

Trying To Understand Minnesota



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The situation in Minnesota has been in the news both left and right very often. Therefore, it is very hard to inform you of anything not covered by the press. I have found an article in AMAC Newline that covers just such an item.

Most people thinking of Minnesota think of the multitude of alleged fraud charges mainly against the large Somali community, the action of protests against ICE, and the videos of two protesters dying. Now the anti-ICE shutdown "ICE out now". In this article, there was a disclaimer that these organizations had information on their websites, it was not the opinions of the paper printing it.

The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) is among the organizations that are sponsors of the shutdown. Other organizations co-sponsoring the event are Party for Socialism and Liberation, the Revolutionary Communists of America, the Twin City chapter of the Communist Party USA, The Communist Peoples World, Service Employees International Union Local 26, Minneapolis

Federation of Educators 59, Independent Labor Union Trader Joes United, all list themselves as co-sponsors. Other organizations that have endorsed the shutdown, but are not co-sponsors, are Our Revolution Twin City Chapter, Green Party of Minnesota, Black Lives Matter, Women's March - Minnesota, and various chapters of the AFL and UAW. These may not be all, but are the ones I could confirm through articles.

If you want to know more about these organizations they are easy to find on the Web. It does appear that they want us to. They all have blogs, but remember a blog is simply an opinion. Another interesting fact I found in several locations is that Governor Walz has called out the Minnesota National Guard.

There are all types of videos that pertain to the various incidents of last month but may I suggest that you watch them with the sound off to avoid being influenced by the people near the microphones. Note: you will see on the videos hundreds of people videoing everything. But why are we only shown a few of them? Maybe it doesn't fit someone's agenda.

I have lived through similar actions. I attended college during the 60's and lived close to the Amphitheater during the 1968 Democratic Convention. I'm glad my children did not have the close up witness to events that I did. I present this information for you to do with as you will, so that you can become more aware of the situation and make up your own minds on these issues.

Free Days At Shedd Aquarium



Photo provided by Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium is announcing new Illinois resident free days in February, giving guests an opportunity to dive into aquatic environments from coral reefs to freshwater rivers.

Admission includes daily Animal Spotlights that highlight the adaptations of marine mammals, touch experiences with sturgeon and starfish, live programs with the chance to see an animal feeding and chats about sharks, penguins and more. Every visit is unique, with evolving habitats like Wonder of Water and opportunities to ask questions about aquatic life.

Resident Free Days are Feb. 5th, 10th-12th, 17th-19th, 24th-26th.

Resident Free Evenings (5 to 9 p.m.) are on Tuesdays, March 3rd through June 30th.

Advance reservations for free days and

evenings are recommended due to high demand. Guests can secure tickets ahead of a visit using Shedd's website sheddaqarium.org. There is a \$5 convenience fee per order for free day/evening reservations made online. You can reserve tickets at no extra cost at (312) 939-2438.

Adults must provide proof of residency in person when redeeming tickets at a discounted rate.

Honor Students At U of Alabama

A total of 15,388 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2025 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Local honorees from 60638 are Ryan Clifford and Mackenzie Marousek to the Presidents List and Serena Garza to the Deans List.

Smoke Alarms For Seniors

The 12th Ward office, 3868 S. Archer, is offering free smoke & CO2 smoke alarms with a 10-year battery for residents (must show proof of residency). For more information, call (773) 475-6783 or ward12@city-ofchicago.org.

New Tutors at Aquinas Literacy Center



On Jan. 31st, Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st., trained 6 new volunteer English Literacy tutors to help address the need of adult education in English as a Second Language. Front row: Erin Kirk and Yanina Villagomez. Back row: Rishi Chopra, Joey Washburn, Tony Thompson, and Ashley Kim. Volunteer tutors are needed to instruct limited English proficient adults learners for 90 minutes per week at the center. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. For more information or to be put on the contact list, contact Lori Rohde at (773) 927-0512 or by email at lori@aquinasliteracycenter.org.

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 Art 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.

Awareness Week For Burn Safety

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and Camp I Am Me by Illinois Fire Safety Alliance are partnering to raise awareness about Burn Awareness Week Feb. 1st-7th. This year's theme, "Burn Prevention Where You Live, Work, and Play – Preventing Burns in the Workplace," highlights how proactive steps can prevent serious injuries.

Burn injuries continue to be a significant public health issue, with more than 398,000 people seeking medical care for burns in the United States in 2021. Compared to the overall population, children under age five were 2 times as likely to be seen for burn injuries.

The primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, contact with hot objects, electrical and chemicals.

Meaningful steps to

improve safety, include: Practicing their home fire escape plan. Testing smoke alarms monthly. Keeping children away from cooking and hot liquids. Set water heaters below 120°F and supervise children during baths. Teaching children fire safety and burn prevention at an early age.

For more information, visit www.campiamme.org.

Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct an open meeting at St. Richard Church basement, 50th and Kostner on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 7:30 p.m. Entrance doors are off parking lot. An elevator is accessible at the north end of building.

Guest speaker 22nd Ward Alderman Michael Rodriguez will discuss the proposal for a strip mall at the south east corner of 43rd & Cicero. Cake and coffee will follow.

Dean's List At Quincy University

Quincy University has named Robert Raphael-McElroy and Jarvis Thompson to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included.

In total, 379 students received the honor during the Fall 2025 semester.

25 Finalists For Snowplow Contest



Photo provided by City of Chicago

Mayor Brandon Johnson and the Department of Streets and Sanitation announced the 25 names chosen in Phase I of the City's fourth annual 'You Name A Snowplow' contest. Residents may view the list of finalists and vote for up to six names at chicagoshovels.org by Feb. 14th. The 25 finalists are: Abolish ICE, Blizzard of Oz, Buckingham Plowtaint, Caleb Chilliamps, Chance the Scraper, Cheryl Scott Warned You About This, Daniel Brnrnham, Derrick Froze, Italian Ice Breaker, Its Time for the Plowcolator, Joffrey Plowlet, Kevin McPlowister, Live, Laugh, Plow, Minnie Minosnow, Monty the Piping Plower, Mueve La Nieve (Move the Snow), Mustard - Snow Ketchup, Plow it Through the Garden, Plowasaurus Sue, Plowin 6-7 Inches, Pope Frio XIV, Stephen Coldbert,

Svencoolie, This isn't Florida and Urbs in Hortsnow.

Once the names are chosen, signage for the winning names will be 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 that are prepared to respond when needed, along with more than 400,000 tons of salt stationed at salt piles throughout the city. The full DSS snow fleet can be viewed in real-time during winter storms via the City's plow tracker at <https://plow-tracker-chicago.hub.arcgis.com/>

Free Fitness Centers At Area Parks

The Chicago Park District's fitness centers offer an affordable alternative to private gyms with computerized treadmills, cross trainers, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, free weights and benches, cable cross-overs, multi-station weight machines and equipment. A membership is required.

In addition, many parks offer a variety of fitness classes, including circuit training, conditioning, kickboxing, Pilates, yoga, and aerobics. Classes are not included in the fitness center membership.

Work out for free at the following park fitness centers through Feb. 15th. Davis Square Park, 4430 S. Marchfield ave., 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Gage Park, 2411 W. 55th st., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

McGuane Park, 2901 S. Poplar ave., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Park No. 596 - Brighton Park Community Campus, 4830 S. Western ave., 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Ping Tom Memorial Park, 1700 S. Wentworth ave., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Register at chicago.parkdistrict.com.

Secretary of State At Auto Show

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is expanding Chicago Auto Show offerings, providing REAL ID applications, Mobile ID in Apple Wallet setup assistance, on-site DMV services and activities for families.

Tickets for the Chicago Auto Show are required.

Visitors can join the Secretary of State's Driving Change campaign by sharing experiences with auto insurance rates unfairly determined by socio-economic data, including credit scores, zip codes and age. Residents' stories will help inform advocacy efforts focused on fair, transparent insurance practices that prioritize safe driving records over non-driving factors.

Property Tax Loophole Closed

For years, wealthy investors exploited loopholes in the property tax system to funnel money from local schools and governments into their wallets. But the loopholes were closed after a Cook County Treasurer's Office study put a spotlight on the state's costly sale-in-error law that the investors themselves helped craft.

That study showed that hedge funds, private equity firms and other buyers of tax debt siphoned nearly \$280 million from Cook County governmental agencies over seven years beginning in 2015. And 87% of that money came from poorer Black and Latino communities.

Researchers found that tax buyers were exploiting so-called "errors" to back out of deals that normally would require them to take ownership of a delinquent property.

When a property owner is unable to pay their property taxes within 13 months of the due date, the unpaid debt may be put up for auction at the county's Annual Tax Sale.

Enter the tax buyer, who pays the county what's owed in delinquent taxes in exchange for a lien or claim against the property. These investors aim to make money when the tax debt is repaid with interest. If the debt goes unpaid, the

tax buyer can take ownership of the property. But tax buyers often aren't interested in owning and fixing up a property. Instead, they look to exit the deal, often with interest earned on what they initially paid, by petitioning the court to find that the tax sale was made in error.

The sale-in-error study showed that tax buyers got their money back with interest for frivolous reasons such as: A house was listed as made of stucco when it was made of brick. A two-story commercial building was listed as having zero square feet. A home was listed as not having air conditioning when it did.

Churches, government-owned buildings and other properties that are exempt from taxes have also been wrongly listed in tax sales.

Some tax buyers gamed the system by identifying potential erroneous tax sales before buying the liens, with the intention of petitioning the court for a sale-in-error after allowing statutory interest to accrue for years.

Based on the sale-in-error study, the Treasurer's team worked with Illinois lawmakers to rewrite the law so that it limits tax buyers' ability to back out of deals by finding frivolous errors in property description data.

Open House For DPD Project



Photo provided by City of Chicago

As part of Department of Planning and Development's Moving Archer Forward planning process, a Feb. 28th open house and resource fair will solicit public input on potential improvements between Halsted st. and Cicero ave. The event will run from 1-3 p.m. at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse Auditorium, 2210 W. Pershing road.

The initiative launched in spring 2025 to evaluate land use, zoning and development opportunities, with a focus on transit access and Equitable Transit-Oriented Development opportunities near CTA Orange Line stations.

Made possible by a grant from the RTA's Community Planning Program, Moving Archer Forward covers portions of Archer Heights, Bridgeport, Brighton Park, Garfield Ridge and McKinley Park. The study area includes Ward 11 (Ald. Nicole Lee), Ward 12 (Ald. Julia Ramirez), Ward 14 (Ald. Jeylu Gutierrez) and Ward 23 (Ald. Silvana Tabares).

Questions, comments or concerns can be shared via email at dpd@city-ofchicago.org.

After School Matters Spring Programs

After School Matters Spring Application is open to Chicago high school students ages 14 to 18 for programs that run Feb. 23rd to May 9th.

Discover new interests and dive into what inspires you. From culinary arts and gaming to cosmetology and beat-making, Programs are designed to help you learn, create, and grow.

Visit afterschoolmatters.org/apply until Feb. 13th. For additional resources, visit afterschoolmatters.org/resources.

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.

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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, Feb. 5th, 19th and 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Start your day with stories, songs and fun for the whole family.
Renaissance Project presents LEGO Club: Meet Dr. Leonidas Berry on Monday, Feb. 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants will be putting together a model plane like the ones used by the Flying Black Medics, of which he was a founding organizer.

TWEENS & TEENS
High school students who need help with research for a school assignment can request an appointment with our Teen Librarian to review databases, printed sources and other resources. Call (312) 747-9241 to make an appointment.
Teen Volunteer Hour on Thursdays, Feb. 5th & 26th and March 26th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 2 volunteer hours while helping at your library. Grades 6-12 only.

Teacher in the Library Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Tween Tuesday: "Cloud Lanterns" on Tuesday, Feb. 17th from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials and snacks are provided.

ADULTS
Grab and Go: Spice Club Kits (Cumin) on Mondays, Feb. 9th to 23rd from 12 to 8 p.m. Each kit will include a sample as well as recipes and information on its cultural and historical significance. Visit the reference desk for a free spice kit.
Join the new monthly Crime Book Club for a discussion of "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean on Wednesdays, Feb. 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On the morning of April 29th, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more.

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

army has even seen, they are also the first Black women allowed to serve.

CINEMA
Join us on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. for films and snacks. Film Screening of Roman Holiday (1953) on Feb. 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. Audrey Hepburn won a Best Actress Oscar as a young European princess who breaks off an official goodwill tour so she can see the Eternal City incognito. While doing so, she falls for an American newspaperman who serves as her tour guide. Snacks will be available. © Paramount Pictures - 112 Min - PG.
Film Screening of "The Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996) on Sunday, Feb. 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. For teen, adults and seniors. A noble lawyer reopens the case of the 1963 assassination of civil-rights activist Medgar Evers. Snacks are available. ©Warner Bros - 130 min - PG-13.
Film Screening of "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) on Sunday, Feb. 22nd from 2 to 4 p.m. Oscar-nominated animated musical about the romance between a French belle who sacrifices her happiness to save her father and a prince who's been transformed by a magic spell, which can only be broken by finding his true love. Snacks available. © Walt Disney Pictures - 85 min - G.

Opening Session For Healing Arts
Healing Arts Chicago offers free arts services to support mental health and wellness at City Mental Health Centers, including Greater Lawn Clinic, 4051 W. 55th st. Sign up for creative classes and workshops including movement, yoga, sound and body meditation, music, painting, poetry, writing and storytelling. Session 1 runs Monday, Feb. 9th to Friday, April 3rd.

Healing Arts Chicago is an innovative paid job training program that seeks to bridge the realms of arts, health, healing, and wellness. The program pays artists to apprentice in community clinics and become certified community health workers to amplify the benefits of arts engagement in fostering holistic, recovery, well-being and social cohesion.
It is a collaborative effort between: City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and Chicago Department of Public Health and City College of Chicago.

For more information or to register, visit www.cityofchicago.org/dcase
Truta Honored
Magdalena Truta was named to the University of Evansville Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester. Honorees must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

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 March 4th until 8 p.m. Enjoy the museum after hours with extended access to the galleries.

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

A hands-on, creative workshop for adults is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will create their own heart-shaped, glass picture frame, take a Polaroid photo in front of a custom-designed backdrop, which will be placed inside their frames, and decorate with accents like dried flower. Visit website to sign up.

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
Afterschool Fun on Thursdays through March 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Listen to music, play board games, do puzzles or enjoy the weekly craft.
Popcorn Reading on Thursdays, 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.

CINEMA
Film Screening of "Padding in Peru" (2024) on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 2 to 3:45 p.m. Paddington and the Brown family visit Aunt Lucy in Peru. A thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into a journey through the Amazon rainforest to the mountain peaks of Peru. ©Columbia Pictures Industries Inc. - 106 min - PG.
Film Screening of "Wish" (2023) on Tuesday, Feb. 17th from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A young woman named Asha possesses wild wishes for happiness. After making a wish on a starry night, Asha is surprised when Star, a ball of cosmic energy, comes down to accompany her. They must work together to defeat the ruthless ruler, King Magnifico, who threatens the safety of her community. ©Walt Disney Pictures - 92 min - PG.

FAMILIES
Pokemon GO on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring your own device. For adults, teens and kids 6 and up.

Damaso Honored
Isabella Damaso, a graduate of Ogden International School of Chicago, has been named to the fall 2025 Dean's List while studying Public Health at Muhlenberg College of Allentown, Pennsylvania.
Honorees must earn a GPA of 3.5 or better while taking three or more course units during a semester.

Church Services

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Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., dinner and Bible study. Discussion will be centered on Sunday's sermon topic.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., AWANA kids clubs (3 yrs. - 6th grade) and Youth Group (7th - 12th grades).

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
3658 S. Honore
(773) 376-5370
Join us for services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study & Sunday School at 11 a.m., Chinese Bible Study every Saturday in the Ministry Center at 7:45 p.m.

Obituaries

JANET HANKES (nee Shong) passed away on Jan. 27th at the age of 85. Born in Worcester, MA to Clarice & Robert Shong her family moved around before settling in Chicago. Survivors are her husband of 67 years Erwin, a retired Chicago Police Department Detective; sons John (Jacki), Jim (Vickie) and Jeff (Carlos Velez); grandchildren Alison Hankes (Mike Horr), Molly Hankes (Cory Schupay), Tim Hankes and Brian Hankes and great-grandchildren Emerson, Maeve and Sloane. She was preceded in death by son Joseph Hankes. The youngest of 4 siblings, shewas predeceased by Dora Mae, Howard and



Alfred. Visitation was held Feb. 2nd at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave. Jonathon Siedlecki, owner-director. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL.

Chinatown Library Schedules Programs

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

Family Story Time on Thursdays, Feb. 19th through March 26th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Support your child's pre-literacy skills through songs, stories and play. For ages 5 and their caregivers.

TEENS
Teen Resume Workshop on Monday, Feb. 9th from 4 to 5 p.m. We'll walk you through your first resume or help edit the current version.

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

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Parachute Play on Fridays, Feb. 13th & 27th, March 13th & 27th from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Songs, stories and movement for ages 3 with their caregivers.
Tween Club on Thursday, Feb. 5th & 19th, March 5th & 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. An after-school session to do homework, participate in a craft, enjoy a snack, or socialize.
Game On: Board Game Play for ages 13 & up on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Arts and Crafts for ages 3 to 13 on Sundays, Feb. 8th & March 8th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Valentine Events At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



Photo credit © Brookfield Zoo Chicago

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

This fundraiser began in 2020 as an opportunity to support the Zoo's mission to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people to wildlife and nature—including sharing a better understanding of the ecological role of cockroaches. Here are some animal facts for conversation starters.
Flamingos, with their festive pink feathers, can bend their neck into what's described as a half-heart pose thanks to 19 elongated cervical vertebrae. These long necks allow them to filter feed in shallow water while walking.

While often depicted on greeting cards holding paws, only certain species of otters form long-term bonds. The North American river otter, native to Midwest wetlands and rivers, does not mate for life.
Nothing scares off suitors like a female golden-silk orb weaver. For these spiders, males keep their distance and quickly retreat while mating to avoid becoming a meal.
"Bee mine" might sound romantic, but honeybees are all about teamwork. A hive thrives thanks to thousands of worker sisters supporting their queen.
Make your Valentine's Day a roar-mantic evening with 1920s jazz and wild charm. This evening includes a cocktail hour and pairing, five-course meal accompanied by a live jazz band and an up-close encounter with an animal.
Turn Valentine's Day

into a monthly date night by purchasing tickets to Glow Wild: A Lantern Festival of Hope! This visually stunning experience opens on March 19th with more than 70 illuminated lanterns inspired by wildlife.
The Wild Connections program offers nine encounters—from penguins and moon jellies and more. This includes the newly launched Reptile & Amphibian Encounter, available for explorers ages eight and over who are curious about frogs, toads, snakes and lizards. More information and reservations are available at brookfieldzoo.org/wild-connections.
Community members can contribute to animal care and welfare with more than 60 species available for honorary adoption, including 10 with the option for an upgraded plush package. The list of species—featuring Humboldt penguin Empanada, meerkats and polar bear Amelia Gray—is available at brookfieldzoo.org/AnimalAdoption. To guarantee delivery before Valentine's Day, orders must be placed by Feb. 4th.
Free Days offer complimentary admission now through the end of February, with the exception of Feb. 16th. Guests can explore the Zoo daily during its winter hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quilting Guild Plans Meeting

Lakeside Quilting Guild and Needles & Threads Quilters Guild will present "An Evening with Sunshine Joe Mallard" at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 S. Woodlawn on Monday, Feb. 16th at 6 p.m.
Joe's work is full of interesting stitches, embroidery, and other decorative elements. One of Mallard's works, "The Obama Tie Quilt" was presented to the Obama Presidential Library.
Online ticket sales through Zeffy.com is \$10 per ticket online or at the event.
For more information, email LakesideQuiltingGuild@aol.com.



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Parish Welcomes You

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6 AM & 9:30 AM Sunday Masses
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Tue., Thurs., & Sat. 8 AM Mass

Masses at St. Therese
Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander
Sunday Masses
8AM & 10:30AM in English
Weekday Schedule
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8 AM Mass
February 8, 2026

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

Blessing of Throats this Weekend, Feb. 7-8, at All Masses
Sunday, Feb. 15, 10:30 Lunar New Mass, St. Therese
Ash Wednesday Masses, Feb. 18: 8:00 AM St. Therese
6:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 7:00 PM St. Barbara



FREE SMOKE & CO² ALARMS FOR SENIORS

The 12th Ward office is offering free **smoke & CO² smoke alarms** with a 10-year sealed battery. It is on a first-come, first-served basis for **12th Ward residents (must show proof of residency)**.
Stop by the ward office to pick up one at **3868 S. Archer Ave.**

Smoke alarm safety:

- Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- In addition to testing your alarms once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it.
- Also check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Follow the manufacturer's instructions

For more information, contact the 12th Ward office at 773-475-6783 or ward12@cityofchicago.org





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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2002-3, PLAINTIFF, -V- SHAWN WALFORD, TRUSTEE OF THE UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EMMONS A. WALLACE, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS. 2024CH02889

11206 S LONGWOOD DR CHICAGO, IL 60643

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The judgment amount was \$112,695.60. 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.

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For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 204184.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorney At Law, 14-24-01794. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002. Attorney Code: 21762. Case Number: 2025CH07127.

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8013 S Aberdeen St, Chicago, IL 60620

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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 6400 SHAHER CT, STE 325, ROSEMONT, IL, 60018 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 25-289022.

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Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

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

ADULTS

Adult Book Club will discuss “Klara and the Sun” by Kazuo Ishiguro on Thursday, Feb. 19th from 6 to 7 p.m. Title is available in English and Spanish.

A Stitch in Time Crochet Club on Tuesdays through Feb. 24th 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!

Adult Book Club will discuss “Klara and the Sun” on Thursday, Feb. 19th from 6 to 7 p.m. In this luminous tale, Nobel Prize winner Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love? Book discussion will be bilingual.

TWEENS & TEENS

Gaming Club on Mondays, Feb. 9th & 23rd from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. We will have video games, chess, ping-pong and more.

Friday, Feb. 13th from 3 to 4 p.m. Help us celebrate the unluckiest day of the year. We will have extra special snacks, crafts, and more!

DIY Vinyl Cutter on Thursday, Feb. 19th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Learn how to use our vinyl cutter to create fun stickers. Bring your own t-shirt or tote bag and you can use our heat sensitive vinyl to add your design there as well.

CHILDREN

Club Create for ages 3 to 13 on Tuesdays through Feb. 24th from 6 to 7 p.m. An afternoon program for kids and tweens to unleash their creativity.

Kids' Cooking Demo on Wednesdays, Feb. 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Join the children's staff as we teach kids how to make some yummy snacks. For ages 5 to 13.

Science Connections on Wednesdays, Feb. 11th & 25th from 4 to 5 p.m. Join Ms. Corina and Ms. Maria for fun STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) activities. For ages 6 to 13.

CINEMA

Film Screening of “Bob Marley, One Love” (2024) Friday, Feb. 6th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The film dissects the artist's life, delving into his legacy and cultural influence. ©Paramount Pictures - 107 Minutes - MPAA Rating: PG-13

Film Screening of “Love Hurts” (2025) on Friday, Feb. 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Marvin Gable, a realtor is working in the Milwaukee suburbs, where 'For Sale' signs bloom. He receives a crimson envelope from Rose, a former partner-in-crime that he had left for dead. Now, Marvin is thrust back into a world of ruthless hitmen, filled with double-crosses and open houses turned into warzones. ©Universal - 83 Minutes - MPAA Rating: R

Film Screening of “Just Wright” (2010) on Friday, Feb. 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Leslie Wright (Latifah) is a physical therapist who gets the gig of a lifetime working with injured NBA star Scott McKnight (Common). She not only whips Scott into shape, she helps take his game to the next level and all is going well-- until Leslie finds herself falling for him. Oblivious to her growing affection, Scott only has eyes for Morgan (Paula Patton), Leslie's sexy and seductive friend. ©Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment - 101 Minutes - MPAA Rating: PG

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Volunteers For Snow Removals

The Community Innovation Center has launched its Snow Removal Program to help seniors aged 60+ and older, plus neighbors with disabilities, in the 60629, 60632, and 60638 ZIP codes. Volunteers will assist with clearing front steps and sidewalks after snowfall.

High school student, members of a community group, or someone who wants to help out is welcome to sign up at Volunteer Today: <https://form.jotform.com/253315062892053>.

Sign up for Snow Removal at <https://form.jotform.com/253315216521043>.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st., (312) 842-8884, info@heritageasianart.org has interesting exhibits.

Free admission museum night runs on Friday, Feb. 20th from 5 to 8 p.m. The museum tour begins at 6 p.m.

Rotating pop-up exhibitions will highlight how these traditions continue to inspire creativity.

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

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

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art is working with Lili Xie to present a series of lectures, workshops, and private readings, offering perspectives on Chinese cosmology and divination practices.

Join us for a festive Chinese Game Night on Friday, Feb. 13th from 6 to 9 p.m. celebrating the Lunar New Year and the arrival of the Year of the Horse with games, food, drink, fortune telling and community. Traditional

Chinese games, from strategy-based classics to hands-on puzzles will include: Mahjong, Chinese Chess, Gomoku, Pai Gow, Tangram and Chinese puzzles. The cost is \$35. Players can win gift shop vouchers worth up to \$100.

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

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

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

S-W Home Equity Assurance Program

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

After 5 years of membership, if you decide to sell your home and it sells below the assured value, the program may reimburse you for the difference between the sale price and guaranteed value. If you sell above the assured value, that is your profit. Members may take advantage of a home improvement loan program to update, upgrade and renovate their home.

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

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

Police Beat 912 Plans Meeting

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

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

For additional information contact the Community Policing office at (312) 747-3501 or email cap09district@chicago.police.org.

Ice Skating In Millennium Park

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph st. is open through early Feb. (weather permitting).

Free skating with your own skates. Free skating lessons will be available on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. For more information, visit chicago.gov/dcaae.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

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

KIDS & FAMILIES

Happy Hearts on Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Presented by Wellness House. This Valentine's Day themed event will include crafts and light refreshments.

Chair massages for parents and caregivers. Register by emailing childandfamily@wellnesshouse.org or ask the Librarians at (312) 747-6082 for assistance.

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

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

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

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

Film Screening of “Gabby's Dollhouse” (2025, G) on Friday, Feb.

6th, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Gabby sets off on an adventure through the real world to get the Gabby Cats back together and save the dollhouse.

TWEEN/TEEN

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

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

ADULTS

The Adult Book Club will discuss “The Cliffs” by J. Courtney Sullivan, ages 18+, on Wednesday, Feb. 11th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Film Screening of “Higher Learning” (2001, R) Monday, Feb. 9th, 1:30 to 3:15 p.m.

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

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

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Statewide E-Bike Safety Initiative

Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced a comprehensive, statewide initiative to protect pedestrians, riders and drivers by addressing the dangerous rise of high-speed e-bikes and other powerful electric transportation devices on streets and sidewalks.

The multi-pronged campaign – “Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Ready” – combines public education, updated driver training and a push for modernized safety laws to keep pace with the fast-evolving micromobility industry. As e-bikes and similar devices become faster, heavier and more powerful, Illinois law has not kept up – putting lives at risk.

E-bike injuries surged by 293 percent nationwide from 2019 to 2022, according to a study by Columbia University. Since then, continued technological advances have produced devices capable of traveling more than 50 miles per hour, far beyond what existing state law contemplated.

Last fall, a Mount Prospect teen was killed when the e-bike he was riding collided with a pickup truck, and in 2022, an Illinois State University official died after he was struck by an e-bike rider.

This initiative will raise awareness of current rules governing e-bikes, scooters, skateboards and unicycles while laying the groundwork for updated regulations to be introduced this session. Key components include a new public education website, expanded driver education curriculum, and collaboration with lawmakers, local officials, medical experts, law enforcement, and cycling and safety advocates.

Illinois currently recognizes three classifications of e-bikes – pedal bikes with electric motor assistance – a structure shared by 46 other states and one that would remain unchanged. New legislation would instead focus on higher-powered, higher-speed e-bikes and other electric devices that fall outside the existing definitions or are largely unregulated.

Many of these devices exceed 750 watts and can travel more than 28 mph – and in some cases ex-

ceed 50 mph – yet are not clearly defined or regulated under state law. High-speed electric scooters, skateboards and unicycles face similar regulatory gaps.

New legislation would establish clear statewide baseline standards while preserving local governments' authority to adopt additional safeguards tailored to their communities.

Additional, non-legislative efforts will include the following: Updating Driver Education, Community-Based Enforcement, Public Awareness and Transparency.

A new public education website, www.ilso.gov/oneroad, will serve as a central hub for micromobility safety, rules and policy updates. The site explains what micromobility is, identifies common devices and outlines how they are currently regulated. A dedicated “Know the Rules” section translates existing law into guidance for riders, parents, drivers, educators and local officials.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

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

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

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

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

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

KIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADULTS

Games People Play is scheduled for Thursdays through March 12th and

Sundays, March 22nd & 29th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or borrow one of ours - Chess, Scrabble, UNO, Board games, cards, Pinocle, Canasta and more.

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

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

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

FAMILIES

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

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Valentine's Dance At West Lawn

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Valentine's Dance at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Friday, Feb. 13th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Must register in advance at chicagoparkdistrict.com.



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