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Veterans Day



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I know it is a little late, but I hope you thanked a Veteran this week for his or her service and a prayer for those who have helped in the past to keep our freedom these 250 years.

A short history of this holiday celebrated November 11th started in remembrance of the day the Armistice ending World War I in 1918. On 11-11 at 11 a.m. this is the reason many ceremonies coincide with 11 a.m. with a moment of silence and often Taps. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Armistice Day basically honoring all who served in World War I. In 1938, Congress made it a legal federal holiday.

The world went through World War II, and the Korean War and in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day to show gratitude for all the men and women who had served our country in war or peace. There was a short time it was moved to a Monday, but many realized 11-11 at 11 a.m. had historical significance and it returned to its present date.

In this community, we were honored to have a local service at the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 at 35th and Damen, while a city celebration occurred at Soldier Field. Both programs were an opportunity to express your thanks.

Despite many politicians that are anti-military, or even pacifists, that have led protests and riots, without the military they would probably speak German or Russian or Chinese or maybe even their family wasn't able to get to the US.

It is sometimes necessary to understand that in December of 1941 the military at Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, Guam and many other places had joined the military during peace. So for those that thank God for these men and women, please remember those who still serve today and are still in harm's way.

8th Gold Rating For College Savings Plan

Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs announced that the Bright Start 529 College Savings Plan has earned its eighth Gold rating from investment analyst Morningstar, once again placing the direct-sold college savings plan among the best in the nation.

Bright Start 529 is one of only nine Gold-rated 529 college savings plans in the country.

The annual ratings evaluate plans on key pillars including Process, People, Parent, and Price. Bright Start 529 received positive ratings across all four categories. Since 2015, Frerichs has negotiated more than $250 million in fee reductions for Illinois 529 investors.

Morningstar also awarded a Bronze rating to Bright Directions 529, Illinois' advisor-guided college savings plan.

Morningstar has awarded Bright Directions 529 with five Silver and four Bronze ratings. Other evaluators, such as Saving for College, awarded Bright Directions "High Honors" in 2026.

Bright Start 529 has experienced record account growth in 2026, with more than 550,000 accounts as of Sept. 30th. Combined, Bright Start 529 and Bright Directions 529 serve more than 978,000 Illinois 529 accounts with approximately $25 billion in assets.

Research from the Center for Social Development at Washington University in St. Louis has found that children are three times more likely to attend college if they know they have a dedicated college savings account.

Contributions to Bright Start 529 and Bright Directions 529 may be used for qualified education expenses at eligible colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools, and registered apprenticeship programs. Investment growth is tax-free when used for qualified expenses. Illinois taxpayers also may qualify for a state income-tax deduction when contributing to an Illinois 529 plan, including up to $20,000 annually for couples filing jointly.

There is no minimum contribution required to open a Bright Start 529 account. To learn more or open an account, visit BrightStart.com.

Christmas Wonder At Cantigny



Christmas at Cantigny, 1s151 Winfield rd., Wheaton will feature a 1/2 mile Light Show route through illuminated garden paths, music-orchestrated displays, holiday scenes, and 28-foot Christmas tree.

Make an evening of it with ice skating, cocoa, festive cocktails, seasonal dining, holiday shopping, and time inside McCormick House, dressed for Christmas.

Cantigny-grown poinsettias, cultivated in our greenhouse are available through the holidays.

On Sundays, Nov. 22nd & 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th & 27th, Christmas in Cantigny features a Light Show with music inspired by your favorite superhero films. All other open dates feature the classic Christmas Light Show and holiday music.

Purchase your tickets at cantigny.org/christmas-at-cantigny.

Visit the Noel Shop inside McCormick House Galleries A and B for holiday gifts, seasonal finds, and Christmas at Cantigny merchandise.

Discover Can-Tiki, a tropical cocktail hideaway inside the historic Gold Theater of the Robert McCormick House Lush palms, glowing lights, vintage-inspired atmosphere, and cocktails with pineapple, spice, citrus, and tropical fruit make this an unexpected holiday escape 21+, no reservations required.

Guests attending the Light Show and Ice Rink can stop at Le Jardin for hot beverages, seasonal drinks, snacks, and light bites.

For more information, visit cantigny.org.

Forest Preserves Open Reservations

Beginning Monday, Nov. 16th, the Forest Preserves of Cook County will make planning an event easy when online reservations for 2027 picnic groves and special event sites open, giving hosts a choice of nearly 300 groves, including nearly 50 accessible sites. Groves can handle a few dozen to more than 1,000 guests, and an Approved Vendor List makes it easy to get everything from a DJ and dance floor to bouncy houses, a petting zoo and pony rides.

Spaces range from shaded picnic shelters for smaller gatherings to open areas with room for large celebrations and games. A picnic permit reserves a designated gathering space, with tables provided and amenities that vary by location.

First-time organizers can begin at fpdcc.com/permits, where picnic grove maps and availability information help compare locations. Reviewing a site's capacity, bathroom facilities and accessibility features before booking can help hosts choose a space that works best.

Accessible picnic shelters offer parking, paved paths and bathrooms. These shelters are available to people with disabilities and must be reserved in advance.

Hosts planning to use amplified sound or inflatables should review special use requirements and the approved vendors list before making arrangements. Fees and application deadlines depend on the event's size and activities.

Customers are encouraged to make reservations online. Beginning Nov. 17th, permits may be purchased in person on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the General Headquarters, 536 N. Harlem in River Forest, or the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center Western Avenue and 87th. Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments can be scheduled at fpdcc.com/permits.

Forest Preserves permits staff can help new and returning customers determine which permit their gathering requires and answer questions about reservations. For assistance, call 800-870-3666, option 1, or email fpd.permits@cookcountyil.gov. Visit fpdcc.com/permits for planning resources and reservations.

2027 camping dates are also available beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 16th. Reservations can be made online at fpdcc.com/camping or by phone at (855) 937-2267.

Reservations can be made in person at Camp Bullfrog Lake, Camp Reinberg or Camp Sullivan starting Nov. 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays or Saturdays and Sundays when people are camping.

Residents and visitors can still enjoy camping—in a tent, RV or heated cabin—at Camp Bullfrog Lake, Camp Reinberg, Camp Dan Beard and Camp Sullivan throughout winter.

Programs At Cultural Center

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced a season of exhibitions, films, performances, workshops and cultural programs at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington this fall and winter. Admission to all exhibitions and DCASE programming is free and open to the public.

Consult DCASE on Thursday, Nov. 12th; Wednesday, Dec. 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Workshops and exchanges will offer access to city resources, professional industry feedback on creative projects and opportunities to engage with department programming.

Creative Hour on Thursday, Nov. 12th; Wednesday, Dec. 9th from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Curated by Alexie Young (Art West LLC) each session offers a welcoming, structured space for creatives of all personalities in the Learning Lab.

City Civics Day in G.A.R. Hall and Rotunda, Claudia Cassidy Theater & Yates Hall on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Neighbors, community organizations and City officials will gather for this free celebration of civic involvement and community connection.

SHOWING UP Screening and Talkback in Claudia Cassidy Theater on Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 6:30 p.m. A witty and observed look at the everyday realities of an artist's life through Michelle Williams.

Embroidering Symbols Workshop in Chicago Rooms on Saturday, Nov. 21st, noon – 2 p.m. Participants will learn simple embroidery stitches, surface design and embellishment techniques with artist Hale Ekinci.

Accessible Weaving Workshops in Chicago Rooms on Saturday, Dec. 5th and Friday, Dec. 11th from noon to 2 p.m. Artist Thương Hoài Trần will demonstrate how weaving can be practiced with affordable.

DON'T THINK TWICE Screening and Talkback in Claudia Cassidy Theater on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 7 p.m. Mike Birbiglia explores the complicated emotions that arise when two members of a veteran sketch comedy troupe find the success they have been working toward.

For the programming and events, visit ChicagoCulturalCenter.org.

Millennium Ice Rink To Open Nov. 20th



Photo provided by City of Chicago DCASE

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink will be open in Millenium Park, Nov. 20th through Jan. 31st (weather permitting) daily from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission is free. Snacks and hot drinks will be available from Momentum Coffee and Hall next to the skating rink. Free ice-skating lessons are available for skaters of any age at three levels: beginner, intermediate, and hockey skills. Hockey skills level is not a Learn-to Skate Class; it is intended to develop basic hockey skills. Lessons take place from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Skate Rental is free for the lessons. Parents/guardians must register for a lesson in order to accompany children on the ice rink. Registrations are limited to 20 participants per class level. Registration will open the Monday prior to each weekend. Helmets are encouraged for beginner skaters.

Youth Leadership Award Nominations

The Illinois Secretary of State's office is accepting applications for the 2026 John Lewis Youth Leadership Award that celebrates the efforts of ages of 18 to 25 who have made exceptional civic contributions to their communities.

The award, established by the National Association of Secretaries of State, honors the late Congressman's impact and accomplishments throughout his career. Lewis advocated for civil and voting rights and encouraged young people to participate in the democratic process. In his youth, Lewis was integral to the Civil Rights Movement as chairman of the Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee, one of the original 13 Freedom Riders and a lead organizers of the March on Washington.

Dasha Pates, the 2023 inaugural recipient, earned the award through her work improving access to legal services in Kane County. Working with Justice Corps, she provided disenfranchised residents with legal information and procedural guidance at the Kane County Law Library & Self-Help Legal Center.

Anthony Ray Wright Jr. and Ivoryana Neal were the two co-winners of the 2024 awards. Wright helped to create a new Black History curriculum to engage teens in Chicago's Austin neighborhood while Neal advocated for re-entry support for formerly incarcerated individuals and their families.

The award inspires other young individuals to get involved and make a difference in their communities.

Interested applicants or nominators can access the application at www.ilsos.gov/JohnLewisAward.

Applications, including forms and exhibits, must be submitted electronically to jlyouthaward@ ilsos.gov by Friday, Dec. 4th at 5 p.m. Nominees must be Illinois residents between the ages of 18 and 25 as of Friday, Dec. 4th at 5 p.m.

City Civics Day In Chicago Loop

The Chicago Departments of Planning & Development and Cultural Affairs & Special Events will conduct City Civics Day at the Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st., on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Three special walking tours will explore the Loop's civic history, architecture and river walk. Spaces are limited, arrive early to snag your spot.

Additional programming includes panel discussions on housing, storefront activation, local art, youth engagement and more.

Admission is free and a boxed lunch will be provided! Guests are invited to drop in any time during the day.

Michigan Avenue's Civic History with 77 Flavors of Chicago at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Join podcasters Dario Durnham and Sara Faddah for a walking tour exploring the civic and cultural history of Michigan Avenue. Spaces are first come, first served. Sign up at the registration desk starting at 10:30 a.m.

Brick of Chicago Walking Tour with Will Quam at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Learn about some of the Loop's most iconic architecture. Spaces are first come, first served. Sign up at the registration desk starting at 10:30 a.m.

Public Art & River Ecology Walking Tour at 1:30 p.m. Artist Jason Wesaw and Amy Heldman from Friends of the Chicago River will lead a conversation, moderated by DCASE's Lydia Ross, on Wesaw's creative practice and the river's ecology before a walking tour to the Chicago Riverwalk to view his new installation.

View the schedule at Chicago.gov/CityCivicsDay.

Fall Events At Navy Pier



Photo provided by Navy Pier

Navy Pier is welcoming the new season with live entertainment and cultural celebrations. Beyond the seasonal lineup, guests can experience the Centennial Wheel and Flyover experience, along with dining and entertainment destinations.

The ultimate pre-Thanksgiving party returns Wednesday, Nov. 25th. Celebrate Chicago's iconic house music scene with a free night of music, dancing, and community.

Pre-purchase parking for easy access to covered, heated garages. Attending the Wintrust Magnificent Mile Lights Festival? Get the special $35 parking rate by pre-registering by noon on Nov. 20th.

Santa's Coming to the Pier aboard the Seadog by City Cruises on Nov. 22nd. Take Photos with Santa at the Family Pavilion daily Nov. 23rd to Dec. 24th.

Experience free fireworks with dazzling displays over the lake every Saturday from Nov. 21st to Dec. 26th with the grand finale on New Year Eve at midnight.

Early Bird Savings on Wintrust Winter Wonder Fest, open daily at 10 a.m., Nov. 27th - Jan. 3rd. Festive decor, seasonal attractions, family fun and ice skating included with every admission.

The Winter's Tale through Dec. 12th is a tale of romance, betrayal, forgiveness and reconciliation, brought to life with shipwrecks, a few bears, and magical oracles.

A Midsummer Night's Dream through Jan 3rd. Enjoy Shakespeare's iconic production that celebrates the spirit of the holiday season.

For tickets and registration, visit navypier.com.

STEM Honor Society Recruitment Month

In celebration of National STEM Day, the Chicago Public Schools Department of STEM is launching a recruitment initiative to encourage schools to explore establishing chapters of the National STEM Honor Society. The national recognition program celebrates student achievement, fosters leadership, and inspires excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

There are currently 25 NSTEM Chapters across CPS. The initiative builds on three years of Districtwide STEM efforts that have expanded access to meaningful experiences, elevated academic achievement, and created opportunities for young people to explore their interests, strengthen their skills, and develop as leaders.

Across CPS, students are already experiencing robotics, esports, aviation, healthcare, medical sciences, engineering, coding, and STEM-focused student organizations to prepare for future careers.

Learn more at www.cps.edu.

Tree Lighting At West Lawn Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct Holiday Tree Lighting at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Friday, Dec. 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. Games, hot chocolate, crafts and pictures with Santa will be available.

Toys For Tots "Rockin' Country"

The Chicagoland Motorcycle Parade Toys for Tots will sponsor A Night of Rockin' Country at Lyric Theater, 12943 Western Ave., Blue Island on Saturday, Nov. 21st, doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Also at Whiskey Road, 8312 S. Joliet Rd., McCook, from 8 to 10 p.m. and School of Rock, 9613 194th St., Mokena, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Live music, cash prizes, flash tattoos, 50/50 raffle and Toys for Tots merchandise. Get an additional raffle ticket for every new toy donated.

Event details and tickets at https://chicagolandtft.org/.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. presents two new exhibitions: Cutting East to West and Becoming Words, alongside 17 public events celebrating papercutting, calligraphy, tea culture, embroidery, and other Asian artistic traditions. Join us for exhibition openings, artist talks, live demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and many free programs.

For more information, visit heritageasianart.org.

Programs At Beverly Arts Ctr.

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. has scheduled exciting shows through Nov. 24th. Features are: through Nov. 24th: Chicago Kids Co. Presents The Tortoise and the Hare and Nov. 21st: Ruth Page's The Nutcracker Suite on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets are $35 for adults and $25 for ages 17 and under.

Visit thebeverlyartscenter.com or by calling (773) 445-3838.

Troop 1441 Plans Pancake Breakfast

BSA Scout Troop 1441 will conduct a Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Duggan Hall, 6435 S. Kilbourn on Sunday, Nov. 15th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost of $10 person includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. All you can eat. Cash, Zelle, Paypal & Venmo only.

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New Events At History Museum

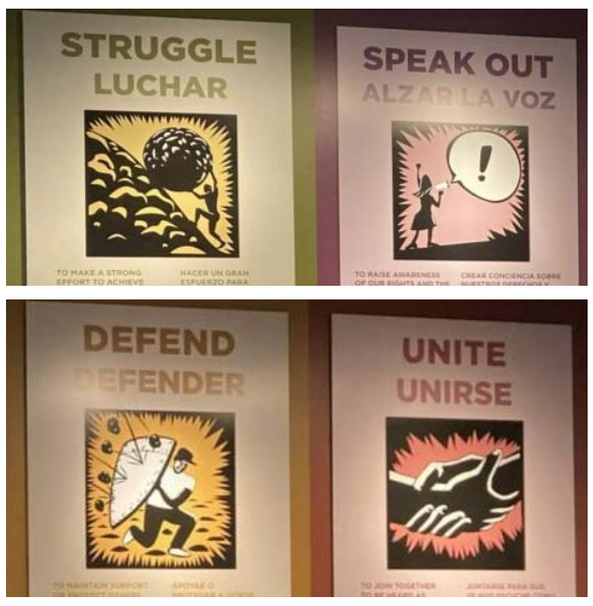


Photo provided by the Chicago History Museum

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. has scheduled interesting events.

Visit our exhibition *Injustice: The Trial for the Murder of Emmett Till,* to see courtroom sketches drawn by Franklin McMahon that capture the 1955 trial in a Mississippi courtroom where photography was not permitted.

A permanent exhibition, "Facing Freedom" uses images, artifacts, and interactive elements to explore eight stories in Chicago's and the nation's past.

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 2:30 p.m. for a free screening of Making Waves: Battles for the Great Lakes, followed by a panel discussion featuring filmmakers and experts.

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 2 to 4 p.m. for a free screening of *Bob Dole: A Walk Through History*, explores the late US senator's World War II military service, legacy, and historical impact, followed by a Q&A with Luciano La Valle, creator and producer of the documentary short and media project.

The School of Rock will host "Rock the Museum", a music festival that features talented young musicians on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Guild will present a Holiday Party with The Dredge on Thursday, Dec. 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the nation with a screening of a short documentary on Muslims in America followed by an interfaith dialogue on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Public hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 am. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit chicagohistory. org.

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

Teacher in the Library, Monday to Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Schedule is subject to change.

Little Learners on Fridays, Nov. 13th to 20th and Dec. 4th to 18th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for 30 minutes of songs, stories and play time.

Toddler Open Play Group on Tuesdays, Nov. 17th, Dec. 1st & 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Engage with your toddler through sensory and creative play. Early Childhood research supports that free play is vital to a child's intellectual and physical development. For ages 1 to 5 and their caregivers.

Dinosaur Egg Digging, ages 4-13, on Tuesday, Nov. 24th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Young paleontologists are invited to chisel away at their own clay dinosaur egg. Join us for dino play, facts, and painting. This program is sponsored by Science Connections.

Family Fun Series, ages 3-13, on Tuesdays, Nov. 17th & 30th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. A drop-in activity may include a STEM or craft activity, building materials, puzzles, toys, or a coloring bonanze. Parent or adult guardian must be present.

McKinley Park Music School recital on Sunday, Nov. 22nd from 1 to 4 p.m.

TWEEN/TEEN

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

LEGO Club on Thursdays, Nov. 19th and Dec. 10th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Complete our design challenges or let your imagination run wild. LEGO bricks and materials are provided. For ages 6 to 13.

STEAM DAY on Thursday, Nov. 12th from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. A fun, story powered introduction to science, technology, engineering, art and math for young learners presented by FIRST STAR FORCE. Each session starts with an engaging picture book read aloud, followed by an activity inspired by the story. For ages 6 to 10.

Gamer's Choice, ages 12-16, on Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 3 to 5 p.m. Students can play games, snack, and use the PCs/laptops and digital equipment.

Teen Movie Club, ages 13-19, on Saturdays, Nov. 14th & 28th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Join us for the inaugural meetings of the Teen Movie Club! Participants will be provided with popcorn and hot chocolate. PG-13 movies may be shown.

ADULTS

ESL Conversation Cafe with Aquinas Literacy Center, ages 18+ on Saturdays through Dec. 19th 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.

Adult Book Discussion of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" on Monday, Dec. 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sculpt Like Hunt and Perkins: A Creative Sculpting Workshop, ages 18+, on Monday, Nov. 16th from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. This workshop highlights the accomplishments of Black Chicago sculptors Richard Hunt and Marion Perkins. Create your own mixed-media sculptures using clay, wire, cardboard, aluminum foil, and paint, insprited by Hunt's abstract forms. As part of the Renaissance Project, this program is led by artist Joy Joshua. Registration is required.

Adult Craft Club: Wood Block Turkey on Saturday, Nov. 15th from 2 to 3 p.m. Join Ms. Shelly to construct a turkey craft from wood blocks with acrylic paint, hot glue, and other embelishments. Advance online registration is required. Children will not be permitted into the program.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

"Illumination" At Morton Arboretum

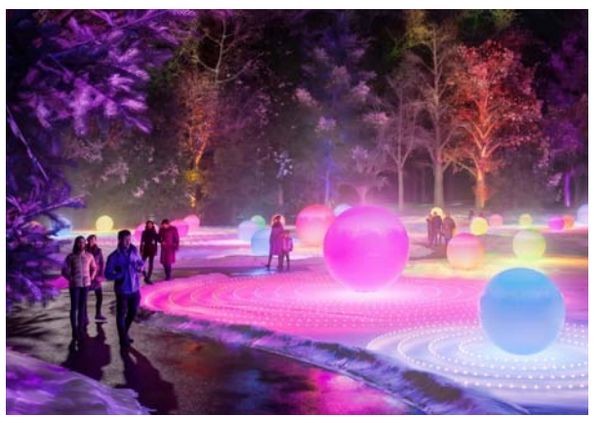


Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

Illumination, The Morton Arboretum's outdoor holiday lights exhibition, returns Saturday, Nov. 14th through Saturday, Jan. 2nd. The 14th season features an immersive, one-mile, walking trail featuring 22 displays, including four new large-scale installations, and the debut of Pine Whistle Railroad, a model train display inside the Arboretum's Firefly Pavilion.

Illumination offers returning and first-time guests new ways to explore the Arboretum after dark, from a spectacular, 400-foot canopy inspired by the northern lights to a landscape of glowing orbs and illuminated mushrooms.

Northern Lights is a canopy inspired by the aurora borealis, with shifting colors and illuminated curtains stretching more than 400 feet overhead.

Lightwave features a 165-foot tunnel with 64 illuminated spheres surrounded by 160 fixed chrome spheres of varying sizes.

Cosmic Garden transforms a hillside into a glowing landscape of 25 orbs and shifting patterns inspired by meditative sand gardens.

Fairy Forest creates an enchanted woodland of glowing orbs floating fairies and giant fireflies, alongside illuminated mushrooms.

Along the one-mile trail, returning fan favorites, include Treemagination, Golden Glade and Symphony Woods. Four illuminated *Vivid Creatures* sculptures by artists Heather BeGaetz and Fez BeGaetz will accompany guests.

Pine Whistle Railroad transforms the Firefly Pavilion into a fantastical woodland world, featuring nearly 1,000 feet of model train track winding through miniature scenes with fairy and gnome houses.

Pine Whistle Railroad will open during daytime hours starting Friday, Nov. 13th as a ticketed add-on to general admission. During evening *Illumination* hours, it will be available as a ticket add-on to an Illumination ticket starting Nov. 14th.

The festivities kick off with IllumiBrew, a 21-and-older preview and beer-tasting event Friday, Nov. 13th, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Guests can sample seasonal beers, ciders and meads from Chicago-area breweries stationed along the trail. Tickets are $95 for nonmembers, with designated driver tickets at $50 for nonmembers.

Dog Admission Nights return on four evenings this season—Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th and Jan. 1st. Standard *Illumination* tickets for humans and $10 admission tickets for dogs.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

Meet Calvin B. Jones: Make a Mini-Mural on Monday, Nov. 16th at 2 p.m. This fun, hands-on program welcomes families to discover the life and work of Jones while exploring the questions: Whose murals get saved?" Participants will enjoy a guided mini-mural activity inspired by Jone's vibrant style, featuring bold colors and African print designs. Register online.

TWEENS & TEENS

Teen Volunteer Hour on Thursday, Nov. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 1 volunteer hour while helping at your library. Bring your timesheet. Grades 6 - 12.

Tween Tuesday on Tuesday, Nov. 17th "Acrylic Pour Art" from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials and snacks will be provided. For ages 10-14.

CHILDREN

Family Story time on Thursday, Nov. 19th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Stories, songs and fun for ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Family Matinee Movies from 2 to 4 p.m. Join us during Thanksgiving Break for family films and snacks. Monday, Nov. 23rd, Toy Story 5 (PG). Tuesday, Nov. 24th Minions and Monsters (PG).

Abra-ka-dabra Magic Show with Pocket Circus on Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 11 a.m. Mr. Firu's show is interactive and fun.

ADULTS

Adult Book Discussion of "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdich on Wednesday, Nov. 25th and "The Disaster Tourist' by Yun Ko-Eun on Wednesday, Dec. 16th from 1 to 2 p.m. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Crime Book Club 2026. Discuss mystery, thriller and true crime books on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9th, "Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead. Books available at the circulation desk. No registration required.

Craft Lab Saturday: Salt Scrub on Sunday, Nov. 14th at 2 p.m. Try a new craft, socialize, and have fun. All materials are provided. Register online.

CINEMA

Pope Film Fest - Sundays in November & December from 2 to 4 p..m Archer Heights will be playing movies related to Pope Leo's 4 favorite films or movies from the Vatican's Alcuni film importanti. (Some important films). Nov. 15th: "Ordinary People" (R). Nov. 22nd: "La vita e bella (Life is Beautiful) (PG-13) in Italian with English subtitles. Nov. 29th starts at 1:30 p.m. "The Sound of Music" (G).

Visit chipublib.org.

Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

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

Adult Book Club on Thursday, Nov. 19th from 6 to 7 p.m.

A Stitch in Time Crochet Club on Tuesdays through Dec. 15th from 6 to 7 p.m. We have yarn and crochet hooks to share. Bring your own project or start one based on our ideas. Ages 18 and up.

Community Cinema: "Happy Feet" (2006) on Friday, Nov. 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Emperor Penguins from Antarctica express their true love with a heartsong of their own. © Warner Home Video | 109 min | MPAA Rating PG.

Teen Chess Open Play on Fridays, Nov. 13th to 27th from 3 to 4 p.m. All levels of expertise are welcome.

Patron Appreciation Night on Monday, Nov. 16th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Library staff appreciates community members who come into the library each day. Enjoy music, crafts and light refreshments while supplies last.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Family Event At Dan Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserve of Cook County will conduct Stars, Stores and S'Mores at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Friday, Nov. 20th from 5 to 9 p.m.

Participants can explore the night sky through a telescope and other interactive experiences, then enjoy storytelling. End the night with a cup of hot cocoa and a smore. Crafts, play, and other activities will be available. This free event is perfect for all ages.

Your Property Taxes

By Maria Pappas
Cook County Teasurer

Illinois lawmakers in recent years have enacted significant changes to property tax exemptions benefiting veterans, including a landmark provision for those who served during World War II. These changes underscore our commitment to support veterans in Cook County and beyond.

The Illinois Property Tax Code makes veterans who served during World War II exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residences, regardless of their disability status. Those benefits extend to unmarried, surviving spouses of World War II veterans due to service-connected death.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities also qualify based on the severity of their disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. It's important for property owners to know about the exemption:

1. Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities. Those with a disability rating of 30% to 49% receive a $2,500 reduction in their home's equalized assessed valuation (EAV). Veterans with disabilities rated 50% to 69% receive a $5,000 exemption. Veterans with disabilities rated 70% or more receive a 100% exemption from property taxes on up to $250,000 of EAV.

2. Renewal and Transferability. An automatic renewal of this exemption due to the COVID-19 pandemic has ended. Applicants must re-apply for the exemption annually. Surviving spouses can retain the exemption or transfer it to another primary residence after the veteran's passing.

3. Application and Information. Detailed eligibility criteria and application procedures are available on the Cook County Treasurer's website at cookcountytreasurer.com. Veterans and their families are encouraged to visit the website for step-by-step guidance through the application process.

This exemption is not just about financial relief; it's about our commitment to honor and recognize the service of veterans. By expanding access to property tax exemptions, we're saying thank you and hopefully providing some stability and financial security. These changes are meant to give veterans and their surviving spouses the benefits they deserve without having to frequently reapply.

As Veterans Day approaches, I believe it's important to reaffirm our collective responsibility to support those who during this country's time of need answered the call to serve.

For information on property tax exemptions and to determine eligibility, visit my website at cookcountytreasurer.com. Together, let's do our duty to honor and support Cook County's veterans.

Jazz Links Jam Sessions

A Jazz Links Jam Session will be held at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court on Wednesday, Dec. 16th from 5 to 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Student musicians ages 9 to 19 may sign up, call a tune and take the stage alongside world-class professionals in the Jazz Links house band.

Sign up at jazz-inchicago.org.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs 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, Nov. 18th; Dec. 2nd to 16th and Jan. 6th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Teen Hideaway on Tuesdays, Nov. 24th and Dec. 8th; plus Thursdays, Nov. 5th & 12th and Dec. 3rd and 10th from 5 to 7 p.m. Explore a mix of art, technology, crafts and games in this drop-in program.

Blood Pressure Screening on Tuesdays, Nov. 24th and Dec. 22nd from 3 to 6 p.m.

Family Story Time on Tuesdays through Nov. 24th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for picture books, stories, songs and a simple craft or play time. For families with children up to 5 years old.

Toddler Time and Play Time on Wednesdays through Nov. 25th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. We sing songs, read stories and do fun activities to build early literacy skills. For ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers.

Visit chipublib.org to register.



Free Programs At Architecture Ctr.

The Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker Drive will conduct Girls Build! a free program designed for 6th - 8th graders will be held at the Chicago Center for Arts & Technology, 1701 W. 13th st. on Saturdays through Dec. 12th from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This session includes field trips, professional guests, hands-on design activities and a showcase.

Register at www.architecture.org/

Anniversary For Cuerdas Clasicas

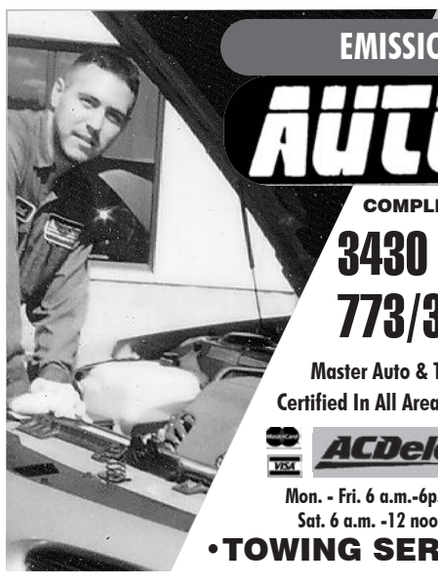
Estudiantina Cuerdas Clasicas is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a performance at Benito Juarez Community Academy, 1450 W. Cermak rd. on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 7 to 9 p.m.

Guests are Dueto Dulcemelos, La Tuna de Oro de Guanajuato and The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago.

Free parking is available in two lots on Loomis st. at 21st st.

For tickets and information (773) 387-6744 or https://cuerdasclasicas-chicago.org/50/.





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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MidFirst Bank Plaintiff, -v.- Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Darrell Banks; Willie C. Banks, Jr.; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lucille Hamilton, deceased; Gerald Nordgren, as Special Representative of Lucille Hamilton, deceased Defendants.
2025CH02581
9252 South Throop Street, Chicago, IL 60620
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/8/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 12/7/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on December 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 9252 South Throop Street, Chicago, IL 60620
Property Index No. 25-05-313-035-0000
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was $66,103.57 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 9252 South Throop Street into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: MDK Legal (312) 651-6700 please refer to file number 25-003899. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 25-003899 Case Number: 2025CH02581 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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Toys For Tots Sets Meetings

Chicagoland Toys for Tots is back, Sunday, Dec. 6th. General meetings have started at Rhine VFW, 5858 S. Archer ave. on Nov. 14th, Military Appreciation Party, Nov. 20th, Dec. 4th and Dec. 18th - debriefing, all at 7 p.m.

Toy donations, monetary gifts, sales of parade merchandise are used to pay for expenses and buy additional toys.

Checks can be donated to Chicago Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade, P.O. Box 388500, Chicago, IL 60638.
For more information, visit https://chicagolandtft.org/events.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- JOSE PUGA, MANUEL PUGA, MARIA ELENA PUGA, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC Defendants
19 CH 07417
3786 W 77TH PL CHICAGO, IL 60652
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 1, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 7, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 3786 W 77TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-26-327-057-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $251,137.20.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 383042.
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Case # 19 CH 07417
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Plaintiff vs. ELDRITA PRICE A/K/A ELDRITA A. PRICE Defendant
25 CH 12553 CALENDAR 64
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 December 14, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 25-09-125-085-0000.
Commonly known as 9813 SOUTH EMERALD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60628.
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, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 25-02844
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-NLCl, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-NLC 1 Plaintiff vs. Rolando Torres; Mercedes Trujillo; BCL-Huron LLC; City of Chicago; Velocity Investments L.L.C.; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants Defendant
26 CH 490 CALENDAR 63
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 December 14, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 19-11-413-058-0000.
Commonly known as 3409 West 53rd Street, Chicago, IL 60632.
The real estate is: single family residence. 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, The Wirbicki Law Group LLC, 1027 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois 60048. (312) 360-9455. W17-1119
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- ANDREW J. DANIELS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants
2025CH09558
3816 WEST 84TH PLACE
CHICAGO, IL 60652
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 27, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 30, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 3816 WEST 84TH PLACE, CHICAGO, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-35-311-030-0000
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2025CH09558
TJSC#: 46-1981
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Case # 2025CH09558
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, -v.- BARBARA H. VENCILL; Defendants. 25 CH 8875
5114 South Central Avenue, Chicago, IL 60638
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 8/24/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 12/7/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on December 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 5114 South Central Avenue, Chicago, IL 60638
Property Index No. 19-08-407-061-0000
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was $152,401.13 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 5114 South Central Avenue into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: LOGS Legal Group LLP (847) 291-1717 please refer to file number 25-103384-FC01. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 25-103384-FC01 Case Number: 25 CH 8875 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- MICHAEL LOGAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants
2026 CH 03200
6515 S HARVARD AVE CHICAGO, IL 60621
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 10, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 15, 2026, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 6515 S HARVARD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60621
Property Index No. 20-21-209-035-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $236,941.47.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAFER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 26-403806.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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Attorney File No. 26-403806
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Attorney Code. 65582
Case Number: 2026 CH 03200
TJSC#: 46-1880
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2026 CH 03200
I3297131

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BKPL-EG 2025-RPL3 SERIES TRUST Plaintiff vs. MARISELA LOPEZ A/K/A MARICELA LOPEZ Defendant
26 CH 3737 CALENDAR
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 December 7, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 20-07-117-026-0000.
Commonly known as 4918 S. Seeley Ave., 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 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, Ghidotti Berger LLP, 2700 Patriot Boulevard, Suite 250, Glenview, Illinois 60026. 949-427-2010. 26-002354-1
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com
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CPL Assistantships For Teenagers

There is still time to apply to be a part of Chicago Public Library's 2027 Teen Assistantship program until Sunday, Nov. 15th. The program provides a paid opportunity for young adults to explore the world of books, gaming and content creation while gaining workforce experience.

Assistantships include: Chicago Teen Gamer's Guild, where teens build gaming experiences for Chicagoans, including organizing Gamer's Universe each year

Teen Best Reads, where teens discuss their favorite books while creating book-related content and curating annual book lists.

Teen Media Lab, where teens learn digital storytelling and media production including video and photo editing, social media and content creation. Apply at chipublib.org.

Real Estate For Sale
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Plaintiff, -v.- Prairie Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee under the provisions of a certain Trust Agreement, dated 9/14/1998, known as Trust Number 98086, GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2019-SL1, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee, Washington Federal Bank, Ronald Chadee, Unknown Owners Generally, and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants.
2025CH04768
5713 S Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60629
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 8/21/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 12/14/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on December 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
Commonly known as 5713 S Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60629
Property Index No. 19151210050000
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was $73,796.19 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 5713 S Kilbourn Ave into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: Kluever Law Group, LLC (312) 236-0077 please refer to file number SMS001457-25FC1. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. SMS001457-25FC1 Case Number: 2025CH04768 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
I3297157

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Plaintiff vs. Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Anthony J. King aka Anthony James King; Angela King aka Angela Cavanaugh; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Linda King, deceased; Thomas P. Quinn, as Special Representative of Linda King, deceased
Defendant
18 CH 1746 CALENDAR 64
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 December 7, 2026, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 20-17-420-018-0000.
Commonly known as 6143 South Morgan Street, Chicago, IL 60621.
The real estate is: single family residence. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 20-000200
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com
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Property Tax Appeal Season

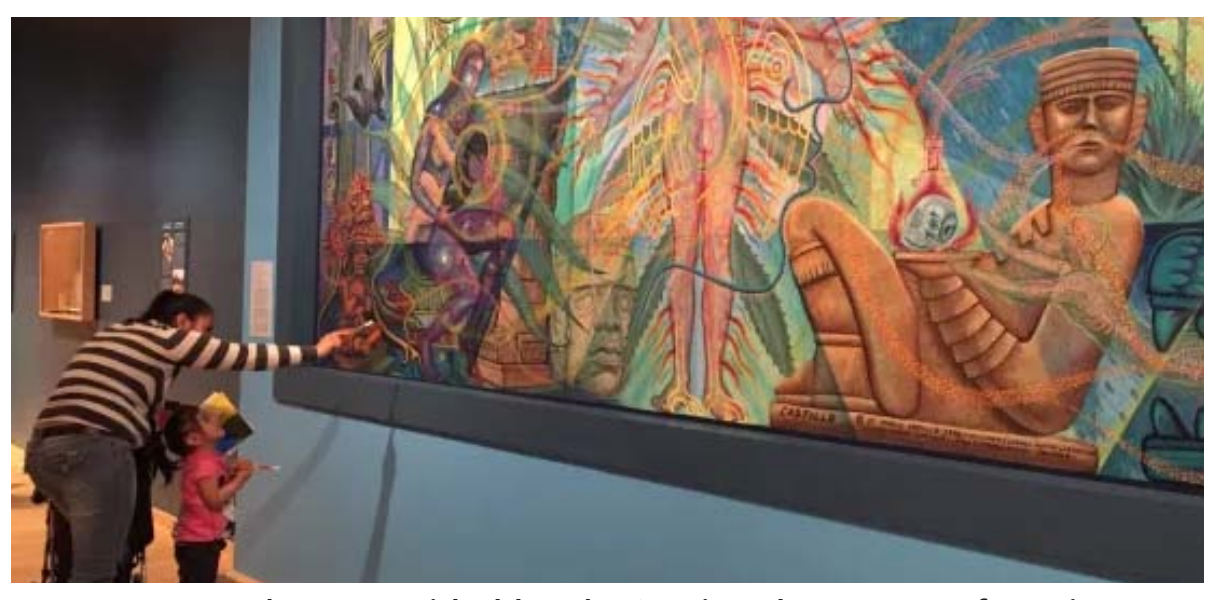
The Cook County Board of Review is accepting 2026 property tax assessment appeals for the fourth group of townships: Barrington, Brtemen, Calumet, Huge Park and Lemont. Property owners in these designated townships are encouraged to review their assessments and file an appeal if they believe their assessed value is inaccurate.The filing period for Group 4 will close on Tuesday, Dec. 8th.

The Board provides an independent review of property assessments and offers a free, transparent appeal process. Property owners in the 38 townships of Cook County will have an opportunity to file this year.

Appeals may be filed online at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com or through attorneys or authorized tax representatives. They may also be filed in person at the Cook County Board of Review office 118 N Clark st., weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no fee to file an appeal.

The Board of Review serves as the second level of appeal in the Cook County property tax assessment process, ensuring taxpayers have access to an independent review of their assessments. During the 2025 tax year, the Board processed a record 290,533 appeals, underscoring the importance of this taxpayer protection.

Mexican Museum 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 fall programs for children ages 7 and up.

The exhibition *Where Memory Lives: 40 Years of Día de Muertos,* traces the evolution of Day of the Dead and the Museum itself through Nov. 29th.

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

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

¡TINTA ARDIENTE! Igniting Community Through Collective Action, a new exhibition in the Xicágo Gallery brings selections from the Instituto Gráfico de Chicago's print collection, objects, event documentation, and traces of print histories from Mexico and Chicago.

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 7:30 p.m. for a staged reading of *Pénjamo: A Pocha Road Trip Story* that challenges the narrative of Mexican migration to the United States. Drawing on playwright Nancy Garcia Loza's own family history, the plan explores bicultural identity, self-discovery, and the myths and realities of ancenstral homelands.

The Instituto Garfico de Chicago presents the 14th anual Grabadolandia Print Festival on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 1 to 5 p.m. for demonstrations and panel discussions with local and visiting printmakers. Join us for the Print Fair on Sunday, Nov. 22nd and meet printmakers from across the county.

The Museum's youth initiative, Yollocalli Arts Reach will present its annual Chill Set on Friday, Nov. 13th at 6 p.m., a late-night event for ages 25 and under. Enjoy music, sexual and mental health information, workshops, food and explore the galleries. This event is free, but registration is encouraged.

November's classes and workshops feature art-making activities for children and families. Sign up today.

Studio Saturday: Skull Plushies on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 7 to 12.

Listos para el museo: Candle Decorating on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Ages 6 and under.

Viva la Vida: Sand Painting on Thursday, Nov. 19th Morning session: 10 a.m. to 12 noon or Afternoon session: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 55+.

Celebrate 50 years of NMMA's partner Cuerdas Clasicas with a spectacular Gala Concert at Benito Juarez High School on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 7 p.m. Enjoy special guest artist Tuna de Oro de Guanajuato and Los Dulcemelos, along with the Mexican Folk Dance Company of Chicago.

Make Art with Us: Programs for all ages. Explore sculpting, sewing, candle decorating, sand painting, and more. Visit our website to browse upcoming programs.

Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org for more information.

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Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship Service.

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48th & Harding

ST. RICHARD CHURCH
50th & Kostner

Mass scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12th, St. Bruno, 8 a.m., Misa Diaria.

Friday, Nov. 13th, St. Richard Church, 8 a.m. Daily Mass and 6 p.m. Polish Mass.

Saturday, Nov. 14th, St. Bruno, 8 a.m. Polish Mass, and 4:30 p.m. English Vigil Mass.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, St. Richard Mass: 7:30 a.m. Polish, 9 a.m. English, and 10:30 a.m. Spanish.

St. Bruno Mass: 10:30 a.m. Polish, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Spanish.

Finalists For Police Supt.

After four months of searching for Chicago's next Superintendent, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability is preparing to select its three finalists. The Commis-sion will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson blvd., where Commissioners will vote on the three candidates whose names will be sent to Mayor Brandon Johnson for consideration.

Once the Mayor selects a candidate, the appointment will move through the City Council's approval process.

More information about the meeting and the Superintendent search is available at ccpsa.chicago.gov.

Obituaries



OTILIO B. MORENO DELGADO, who was born on Dec. 3rd, 1962, passed away on Nov. 7th at the age of 63. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 19th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave.; Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, 2755 W. 44th st. on Saturday, Nov. 20th at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, 7600 W. Cermak rd., Forest Park, IL.

City Civics Day At Cultural Center

On Saturday, Nov. 14th, join a celebration of civic engagement at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy four panel discussions, three walking tours, a short documentary screening and art activities.

Admission is free and a boxed lunch will be provided. Guests are invited to drop in any time during the day.

City Civics Day is presented by the Chicago Departments of Planning & Development and Cultural Affairs & Special Events. Additional support provided by World Business Chicago.

Panel discussions include:

A City for Youth at 11 a.m. Learn how the City partners with young people to create third spaces where they feel safe and welcome. Panelists include: Jaqueza Thomas, former youth commissioner, Executive Director of Chicago Emerging Stars, moderator. Amy Roman, Community Programs Manager, The Alliance 98. Bernardo Gomez, Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office of Community Safety. Ana Morales, Albany Park Theater Project alum.

Activating Vacant Storefronts at 11 a.m. Discover how nonprofits and small business owners are partnering with City departments to revitalize vacant spaces with new economic activity. Panelists include: Lotika Pai, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protections, moderator. Jurema Gorham, Burst into Books, Roseland. Nick Kokonas, Belmont Tavern, Avondale. Nedra Sims Fears, Executive Director, Greater Chatham Initiative.

Only Artists in the Building at 1:30 p.m. Explore how the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago Public Library and Chicago Park District support artists through residency opportunities. Panelists include: Zhen Heinemann, Program Director, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, moderator. Tiffany M. Johnson, Cultural Liaison, Arts & Culture Unit, Chicago Park District. Sasha Neri, Information & Innovation Commons Manager, Chicago Public Library. Carlos Tortolero, Program Director, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

The State of Housing in 2026 at 3 p.m. Find out how Chicago is working to create new housing opportunities. Panelists include: Cindy Chan Roubik, Interim Executive Director, Richard Driehaus Foundation, moderator. Michael Reschke, Chairman and CEO, The Prime Group, INC. Jasmine Shaw, CEO, Westside Community Group Inc. Tasnim Tanveer, Volunteer, Abundant Housing Illinois.

Walking tours include Michigan Avenue's Civic History with 77 Flavors of Chicago at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Join podcasters Dario Durnham and Sara Faddah to explore the civic and cultural history of Michigan Avenue. Attendees can sign up at the registration desk starting at 10:30 a.m.

Brick of Chicago Walking Tour with Will Quam at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Head outside with Brick of Chicago's Will Quam to learn about some of the Loop's most iconic architecture. Attendees can sign up at the registration desk starting 10:30 a.m.

Jason Wesaw and Friends of the Chicago River: Public Art & River Ecology Walking Tour at 1:30 p.m.Artist Jason Wesaw and Amy Heldman from Friends of the Chicago River will lead a conversation, moderated by DCASE's Lydia Ross, on Wesaw's multidisciplinary creative practice and the river's ecology before a walking tour to the Chicago Riverwalk to view his new installation.

Screening and conversation: Mother Jones "The Most Dangerous Woman in America" at 3 p.m. Watch a screening of the documentary about the labor organizer and have a follow-up conversation with Rosemary Feurer, Project Director/Statue Committee of the Mother Jones Heritage Project, and Elliot Gorn, historian.

View full schedule at Chicago.gov/CityCivicsDay.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 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.

Homeschool Family Meet Up Friday, 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.

Reading Hour with Cipriani's Pizza on Saturdays, Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. Bring a book or find one at the library. Free pizza for participants. Registration is required at chipublib.org/events. For ages 3 to 18. Children under age 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Story & Craft on Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 months & up. Early arrivals can color and build puzzles.

Block Play! on Monday, Nov. 16th at 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 months & up. Play with our Duplo bricks, foam blocks and megal blocks.

WTTW Kids Learn & Play on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 11 a.m. Participate in fun, guided learning while developing school readiness skills. Presented in partnership with WTTW. For ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

ADULTS

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

Adult Book Discussion of "Family Lore" by Elizabeth Acevedo on Nov. 12th and "Absolution" by Alice McDermott on Dec. 10th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday Game Day through Nov. 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a drop-in program. Bring a game or play one of ours. UNO, Skip-bo, Mexican Train, Canasta, Chess, Checkers, Sorry and more. Players gather on adult side of building as space allows. No registration is needed. Make new friends.

Games People Play on Thursdays through Dec. 10th from 2 to 4 p.m. We play Scrabble, Dominoes, Sorry UNO, Yahtzee, cards, trivia, Canasta, Mexican Train and more.

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Holiday Events At Millennium Park



Photo provided by the City of Chicago

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will conduct a Holiday Market at Millennium Park, Chase Promenade North on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20th & 21st from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22nd from noon to 5 p.m.

Enjoy shopping, live entertainment and concessions. The opening of the market is aligned with 113th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 20th.

The Holiday Sing-Along invites all to celebrate Chicago's diverse holiday traditions at 6 p.m. on Fridays from Dec. 4th to 18th at Cloud Gate (The Bean). Songbooks, including large rpint will be available onsite or by download. Additional information can be found online at cityofchicago.gov/dcase.

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 through Dec. 14th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for a story time full of books, songs and rhymes for ages 2 to 8.

LEGO Club on Tuesdays through Dec. 15th 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.

Baby Story Time on Wednesdays through Dec. 16th, 11 to 11:30 a.m. A gentle story time of songs, rhymes and stories aimed at babies 0 to 18 months and an engaged grownup. Siblings always welcome!

After-School Reading Practice on Mondays to Dec. 21st from 4 to 5 p.m. All levels of experience are welcome! Each week, we will rotate between popcorn reading in groups, word games and one-on-one assistance. Afterward, we'll enjoy a simple craft or sensory play time. For ages 6 to 13.

Collage Club on Wednesdays through Dec. 16th 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 3 to 19

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.

Multilingual Playgroup on Fridays, Nov. 13th & 27th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A bi-weekly playgroup for children who speak Mandarin or Cantonese Chinese. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Family Story Time on Thursdays to Nov. 19th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Support your child's preliteracy skills through songs, stories and play. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Skilled Trades Exploration Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about post-secondary opportunities that can lead to employment, from cosmetology to construction and more. There will be snacks, swag, and prizes, For teens and adults 16-24. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

Book Swap for adults on Sunday, Nov. 15th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Bring a book from your collection (maximum of 3 books) to give away or swap. Participants will write a few lines about the book they brought .

Families Together: Mixed Media on Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Create an artwork to honor a special time spent with family or friends, inspired by images of family togetherness by artists including Romare Bearden, Mary Cassatt and Suzuki Harunobu during this self-guided open studio program designed in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago and the Artist's Studio. We will also be making paper cranes to help reach our goal of 1,000 origami cranes to be displayed in the library. All materials are provided. For ages 6 to 13.

Registration is suggested at (312) 747-8013.

Pulitzer Exhibit At H-W Library



Photo provided by Chicago Public Library

In partnership with The Pulitzer Prizes and American Library Association, the "Pulitzer on the Road: Prize-Winning Works That Inform, Empower & Inspire" exhibition is now on view at Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. through Dec. 31st. Highlights from the exhibition include: Iconic photographs from World War II and wars in Vietnam, Ukraine and the Middle East. Reporting with national impact on public opinion and policy, such as the Watergate scandal and the Pentagon Papers. Works of literature such as poetry by Sylvia Plath and Robert Frost, fiction by Toni Morrison and John Steinbeck and drama by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Arthur Miller. Influential music from Wynton Marsalis, Aretha Franklin and Bob Dylan. An interactive station where visitors can view examples of Pulitzer-winning journalism from local and regional media outlets in their home states.

Yoga Class At Dan Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Wellness in the Woods: Yoga at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 11 a.m.

The free 60-minute class is focused on building stability, flexibility, and relaxation through breath-work, mindful movement, and meditation. Liz, from Serendipity Yoga and Wellness in Homewood, will conduct a series of seated, kneeling, lying, and standing poses. Come dressed in active wear with a yoga mat.

Workout Class At Ping Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct "Sleigh the Workout" at Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Tuesday, Dec. 8th from 6 to 7 p.m.

The 45-minute cross training class for adults is focused on improving flexibility, strength and cardiovascular endurance through a variety of exercises. The cost is $5.

Must be registered at chicagoparkdistrict.com

9th District Police Plan

The Chicago Police 9th District will conduct a Community Conversation to create the 2027 Strategic Plan at Five Holy Martyrs Church, 4327 S. Richmond st. on Thursday, Nov. 12th from 6 to 8 p.m.

To register, visit www.chicagopolice.org/community-conversations.

Relief Program For Water Bills

CEDA announces a Water Bill Assistance Program for Chicago homeowners of a single-family home, 2 or 3 flat.

No penalities or debt collection on past-due bills. 50% reduction on water and sewer rates. Debt forgiveness on previous balance.

Apply by calling (800) 571-2332 or visiting cedaorg.net/bills

BYNC Campaign For Christmas

The Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council is conducting a Christmas Toy Drive Campaign through Dec. 10th.

Mail-in donations to Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, 4555 S. Ashland ave., Chicago, IL 60609. On-line donations bync.org/ post/2026-bync-christmas-toy-drive.

Brookfield Zoo Schedules Events



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Wildlife and seasonal traditions come together at Brookfield Zoo Chicago for festive fun this fall and winter. The lineup now through January includes returning favorites, new celebrations and a day at the Zoo.

Fall hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Grandparents Day Launches Senior Sundays powered by Uber* Guests can enjoy a new discount offered on site for buy-one-get-one senior admission on Sundays through Nov. 22nd.

Grab your glow sticks and running shoes and join us on Saturday, Nov. 14th for Reindeer Run! With a 2-mile course within the Zoo, you can "fun run" under the lights and be the first to see Holiday Magic. Only those walking or running need to be registered. Strollers are welcome and children riding in strollers are free.

Holiday Magic returns on select nights beginning Nov. 21st, with holiday displays, interactive experiences, glowing tunnels, a maze, visits with Santa, and animal-themed light displays.

On Friday, Nov. 20th, offers adults a festive mix of holiday cheer, warm drinks, seasonal cocktails and dancing to DJ Nurotic.

Native American Heritage Month will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 21st, with an artisan fair, music, and dance on the second floor of the new Bramsen Tropical Forests/Gorilla Conservation Center.

Dinner With Santa will be available Friday, Dec. 18th through Sunday, Dec. 20th.

The Women's Board will sponsor the Holly Jolly Gingerbread Party on Saturday, Dec. 5th, enjoy a brunch buffet while you decorate gingerbread houses, take photos with Santa and have special visits from the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors.

Celebrate a child's birthday under millions of sparkling lights. Every party includes Holiday Magic admission and parking for 15, plus 90 minutes of private party space, hot cocoa with all the fixings, cookie decorating, birthday gift, and a party menu.

Bring your senior living group in your own bus, sit back and enjoy the festive display, no need to step outside. One of our Adventure Guides will hop on board, guiding the bus and sharing facts about the Holiday Magic tradition. The tour lasts about 45 minutes.

Visit brookfieldzoo.org for more information.

Games Convention At Clearing Branch

The Clearing Branch Library, 6423 W. 63rd place will host the International Games Day Mini Games Convention on Saturday Nov. 14th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for a day of gaming, crafting, puzzling and fun. Play pinball on classic machines from The Flip Pinball Museum. Compete in a Super Smash Bros Ultimate and Mortal Kombat III tournament on a live stream.

Crafting for kids with The Trash Goblins. Play Classic Arcade and console video games from all eras. Play from our large selection of board games. Compete in speed jigsaw puzzling. Paint and take a fantasy miniature. Meet Lia Montelongo, model for Sindel in the Mortal Kombat III video game.

Register at chipublib.org.

Research House For Asian Art

The Research House for Asian Art, 3217 S Morgan st. will feature a joint calligraphy exhibition titled, "Becoming Words" through Nov. 15th.

Brainfuse HelpNow Online Tutoring

Brainfuse HelpNow tutors are available online 24/7. Log in from the library, at home or on any connected device using your library card at chipublib.org.

Expert tutors can help with writing assignments; math, science and social studies; Spanish homework; English as a Second Language lessons and more.

Available for early elementary through advanced college prep students. Practice tests (including ACT/SAT), a writing lab, video content and other resources are available.

Flower Show



Clearing artist Anne Nordhaus-Bike (left) has a watercolor painting of a flower, Luminous, on display in the Ten by Ten show at the Jackson Junge Gallery on Milwaukee Ave. through Sunday, Jan. 10th. Each painting in the show measures ten inches square. Ann is shown at the show's opening with art enthusiast and Emmy-winning broadcast journalist and documentary filmmaker Judith McCray, president of Juneteenth Productions.

Community Learning At Aquinas Literacy

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. will conduct English Language Studio, an ongoing weekly program on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. A welcoming, interactive space for English learners to practice communication through conversation, games, storytelling, everyday situations and creative activities. No registration is required.

Conversation Cafe, an ongoing drop-in group on Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. at Aquinas Literacy Center and Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at McKinley Park Branch Library. Each session features engaging topics and interactive activities designed to strengthen speaking and listening skills. No registration is required.

Digital Literacy Lab featuring drop-in technology support on Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The Lab offers a welcoming space to learn at your own pace, with support in email, typing, Microsoft word, Excel, PowerPoint, and basic computer use.

A Conversation Cafe will be held at Casa Guanajuato, 3661 S. Archer on Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 10 to 11 a.m. All English levels are welcome.

Stories That Connect Us: Community Video Showcase on Monday, Nov. 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The showcase features videos created by participants in our six-week video storytelling course for adult English learners.

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

Street Samaritans Help Homeless

Street Samaritans help people experiencing homelessness and poverty by connecting them to solutions and resources. Case management and support services are designed to meet individual needs and foster long-term stability.

Find them at Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer ave. on Wednesdays from 12 to 2 p.m. and Chicago Lawn Branch Library, 6120 S. Kedzie on Fridays from 12 to 1 p.m.



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