



287 New Laws for the New Year



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Happy New Year! There are a number of people who make resolutions that seldom last long. While some people look forward to the good things in the future, some of us look for things that appear a little weird.

The lawmakers in Springfield have issued 287 new laws that go into effect January 1, 2026. To be fair, I admit I have always been Jeffersonian -- "he governs best, that governs least". I find it paradoxical that our governor and mayor spend so much time not following federal laws but probably will ask that federal government for a bail out.

Many of us have already seen the many reports that Illinois has one of the highest taxed citizens. So no need to add them to this article. Just remember when you read the literature from your Reps and Senators, they do not mention the numerous fee increases that they have voted on, but do not consider it a tax, but we still must pay them.

The legislature did eliminate 1% grocery state but left a loophole and 660 Illinois communities reinstated it for the local governments. AI was addressed in HB373 and Senate1920. In short, this means the employer can be charged with a human rights violation if it uses an AI that results in what they consider a human rights violation. Also they add bureaucracy that the Illinois State Board of Education is to develop guidelines for the use of AI in the class-

Beverly Arts Center Schedules Programs

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. will Ring in 2026 with the FeelGood Party Band on Wednesday, Dec. 31st at 7:30 p.m. Known for their dynamic mix of classic hits, dance favorites, and party anthems, FeelGood will have you on your feet and dancing. Tickets are \$40 for non-members.

Upcoming events: Jan. 15th - 18th: CenterStage presents "The Mountain-top". Jan. 24th: Sons of Chicago: Tribute to Bruce Springsteen & Bob Seger. Jan. 30th: Second Hand News: Fleetwood Mac Tribute. Feb. 13th: Superstar - A Salute to Luther Vandross. Feb. 26th - March 1st: Centerstage presents "Newsies". March 7th: American English - Beatles Tribute.

rooms.

HB1910 mandates opioid antagonists be available and accessible in all libraries in case someone is "believed" to be overdosing. Pressure on the libraries and a possible windfall for the lawyers. Senate Bill 1288 has added sesame as a major food allergen and gluten is added to the list of required allergen awareness training topics. Senate Bill 73 terminates toxic material from use in baby food. Sounds good, but the children most vulnerable are infants and this law takes baby formula out of the ban because it is not defined as baby food and will not be tested.

HB3247 enforces regulations against schools about immigration status. This includes students and families' social security numbers. The schools must create procedures in case law enforcement comes to the school. Sounds like more work for the principals without extra compensation. Senate Bill 1672 can be costly especially this time during budget worries. The law states that by the 30th day of school, the school must report on early literacy. The information is, of course, needed. But personnel issues make it hard in many buildings.

There are also bills allowing 7th and 8th graders in some classes to take high school classes. The US flag can be flown on the grounds of a courthouse, before it had only been allowed on the top of the courthouse. Some other legislation would restrict the size of vehicles on certain roads. Fourteen-year-olds are now allowed to score at the world shooting complex for trap shooting. Why not? They are already competing.

There are many more. I realize some feel these are very important, especially for specific localities. You can look these up by their Senate Bill or any state newspapers or those that relate to taxes. As long as you are aware that HB4430 designates a state bean of Illinois. It is the soybean.

This holiday season our building will be closed through Jan. 4th with limited email and return calls about inquiries.

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

Silver Skates At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct the annual Silver Skates Speed Competition at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, Jan. 7th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants may register at <https://endurance.cui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=95898514>.

Adult skaters are invited to an 18 & over meet following the children's meet. Skates will be available, free of charge at all meets.

Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 20 participants from each age group and gender.

Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian's register them in order to participate.

A citywide competition will follow at McFetridge Sports Center on Saturday, Jan. 17th for youth skaters that qualify from the neighborhood races.

Giannoulas Rolls Out New Year, New Laws

Several initiatives spearheaded by Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulas will take effect in the new year.

Road Safety and DMV Modernization. New legislation provides clarification on cheating on DMV exams, allows the office to administer written tests online and enhances bicycle safety.

The measure clarifies that any attempt to have someone else provide answers to an individual taking a DMV exam, including attempts to use a hidden microphone or cell phone, constitutes cheating.

It also enhances the office's Rules of the Road publication to include information about the laws and best practices for sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians. In addition, it requires that before passing a cyclist, a driver of a vehicle must make a lane change.

Enhancing Library Security. Amid an alarming increase in threats of violence to libraries, the Secretary of State's office can now issue security grants for libraries, ensuring their ability to provide a safe environment for patrons and

employees.

Grant applicants have the ability to request funding to install equipment, including security cameras, silent alarms or security checkpoints.

Cracking Down on Rogue Towers. This legislation, strengthens oversight of towing companies to protect Illinoisans from predatory practices.

The law empowers the Secretary of State's office to suspend tow truck registrations for companies that fail to pay Illinois Commerce Commission fines or penalties. It also improves consumer protections during towing and vehicle impoundment, including clarified rules around personal property left in towed vehicles.

Enabling Court of Claims E-Filing. A new law will modernize the way the Illinois Court of Claims operates, transforming it from a court currently reliant on paper filings and in-person sessions that can cause delays.

The measure enables the court to hold sessions remotely and allowing the public to file claims, provide evidence or testimony, and pay fees electronically.

Chicago Schedules New Year's Eve



The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and Choose Chicago announced new details regarding New Year's Eve celebrations, including planned events, transportation options, road closures, safety precautions and amenities for residents and tourists who wish to attend in person.

The focal point is "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2026," headlined by Grammy Award-winning artist Chance the Rapper.

Chicago artists will include DJs Mike Dunn and Mike P, J. Ivy and Shemekia Copeland, on the mainstage at the corner of Wacker Drive and Franklin Street starting at 9 p.m., following a custom audio-visual presentation projected from ART on THE MART at 7 p.m.

Chance the Rapper, who will also co-host the event, will take the stage for his countdown performance shortly before midnight.

Opening at 5 p.m., event entrances are located on Wacker Drive at the corner of Wells or Lake Street. The event is free and open to the public.

All guests will be required to pass through security checkpoints and subject to bag checks. 12"x6"x12" or smaller. To Gates will close once the event reaches capacity.

Additional viewing opportunities will be available via big-screen displays along Wacker between Lake and Wells Streets. Fireworks will be launched from bridges between Orleans and Columbus Streets along the Riverwalk with the best vantage point from Upper Wacker Drive.

Trains and buses will be free from 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31st, until 4 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1st.

Visit Millennium Garages to pre-purchase parking online and save up to 20% off daily and extended stay rates.

Wacker Drive from Lake to Wells and Orleans St. bridge will be closed beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31st, and the Chicago River will be closed to boat traffic from Franklin to Columbus from 11:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1st. Franklin St. from Lake St. to Wacker Dr. will close on Monday, Dec. 29th, at 10 a.m. Additional street closures will go into effect on the following bridges on Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at 11:30 p.m.: Dearborn St., Clark St., LaSalle St., Wabash St., and Columbus Dr.

Watch from home Wednesday, Dec. 31st, live on ABC beginning at 7 p.m. A livestream of the event will be available at chicago.gov.

Navy Pier New Year's Eve Fireworks begins as the clock strikes midnight. Several events throughout the day are available at NavyPier.org/events/new-years-eve-fireworks-2025.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. invites volunteers to tutor an adult newcomer in the English language. Pre-service training is provided and a two-hour weekly commitment is required. Call (773) 927-0512.

Map Fest At Newberry Library



Photo provided by Newberry Library

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton will feature "All About Maps!" on Saturday, Jan. 24th from 12 to 3 p.m.

Celebrate with collection presentations, hands-on activities, tours, a mini used book sale, and so much more at this open house event.

View extraordinary maps and related items from our collections and have your questions answered by expert librarians and curators.

Learn from our map curator about how to find and enjoy materials in our collection from 12 to

12:30 p.m.

Make your own map-inspired art through collage and papermaking in Ruggles Hall from 1 to 3 p.m.

Visit our latest exhibitions, "Mapping Outside the Lines" and "From Page to Pixel: Discovering the Digital Newberry."

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

Shop our used book sale, which offers literary treasures at low prices. Visit newberry.org

New Events At History Museum

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

Curator-led tours of our newest exhibition, *Aqui en Chicago* are available through Jan. 27th. Learn more about Chicago's Latino communities and their histories in the city, starting with the earliest arrivals in the late 1800s, all through the lens of experts who curated this exhibition. English and Spanish tours are available. Included with general admission; RSVP required.

Give the gift of CHM membership this holiday season. From now through Friday, Jan. 9th, all gift memberships are 20% off with code 25WIHOL. CHM members enjoy exclusive events, double discount weeks and more. Call Hannah Johnson, member relations manager, at (312) 799-2113.

The Rise and Fall of Chicago's Mail Order Giants. In the late 19th century, Chicago's location at the center of the country where railroads and industries converged made it an ideal location for entrepreneurs. Aaron Montgomery Ward and Richard Warren Sears created mail-order catalogs that evolved into retail icons.

New innovations would contribute to their decline a century later. Stop by the Robert R. McCormick Theater to watch the WTTW *Chicago Stories* episode "The Rise and Fall of Chicago's Mail Order Giants" (included with admission).

Our dioramas were constructed by German artisans in the early 1930s using maps, photographs, letters, and other artifacts. The seven dioramas depict how Chicago changed during the 1800s from a settler-colonist trading outpost in 1804 to the bustling city that hosted the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893.

Depicting locations such as Sauganash Tavern (1833) and Rush Street Bridge (1860) and events such as the Great Chicago Fire (1871), these dioramas show craftsmanship that still delights visitors.

Chicago: Crossroads of America focuses on a selection of stories that illustrate the city's crossroads nature and its

national influence. The iconic L car no. 1 greets visitors at the entrance, and then the exhibition is divided into five thematic areas:

City on the Make examines Chicago as a crossroads of economic and cultural exchange from prehistoric time to the present

City in Crisis shows how conflicting social, economic, and political forces converging at the crossroads can explode in violent disorder, disrupting and changing the city

Sweet Home Chicago explores how communities unite and divide along the lines of race, ethnicity, and class.

Second to None gives a presentation of Chicago's many innovations and their far-reaching impact.

My Kind of Town discusses Chicago as a cultural crossroads where generations of people have gathered to play and celebrate.

Within each thematic area, individual stories are arranged chronologically to illustrate how the city changed over time.

The Uptown Theatre is one of the largest and most luxurious theaters of its kind still standing. Opened a century ago, the theater saw the transitions from silent films to vaudeville to musicals to sound films. See a display of photographs and archival materials presented in partnership with the Landmark Uptown Theater Corp.

A Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed Jan. 19th from 10 am. to 4 p.m. This family-focused celebration will consider the fight for civil rights offer hands-on activities and encourage all to become civically engaged in their community.

Visit the "Gangland Chicago" section of *Chicago Crossroads of America*. See archival holdings related to crime history in the Abakanowicz Research Center. Look at photographs related to Al Capone on CHM Images. Go on a bus tour with author Richard Lindbert: North Side Pursuits: Infamy from Lincoln Park to Edgewater or North by Northwest: Infamous Places in the Land Approaching.

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

Church Services

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

3532 S. Hoyn
(773) 523-7911
bethanychicago.org
Ministering in McKinley Park since 1888
Sunday, 10 a.m., Worship Service, speaker, Tommy Lee.
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., dinner and Bible study. All are invited.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

3745 S. Paulina
(773) 523-3917
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Wednesday, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, 5 p.m., Bilingual Mass (English/Spanish), Thursday, New Year's Day, Jan. 1st, 9 a.m. English Mass; 11 a.m., Spanish Mass.

HOLY CROSS EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

3116 S. Racine Ave.
(773) 523-3838
Ministering in Bridgeport since 1886
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Carlos Ortiz.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

44th & California
Thursday, Jan. 1st 8:30 Spanish, 10 a.m. Lithuanian, 12 p.m. Spanish and 6 p.m. Spanish.

FIVE HOLY MARTYRS

43rd & Richmond
Thursday, Jan. 1st, 9 a.m. English and 10:30 a.m. Polish.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

3658 S. Honore
(773) 376-5370
Adam Gawel, pastor
Sunday service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study at 11 a.m.

ST. BRUNO CHURCH

48th & Harding
ST. RICHARD CHURCH
50th & Kostner

New Year's Eve: St. Bruno, 4:30 p.m. English. New Year's Day: St. Richard, 7:30 a.m. Polish, 9 a.m. English & 10:30 a.m. Spanish. St. Bruno, 10:30 a.m. Polish & 12:30 p.m. Spanish.

Lira Ensemble Offers Concerts



Photo provided by Lira Ensemble

The Lira Ensemble will perform an Epiphany Concert of Polish & American Carols at St. Mary Church, 794 Pearson st., Des Plaines on Sunday, Jan. 4th at 3 p.m.

The singers will appear in colorful, hand-beaded, folk outfits from the Zakopane mountain region of southern Poland. The Chamber Players will accompany the Singers and present Polish instrumental carols.

Polish-American pianist Daniel Szefer will perform an excerpt from a composition by Frederic Chopin.

The resident conductor is Mina Zikri who is music director and conductor of the Northbrook Symphony and the Oistrach Symphony of Chicago.

Lucyna Migala, who is co-founder artistic director and general manager of the Lira Ensemble, will narrate the concert in English.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the

Lira ensemble that has been artist-in-residence at Loyola University Chicago for the past 30 years.

Tickets are \$35 for adults with Clergy, children, teens and students with IDs invited for free. Tickets may be purchased at polishconcerts.org, at the door, or by calling (773) 505-8731.

Treasurer Pappas Distributes \$2.3B

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced that she is taking emergency steps to distribute long-delayed property tax funds to more than 500 local governments after a technology rollout halted payments countywide.

Pappas took this unprecedented action to distribute \$2.3 billion in property tax funds via a bank-to-bank automated clearing house transaction after a computer system failed to distribute the money.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@aol.com. Opinions expressed by guest editorials may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

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.

ADULTS
Open Art Studio with Ericka Soto on Saturdays, Jan. 10th & 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Supplies are provided or you are free to bring your own. All skill levels are welcome.
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Seniors on Saturday, Jan. 17th from 1 to 2 p.m.
The Adult Book Club will discuss "The Mayor of Maxwell Street" on Wednesday, Jan. 21st from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
The Adult Craft Club will enjoy Clay Play on Sunday, Jan. 11th from 2 to 3 p.m.

TWEEN/TEEN
Teen Craft n' Snack will explore 3D Printing for ages 11-19 on Wednesday, Jan. 28th from 3 to 5 p.m.
Teen Yap n' Snack on Wednesday, Jan. 7th from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.
Teen Gamer's Choice on Wednesday, Jan. 14th from 3 to 5 p.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES
Little Learners Story Time, ages 0 to 5, on Fridays, Jan. 2nd to 30th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for songs, move-

ments, stories and Play time.
Family Nintendo Switch, ages 8+ on Sundays, Jan. 4th & 18th from 1 to 3 p.m. Choose from our collection of games, like Mario Cart and Minecraft. Parents/ caregivers must be present for kids under 13.
LEGO Club for ages 6 to 13 will feature "Snowflakes" on Thursday, Jan. 8th and "Fidget Spinner" on Jan. 22nd, both at 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Family Fun for ages 3 to 13 will create "Snowflake Salt Paintings" on Monday, Jan. 12th from 4 to 5 p.m. On Jan. 31st, ages 1 to 13 will enjoy "Snow Dobleck" from 2 to 3 p.m.
Toddler Play Group for ages 1 to 5 is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 20th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Bilingual Family Board Game for ages 5+ on Monday, Jan. 26th from 4 to 6 p.m.

CINEMA
Film Screening of "The Black Panther Wakanda Forever" on Saturday, Jan. 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (2022 PG-13).
Film Screening of "Dog Man" on Friday, Jan. 2nd from 12 to 1:30 p.m. (2025 PG). "Elio" on Friday, Jan. 16th from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
Teacher in the Library returns on Tuesday, Jan. 6th from 4 to 6 p.m.
Visit chipublib.org to register.

Flower Show at Lincoln Conservatory



The Chicago Park District will conduct a **Fire-side Flower Show at the Lincoln Park Conservatory**, 2391 N. Stockton dr. through Jan. 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A centerpiece brick fireplace radiates relaxation, while Pionsettia varieties such as 'Golden Glo', 'Norwin Orange' and 'Christmas Magic Red' capture the colors. Make reservations at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/lincoln-park-conservancy-17342067619>.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

The Illinois Rock and Roll Museum on "Route 66 nomination process for 2026 Hall of Fame inductees is open until Jan. 12th. You are invited to nominate your favorite artist, performer, songwriter, radio station, DJ, and / or record label.
Performance nominees must have their first commercial release at least 20 years ago, and must also have national or interna-

tional recognition, radio airplay and significant number of sales.
DJ's, Radio Stations, Record Labels, and Record Companies must have been in business at least 20 years.
Must have a tie to Illinois such as: Born in, - Started their career in, - Based in or Recorded in.
Visit roadtorock.org/lets-rock/hall-of-fame to make your nomination.

Winter Wonderfest At Navy Pier



Photo provided by Navy Pier

Winter WonderFest continues at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand ave., through Jan. 4th. Step inside and enjoy rides, slides, and festive fun from thrilling attractions like the Cliffhanger and Zero Gravity to family favorites like the kiddie train, bumper cars, and skating on The Verizon | Google Pixel Ice Rink. Every ticket includes a ride on the iconic Centennial Wheel. For reservations, visit navypier.com.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.
The Southwest Collective community box is available for patrons to take or leave toiletries and non-perishable food items.
Toddler Story Time, ages 18 months to 3 yrs on Mondays at 11 a.m.
Middle School Gaming for 5th to 8th graders on

Mondays at 4:30 p.m.
Family Story Time for ages 2 to 6 years on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Baby Story Time for ages to 18 months on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Lego Club for 6 years and up on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Art in the Library. Create unique pieces with special materials inspired by exhibits at the Att Institute of Chicago.
Free Homework Help is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Visit chipublib.org to register.

4th "You Name A Snowplow" Contest

The Department of Streets and Sanitation announced the City's fourth annual 'You Name a Snowplow' contest. Chicago residents are encouraged to create innovative snowplow names and submit them to chicagoshovels.org by Jan. 10th. At the end of the two-phase contest, residents will pick the top six names, and those names will represent one snowplow in each of the City's six snow districts.
This year's contest winners will join the 19 named snowplows following the previous contests held in 2023, 2024 and 2025: Mrs. O'Leary's Plow, Da Plow, Salter Payton, Sears Plower, Sleet Home Chicago, Holy Plow!, Jean Baptiste Point du Shovel, Skilling It, CTRL-SALT-DELETE, Casimir Plowaski, Ernie Snowbanks, Mies van der Snow, Bad, Bad Leroy Plow, Bozo the Plowin, Lollaplowloza, My Kind of Plow, Snower Wacker Scoop, There It Is! and Bean There, Plowed That.
First, the City will

submissions, which are limited to one per person and 50 characters in length. When the submission period closes on Jan. 10th or when the City receives 20,000 submissions. DSS staff will choose 25 finalists. In the second phase, which begins on Feb. 1st residents may vote for up to six names of their choice by Feb. 14th.
Signage for the winning snowplow names will be created and installed on the snowplows, and residents who submitted the winning names (earliest time stamp when there are multiple submissions) will be offered a photo opportunity with the named snowplow along with City swag.
DSS manages more than 9,400 lane miles of roadway with a fleet of over 300 salt spreaders.

Rabies-Positive Dog Confirmed

The Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control has confirmed a rare case of rabies in a dog within the City of Chicago. This is the first rabies-positive dog identified in Cook County since before 1964 and the first in Illinois since 1994. The dog, vaccinated earlier this year, was surrendered to a local rescue and euthanized for behavioral reasons before testing positive for rabies. The source is unknown and under investigation.
ARC is working with the Chicago Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Public Health to investigate the case and assess potential exposures. At this time, 13 individuals known to have had direct contact with the dog have begun post-exposure prophylaxis, and no one is symptomatic.
The dog was vaccinated for rabies in June 2025. On Dec. 16th, the dog had a marked change in behavior and was euthanized and tested for rabies.
The dog was born in Georgia, traveled to a Chicago rescue, was vaccinated for rabies and adopted by a Chicago family. No known exposures to rabies occurred in Chicago.
CDPH is reviewing how a vaccinated dog contracted rabies and will share findings as they become available.

Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

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

ADULTS
A Stitch in Time Crochet Club on Tuesdays, Jan. 6th and 20th from 6 to 7 p.m. We have yarn and crochet hooks to share. Bring your own project or start one based on one of our ideas.
Film Screening of "Same Kind of Different as Me" (2017) on Friday, Jan. 2nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Successful art dealer Ron Hall and his wife Debbie, who seemingly have the perfect life. But when their faith and family are tested, an unlikely bond with a homeless drifter leads them on a remarkable journey. © Paramount Pictures - 119 Minutes - MPAA Rating: PG-13
Adult Book Club will discuss the ABC mystery selection on Thursday, Jan. 15th from 6 to 7 p.m. Title is available in English and Spanish.
Film Screening of "Stardust" (2007) on Friday, Jan. 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tristan hopes to win the heart of his beautiful, but shallow love, Victoria. He promises to recover a star that fell somewhere beyond the

stony Wall that sets between the mundane England and the fantasy kingdom of Stormhold. © Universal Studios - 127 Minutes - MPAA Rating: PG-13

TEENS
Teen Winter Art Making on Thursdays, Jan. 8th to 29th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Use our supplies and space as your studio for the Winter Art Challenge.

CHILDREN
Bilingual Story Time, Saturdays, Jan. 3rd to 31st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. We'll share songs, rhymes and books, plus craft activities in English and Spanish. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.
Chess Club on Mondays, Jan. 5th, 12th and 26th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. All levels of players are welcome, for ages 8 to 17.
Kids' Cooking Demo on Wednesday, Jan. 7th from 4 to 5 p.m. For ages 5 to 13.
Science Connections on Wednesdays, Jan. 14th & 28th from 4 to 5 p.m. Join Ms. Corina and Ms. Maria for STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) activities. Kids 6 to 13 years.
Visit chipublib.org to register.

Holiday Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

The ZooLights events at Lincoln Park Zoo, 2400 N. Cannon dr. will feature select characters and entertainers. Stilt Walker can be seen juggling on Thursday, Jan. 1st from 6 to 8 p.m.

Jason Foundation Prevents Suicide

If you know someone carrying the heavy burden of depression or contemplating suicide, it's crucial to seek help immediately. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free, 24/7 support for anyone in emotional distress or crisis. Trained counselors and mental health professionals are available around the clock to lend an empathetic ear and guidance.
The Jason Foundation is a national leader in suicide prevention year-round. JFI is dedicated to raising awareness and providing educational programs aimed at equipping youth, parents, educators, and communities with the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and support at-risk youth. Visit JasonFoundation.com

Yoga Class At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct "Wellness in the Woods: Yoga" at Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, 87th & Western on Saturday, Jan. 10th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Join us for a free 45-minute class focused on building stability, flexibility, and relaxation through the practices of breathwork, mindful movement, and meditation.
Come dressed in active wear with your yoga mat. The class will be held indoors. Search fdpcc.com.

Free Admission At Shedd Aquarium



Photo provided by Shedd Aquarium

Illinois Resident Free Hours at Shedd Aquarium include access to all exhibits and seasonal Stingray Touch.
Free walk-up reservations are subject to availability.
Advance reservations are recommended.
2026 Free Days are Jan. 6th-8th, 13th-20th, 27th-29th and Feb. 3rd-5th, 10th-12th, 17th-19th and 24th-26th. 2026 Free Nights (5 to 9 p.m.) are March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st; April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and June 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th.
There is a \$5 convenience fee per order for Free Hours reservations made online. Reserve tickets by phone with no convenience fee by calling (312) 939-2438 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
The 4-D Experience admission is a \$4.95 upgrade.
Calm Waters is an exclusive event for guests with disabilities and Veterans on Sundays, Feb. 8th, April 26th and May 31st.
Heartbeat House Party for ages 21+ is set for Saturday, Feb. 14th from 7 to 11 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day with house music and aquatic allure. Dress in your boldest reds and pinks and move to sets from Chicago DJ legends. Enjoy themed bites, signature drinks and deep-sea surprises. The cost is \$29.95.
Visit shedd-aquarium.org.

Jazz Links Jam Sessions

The Jazz Links Jam Session creates a live performance opportunity where student musicians can learn and grow. Students ages 9-19 perform with one another and mentors at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth ct. on Wednesday, Jan. 14th from 5 to 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.
Musicians, parents, students, siblings, and friends are all welcome to attend these free events.
Students sign up on-site, using a QR code, listing three to five tunes they can play and improvise on from memory. The jam session host calls up groups of students to perform and improvise together in front of a live audience.
For more information, visit JazzInChicago.org.

Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, loved, honored and glorified now and forever in the whole world. Sacred Heart of Jesus I put my trust in you. Here mention your request: St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, intercede for me.
Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days. When request is granted, publication must be promised. AML



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Parish Welcomes You

Both Churches are Handicapped Accessible

Masses at St. Barbara

Bridgeport — 2859 S. Throop

Saturday, 5 PM,

Rosary: Sunday, 5:30 AM

6 AM & 9:30 AM Sunday Masses

Weekday Schedule (Chapel)

Tue., Thurs., & Sat. 8 AM Mass

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

Masses at St. Therese

Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander

Sunday Masses

8AM in English

10:30am Cantonese

Weekday Schedule

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

January 4, 2026

New Year's Eve, 5:00 PM Mass, at St. Therese

New Year's Day, 9:30 AM at St. Barbara, 10 AM at St. Therese

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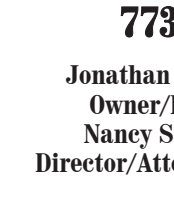
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- ANITA JACKSON, ALJ INVESTMENTS, INC. CITY OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 24 CH 0322 4724 S SHIELDS CHICAGO, IL 60609 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 6, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 13, 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 4724 S SHIELDS, CHICAGO, IL 60609 Property Index No: 20-09-2020-019-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$111,551.50. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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 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, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W300 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-043836 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2025CH035482 TJSJC#: 45-2488 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 # 2025CH035482 13278502

Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST Plaintiff, -v- FELICIA NARCIS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ESTATEES OF BENARD WREN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, JOHN LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BENARD WREN (DECEASED) Defendants 2025CH05680 7929 E LASALLE 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 September 26, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 26, 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 7929 S LASALLE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Property Index No: 20-33-205-013-0000 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/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 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, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W300 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-043836 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2025CH05680 TJSJC#: 45-2488 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 # 2024CH06485 13278502

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CTP FUNDING, INC. Plaintiff, -v- BRIGHTON PARK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SLSLT 2022-2 PARTICIPATION INTEREST TRUST Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LARGE, LEGATEES OF EVANGELINA MASCORRO, WILLIAM BUTCHER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EVANGELINA MASCORRO, DECEASED, MA NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2025CH01102 919 W. 57TH ST CHICAGO, IL 60621 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 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 919 W. 57TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60621 Property Index No: 20-17-211-001-0000 The real estate is improved with a commercial property. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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 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, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W300 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-043836 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2024CH06484 TJSJC#: 45-3183 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 # 2024CH06484 13278871

Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- GUARDED INTEREST SECURITY CORP, ANTOINE SHAW, SENG AARCHITECTS INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY Defendants 2024CH08674 919 W. 57TH ST CHICAGO, IL 60621 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 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 919 W. 57TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60621 Property Index No: 20-17-211-001-0000 The real estate is improved with a commercial property. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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 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, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W300 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-043836 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2024CH08674 TJSJC#: 45-3183 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 # 2024CH08674 13278871

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- GUARDED INTEREST SECURITY CORP, ANTOINE SHAW, SENG AARCHITECTS INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY Defendants 2024CH08674 919 W. 57TH ST CHICAGO, IL 60621 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 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 919 W. 57TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60621 Property Index No: 20-19-203-019-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$55,760.80. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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 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, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W300 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-01954 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2025CH03389 TJSJC#: 45-2917 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 # 2025CH03389 13279140

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- GUARDED INTEREST SECURITY CORP, ANTOINE SHAW, SENG AARCHITECTS INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY Defendants 2024CH08674 919 W. 57TH ST CHICAGO, IL 60621 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 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 3701 W 79TH PLACE, CHICAGO, IL 60652 Property Index No: 19-35-103-023-0000, 19-35-103-024-0000 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/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 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, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W300 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-24-01160 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2024CH03542 TJSJC#: 45-2915 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 # 2024CH03542 13279138

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- GUARDED INTEREST SECURITY CORP, ANTOINE SHAW, SENG AARCHITECTS INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY Defendants 2024CH08674 919 W. 57TH ST CHICAGO, IL 60621 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 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 8719 S. LAFLIN ST., CHICAGO, IL 60620. 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. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the 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 will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file 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, Codils & Associates, P.C., 15W300 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-02503 INTERCUTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercutyjudicialsales.com 13278952

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- LEROY JOHNSON, State of Illinois-Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nancy Allen, Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Amir Mohabtab, as Special Representative for Nancy Allen (deceased) Defendant 24 CH 3915 CALENDAR 60 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 February 3, 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: Commonly known as 8019 S. Morgan Street, Chicago, IL 60638. 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. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the 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 will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file 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, Codils & Associates, P.C., 15W300 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-02503 INTERCUTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercutyjudicialsales.com 13279049

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Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

KIDS

Morning Stories for ages up to 4 are recited on the first Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Featuring a simple story, new song and familiar nursery rhyme. Playtime follows.

Stories & Songs on Wednesdays, Jan. 21st & 28th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Ages 1-3.5 years. Children will listen to stoires, sing songs and move to music. Play time follows.

Winter Play Days on Mondays, Dec. 29th, Jan. 5th, 12th & 26th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 18 months to 4 years. Kids can color, build puzzles, play with trains and cars.

ADULTS

Games People Play is scheduled for Thursdays, Jan. 15th to March 12th 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.

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

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

Reverse Coloring for "Adults on Saturdays, Jan. 10th and 24th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reverse coloring combines traditional coloring and doodling with the pre-colored abstract pages. With just a black pen, you can create beautiful designs. Regular coloring pages and puzzles will also be available.

Planner Meet Up on Saturday, Jan. 17th from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your own journal/planner, stickers, washi tape, gel pens, and anything else to create a one-of-a-kind planner.

Adult Book Discussion of "Help Wanted" by Adelle Waldman on Thursday, Jan. 8th at 6 p.m. At a big-box store in a small town in upstate New York, the members of Team Movement clock in every day at 3:55 a.m. Under the eyes of a self-absorbed and barely competent boss, they empty

the days truck of merchandise, stock the shelves, and scatter before customers arrive.

Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at 6 p.m. They offer low- or no-interest loans for fixing up your home, and can help make sure your home sells for a fair price. They also work to support taxpayer, by providing helpful services and saving you money.

"Games People Play" on Thursdays, Jan. 15th to March 12th; and Sundays, March 22nd and 29th. Join us for some fun games and conversation. We'll kick things off with Scrabble and Yahtzee. Jan. 29th - Rummy 500, light refreshments.

FAMILIES

The Artist's Studio at the Library will present "Quilting 101" for ages 6 & up on Saturdays, Jan. 3rd, 17th & 24th; Feb. 7th & 21st and March 7th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children and their parents will create a fabric and paper patchwork piece inspired by quilts from the Art Institute of Chicago. Families are welcome to attend multiple sessions and are encouraged to leave their project at the library to be put on display.

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Application For LIHEAP Assistance

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity encourages eligible families to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to support utility costs for natural gas, propane, and electricity. Applications will remain open through August 15th, 2026, or until funds are exhausted.

Customers of Ameren, Nicor, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas will automatically have their monthly gas bill reduced under the Low-Income Discount Rate program as long as they receive an annual LIHEAP benefit.

Eligible families can apply by visiting <https://deco.illinois.gov> or call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

New Year Event At Cantigny



Photo provided by Cantigny

The holiday magic at Cantigny of Wheaton continues with *Lights! Camera! Action!*, light show through Jan. 4th.

All are invited to stroll through the gardens to the tune of iconic songs like: Disney megahits "Let It Go" and "Under the Sea". Cult classics such as "Don't You (Forget About Me)" and "Danger Zone"; Instrumental themes from Star Wars and Jurassic Park and Anthems from animated hits like "Can't Stop The Feeling" and "All Star".

Historic McCormick House, a fully decorated mansion, features Freedom Hall and a 20-foot Christmas tree. Outdoor Ice Skating Rink

is 100-by-40-foot rink with \$7 admission and \$3 rentals. Warm up with a hot beverage and snack in Le Jardin visitor center.

Adult (16+) are \$15 advance and \$20 day of. Child (3-15) are \$10 advance and \$15 day of. Toddler (Under 3) are free. Visit Cantigny.org.

Cantigny, in Wheaton, Illinois, is the 500-acre estate of Colonel Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to gardens, walking trails, a museum dedicated to the 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, a 27-hole public golf course, and a golf academy.

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.

CHILDREN

DIY Sock Snowman on Monday, Jan. 5th from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials are provided for ages 8 to 18. Afterschool Fun on Thursdays, March 19th from Jan. 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Listen to music, play board games, do puzzles or enjoy the weekly craft.

Popcorn Reading on Thursdays, Jan. 8th, Jan 22nd, Feb. 5th to 19th, March 5th to 19th from 5 to 6 p.m. Practice your reading skills at our read

aloud group. Snacks are provided. For ages 6 and up.

TEENS

Teens Anime and Manga Club on Sunday, Jan. 11th from 2 to 3 p.m. Hang out, eat snacks and talk about what you've been reading and watching.

FAMILIES

Family Game Day on Thursday, Jan. 15th, Monday Jan. 26th and Thursday, March 12th from 4 to 6 p.m. Play cards, board and video games.

ADULTS

3D Modeling with Tinkercad on Saturdays, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th & 21st and March 7th from 1 to 2 p.m. The focus will be on designing a keychain to print and take home.

Tree Recycling At Area Parks

Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation and the Chicago Park District announced that the City's annual Holiday Live Tree Recycling Program runs from Jan. 3rd to 17th, at local parks.

Chicago's holiday tree recycling program helps divert organic material from the waste stream, converting it to sustainable resources and helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Last year, 22,000 trees were recycled and 411,000 trees have been recycled since the program's inception in 1990.

All ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree stands and plastic bags must be removed.

Southside locations are: Marquette Park, 6700 S. Kedzie ave.; McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. and Wentworth Park, 5701 S. Naragansett ave.

For more information on the City's ongoing recycling efforts, visit chicagorecycles.org.

Crime Stoppers Offer Reward

On Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at approximately 10 a.m., a Brinks Security Driver sustained two gunshot wounds on the 4400 block of Archer ave. in Brighton Park. The offender fled the scene with the guard's weapon.

Cook County Crime Stoppers needs your help to solve this armed robbery. Up to a \$1,000 cash reward (good for 60 days) is offered for information that leads to the indictment arrest of the person(s) responsible for this crime.

If you have information, video, or photographs, call the anonymous tip hotline at 1-800-535-STOP (7867). Reference: RD# JJ532081 23DEC2025 (610-009).

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

ALL AGES

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

CHILDREN

Family Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 8th to 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Start your day with stories, songs and fun for the whole family.

Messy Art: Build a mobile on Monday, Jan. 5th at 6 p.m. Create a mobile with found materials inspired by artist Alexander Calder.

LEGO Club on Monday, Jan. 26th at 6 p.m. Put your engineering skills to the test with one of our challenges or use your imagination to build your own creations. For ages 5 and up.

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 Tuesday, Jan. 6th, "Bag Charms" and Jan. 20th, "Mini-Disco Balls" from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials and snacks will be provided. For ages 10 to 14.

Intro to 3D Embroidery, Tuesday, Jan. 13th from 4 to 5 p.m. No experience needed, just bring your imagination. Register online.

Teen Volunteer Hour on Tuesday, Jan. 29th 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

Adult Book Discussion on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. Join us for a friendly conversation. Books are available at the circulation desk.

Tax Law Changes: Will It Affect You? Saturday, Jan. 3rd from 2 to 3 p.m. Thomas Lash, a retired 37.5 year Tax Auditor/Tax Specialist from the IRS will explain the new tax laws. Register online.

Craft Lab on Monday, Jan. 12th at 6 p.m. will feature "Fuse Bead Photo Frame". Saturday, Jan. 17th at 2 p.m. will create "3D Paper Village". All materials are provided. Register online.

Crime Book Club on Wednesday, Jan. 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. will discuss "Killers of a Certain Age" by Deanna Raybourn. The book club will read and discuss mystery, thriller, and true stories. Books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Adult Book Discussion on Wednesday, Jan. 28th from 1 to 2 p.m. will feature "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. Books are available at the circulation desk.

Celebrate Pride and Prejudice Day on Wednesday, Jan. 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. "Pride and Prejudice" was first published on Jan. 28th, 1813. Celebrate with a proper craft, snacks, and watching the 2005 movie starring Keira Knightly and Matthew McFayden.

CINEMA

Join us on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. for films and snacks. "Bad Guys 2" (PG) Sensory Friendly Cinema, Jan. 4th; "The Sting" (PG), Jan. 11th; "Labyrinth" (PG), Jan. 18th and "Happy Feet" (PG), family movie, Jan. 25th.

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 Jan. 23rd from 6 to 10 p.m. Attendees will explore various art studios, interact with local artists, and witness their works in progress.

Reserve tickets for free at bridgeportart.com

Be sure to explore the other floors of the Art Center and discover the studios and workshops of tenants. In addition to over 10,000 sq. ft. of gallery space, there are

artists on every floor. The Chicago Maritime Museum is open for free on the River Level during open studios.

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

Heating Repair Program Open

The Chicago Department of housing has opened applications for the Emergency Heating Repair Program.

EHRP offers direct assistance to repair or replace homeowners furnace or boiler heating system. Qualified contractors perform the work at no cost to the homeowner with funding provided through DOH. The assistance is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Property owners must reside at the property and be income eligible. Households earning 80% or less of the area median income are eligible to participate.

Interested homeowners can apply via: www.chicago.gov/EHRP, Chi311 online, calling 311, the City's service line.

A homeowner who does not have an email address or access to a computer can call 311 to be sent a paper application package by mail.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



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Holiday Magic® at Brookfield Zoo Chicago returns reimagined for 2025, transforming the zoo into a winter wonderland illuminated by over 3.5 million twinkling lights.

First-time offerings include roasting s'mores at fire pits and renting private heated igloos to enjoying live carolers and the holiday-themed dolphin show. Families can look forward to a sensory-friendly night, expanded festive food options and photo opportunities. Tickets are on sale now for select dates.

Overwater Viewing will be offered at Dolphin Bay from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 1st-4th.

Returning favorites include photos with Santa (select dates), the Holiday Market, Letters to Animals mailbox, express North Pole mailbox for Letters to Santa and more. Light displays will again include 300 feet of light tunnels with por-

tions synchronized to seasonal sounds, a 16-foot-tall LED gingerbread house and a 41-foot-tall tree adorned with colored LED lights.

Brookfield Zoo Chicago will be open from 3-9 p.m. on designated Holiday Magic dates, with the following indoor habitats open until 8:30 p.m.: Australia, Dolphin Bay Underwater Viewing, Gorilla Conservation Center, Hamill Family Play Zoo and The Living Coast. Guests can also explore Big Cats and Hamill Family Wild Encounters along with paid attractions like the Carousel, Penguin Encounters and virtual reality Elf Power experience.

Tickets and information are available at brookfieldzoo.org/HolidayMagic.

Obituaries



NORMA L. CRUZ who was born on May 1st, 1947, passed away on Dec. 26th at the age of 78. Visitation was held Jan. 2nd at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.



KEITH ALLEN RANDONIS who was born on August 22, 1969, passed away on Dec. 25th at the age of 56. Visitation was held Jan. 2nd at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Arher ave., Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director.



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