at selected neighborhood pools using a data-driven evaluation that includes the City's

updated Heat Vulnerability Index, geographic distribution across the city, pool capacity, community usage, ADA accessibility, access to public transportation, and operational and maintenance needs.

End-of-Summer Aquatics Schedule: Aug. 14th: 15 indoor and outdoor pools conclude summer operations as seasonal staffing begins transitioning back to school.

Aug. 21st: An additional 39 indoor and outdoor pools conclude summer operations as facilities prepare for fall programming and scheduled maintenance ahead of Chicago Public Schools high school students returning to classes on Aug. 24th.

Through Labor Day (Sept. 7): 20 neighborhood pools remain open and all 23 swimming beaches remain open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with lifeguards on duty.

Sept. 8th: Indoor pools reopen for open swim and lap swim, pending scheduled maintenance and capital improvements.

Sept. 21st: Fall aquatics programming begins.

Pool schedules are available at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/swimming-pools.

Summer Events At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit © Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Say Hello to Crouton! After nearly 12,000 of you voted to name the new rescued Virginia opossum, the winning name is "Crouton", as a reflection of its small size and big personality. In the coming weeks, Crouton will be viewable at his new habitat in the back area behind Hamill Family Play Zoo, and will also be seen at meet & greets around the Zoo.

Brookfield Zoo Chicago is offering summer fun for all ages with seasonal attractions, wildlife experiences and live entertainment. Visiting hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Guests can come face-to-face with 35 life-sized dinosaurs throughout Zoo grounds. Dinos! also includes opportunities to explore a massive rib-cage tunnel, climb on a giant fossil, dig for ancient discoveries, snap epic photos and find prehistoric pals and more.

Wildlife Walking Tours Dinosaur Discovery at 10 a.m. or African Safari at 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

Zoo Uncorked on Aug. 22nd. This after-hours event for guests ages 21 and over offers elevated flights and bites paired with Zoo Chat and live music. From 4-8 p.m., guests will receive a passport to explore the Zoo and try a variety of animal-themed cocktails and mocktails. Event tickets are required in advance and include free parking, unlimited Carousel and Ferris Wheel rides, live entertainment and more.

During September, we'll be celebrating Member Appreciation Month with weekly thank-you specials, a month-long raffle, and more reasons to visit. Not a Zoo Member? Join us to enjoy special membership perks next month!

Zoo Brews: Howls and Growls is a 21+ Halloween-party during which you can trick-or-treat for unlimited samples of your favorite potions and elixirs (craft beers and ciders) on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23rd & 24th from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$60.

Working to save wildlife around the world is an important part of Brookfield Zoo Chicago's mission. Our veterinary team recently traveled to Kenya to work alongside collaborators to help protect animal and community health. Teams vaccinated domestic animals against rabies, helping reduce the risk of this deadly disease spreading between wildlife, livestock, domestic animals, and people.

Guests can find event schedules, ticket information, animal updates and more by visiting brookfieldzoo.org.

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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.

Yollocalli Class of 2025 in the Courtyard through August 16th.

The Museum will present Sonido Fest 2026 at Harrison Park, 1824 S. Wood on Saturday, Aug. 15th at 2 p.m. The free outdoor music festival will feature Surely Tempo, a five-piece indie rock band from Santa Ana, California; Niko Rubio, Mexican-Salvadorian-American singer-songwriter blending indie pop, alternative rock, and Latin influences.

This outdoor event will take place rain or shine.

A free guided tour of *Images of Faith: 3000 years of Spiritual Expressions in Mexico!* is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15th. The exhibition traces three millennia of spiritual beliefs and sacred rituals in Mexico. Works of art include paintings by Rufino Tamayo, Saturnino Herrán and more.

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.

This month's educational programs feature engaging art-making activities for children.

Studio Saturday: Mini Piñatas on Saturday, Aug. 22nd from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 7-12 will make their own mini piñatas using cardboard, poster board, tape, and tissue paper. Each participant will receive a circular base to decorate. Registration is required.

Listos para el museo: Artesania Charms on Saturday, Aug. 22nd from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Ages 6 and younger will create artwork using shrinky dink plastic, paint markers, and key rings. Registration required.

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

Onsite Access to Lexis eBooks

Residents, self-represented litigants and legal professionals now have free access to Lexis eBooks at all six Cook County Law Library locations, connecting users to authoritative legal resources.

eBooks are legal resources that cover a wide array of topics including bankruptcy, construction, divorce, family, immigration and personal injury law. Previously, these resources were only available in print at the downtown Daley Center location.

The Cook County Law Library provides access to online legal research tools including Westlaw.com, Lexis.com and Vitallaw.com on public access terminals at each location. Members of the public are welcome to visit the Law Library to use the Lexis eBooks and on-site hardcopy and digital legal research resources.

The Law Library is located at: Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., 29th Floor, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bridgeview Courthouse, 10220 S. 76th St., Bridgeview, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Leighton Criminal Courthouse, 2650 S. California ave., weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Markham Courthouse, 16501 S. Kedzie Parkway, Markham, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Maywood Courthouse, 1500 Maybrook Dr., Maywood, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Skokie Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.cook-countyil.gov/LawLibrary>

Marketplace At Ping Tom Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct "Get Flea" at Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth ave. on Saturday, Aug. 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The arts, culture and marketplace experience features creatives, vendors, artists, designers and small businesses.



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August 2026



August 1st through August 31st

Fee-Waived Pet Adoptions!



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Daily Adoption Hours: 12 p.m. - 7p.m.

Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. if you are ready to adopt!

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).

Family Story Time on Thursdays, Aug. 13th to 27th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Start your day with stories, songs and fun for the whole family. For children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

TWEENS & TEENS

Tween Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 18th, Tie-Dye Bandanas. Join us for a bi-monthly craft just for tweens. Materials and snacks will be provided. For ages 10 - 14 only.

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

CHILDREN

Matinee Movies, Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

Spring Events At Newberry Library



Photo provided by Newberry Library

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton is featuring the exhibition "Conceived in Liberty: Cartoons, Caricatures, and Illustrations in the Wartime U.S., 1812-1918" through Sept. 19th.

Docent-guided tours occur Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Curator-led tours will be at noon on Aug. 19th and Sept. 2nd.

Though Americans grappled with these issues in all times and places, nothing crystallized the tensions around liberty quite like the Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln, in his address at the newly dedicated Gettysburg National Cemetery centered his reflection on this very question: "Four score and

seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." At the site of so much death and destruction, he wondered whether a nation, "So conceived and so dedicated can long endure."

Join a docent-led building tour to learn about the library's nearly 140-year history.

Shop the used book sale, which offers literary treasures at low prices.

Visit newberry.org

Business Planning Course Offered

Northeastern Illinois University's Business Innovation and Growth Center has opened registration for their "Become Your Own Boss Business Planning Course" at their Bronzeville location beginning Sept. 10th. This is a 12-week hybrid (mix of in-person and virtual) course designed to support budding business owners and founders.

You will learn how to research your industry and competitors, develop your marketing and sales plan, devise your income statement for an ideal year, and prepare and present your business plan.

Register at neu.edu. MPDC may have financial assistance available for interested businesses.

Craft Station At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct Imagination Station at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, Aug. 29th from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The all-ages craft station focuses on reusing everyday items and recycled goods into craft projects. This event will run in conjunction with the "A Multi-ethnic Ode to Autumn" presented by the Chicago Culture & Arts Society. Visit www.creativechrx.org.

Just Married



Mr. & Mrs. J. Ridgell

Mr. & Mrs. James and Alicia Krok of McKinley Park, proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Karli Anne to Justin Stuart Ridgell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey and Wendy Ridgell of Libertyville, Illinois.

The wedding ceremony took place on Aug. 1st at Saints Peter and Paul Church, 38th & Paulina where Karli and her family are parishioners.

A reception followed at the Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood, Illinois. The first marriage in the bride's family took place 118 years ago at the same church. Karli walked down the aisle as a fourth generation bride on both her mother and father's sides of the family.

Karli's maternal great-

grandparents, Antoni and Mary Libuszowski were married at Saints Peter and Paul on August 3, 1908; grandparents Joseph and Katherine Repel on June 1, 1947; paternal great-grandparents Jan and Magdalena Krok, on September 22, 1913, and great-uncle and great-aunt Walter and Rose Machnyk on August 6, 1955. Karli's parents, James and Alicia Krok were married at Saints Peter and Paul on June 16, 1985.

Karli works as a psychotherapist at Vita Optimum Counseling and Justin is employed at Chicago Lightworks in commercial sales and controls. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and will reside in McKinley Park.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

FAMILIES

Tot Spot Learning on Wednesdays, Sept. 2nd to 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An early education program for ages 18 months to 3 years. We will sing songs and learn our letters, numbers, colors and shapes in this fun program.

KIDS

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.

Homeschool Family Meet Up Fridays, Aug. 14th, Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for kids while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources. For ages 6 to 13.

Back to School DIYs on Thursday, Aug. 20th from 5 to 6 p.m. Customize a tote bag using the vinyl cutter, make a button or keychain. Only for ages 13 to 18.

ADULTS

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

Watercolor postcards on Saturday, Aug. 15th at 2 p.m. Patrons will design and paint a watercolor postcard inspired by the City of Chicago.

Learn to Play Chinese Mahjong on Wednesdays,

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. has scheduled interesting and informative programs. Hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES

The McKinley Park Development Council will present a "Mosaics for Marshfield Skate Courts" Workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 19th from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. The presentation will be followed by a hands-on paper mosaic workshop with McKinley Park artist Juan Chavez. Kids are welcome and encouraged to attend. Snacks and all materials will be provided.

Little Learners Story Time for ages 0 to 5. Join us on Fridays to Aug. 28th at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of songs, movements, and stories. Play time follows.

LEGO Club, ages 6 to 13 on Thursdays, Aug. 13th and 20th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Complete one of our design challenges or use your imagination. Materials will be provided.

Family Nintendo Switch (ages 8+) on Sundays, Aug. 16th & 30th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Family Fun: Collage Making for ages 3 to 13 on Tuesday, Aug. 25th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

STEAM Day for ages 5 to 10 on Thursday, Aug.

13th from 4:15 to 5:30 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.

Tween/Teen Programs on Wednesdays, Aug. 19th & 26th from 3 to 5 p.m. Gamers Choice, ages 12 to 16, Students can hang out, play games, snack and use the Teen laptops and digital equipment.

ADULTS

A Dance & Movement class for older adults will be held Saturdays, Aug. 15th & 29th from 1 to 2 p.m. Join us for gentle stretches to improve flexibility and mobility. Easy-to-follow, music based movement routines.

The Adult Book Club will discuss "Tom Lake" on Wednesday, Aug. 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ESL Conversation Cafe with Aquinas Literacy Center, ages 18+ on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Practice English in a friendly space and improve speaking and listening skills. Ask librarians to register. Tutoring is also available.

Senior Social: Sticker by Number Activity for ages 50+ on Tuesday, Aug. 18th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

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 Saturday, Aug. 22nd from 10:30 to 11:30 a.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.kerfuffletty.com



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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK N.A. Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHELLE E. HATCHETT; CITY OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALBERT GLOVER; JOSEPH HATCHETT; JEREMY HARRIS, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE HATCHETT; JEREMY HARRIS; CLARENCE HATCHETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD. CLAIMANTS Defendant 24 CH 6510 CALENDAR 57 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 21, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Inter-county'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.L.N. 19-26-407-021-0000.

Commonly known as 3507 W. 77th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

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, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563. (630) 453-6960. 6722-203022 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13292370

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F Plaintiff vs. Keith Owens; Brenda Owens; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Defendant 24 CH 1671 CALENDAR 64 NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 5325 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60609.

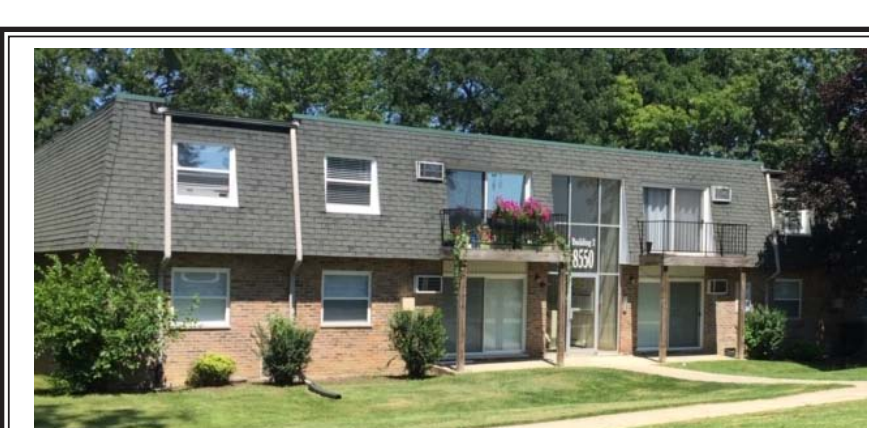
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the 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, Codio & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-01124 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13292017

Free Workouts At Millennium Park

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will conduct Summer Workouts on the Millennium Park Great Lawn on Saturdays through Sept. 5th from 8 to 11:45 a.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF WATERFALL VICTORIA III-NB GRANTOR TRUST Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF GEORGE DONALD, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 25 CH 3813 CALENDAR 56 NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 10508 S. Forest Ave., Chicago, IL 60628.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a common interest community unit, 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, Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Rembrandt Drive, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida 32810. 407-730-4644. LLS14429 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13292345

Business Resource Expo Scheduled

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection announced the last Chicago Business Resource Expo of 2026 will take place on Saturday, August 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd.

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.



Photo provided by the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will provide Chicago Astronomer at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, Aug. 22nd from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Join the Chicago Astronomer for guided stargazing sessions using professional-grade telescopes, perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike. Each event features educational presentations on celestial phenomena visible that evening, hands-on telescope instruction, and views of planets, stars and deep space objects. All ages are welcome.

Chinatown Library Schedules Programs

The Chinatown Branch Library, 2100 S. Wentworth ave. has scheduled interesting programs.

Board Game Play on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to play that gifted or purchased game or the ones that the Chicago Tabletop and Board Game Meetup Group has on hand. For ages 13 and up.

YOUmedia Crafternoon Junk Journaling on Monday, Aug. 17th from

Community Learning At Aquinas Literacy

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. has scheduled free community learning opportunities.

“Growing Together: Gardening for Community and Well-Being” on Wednesdays, Aug. 26th and Sept. 30th from 1 to 2 p.m. Join us for a hands-on gardening series in partnership with Just Roots Chicago. Everyone is welcome. No registration is required.

August Improv Series on Saturday, Aug. 15th from 10 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 25th from 12 to 1 p.m. This welcoming improv series uses games, storytelling, and creative play to strengthen communica-

tion, encourage creativity, and build community. No acting experience is necessary, and English learners are welcome. Participants are welcome to attend one or all sessions.

Conversation Cafe on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at Aquinas Literacy Center and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. A free, drop-in conversation group where English learners practice speaking, build confidence, and connect with others in a supportive environment.

No registration is required, and participants are welcome to attend any session that fits their schedule. English learners of all levels are welcome.

For more information, call (773) 927-0512, or email patrick@aquinasliteracycenter.org

Autumn Ode At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will perform a multi-ethnic ode to Autumn at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, Aug. 29th from 1 to 4 p.m.

A showcase of singing, dancing, fashion shows, and other forms of performing arts will be presented by artists from the Chinese, Hispanic, and Black communities. This event is organized by the Chicago Chinese Culture & Arts Society. Visit https://www.chicagochineseeculture.com.

Nature Skate Day At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Nature Skate Day at Groves 13 and 14 of Dan Ryan Woods East, 87th & Damen on Friday, Aug. 21st from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Limited helmets are available. For all ages. Registration is encouraged at https://www.eventbrite.com/nature-skate-day-tickets-1988632073063.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. invites volunteers to tutor an adult newcomer in the English language.

Pre-service training is provided and a two-hour weekly commitment is required.

Email Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512.

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 Coffeehouses 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.

LEGO Challenges on Thursday, Aug. 20th from 6 to 7 p.m. Join us for free play and display your work. For ages 4 and up.

Bilingual Story Time on Saturdays, Aug. 22nd and 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

Kayak Tour of Bubbly Creek



Photo credit to Shedd Aquarium

McKinley Park community members are invited to explore the Chicago River from a new perspective with Shedd Aquarium's guided kayak tours along Bubbly Creek.

Every Wednesday night through September from 5 to 7 p.m., Shedd experts will conduct a quiet river journey with a focus on wildlife spotting, insight into ongoing research and habitat

restoration projects.

Registration fee is \$10. Participants ages 8 and up are welcome. Participants under age 12 will ride in a tandem kayak with an adult, and all minors under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Signup at https://www.sheddaquarium.org/bubbly-creek-kayak-tours

Behavioral Health Releases Report

The Illinois Department of Human Services and Chief Behavioral Health Office for the State of Illinois, led by Dr. Inger Burnett-Zeigler, announced the release of “The Care Compass: A Strategic Framework for Behavioral Health Access and Integration.”

The report is organized around three priorities: Increase access to behavioral health care, strengthen the workforce and integrate data, reporting, and monitoring systems.

Illinois invested approximately \$3 billion in behavioral health services in FY2024, with Medicaid as the primary funding source.

Demand for services remains high, particularly for anxiety, depression, and substance use conditions.

Emergency departments continue to serve as major entry points for behavioral health care, especially among youth under age 24.

Persistent challenges include workforce shortages, administrative complexity, and barriers related to transportation, housing, and broadband access in rural areas.

These insights from the report, combined with data from Illinois Health and Human Services agencies, informed a plan

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, Aug. 19th and Sept. 2nd & 9th from 4 to 5 p.m. plus Sunday, Aug. 23rd from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Visit chipublib.org to register.

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 Aug. 21st from 7 to 10 p.m.

The opening reception for “Color Songs: Musicians as Visual Artists” will be held in the 4th Floor Gallery. The exhibition focuses on a marriage between the disciplines of visual art and music.

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

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., Friday 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.

Family Story Time on Mondays, Aug. 17th to 31st from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for a story time full of books, songs and rhymes for ages 2 to 8.

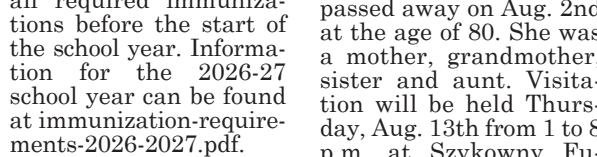
Baby Story Time on Wednesdays, Aug. 19th and 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. A gentle story time of songs, rhymes and stories aimed at babies under 18 months old and

a grownup. Siblings are welcome.

Collage Club on Wednesdays, Aug. 19th to Sept. 2nd from 4 to 5 p.m. Make a collage to decorate your wall, be the author of your own collage zine or customize objects like notebooks, pencil holders and bookmarks. Materials provided include scissors, glue, mod-podge, magazines, pre-cut magazine scraps, patterned tape, upcycled cardboard and tin cans. For ages 10 to 19.

LEGO Club on Tuesdays, Sept. 1st through Nov. 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ask a librarian for a build challenge and display your creations. LEGO bricks will be provided for use in the library. Ages 6 to 13.

Obituaries



ROSA PLASCENCIA CAMARILLO was born June 8th, 1946, passed away on Aug. 2nd at the age of 80. She was a mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Visitation will be held Thursday, Aug. 13th from 1 to 8 p.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Albert The Great Church, 8000 S. Linder ave. on Friday, Aug. 14th at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, 7100 S. Archer rd., Justice, IL.

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