



Safety Concerns Over Shutdown



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The United States is in the midst of very interesting times. Just remember the onslaught of TV commercials we have just endured. It seems most elections have been like this. But to give you some bad news, they will not stop because the real election is not until November 3rd.

I try to give my readers a look at some facts not widely covered, but can be helpful for citizens to hear about. I hope it helps you look at the issues. This week I'd like to mention some facts about the partial government shutdown and the Department of Homeland Security.

The DHS came as a response to the 9/11 terrorist strikes in New York, DC and Pennsylvania. Terrorism is their number one concern. They help find information on recent immigrants from around the world. The following are the known number of terrorists to enter the country.

In 2017 there were two. In 2018 there were six. In 2019 zero. In 2020 three. In 2021 15. In 2022 98. In 2023 169. In 2024 it is impossible to know as they list at least 2 million who got away because of open borders. These stats were on the Verdict Podcast with Ben Ferguson and Ted Cruz.

There have been very few articles that are just not opinion. I won't talk about them. But we have all seen in the press of the four recent terrorist attacks on Americans in the US. In short, the first was in Texas where there

was a shooting in a bar. The second in New York when bombs were thrown at a group of anti-Muslim protesters. The third in Michigan where an armed man drove his car into a Jewish school. Then in Virginia where gunmen attacked the ROTC camp. I truly hope there are no more before this article comes out. If you want to know more about the individual attacks, it is simple to check on the internet. Just be aware that some put their own spin on it. The common thread among all four were radicalized Muslims trying to kill Americans.

The facts are while these were going on the Congress has used a filibuster to avoid funding the DHS, the group funded to fight terrorism. The same case is preventing funding of the United States Coast Guard, TSA, and FEMA. This means these hard working Americans are still not receiving checks.

The four and a half hour wait in security lines in Houston was not the fault of TSA and there may even be longer lines as these storms head East. The Coast Guard helps prevent weapons from coming in and FEMA is very important during bad weather, like tornados, floods and blizzards. They, too, are part of the filibuster. Attempting to find the reason for the filibuster is difficult to sort out. The websites of some vocal politicians have only one thing in common, they want ICE abolished and Trump equals bad. There are no stats here about ICE because several of the numbers are inconsistent. You may be surprised that ICE is fully funded and is not even part of the shutdown.

When I taught second grade, I explained this to my kids, if I don't like non-union grapes from California I'm not going to buy olives from Italy. Regardless of your thoughts, I hope that this will end soon so these workers can get paid especially to show thanks to those who continue to work so that our lives can be as normal as possible.

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 Night on March 20th from 5 to 8 p.m. The tour will start at 6 p.m. from the reception desk. The event offers wine and appetizer.

Kimono Insights: History of Production and Fashion, Then and Now on March 31st from 7 to 8 p.m. Celebrate the arrival of spring by learning about the kimono,

Japan's traditional garment, with specialist Ayako Yoshimura. Online, pay what you can. For more information and tickets, visit www.heritageasianart.org. (312) 842-8884.

Free Workshops On Finances

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st., will conduct a Financial Literacy Workshop Series on Tuesdays, April 7th to 28th from noon to 1 p.m. A financial literacy expert from Byline Bank will explain simple tools to manage money in everyday life.

Topics include, Session 1: Your relationship with money. Session 2: Budgeting and planning your money. Session 3: Credit and how it works. Session 4: Saving money for the future.

No finance or banking knowledge is needed.

To register email patrick@aquinasliteracy-center.org.

Spring Events At Navy Pier



Photo provided by Navy Pier

Raise a Glass at Toast to the Pier on Thursday, March 26th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with VIN Chicago. Enjoy an evening of wine tastings, light bites, and a raffle while supporting Navy Pier's mission to create welcoming experiences through programs and partnerships.

My Chi, My Future will sponsor a free Teen Bash at Navy Pier AON Ballroom on Saturday, March 28th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The event will feature musical performances, food, giveaways, a resource fair, video games and merchandise. Registration is required at chiteenbash2026.eventbrite.com.

Explore the new Chicago Children's Museum experience, "I AM WILD: A Charley Harper Exhibit" through May 10th and step into six habitats, including the Desert, Ocean, Rainforest, Sky, Woods, and City. The exhibit invites guests to explore, discover, and celebrate the amazing diversity of life.

EXPO CHICAGO returns to Festival Hall, April 9th to 12th bringing galleries from around the world to the lakefront. Explore a lineup of talks, programming, and installations. For ticket information, visit https://navypier.org.

Chicago River Swim Scheduled

The Chicago River Swim presented by the City of Chicago will return for its second annual event on Sunday, Sept. 20th.

The inaugural Swim in 2025 marked a historic milestone as the first organized open water swim in the Chicago River in 98 years, demonstrating that the river can safely support recreational use while serving as a platform for environmental stewardship. The event is the result of more than a decade of persistence led by founder Doug McConnell, working in partnership with City leaders, scientists, and environmental organizations to make the return of swimming to the river possible.

The City of Chicago and Mayor Brandon Johnson are serving as Presenting Partner, reflecting the City's leadership in restoring the river and expanding safe public access to its waterways. Their support enabled an event of this scale to take place in the center of downtown, reinforcing the river's transformation and establishing the Chicago River Swim as a growing civic tradition.

The event is produced by nonprofit A Long Swim and founded by marathon swimmer and ALS advocate Doug McConnell.

Proceeds from the 2026 Chicago River Swim will support ALS research as well as swim safety and swim education programs.

Through A Long Swim, founder Doug McConnell has helped raise more than \$3 million for ALS research at the Ozdinler Lab of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, a cause that remains deeply personal following the loss of his sister and father to the disease.

On event day, qualified swimmers will take on one-mile and two-mile courses along the Chicago River's main channel in

downtown Chicago. The course, stretching from Wolf Point to State Street, will be marked by inflatable buoys and safeguarded by lifeguards, kayaks, and support boats. Spectators will be invited to gather along the Riverwalk and designated viewing areas.

Water quality will be monitored using data from MWRD and real time analysis conducted by the University of Illinois Chicago. UIC will perform frequent DNA-based testing for microbial pollutants, applying the same recreational water quality criteria used at Chicago's beaches to ensure compliance with the USEPA standards. The Chicago River Swim will take place only if all testing confirms that conditions meet strict safety requirements.

On event day, more than 100 personnel will monitor the course from kayaks, paddleboards, and boats, with additional support from buoys, GPS tracking, and in-water timing systems. Each swimmer will also be equipped with an RFID chip, swim caps, and a personal swim buoy for added visibility.

Applications for the 2026 Chicago River Swim will open on March 31st and will close on April 27th. All applicants will undergo an eligibility review to ensure they meet safety and experience requirements. Five hundred qualified swimmers will be selected, with participants announced the week of May 4th.

For more information visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

City Safety Plan Showing Results

A new report from FOX32 Chicago examined the impact of Mayor Brandon Johnson's violence prevention initiative, The People's Plan for Community Safety. The review found that since the implementation of the plan, neighborhoods which have been most affected by violence—including Austin, West Garfield Park, and Little Village, have experienced a double-digit decrease in crime and violence. In Little Village alone, violent crime dropped 40% over the past year.

The City has continued to make progress driving down violent crime in 2026. Through March 13th, there was a 9.4% decline in overall violent crime victimizations, a 6.6% decrease in homicides, a 27.8% decline in robberies, and a 12.6% drop in vehicular hijackings.

Property Taxes Are Due April 1st

The due date for Cook County property owners to pay their First Installment 2025 tax bills is April 1st.

Homeowners have the option to: Pay online (for free with your bank account), at a Chase Bank location, at a community bank, by mail, at the Treasurer's Office and by credit card.

Paying online is the quickest and easiest way to pay a tax bill. There's no fee to pay online by transferring funds from your bank account. It's the most convenient option because you can pay any time, day or night. Plus, this method is secure and avoids the risk of someone stealing your check from a mailbox.

A second option is to pay in person at any Chase Bank location. Payment coupons can be printed online or detached from the bottom of tax bills.

When paying at a Chase Bank, your check must include the following information: Property Index Number, Taxpayer name, Property location, including unit number, Mailing address, Telephone number, Email address and Tax year/installment.

Another option is to pay at more than 100

community bank locations. A list of participating local banks where tax payments are accepted is online at cookcountytreasurer.com. Bring your entire original tax bill with you.

For those opting to pay by mail, your check must include a PIN and the same information listed above for paying at a bank branch. Your canceled check is your receipt. Mail checks for current tax bills to the Cook County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 805438, Chicago, IL 60680-4116.

The Treasurer's Office welcomes walk-ins who prefer to pay in person at 118 N. Clark St., Room 112.

You also can pay via credit card online at cookcountytreasurer.com. There's a 2.1% convenience fee with credit card payments that goes to the credit card company.

State law requires those who fail to pay their bills in full by the due date to be charged 0.75% a month in interest, or 9% a year. The Treasurer's Office allows taxpayers to make partial payments over time. But taxpayers are responsible for paying the total tax amount owed, along with any interest on late tax payments.

Steelmakers Exhibit At Griffin MSI



Photo credit: Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

One year after opening, *Steelmakers* at Griffin MSI, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore drive continues to explore the material that built Chicago's skyline and the communities behind the region's steel industry.

Highlights include oral histories from local steelworkers, including local legend Bea Lumpkin. Beams from Chicago's Home Insurance Building (1885-1931), considered the

world's first skyscraper. Olympic torch made of recycled and renewably produced steel. Richard Hunt sculpture, Angle Form (1968). Inland Steel Skyscraper Model, displayed at the Century of Progress World's Fair (1933) and Steel plate signed by women steelworkers during World War II (1943). NASA Spring Steel Mesh Demo "Tire".

Visit griffinmsi.org.

Record Year For Divvy Membership

The Chicago Department of Transportation, and Lyft announced the continuation of the popular \$99 Divvy annual membership for new and lapsed riders, a price freeze for current members, and the addition of 200 new or upgraded stations. Divvy, Chicago's bike and scooter share system operated by Lyft, is coming off a record-breaking 2025 and has already seen more than 500,000 trips in 2026, outpacing previous winter ridership records.

In 2025, riders took 6.8 million trips on Divvy, the system's highest annual ridership ever. Combined with Lime scooters, which operate under a City-issued business license, Chicago saw nearly 13 million shared micromobility trips in 2025.

Building on last year's

Tolbert Honored

DaJuan Tolbert has been named to the Dean's List at Blackburn College of Carlinville, IL for the Fall 2025 semester. Honorees must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher for the semester.

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 March 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

Step into bold style and creative expression at our Sip & Sew: Multi-Print Max Skirt workshop on Saturday, March 28th from 12 to 3 p.m. This sewing experience is about mixing prints, playing with color, and creating a stunning maxi skirt.

The best student artists from 100 Illinois high schools will showcase their work during the 10th Annual Illinois High School Art Exhibition on Sunday, April 13th from 12 to 4 p.m. The Senior Scholarship Exhibition will exhibit some 500 senior artworks and recognize scholarship offers.

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.

The 14th Annual Art Competition will be 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.

Exemptions For Property Tax

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announced that property tax-saving exemptions applications for the current tax year are now available.

Exemptions reduce the taxable value of properties, lowering a homeowner's tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, which saves the typical homeowner nearly \$1,000 each year.

The Homeowner, Senior, and Persons with Disabilities exemptions are automatically renewed.

Homeowners must reapply annually for the Veterans with Disabilities, in some cases, and the "Senior Freeze" exemptions. Seniors and disabled veterans that need to reapply will be mailed application booklets.

Applications can be downloaded at www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions, where forms are

available in Spanish, Polish, and simplified Chinese.

Homeowners can also easily access the online application that can reduce the time it takes to apply. It allows Assessor staff to locate the application, provide a status update, and notify the homeowner if missing documents are needed.

Homeowners can review the "Exemptions History & Status" section of the "Property Details" page for their home. Visit cookcountyassessor.com or call (312) 443-7550.

Job Fair At McKinley Park

A Career Development and Job Fair will be held at the McKinley Park Field House, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, March 21st from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Participants will include Pace, Rincon Family Services, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Central Management Services, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Instituto, CTA, el valor, The Southwest Organizing Project, Cook County Sheriff, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County.

On Honor Roll

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh officials announced that GraceAnne Pullappally has qualified for the Honor Roll in fall 2025.

The term grade-point average requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3 out of a possible 4.0.

Honorees must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

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Mexican Museum Offers Programs



Photo provided by The National Museum of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for families that provides opportunity to explore the galleries while learning about Mexican art and culture.

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 April 1st until 8 p.m. Enjoy the museum after hours with extended access to the galleries.

Under Pressure: Ana Teresa Fernandez, opens in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery on Friday, March 20th. Through video, installation, painting, and performance, The harm to our planet caused by human activity if revealed.

The Museum's Education Department offers excellent programs that allow children and aults to learn about Mexican art through engaging activities. Studio Saturday: Bead Art on Saturday, March 21st from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 7 to 12. Storytime on Saturday, March 21st from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Ages 6 and under.

Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection. Coming Soon: Under Pressure: Ana Teresa Fernández in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery on Friday, March 20th at 6 p.m.

Bead Art for ages 7 to 12 on Saturday, March 21st from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Adults ages 55+ are invited for Viva la Vida: Jewelry Making, followed by an art-making activity on Thursday, March 26th,

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.

Homeschool Family Meet Up on second Friday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities will be available for families with kids ages 6 to 13.

Drop-In Crafts: Easter for ages 3 & up on Saturday, March 21st from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families can decorate a paper Easter egg for our bulletin board. Other crafts and activities will be available.

Bunny Tales for ages 18 months to age 4 with a caregiver on Monday, March 30th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Registration required. Make a bunny craft to take home.

TEENS

Teen Volunteer Hours on Wednesday, March 25th from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Make handmade cards, prepare crafts for the library and more. Bring any forms you need signed.

ADULTS

Games People Play is scheduled for 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.

The adult book club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The April 9th topic is "Poverty by America" by Matthew Desmond.

"Brain Games": Sticker by Number Puzzle on Saturday, March 28th at 11:30 a.m. Brain games are activities and puzzles designed to help with memory, cognitive function and mental stimulation.

Saturday Game Day through May 9th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a game or play one of ours: UNO, Skip-bo, Mexican Train, Scrabble, Outburst, Upwards, Rummy 500, Canasta, Chess, Checkers, Sorry and more. No registration is needed.

New Device Advice on Tuesdays, through April 28th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Library staff will help set up a new device, teach the basics, connect to Wi-Fi, change settings and answer questions.

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

SENIORS

Self-defense class on Thursday, March 19th from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Learn about awareness and basic safety techniques. There will also be the opportunity for hands-on work, as you practice basic self-defense moves on Cook County Sheriff officers.

Coffee House on Thursday, April 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. Guest speaker, Celeste, our travel guru will discuss her trip from England, Wales and Scotland. Refreshments will be provided.

Identity Theft Program on Thursday, April 30th at 12:30 p.m. Learn ways your ID information can be stolen and what you can do to prevent that from happening. Presented by the Cook County's Sheriff Office.

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Spring Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. will conduct Sunset Garden Tours on the second Thursday evening of each month through October.

The content will be geared towards adults. The cost is \$20.

LEAP Stand-alone Class, ages 2 to 4 with caregivers, Saturday, March 28th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, April 4th from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. \$25, all ages. Children ages 1 to 8 can scoop up colorful eggs, smile for a photo with the Easter Bunny and enjoy kid-friendly musical entertainment.

Spring Into Bloom on Thursday, April 9th from 6 to 7 p.m. Enjoy the season's first flowers, including tulips, daffodils, and

srping flowering trees like magnolias and cherries.

Sensory-Friendly Morning, all ages on Sunday, April 26th, 8 to 10 a.m.

River-North Fests will present Saturday Night at the Zoo with karaoke, photo booths, and pop-up bars on Saturday, May 2nd, 6:30 to 10 p.m. \$15 for nonmembers age 21+.

The Language of Flowers on Thursday, May 14th from 6 to 7 p.m. Explore the folklore and symbolism behind popular spring flowers like lilacs, irises, and flowering dogwoods.

Immerse yourself in a restorative Sound Meditation session among native plants and skyline views on select Saturdays, May 17th to Oct. 17th from 9 to 10 a.m. Jay Taylor blends singing bowls, gentle breathwork, and guided relaxation in a welcoming space. No specific training is required.

An after-hours celebration for the 21+ crowd is scheduled for Friday, May 22nd from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Early bird tickets are \$25 for nonmembers age 21+. Adults Night Out: Block Party features games, music, and good times. Play mini golf, ride the Ferris Wheel and Giant Fun Slide and dance to a live DJ while visiting your favorite animals. Prices increase on March 16th.

Sunshine Season starts Memorial Day Weekend, May 22nd to 25th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission, all ages. Summer Kickoff is a free and family-friendly celebration on Memorial Day weekend that brings rides and attractions, including the Ferris Wheel and Giant Fun Slide. Guests of all ages can enjoy a range of free daily programming.

The 2026 Run for the Zoo is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st with a 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Course. \$24.99+, all ages. This year's spotlight belongs to the eastern black rhinoceros. The race medal and race shirt will feature this iconic animal.

For registration, visit lpzoo.org.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a wide range of informative programs. Hours: Monday and Wednesday 12 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

ALL AGES

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

Messy Art "Papier Mache Masks" on Monday, March 30th from 6 to 7 p.m. We provide all the supplies. For families with children of all ages.

CHILDREN

LEGO Club on Monday, March 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. We provide supplies. DUPLO bricks are available for younger siblings.

Family Story Time on Thursday, March 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stories, songs and fun for the whole family. For children 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

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 through March 26th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 1 volunteer hour 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.

ADULTS

Craft Lab Grab & Go: Artist Trading Card on Mondays through March 30th, all day. We will be making Artist Trading Cards, miniature works of art that are created to be traded to other artists, not sold. They can be made using any medium and are traditionally traded in sessions or online. Pick-up kit at the Reference Desk, while supplies last.

Grab and Go: Spice Club Kits (Za'atar) on Mondays through March 30th. Each kit will include a sample of the spice, as well as recipes and information on its cultural and historical significance.

Craft Lab: Teacup Candle on Saturday, March 21st from 2 to 3:30 p.m. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Adult Book Discussion of "Liliana's Invincible Summer" by Cristina Rivera Garza on Wednesday, March 25th from 1 to 2 p.m. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. The April 22nd topic is "Lady Tan's Circle

of Women: by Lisa See.

Launch Lab: Vinyl Cutting & Button Making on Wednesday, March 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make your own buttons, stickers, and vinyl designs using our tools and supplies. Materials are included. Ages 16 to 26.

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence on Wednesday, April 1st from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Presenters from the AI Safety Awareness Project will explain the current state of AI capabilities.

CINEMA

Film Screening is "Blues Brothers" (1980) on Sunday, March 22nd from 2 to 4 p.m. Two soul-singing brothers are sent on a "mission from God" to raise \$5,000 to save a Chicago orphanage. On their fund-raising tour, they encounter a multitude of mishaps and mayhem. Snacks available while supplies last. © Universal Pictures - 132 Min - R. Adults ages 18 and up.

Film Screening of "Peter Rabbit" (2018) on Sunday, March 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. Snacks available while supplies last. ©Columbia Pictures Industries Inc - 100 Min - PG. English subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing will be available.

New Map For Route 66

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the release of a new Illinois Route 66 Map in honor of the iconic road's 100th birthday this year. The map takes a nostalgic look at sights to see, while providing a historical timeline of the route's evolution and its cultural impact.

With the centennial expected to unite preservationists, tourism leaders and enthusiasts, the map will provide a touchpoint to help celebrate the past, with a look toward the next century of adventure.

The map was developed in collaboration with the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway.

To request a map, complete the form at <https://idot.click/map-request> or email DOT.Maps@illinois.gov. Free copies also will be available at interstate rest areas.

Special Recreation At Armour Square

Chicago Park District Special Recreation will offer "Out of School" time programming for individuals with intellectual disabilities at Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields ave. on March 23rd to 27th and April 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event fee is \$12.

Activities will include arts and crafts, gym activities, sports and recreation.



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Fish Fry At Blessed Sacrament

A Fish Fry will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish, 3745 S. Paulina on Friday, March 27th from 5 to 8 p.m. in the church hall.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the menu will feature Fish Dinner (salad, pasta, dinner roll, dessert, & beverage); Shrimp Dinner (salad, pasta, dinner roll, dessert, & beverage); Fish Soup (dessert & beverage); and Stuffed Poblano Pepper with rice (dessert & beverage) for \$15 each dinner. Carry outs available, too.

Go Run At Marquette Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct Go Run Chicago at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie on Saturday, April 4th from 9 to 11 a.m.

Go Run is a community partnership between the Chicago Area Runners Association and Chicago Park District. Register in advance at www.GoRunChicago.org beginning Friday at 3 p.m. the week prior.

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