

Antidepressant Alternative



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The times we live in seem to be producing more people with what are considered mental issues. Some believe it is that we are more aware of the issue. Others say we have less children and families so they are more scrutinized and it is no longer "boys will be boys" or "that's just him or her". Frances Chamberlain in the January 2026 issue of Newsmax writes about an antidepressant alternative. She notes that many people feel trapped due to people with treatment-resistant depression.

You might notice there are several drug commercials offering treatment for these people by taking their drug. Dr. Limore Maron often recommends a relatively new procedure called Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

(TMS). This procedure uses magnetic fields to stimulate nerve cells in the brain regions involved in mood regulation.

Regular antidepressants work about 30% of the time. But after trying a few drugs, your psychiatrist may seek a referral for the TMS treatment. Not all are eligible for example those who are bipolar or have a psychosis or have had brain injuries are usually not fit for this treatment. The treatment is once a day for 36 weeks. That is a long time, but it has an 83% success rate and 50% of the patients have total remission.

Medicare covers the cost as do many insurance plans. FDA has approved this treatment for depression obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and migraines.

TMS has been approved for those 15 and older. It showed great success among Seniors. The Mayo Clinic is working on the possibility of using TMS to fight epilepsy. This can help bring hope to many. This is a noninvasive procedure that can relieve anxiety.

There are many families affected by depression. If you know someone suffering from this, be it family or friend, you can help these people by doing an internet search on the research. It can be timewell spent.

Increased Risk For Carbon Monoxide

As winter weather brings extreme cold, fire safety officials are urging residents to use extra caution when heating their homes. Frigid temperatures often lead people to rely more heavily on heating systems and alternative heat sources, which can increase the risk of home fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

In 2024, Illinois fire departments responded to 9,860 carbon monoxide related calls. Emergency rooms across the U.S. see more than 100,000 visits each year due to CO exposure. Over 14,000 people are hospitalized annually, and 1,200 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Keep all heat sources at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including furniture, curtains, and bedding.

Never use ovens, stoves, grills, or portable fuel-burning devices to

heat your home.

Turn off space heaters before leaving the room or going to bed.

Have chimneys, fireplaces, and heating systems inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified professional.

Ensure smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home and inside sleeping areas and test them monthly.

For more winter weather fire safety information, visit sfm.illinois.gov.

Police Beat 912 Plans Meeting

The Chicago Police Department 9th District will conduct a public meeting for Beat 912 at the McKinley Park Field House, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, Feb. 11th from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

The semi-monthly meeting provides an opportunity meet beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions, review crime statistics and learn crime reduction strategies.

For additional information contact the Community Policing office at (312) 747-3501 or email caps.009district@chicagopolice.org.

Escalante Honored

Fort Hays Kansas State University has named Miriam Alanis Escalante to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2025 semester.

Honorees must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and online students are eligible.

Tovar Honored

Blanca Tovar is announced as a Fall 2025 Distinguished Scholar at Rockford University. Full-time (12 or more credits) students who earned at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below "C" and completed all requirements for the semester are honored.

Luna Graduates

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota announces that Brandon Luna completed requirement for a bachelor's degree in December.

Donut Sale For Boy Scout Troop 1441



On Jan. 25th, members of Boy Scout Troop 1441, sponsored by St. Mary's Holy Name Society, held a Krispy Cream Donut sale following each Mass. Proceeds of the 150 dozen sold are split between the Boy Scouts to help with their camping trip costs throughout the year. Boys ages 11 to 17 who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian (for English) at (312) 316-5825 or Angie Kozel (for Spanish) at (773) 851-7855 for further information. Pictured are Alexi Ayala, Heriberto Burgos (Committee Member), John Massura (Scout Master), Marnee Burgos, Minerva Gonzales and Conrad Zadlo (Committee Members), Andres Burgos and Gabriel Hernandez.

DCASE Announces Festivals and Events

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events unveiled the 2026 lineup of festivals and events, kicking off in May and running through the holiday season. Showcasing the city's creative energy, diverse cultural landscape and neighborhood pride, this season features beloved classics alongside dynamic programs that invite residents and visitors to experience Chicago's best in music, food, art and community gatherings.

From the return of staples like the Chicago Blues Festival, Taste of Chicago, and Chicago Air and Water Show, to citywide programs including SummerDance, Farmers Markets and free outdoor concerts and films in Millennium Park, Chicago's cultural calendar is once again set to energize residents and visitors.

Chicago Farmers Markets, Citywide markets including Daley Plaza, May through Oct.; Division Street Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 16th and Daley Plaza Farmers Market opens Thursday, May 21st, Chicago Farmers Markets.us.

Maxwell Street Market, 1330 S. Halsted, Monthly, Sundays, May to Oct.. [MaxwellStreetMarket.us](https://maxwellstreetmarket.us).

Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony & Parade, Saturday, May 23rd. [Chicago.gov/DCASE](https://chicago.gov/DCASE).

Millennium Park Summer Workouts, Great Lawn, Saturdays, May 16th to Sept. 5th, MillenniumPark.org.

Chicago Blues Festival, Ramova Theatre and Millennium Park, Thursday through Sunday, June 4th – 7th, MillenniumPark.org and ChicagoBluesFestival.us.

Millennium Park Summer Music Series, Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Nine concerts, most Mondays & Thursdays, June 15th – Aug. 6th, MillenniumPark.org.

Millennium Park Summer Film Series, Jay

Pritzker Pavilion, Tuesdays, June 30th to Aug. 18th, MillenniumPark.org.

Taste of Chicago, Grant Park, Wednesday through Sunday, July 8th to 12th, TasteofChicago.us.

Chicago Gospel Music Festival, Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Friday and Saturday, July 24th to – 25th, ChicagoGospelMusicFestival.us.

Chicago Summer Dance, Citywide, including Night Out in the Parks pop-up events and Spirit of Music Garden, July and Aug. ChicagoSummerDance.org.

Chicago Air and Water Show, North Avenue Beach, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15th to 16th (rehearsal Friday, Aug. 14th), ChicagoAirandWaterShow.us.

Chicago House Music Festival & Conference, Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park, Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 27th to 30th, ChicagoHouseMusicFestival.org.

Chicago Jazz Festival, Citywide, including Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park, Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 3rd to 6th, MillenniumPark.org and ChicagoJazzFestival.us.

World Music Festival Chicago, Citywide, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 25th to Oct. 4th, WorldMusicFestivalChicago.org.

Chicago Made Music Showcase Finale, Chicago Cultural Center, Saturday, Oct. 24th, ChicagoMade.us.

City Holiday Events, Millennium Park, City of Chicago Tree Lighting Ceremony, Friday, Nov. 20th; Holiday Market, Friday to Sunday, Nov. 20th to 22nd; and Holiday Sing Along, Fridays, Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th, Chicago.gov/Holiday.

New Year's Eve Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 31st, chicago.gov/NYE.

All dates and event details are subject to change. For updates and full programming information throughout the season, visit chicago.gov/DCASE and the individual festival websites linked above.

Plus, more exciting announcements are on the way, including upcoming Chicago Cultural Center programming, citywide art exhibitions, Millennium Park work-out series and film showings, and other signature cultural experiences that will further expand the event season.

Follow @ChicagoDCASE on social media for the latest updates.

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, Feb. 4th 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.

Valentine Events At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



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Brookfield Zoo Chicago's annual Name a Cockroach fundraiser returns, offering the opportunity to honor a special—or not-so-special—someone in your life. For a \$15 donation through Feb. 14th, a Madagascar hissing cockroach will be symbolically named after the person of your choice. Donors will receive a digital Certificate of Naming and can visit the Cockroach Naming Board at the Zoo's Hamill Family Play Zoo, featuring names submitted by Feb. 5th. Details are available at brookfieldzoo.org/Cockroach.

This fundraiser began in 2020 as an opportunity to support the Zoo's mission to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people to wildlife and nature—including sharing a better understanding of the ecological role of cockroaches. Here are some animal facts for conversation starters.

Flamingos, with their festive pink feathers, can bend their neck into what's described as a half-heart pose thanks to 19 elongated cervical vertebrae. These long necks allow them to filter feed in shallow water while walking.

While often depicted on greeting cards holding paws, only certain species of otters form long-term bonds. The North American river otter, native to Midwest wetlands and rivers, does not mate for life.

Nothing scares off suitors like a female golden-silk orb weaver. For these spiders, males keep their distance and quickly retreat while mating to avoid becoming a meal.

"Bee mine" might sound romantic, but honeybees are all about teamwork. A hive thrives

thanks to thousands of worker sisters supporting their queen.

Make your Valentine's Day a roar-mantic evening with 1920s jazz and wild charm. This evening includes a cocktail hour and pairing, five-course meal accompanied by a live jazz band and an up-close encounter with an animal.

Turn Valentine's Day into a monthly date night by purchasing tickets to Glow Wild: A Lantern Festival of Hope! This visually stunning experience opens on March 19th with more than 70 illuminated lanterns inspired by wildlife.

The Wild Connections program offers nine encounters—from penguins and moon jellies and more. This includes the newly launched Reptile & Amphibian Encounter, available for explorers ages eight and over who are curious about frogs, toads, snakes and lizards. More information and reservations are available at brookfieldzoo.org/wild-connections.

Community members can contribute to animal care and welfare with more than 60 species available for honorary adoption, including 10 with the option for an upgraded plush package. The list of species—featuring Humboldt penguin Empanada, meerkats and polar bear Amelia Gray—is available at brookfieldzoo.org/AnimalAdoption. To guarantee delivery before Valentine's Day, orders must be placed by Feb. 4th.

Free Days offer complimentary admission now through the end of February, with the exception of Feb. 16th. Guests can explore the Zoo daily during its winter hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

S-W Home Equity Assurance Program

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

After 5 years of membership, if you decide to sell your home and it sells below the assured value,

Enrique Hernandez was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. Honorees must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3-5 and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5

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

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

Verify eligibility by referring to your property tax bill: SW Home Equity Assurance Chgo.

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

City Resources For Winter

The Cold Weather Advisory remains in effect until noon today due to very cold wind chills as low as -20° expected. OEMC is working closely with the NWS Chicago to monitor weather conditions 24/7 and will alert the public if conditions worsen. It's important for residents to be prepared, take safety precautions and utilize city services, resources.

The dangerously cold wind chills as low as 20 below zero could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes. Use caution while traveling outside. Dress in several layers including a hat, face mask, and gloves if you go outside. Check on older family, friends, and neighbors, residents can contact 3-1-1 for a well-being check. Keep pets indoors.

Residents are encouraged to download the Chicago OEMC App for safety and preparedness tips, weather information and alerts, DSS Snowplow Tracker. Users will also have access to current forecasts, radar and public safety information. Download the app through the Apple App and Google Play stores or visit, Chicago.gov/OEMC.

Severe cold temperatures, strong winds and snow can cause addition-

al hazards, whether home or traveling, so it's important to stay informed. OEMC issues several alerts and notifications to keep people up to date on weather conditions and emergencies.

Notify Chicago: Sign up for emergency alerts at NotifyChicago.org. CHILAKE: For lakefront notices including flooding, TEXT "CHILAKE" to 7-8-0-1-5. CHIBIZ: Business updates, TEXT "CHIBIZ" to 6-7-2-8-3.

Warming Centers available until Jan. 30th include DFSS Community Service Centers, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and DFSS Senior Centers, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For locations, visit chicago.gov/senior-centers or contact 3-1-1.

Public Library locations, open during operating hours. Park District locations, open during operating hours. City Colleges of Chicago will be open during operating hours and Police Districts, 24 hours.

For hours and locations contact, 3-1-1 by downloading the CH311 app, go online at 311.chicago.gov or dial 3-1-1. Residents may also visit Warming Centers - Map | City of Chicago | Data Portal.

For additional Winter preparedness tips, visit weather.gov/safety/winter-ww.

County Assessor Processes Exemptions

The Cook County Assessor's Office processed more than 1.5 million property exemptions for homeowners last year, while returning millions of dollars in revenue to taxing districts and reaching a new milestone in its affordable housing incentive, with 1,500 properties joining the program.

In addition to its regular work of valuing property, the Assessor's Office also processes exemptions with the most common being the Homeowner and Senior exemptions.

Exemptions are also available for low-income seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and others. The regular exemption period for the coming year will open in Spring 2026.

The Assessor's Office has advocated for the state legislature to allow automatic renewal of

exemptions, including those for seniors, persons with disabilities, veterans with disabilities and the Senior Freeze.

The Erroneous Exemptions department, investigates cases in which homeowners may have wrongfully claimed exemptions, processed more than 1,400 cases between Dec. 2024 and Nov. 2025. The department collected \$6.7 million in revenue and \$4.4 million will be returned to taxing districts.

The Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program also continued to grow in 2025. About 1,500 properties are enrolled in or approved for the program, which gives an incentive to multi-family building owners who keep rents affordable.

For more information, visit <https://www.cook-countyassessoril.gov/exemptions>.

Ladder Up Offers Free Tax Prep

Ladder Up will be providing free tax preparation services for qualifying families and individuals at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer ave. on Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. through April 11th.

Walk-in only, arrive early, doors will close when capacity is reached.

Requirements include: Personal Information - Social Security, ITIN cards and photo ID, bank account info, health insurance (1095-A). If you are married and filing jointly, both spouses must be present and

identity theft PIN, if applicable.

Year-End Income Statements: W-2's (Income wages) and 1099s (SSA, Railroad retirement, pensions, dividends). Note: self-employment and cash income is out-of-scope.

Expenses and Credits: K-12 & College tuition (forms 1098-T), student loan interest (1098-E), childcare info (provider + tax ID/ssn) and mortgage interest and property taxes.

For more information, call (312) 409-1555 or visit www.ladderup.org.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct its regular meeting at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W 35th st. on Wednesday Feb. 4th at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Plans for the upcoming Outstanding Educators Banquet will be discussed. Applications will be available for new and membership renewals for 2026. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Email mckinleyparkcivicassociation68@gmail.com with any questions.

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

Happy Hearts on Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Presented by Wellness House. This Valentine's Day themed event will include crafts and light refreshments. Chair massages for parents and caregivers. Register by emailing childandfamily@wellnesshouse.org or ask the Librarians at (312) 747-6082 for assistance.

Little Learners Story Time, ages 0-5, Fridays, Feb. 6th to 20th, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for 30 minutes of songs, movements and stories. Play time follows.

Developmental Play Group, ages 3-5, Tuesdays, Feb. 3rd, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presented by Lisset Gonzalez. Led by a developmental therapist, kids ages 3-5 and their caregivers will engage in pretend play and developmentally appropriate activities that promote kindergarten readiness. Registration encouraged.

LEGO Club, ages 6-13, Thursday, Feb. 5th & 18th, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Complete one of our design challenges or let your imagination run wild. LEGO bricks and materials will be provided.

Family Nintendo Switch, ages 8+, Sundays, Feb. 1st to 15th, 1 to 3 p.m. Choose from our collection of games, like Mario Kart and Minecraft. Parents/caregivers must be present for kids under age 13.

Family Fun Series, ages 3 to 13, Saturdays, Feb. 14th & 21st, 2 to 3 p.m. Drop-in activity may include a STEM or craft activity, building materials, games or coloring. Parent or Adult Guardian must be present.

Film Screening of "Gabby's Dollhouse" (2025, G) on Friday, Feb. 6th, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Gabby sets off on an adventure through the real world to get the Gabby Cats back together and save the dollhouse.

TWEEN/TEEN Gamers Choice, ages 12-16, Wednesdays, Feb. 11th & 25th, 3 to 5 p.m. Students can hang out, play games, snack, and use the PCs/laptops and digital equipment.

Teen Yap n' Snack: HSA High School, Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. This meeting will be held off-

site at HSA High School.

Teen Craft 'n Snack: Friendship Bracelets, ages 11 to 19, Sunday, Feb. 8th, 2 to 4 p.m. A safe space where teens can create art together.

ADULTS

The Adult Book Club will discuss "The Cliffs" by J. Courtney Sullivan, ages 18+, on Wednesday, Feb. 11th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The story Jane uncovers of husbands lost at sea, wives mourning along the cliffs, historical artifacts, stolen and sold, lovers secreted away, and at the center of it all, a tale of colonialism - is as old as Maine itself.

Utility Discount Program Presentation English/Spanish presented by Legal Action Chicago, Monday, Feb. 2nd, 6 p.m. An 45-minute informational presentatin to help understand the program's benefits, eligibility criteria and application process.

Free Wigs - Fittings for Cancer Patients, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wellness House invites women experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment to free wig-fitting appointments. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. To register, call Angelica Haennicke at (630) 660-0339 or ask the librarians at (312) 747-6082 for assistance.

Film screening of "F1" (2025, PG-13) Tuesday, Feb. 1st, 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sonny Hayes was Formula 1's most promising phenom of the 1990s until an accident on the track.

Film Screening of "Higher Learning" (2001, R) Monday, Feb. 9th, 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. First-term college freshman get a crash course in diversity, identity and sexuality.

Adult Craft Club: "Book Page Rose", ages 18+, Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Join Ms. Shelley as we construct a beautiful rose from old book pages. Advanced registration is required. Adults only. Children will not be permitted.

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

Visit chipublib.org to register.

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>.

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Expands

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity awarded more than \$17 million in funding to 39 program recipients, serving up to nearly 2,000 community members, to expand the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program that creates a qualified talent pipeline of diverse candidates in the construction and building trades.

Participants attend tuition-free and receive a stipend and other support services. Upon completion of the program, pre-apprentices receive industry-aligned certifications, which prepare and qualify them to continue to a registered apprenticeship program in one of the trades.

Signed into law in 2019, the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act is designed to promote diversity, inclusion, and use of apprentices in state-funded capital projects. The Act created three major programs: the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program, Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative, and Illinois Works Bid Credit Program. These programs aim to create a talent pipeline of skilled candidates to fill new job opportunities created by the \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

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.

Midway C of C Sets Comedy Show

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Valentine's Comedy Show at the European Chalet, Harlem & Archer on Friday, Feb. 13th at 7:30 p.m.

This is a cash only event for whole pizzas, bar and split the pot. Contact info@midwaychamber.org.

Loaiza Graduates

The University of Dubuque held a Winter Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 11th in the Heritage Center. Jacob Loaiza was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree, Summa Cum Laude.

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.

Visit Hoy Cultura en nuestra comunidad: Ray Patlan in Chicago 1968-1975. The exhibition highlights early painting, drawings, photographs, and personal belongings.

Rieles y Raices: Traqueros in Chicago and the Midwest in the Xicago Gallery is on exhibit through April 26th.

Join us for the next Late Wednesday on Feb. 4th until 8 p.m. Enjoy the museum after hours with extended access to the galleries.

The Museum's youth initiative, Yollocalli Arts Reach will present the Anti-Valentine's Day Party at the Fire Station, 24th & Whipple on Friday, Feb. 6th from 6 to 9 p.m. This event is for teens and young adults under 24 years old. Admission is free, but registration is encouraged.

The Education Department offers programs that allow children and adults to learn about Mexican art through engaging art activities. Studio Saturday: Train

Design for ages 7 to 12 on Feb. 14th from 10 to 11:30 a.m., \$10 registration fee. Building Trains & Tracks for ages 6+ & under on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., \$20 donation required.

Adults ages 55+ are invited to Viva la Vida on Thursday, Feb. 26th at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. This program offers an immersive experience in the galleries, followed by an art-making activity. We will delve into a print-making technique to carve rubber blocks to create linocuts. Once carved, you can test your prints using ink pads!

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

Videos of "Cuentos: Stories of Immigrants", feature Attorney Victor Aparicio explaining what led him to his profession, immigration law, and family.

Linocuts for Seniors on Thursday, Feb. 26th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Gala de Arte will be celebrated on Friday, May 1st, at the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier.

Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org for more details.

Fall Graduates At Northern Illinois

More than 1,200 students received their bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Northern Illinois University in December. Local graduates are:

Christian Alzate, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration. Julianna Dale, Bachelor of Science, Human Dev & Family Sci: Family Relations, Prevention and Wellness. Paola Garibay, Master of Public Admin, Public Administration-Local Government Management. Stephen Holden, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy. Omari

Hughes, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology. Marvin Lopez, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology. Osvaldo Medina, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Technology Emphasis: Electrical. Joseph Moreno, Master of Science, Electrical Engineering. Cristian Onate, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre Arts - Acting. Mario Reyes III, Bachelor of Science, Operations & Information Management. Stephanie Verdin, Bachelor of Science, Industrial & Systems Engineering and Tyra Wiles, Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences: General.

Online ICash Auction Open

Hall of Famers Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, and Patrick Ewing collectible basketball cards and comics featuring the Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, and Spawn are notable items available at the online ICash auction through Feb. 1st.

Other auction items include: Admission tickets, featuring images of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. An 1883 Morgan silver dollar with original packaging. Football cards including Hall of Famers Troy Aikman, John Elway, and Marshall Faulk.

A 1918 Illinois Centennial Lincoln half dollar. Four silver, turquoise rings. Baseball cards of Hall of Famers, Ryne Sandberg, Greg Maddux, Derek Jeter, and Lou Brock.

A total of 150 lots will be auctioned, with some lots consisting of multiple items. You can view all auction items in the catalog on the HiBid website.

Prospective bidders first must sign up on

Forest Preserves Permits Available

The Forest Preserves of Cook County offer permits for Athletic Events, Field Rental and Fitness Class. Visit fpdcc.com/permits.

Nation Celebrates 250th Birthday

In celebration of the founding of the United States 250 years ago, Governor JB Pritzker is inviting Illinoisans to volunteer with organizations of their choice to foster community connection.

Illinois United in Service volunteers can log their hours online with Serve Illinois at service.illinois.gov, a program of the Illinois Department of Human Services. Volunteers who log hours will receive a special commemorative certificate.

Organizations can share volunteer events at serviceillinois.galaxydigital.com and with Serve Illinois, enabling prospective volunteers to match with opportunities near them.

Illinois United in Service is an initiative of the Illinois America 250 Commission at il250.org and Serve Illinois.

The official hub for Illinois America 250 can be found online at il250.org. Illinoisans can sign up to be a 250th partner; browse or submit events; access free educational and planning resources for schools, libraries, families and organizations; learn about or join local 250th communities; and get updates on news and volunteer opportunities. Visit the community calendar at il250.org/events.

Real ID For 1,100 Residents

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' office processed 1,123 REAL IDs and the Cook County Clerk's office issued 412 vital records during the first Saturday of expanded hours at the REAL ID Supercenter, 191 N. Clark st. and the Clerk's office, 118 N. Clark st.

The expanded Saturday hours launched Jan. 17th ahead of TSA's new \$45 REAL ID penalty, which takes effect on Feb. 1st. The effort is aimed at reducing wait times, minimizing hassle and ensuring Illinoisans can secure their REAL IDs before the penalty begins.

Giannoulias partnered with Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon to make it easier to obtain required REAL ID documents - including birth certificates and name-change records - by offering Saturday hours at the Clerk's Vital Records Department.

Giannoulias also announced that his office is adding more than 500 additional appointments at 15 Chicago-area DMVs, which are open every Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

On Feb. 1st, TSA will begin charging airline passengers an additional \$45 if they do not have a REAL ID or valid U.S. passport to board a domestic flight.

Church Services

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Sunday, 10 a.m., Worship Service, speaker, Kensen Lam, He will continue our sermon series in the Psalms, with Psalm 23.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., dinner and Bible study. Discussion will be centered on Sunday's sermon topic.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., AWANA kids clubs (3 yrs. - 6th grade) and Youth Group (7th - 12th grades).

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Sunday: St. Richard, 7:30 a.m. (Polish), 9 a.m. (English) and 10:30 a.m. (Spanish). St. Bruno, 10:30 (Polish), 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish).

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Carlos Ortiz.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

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

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

Toddler Story Time, ages 18 months to 3 yrs

Career Showcase At Griffin MSI

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry's features a Career Showcase will features artists, scientists and engineers on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to highlight education and career opportunities in STE(A)M fields. Guests can have conversations, observe demonstrations on various concepts and engage in activities. Included with general admission.

Join select artists behind the works in the Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition for an after-hours, adults-only party on Friday, March 20th from 6 to 10 p.m. The night includes music, dancing, food and drinks. Tickets are \$35.

For more information, visit griffinmsi.org.

Obituaries

YOLANDA GUERRERO who was born on Aug. 23rd, 1951, passed away on Jan. 20th at the age of 74. Born in Gómez Palacio, Durango, Mexico, she is survived by her children, Ramon Guerrero, Rocio Guerrero, and Juan Guerrero; grandchildren, Liam, Lael, George, Natalia, Emma, Kehlani, and Kamilah. Visitation was held Jan. 26th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 27th at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 5443 S. Washenaw.

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St. Barbara: 312-842-7979

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Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander
Sunday Masses
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10:30am Cantonese
Weekday Schedule
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8 AM Mass
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Real Estate For Sale

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Tax Season Has Started

Tax season officially started Jan. 26th, when the IRS begins accepting and processing tax returns for the 2025 tax year.

The Illinois CPA Society offers these tips for simplifying the filing process: 1. Gather all your information first. 2. Use a tax professional. 3. File electronically and use direct deposit.

For most taxpayers, the deadline to file their personal federal tax return, pay any tax owed, or request an extension to file is April 15th. If a taxpayer lives in a federally declared disaster area, they may be entitled to extra time to file. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 15th to file. However, if taxes are owed, it's still a taxpayer's obligation to pay those taxes by April 15th.

Girls Day At West Lawn Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Girls Day of P.L.A.Y. at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Tuesday, Feb. 17th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free event during a public-school day out of school features sports, arts and crafts and fun. Participant should pack a lunch, reusable water bottle and snack.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

ALL AGES

Technology Help is available Drop-in (first come, first served when adult librarian is on duty) or by appointment. Get help with your devices, computer questions, using online library resources (eBooks, databases, job resources).

Messy Art! Paintbrush Portraits on Monday, Feb. 2nd at 6 p.m. Create a portrait inspired by the Chicago artist Mr. Imagination using repurposed materials. We will provide all the supplies and a project sample for inspiration.

CHILDREN

Family Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 29th and Feb. 5th, 19th and 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Start your day with stories, songs and fun for the whole family.

Renaissance Project presents LEGO Club: Meet Dr. Leonidas Berry on Monday, Feb. 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants will be putting together a model plane like the ones used by the Flying Black Medics, of which he was a founding organizer.

TWEENS & TEENS

High school students who need help with research for a school assignment can request an appointment with our Teen Librarian to review databases, printed sources and other resources. Call (312) 747-9241 to make an appointment.

Teen Volunteer Hour on Thursdays, Jan. 29th, Feb. 5th & 26th and March 26th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 2 volunteer hours while helping at your library. Grades 6-12 only.

Teacher in the Library Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tween Tuesday: "Tote Bags" on Feb. 3rd from 4 to 5 p.m. "Cloud Lanterns" on Tuesday, Feb. 17th from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials and snacks are provided.

ADULTS

Grab and Go: Spice Club Kits (Cumin) on

Mondays, Feb. 2nd to 23rd from 12 to 8 p.m. Each kit will include a sample as well as recipes and information on its cultural and historical significance. Visit the reference desk for a free spice kit.

Join the new monthly Crime Book Club for a discussion of "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean on Wednesdays, Feb. 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On the morning of April 29th, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more.

Adult Book Discussion of "Sisters in Arms" by Kala Alderson on Wednesday, Feb. 25th from 1 to 2 p.m. Copies are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Grace Steele and Eliza Jones may be from completely different backgrounds, but when it comes to the army, specifically the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, they are both starting from the same level. Not only will they be among the first class of female officers the army has even seen, they are also the first Black women allowed to serve.

CINEMA

Join us on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. for films and snacks. "Happy Feet" (PG), family movie, Jan. 25th.

Sensory Friendly Film Screening of "Smurfs" (2025), Sunday, Feb. 1st from 2 to 4 p.m. Popcorn and water will be available. The sound will be lowered and English subtitles will be on. Lights will be half on, half off. Fidget toys will be available.

Film Screening of Roman Holiday (1953) on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. Audrey Hepburn won a Best Actress Oscar as a young European princess who breaks off an official goodwill tour so she can see the Eternal City incognito. While doing so, she falls for an American newspaperman who serves as her tour guide. Snacks will be available. © Paramount Pictures - 112 Min - PG.

Film Screening of "The Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996) on Sunday, Feb. 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. For teen, adults and seniors. A noble lawyer reopens the case of the 1963 assassination of civil-rights activist Medgar Evers. Snacks are available. ©Warner Bros - 130 min - PG-13.

Film Screening of "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) on Sunday, Feb. 22nd from 2 to 4 p.m. Oscar-nominated animated musical about the romance between a French belle who sacrifices her happiness to save her father and a prince who's been transformed by a magic spell, which can only be broken by finding his true love. Snacks available. © Walt Disney Pictures - 85 min - G.

Resource Workshop For Homeowners

The Greater Southwest Development Corporation, 2601 W. 63rd st. will conduct a free homeowners resource workshop on Jan. 31st at 10 a.m.

Topics include: protecting your home's value, home repair assistance programs, energy and utility bill assistance, and financing options for home repairs. Resources to improve your home and financial health. Register at greatersouthwest.org or call (773) 436-1000.

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/dcae.

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, Feb. 20th 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.

"Unison: Obsessive Eyes" is Mayumi Lake's ongoing body of work encompassing photography, sculpture, and installation. The project centers on objects and garments overlooked by history and dismissed by shifting systems of value. Informed by the Japanese aesthetic concept of mono no aware, an acute awareness of impermanence on Feb. 20th join us for a free-admission evening at 7 p.m. featuring a museum tour and a live performance - a collaboration between Mayumi Lake, Sara Zalek and Toki.

The year 2026 is (Bing Wü)—a rare alignment known as double fire. In Chinese cosmology, this pairing amplifies heat, intensity, visibility, and movement is traditionally recognized as the Year of the Red Horse, signaling a period of rapid change, heightened emotion, and powerful momentum.

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art is working

with Lili Xie to present a series of lectures, workshops, and private readings, offering perspectives on Chinese cosmology and divination practices.

A lecture & workshop "An Introduction to Purple Star Astrology" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21st from 2 to 4 p.m., \$15. Explore Zi Wei Dou Shu as a symbolic system that reads fate charts as narratives—mapping identity, time, and transformation. Participants will learn how this centuries-old practice continues to shape meaning in contemporary life, culture, and art.

A private reading of "Year of Horse Special" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$88 per session. A 40-minute, Chinese tarot reading focused on the themes of the Year of the Horse. Designed for one or two persons, each session allows space for questions, reflection, and conversation.

Chinese Puppetry: Performance & Workshop will be on Saturday, Jan. 31st from 3 to 5 p.m. \$15. Step into the world of Rugao rod puppetry, a 2,000-year-old art form. Enjoy a performance filled with music, movement, and masterful techniques.

For more information and tickets visit www.heritageasianart.org. (312) 842-8884.

2026 Scholarships For Conservation

The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting applications through March 1st for its 2026 Conservation Achievement Scholarships, which will award up to four one-time scholarships of \$2,000 each to high school seniors committed to conserving the state's natural resources.

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.

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.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

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.

Stories & Songs on Wednesdays, Feb. 4th, 11th & 25th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Ages 1-3.5 years. Children will listen to stories, sing songs and move to music. Play time follows.

Children's LEGO Club on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For ages 5 & up.

It's Time for Baby! on Mondays, Feb. 2nd & 9th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., ages 0-15 months. Listen to a story, sing some songs, and share a little about yourself and your child.

Play Day for ages 18 months to 4 years on Wednesday, Feb. 18th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Trucks, trains, puzzles, Bingo dabbars, blocks, and early learning toys.

Valentine Crafts for ages 3 to 8 on Saturday, Feb. 7th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Make a Valentine's card, decorate a heart for our bulletin board and color on our Valentine's Day tablecloth.

Quilting 101 for ages 6 & up on Saturdays, Feb. 7th - 21st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children and their parents will create a fabric and paper patchwork piece inspired by quilts from the Art Institute of Chicago.

Lego Club: "Planes" for ages 8 to 13 on Saturday, Feb. 21st at 11 a.m. Learn about the *Flying Black Mechanics*. Each child receives one kit to build and keep.

TEENS

Teen Designs: Beanies on Friday, Jan. 30th at 2:45 p.m. Use the vinyl

cutter and heat transfer vinyl to customize your beanie.

ADULTS

Games People Play is scheduled for Thursdays through March 12th and Sundays, March 22nd & 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or borrow one of ours - Chess, Scrabble, UNO, Board games, cards, Pinochle, Canasta and more. On Jan. 29th, play Rummy 500 and enjoy light refreshments.

Senior Drop-In Games Saturdays through May 30th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a game or borrow some of ours.

"Make a Vision Board" on Saturday, Jan. 31st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll use magazines, stickers, and quotes to create a vision board. Registration required.

The adult book club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Feb. 19th topic is "The Husbands" by Holly Gramazio and March 12th is "Starter Villain" by John Scalzi.

Games People Play: Valentine Edition on Thursday, Feb. 5th from 2 to 4 p.m. Play the fun dice game, Left Center Right, using chocolate kisses in place of money. Wear something red, white or pink. Refreshments included.

FAMILIES

The Artist's Studio at the Library will present "Quilting 101" for ages 6 & up on Saturdays, Feb. 7th & 21st and March 7th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children and their parents will create a fabric and paper patchwork piece inspired by quilts from the Art Institute of Chicago. Families are welcome to attend multiple sessions and are encouraged to leave their project at the library to be put on display.

Register for events at chippublish.org/events.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on Feb. 20th from 6 to 10 p.m. Attendees will explore various art studios, interact with local artists, and witness their works in progress. Reserve tickets for free at bridgeportart.com

Be sure to explore the other floors of the Art Center and discover the studios and workshops of

tenants. In addition to over 10,000 sq. ft. of gallery space, there are artists on every floor. The Chicago Maritime Museum is open for free on the River Level during open studios.

Are you an artist looking for a perfect office in a unique creative community? Learn about finding your space the Bridgeport Art Center, call (773) 843-9000.



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