

Capitalism vs. Socialism



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Early voting has been going on since September 24th. October 19th, early voting is in many city-wide locations. Each Ward has a location that is easy to find. The location in the 11th Ward is in McGuane Park. The 12th Ward's will be at the McKinley Park Branch Library. You may vote at any site you desire. They will be open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The use of these polls and mail in ballots seem to indicate by several political groups that most potential voters have made up their minds.

I met with a couple groups of college students. They seem to agree with the idea that most have made up their minds already. I did not ask their choices and did not tell them mine. They noted that it sort of makes it stupid to put 50 signs for one candidate at one place or give palm cards. They also noted that in their communities, of which there are several, there are fewer and fewer "vote for" signs and the TV commercials they've noticed don't even say a political party. As noted in Newsmax, many

ads just either hate Trump and not say what they are for, or hate socialism and seldom say what they are for. I've noticed this in the last short time I've been asked to attend conferences, The Socialists of America, The Communist Threat to America, Chicago Thinker, Support the Heart - Defend Your Freedom. It is notable that few mention Democrat or Republican.

Trying to find subjects that have not been covered is very hard. I believe that's a good sign. I did find a few Bills that have not been given widespread news, like Illinois House Bill 1429. The Bill calls for no penalty for the homeless to "occupy or engage in life supporting activities on public property". This has been noted in the website Break Through with several comments that worry that this would include neighborhood parks. If you support it, or don't like it, you might be surprised at who some of the sponsors of this Bill are and that's easy to find.

US HR1490 reads: it is resolved that Congress condemns and denounces Socialism in all its forms; to reaffirm its support of free, fair and secure elections; recommit upholding the Constitution of the United States. Every Illinois Democrat voted against this resolution and every Republican voted for it.

I realize most have made their decisions but still keep your minds open and read everything that seems interesting to you. The college kids in this last group seemed to think the big issues were not voting for people who hate the United States, not voting for people who won't tell you what they stand for, and following their own moral values.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

This October, the Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. presents two new exhibitions: Cutting East to West and Becoming Words, alongside 17 public events celebrating papercutting, calligraphy, tea culture, embroidery, and other Asian artistic traditions. Join us for exhibition openings, artist talks, live demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and many free programs. We will participate in Open House Chicago on Oct. 17th and 18th, with free museum admission and special activities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Admission and Guided Tour on Friday, Oct. 16th from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for the opening reception of Cutting East to West, an exhibition celebrating the global diversity of papercut art. Meet participating artists and explore works by 48 artists.

Free Papercutting live demonstration with Lucy P. Liu on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Learn traditional Chinese papercutting works inspired by culture, family, faith, nature, or personal story.

The Cut Picture: free Contemporary Papercutting Demonstration on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. Discover how intricate single-sheet and

layered papercuts are made, ask questions, and explore the techniques.

Botanical Cuts: free Contemporary Papercutting Demonstration on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 1 to 3 p.m. Join Chicago papercut artist Yang Pulongbarit Cuevo for a live demonstration of knife-cut papercutting.

A Night of Chinese Art and Tea Culture on Friday, Oct. 23rd from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a display of Yixing purple-clay teapots, a talk on tea's history, a live tea-art demonstration and tasting. Cost is optional.

Papercutting on Stage: Kamishibai Workshop on Friday, Oct. 16th from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants will learn papercutting techniques and create a layered artist-book stage.

One Sheet, Many Stories: Chinese Papercutting Across Cultures on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 2 to 4 p.m. Create your own meaningful art work inspired by your culture, family, faith, nature, or personal story.

Intro to Wycinanki The Polish Folk Art of Papercutting on Sunday, Oct. 25th from 2 to 4 p.m. Create two papercuttings of your own, with artist Sam Wróbel.

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

Programs At Cultural Center

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

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

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

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

Woven Vessel Workshop in Chicago Rooms on Saturday, Oct. 17th from noon to 2 p.m. Artist ebere agwuncha will lead a hands-on workshop for all skill levels introducing traditional basket-weaving techniques. Supplies will be provided.

Industry Days: The Pitch in Claudia Cassidy Theater on Sunday, Oct. 18th at 10 a.m. Produced by Cinema/Chicago as part of the Chicago International Film Festival's Industry Days programming. Selected filmmakers will pitch their projects before a live audience and panel of industry judges, with the winning project receiving a package of consultation, production and post-production services.

I LOVE BOOSTERS Screening and Talkback in Claudia Cassidy Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 21st at 6:30 p.m. Fashion design, labor issues and political theory collide in an explosion of color and music in Boots Riley's imaginative satire. The film takes a bold look at the creative work pipeline, exploring cycles of exploitation.

Under the Dome in Preston Bradley Hall on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 5 to 9 p.m. The all-ages program will feature two

Chicago musical artists alongside a clothing swap with Chicago Fair Trade and Conscious Closet Club.

Crocheting Oya Workshop in Chicago Rooms on Friday, Nov. 6th at 6:30 p.m. Artist Hale Ekinci leads participants in creating small, crocheted shapes inspired by traditional Turkish lace edging.

On Set Conversations: Kathy Byrne from SAG-AFTRA and Director George Ellzey in Claudia Cassidy Theater on Friday, Nov. 6th at 6:30 p.m. The discussion will offer insights into storytelling, collaboration, career experiences and the evolving opportunities and challenges shaping the industry.

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

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

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

Accessible Weaving Workshops in Chicago Rooms on Saturday, Dec. 5th and Friday, Dec. 11th from noon to 2 p.m. Artist Thuong Hoai Tran will demonstrate how weaving can be practiced with affordability.

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

For the programming and events, visit ChicagoCulturalCenter.org.

Brookfield Zoo Schedules Events



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Wildlife and seasonal traditions come together at Brookfield Zoo Chicago for festive fun this fall and winter. From fall festivals and Halloween fun to holiday traditions and opportunities to discover new wildlife, guests can fill the months ahead with experiences for every generation. The lineup now through January includes returning favorites, new celebrations and a day at the Zoo.

Full hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Hours and information are available at brookfieldzoo.org/visit.

Don't miss your last chance to see the dinosaurs before they go extinct on Oct. 25th. Guests can dig for fossils, journey through a massive rib-cage tunnel and come face-to-face with life size dinosaurs.

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

Through Oct. 25th: Boo! at the Zoo. This family-friendly Halloween celebration is packed with thrills, festive decorations, Halloween-themed photo opps, animal enrichment and more fun for all ages. Weekend programming includes Boo-tastic costume parades, trick-or-treating stations on the East Mall, inflatables, purchasable pumpkin decorating.

Select Dates through Oct. 31st: Haunted Walking Tours* Recommended for guests ages 13 and older, these 4 p.m. guided tours explore the Zoo's southwest corridor while sharing stories.

Oct. 17th: Cook County Military & Veterans Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Advance registration, proof of military service are encouraged.

Oct. 24th: Boo! Brunch. This Halloween celebration features a festive buffet with brunch favorites and a signature witches' brew lemonade. Tickets include Zoo admission, pumpkin decorating, face painting, themed photo opps and more. Advance reservations are required for 10 a.m. or noon seatings.

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

Join us for the 45th annual Tree Trim to decorate more than 1,000 holiday trees throughout the Zoo on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7th and 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of a Community Tree is \$225.

Enjoy a package of sweet treats and drinks during Tree Trim weekend. Place your order or order online by Nov. 4th.

Each tree includes: A LED-lit tree (additional lights not permitted); 20 admission tickets along with 5 parking passes for the event and a sign featuring your town and the names of donors and decorators.

Visit brookfieldzoo.org for more information.

Halloween Party



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will conduct a free Halloween Party at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Friday, Oct. 30th from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy tricks and treats, games, costume contests and more. Halloween in the Park is presented by Mars.

MPDC Schedules October Events

The McKinley Park Development Council announces the Northeastern Illinois Business Scholarship recipients: Jesus Oviedo, Cynthia Miranda, Alejandra Sanchez, Cielo Aguilera and Chelsea Dennis.

The McKinley Park Commercial Corridor Storefront Activation Program Round One Grantees are Egor Machaca, 2025 W. 35th st.; The Saleh Family, 1758 W. 35th st.; The Sircher Family, 2030 W. 35th st. and Miller

Properties, 1734 W. 35th st. Each of the building owners will receive a city grant to improve their storefront.

The speaker series will feature Zoning and Land Use at the McKinley Park Library, 1915 W 35th st. on Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Rachel Gaunce from the Metropolitan Planning Council. Rachel will discuss the basics of zoning and land use, study results.

Marshfield Courts, 3833 S. Honore will conduct Mosaic Workshops on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Nov. 6th from 3 to 6 p.m. McKinley Park artist Juan Chavez will serve as host. Space is limited to 10 people per session, text (312) 498-2897 to save your spot.

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S Wolcott will conduct Spooky Fest, a free, family-friendly Halloween celebration on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come in costume and enjoy crafts, face painting, trick-or-treating, and spooky fun.

Your Property Taxes

By The Cook County Treasurer

Payment Plan Calculator offers a free online help to budget late tax payments.

Property owners unable to pay their tax bills in full by the Oct. 1st due date should look at our free online financial planning tool that helps you make smaller, more manageable payments over time.

The Payment Plan Calculator became available after the due date, at cookcountytreasurer.com. The calculator lets you: Set up a schedule to pay off a tax bill in smaller increments instead of all at once. Choose between

making payments once or twice a month. Create a personalized plan for catching up on delinquent taxes if you owe more than \$100.

Click on the purple box. Enter your PIN or your property address and hit "continue." Then scroll down until you see the Payment Plan Calculator next to the Pay Now button. Click it and a page will appear asking you to type your name and email.

After you enter your information, you'll receive an emailed reminder from the Treasurer's Office to set up your payment plan.

Go to cookcountytreasurer.com and click on the purple box. Enter the 14-digit Property Index Number or property address.

Scroll down until you see your bills, then click the red "Payment Plan Calculator" button which appears if a bill is delinquent.

Review the disclaimer and click "continue." Choose how often you want to make payments.

Select Summary View to compare dates, amounts and your remaining balance. Download or print your personalized schedule to track your payments.

You can sign up for free email or text alerts, so you never miss a payment reminder.

Taxpayers have as many as 13 additional months to pay off a bill before the unpaid tax debt is auctioned off at the Annual Tax Sale.

Interest will be charged at a rate of 9% a year, or 0.75% a month.

Free Concert At Cultural Center

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will present an "Under the Dome Concert and Clothing Swap at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. Preston Bradley Hall on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

In addition to live performances by Chicago musicians, the event will feature a community clothing swap in partnership with Chicago Fair Trade. This all-ages, alcohol-free event offers a free concert experience by "Mansa" 5-piece band from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and "Senite", Eritrean-American singer and songwriter from 7:40 to 8:30 p.m.

Entering the space will be considered acceptance to be filmed. RSVP to this event confirms your subscription to DCASE events monthly email.

Bring clean items you want to add to the swap and leave with a new look. Folks can take up to 5 items. Be ready to pose and show your new look, or the one you arrived in, at the Under the Dome Step & Repeat.

For more information visit cityofchicago/dcse.

Halloween Fun At Navy Pier



Photo provided by Navy Pier

Navy Pier will feature *Slightly Spooky* in Crystal Gardens Oct. 17th to Nov. 19th. Enjoy festive fun, from hands-on activities and spooky crafts to free movies including Beetlejuice, Ghostbusters.

Join us on Halloween for trick-or-treating, a costume contest and more family-friendly fun.

Early Bird Savings on Wintrust Winter Wonder Fest, open daily at 10 a.m., Nov. 27th - Jan. 3rd. Festive decor, seasonal attractions, family fun and ice skating included with every admission. Save 30% now with early bird pricing.

Play On! takes the stage at Chicago Shakespeare Theater through Oct. 18th. The joyful musical inspired by Shakespeare's Twelfth Night is set in 1930s Harlem and features the music of Duke Ellington.

For tickets, visit navypier.com.

Workshop For Paper Flowers

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Paper Flower Dia de los Muertos Workshop at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie on Friday, Oct. 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m.

This free workshop with artist William Estrada offers a unique opportunity to delve into the rich cultural history of the Cempasúchil flower, often known as the Mexican marigold. Participants will explore its profound significance and integral role in the Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) celebrations.

Day Of Dead At Wentworth Park

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct Dia De Muertos at Wentworth Park, 5625 S. Mobile on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Performers are Madera Once, Ballet Folklorio and Mariachi Juvenil Zamora. Features include music, art, vendors, food and altars.

Nature Play At Dan Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Night of Nature Play at Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, 87th & Western on Friday, Oct. 16th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Features include scavenger hunt, games and crafts.

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Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

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

Homeschool Family Meet Up Friday, Nov. 13th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for kids while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources. For ages 6 to 13.

Art in the Library Families Together on Saturdays through Oct. 24th from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families can attend any session to create mixed media art with their children. This session focuses on artists Mary Cassatt, Margaret Burroughs, Romare Bearden, Suzuki Harunobu and Jacob Lawrence. Once you have your inspiration, kids will draw a picture on water-color paper and then fill in using markers, colored pencils, paint brushes and water, patterned paper and more. Supplies will be available. For ages 3 to 13.

Reading Hour with Cipriani's Pizza on Saturdays, Oct. 17th, Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. Bring a book or find one at the library. Free pizza for participants. Registration is required at chipublib.org/events. For ages 3 to 18. Children under age 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Tot Spot Learning on Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 11 a.m., ages 18-36 months. Registration required. We will sing songs, and learn our let-

Gamer's Universe Showdown Series

YOUmedia will conduct the Gamer's Universe Showdown Series at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for Gamer's Universe Showdown Series, our monthly esports celebration leading up to the 2026 edition of Gamer's Universe.

The Chicago Teen Gamer's Guild will run monthly tournaments showcasing a variety of competitive games.

SquidWest will host Splatoon 3 locals. Participants must bring their switch, copy of the game, headset, and controller.

A variety of free-play stations will feature competitive and non-competitive games.

Registration is not required for any of the tournaments or activities.

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Mario Kart 8 Tournament begins at 12 p.m., and a 2nd tournament will start at 2 p.m.

ters, numbers, colors and shapes in this fun, 45-minute program. Using puzzles, ABC letter matching, scissors, glue and more, kids will get a taste of preschool.

Play Doh Fun on Wednesday, Oct. 21st at 10:30 a.m., ages 2-4 years. Registration required. Using rollers, cookie cutters and other manipulatives, children can be creative.

TEENS
Tween DIY Crafts on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Volunteer teens will be running each of the various craft stations and will assist as needed. Snacks will be provided. Registration is required.

ADULTS
Spanish Book Club on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m.
Learn to Play Chinese Mahjong on Wednesdays during October from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion of "Family Lore" on Nov. 12th and "Absolution" on Dec. 10th from 6 to 7 p.m.
Saturday Game Day through Nov. 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a drop-in program. Bring a game or play one of ours. UNO, Skip-bo, Mexican Train, Canasta, Chess, Checkers, Sorry and more. Players gather on adult side of building as space allows. No registration is needed. Make new friends.

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

City Work Learning about career opportunities with City of Chicago on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 5 p.m. Employees from City departments will share what their work is really like.

Chicago Society for Space Studies speakers "The Physics of Project Hail Mary" on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 6 p.m. You loved the movie, now learn about the science and physics of *Project Hail Mary*, presented by Gerry-Jackson of the Chicago Society for Space studies.

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Property Tax Appeal Events

The Cook County Assessor's Office will conduct Property Evaluation Appeal Events at the Southwest Organizing Project, 2558 W. 63rd st. on Wednesday, Oct. 21st and Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Monday, Oct. 26th, both from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Have Pin # and ID. The final date of appeal is Oct. 29th. Questions? Call (773) 376-2700.

Open House At Symphony Center



Photo by Chicago Symphony Center

The city's annual celebration of its architectural heritage comes to Chicago Symphony Center as part of Open House Chicago, presented by the Chicago Architecture Center.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17th, visitors can explore Orchestra Hall, designed by architect Daniel Burnham, and other spaces throughout the historic 1904 building at 220 S. Michigan ave. including the 1997 enhancements and addition created by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

This event is free and open to the public, with no tickets required.

Explore Chicago Symphony Center on a self-guided tour. Visitors may access the Michigan Avenue lobby and Adams Street passage, Orchestra Hall, Grainger Ballroom,

Arcade, Buntrock Hall and Rotunda spaces.

Take a selfie at the conductor's podium in Orchestra Hall.

Connect with Chicago Symphony community members during the resource fair and enter to win a pair of tickets to an upcoming concert.

Enjoy live music presented by the Chicago Symphony Negaunee Music Institute and behind-the-scenes fireside chats in Grainger Ballroom.

Venture to the ninth floor and enjoy sweeping views of Lake Michigan from the Thomas Club.

Learn and play in the kids' space in Buntrock Hall, featuring coloring stations and scavenger hunt worksheets. Enjoy special activities and videos. Recommended for ages 3-12.

Gage Park Library Schedules Programs

The Gage Park Branch Library, 2807 W. 55th st., has scheduled exciting programs for all ages.

Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call (312) 747-0032 or visit www.chipublib.org for more information and to register for the following programs.

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

LEGO Club on Tuesdays through Dec. 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ask a librarian for a build challenge and display your creations. LEGO bricks will be provided for use in the library. Ages 6 to 13.

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

After-School Reading Practice on Mondays to Dec. 21st from 4 to 5 p.m. All levels of experience are welcome! Each week, we will rotate between popcorn reading in groups, word games and one-on-one assistance. Af-

terward, we'll enjoy a simple craft or sensory play time. For ages 6 to 13.

Collage Club on Wednesdays through Dec. 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Make a collage to decorate your wall, be the author of your own collage zine, or customize objects like notebooks, pencil holders and bookmarks. Materials provided include scissors, glue, mod-podge, magazines, pre-cut magazine scraps, patterned tape, upcycled cardboard and tin cans. For ages 3 to 19

Groundbreaking At LeClaire Courts

On Oct. 13th, Mayor Brandon Johnson joined the Department of Housing, 5he Habitat Company, and Cabrera Partners to break ground on LeClaire Courts North Apartments, a City-backed mixed-income development in Garfield Ridge that will bring 138 new homes to the former public housing site. Located at 4400-58 S Cicero ave., the development will include 124 affordable homes, 14 market-rate homes, commercial and retail space, and parking, with future phases of the broader redevelopment planned to include additional neighborhood-serving uses, including grocery and medical office development.

LeClaire Courts North Apartments will include 110 units in the North building and 28 units in the South building, including 22 studios, 84 one-bedroom apartments, 28 two-bedroom apartments, and four three-bedroom apartments.

The development is supported by \$15 million in City financing, including \$9.5 million in Department of Housing Multi-Family Loan Funds and \$5.5 million in Cicero/Stevenson Tax Increment Financing funds.

Jazz Links Jam Sessions

The Jazz Institute of Chicago's Emerging Artists Project has scheduled free programs at the Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court on Nov. 11th and Dec. 16th from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The program is a training ground for the next wave of jazz talent. Student musicians ages 9 to 19 take the stage alongside world-class professionals to build skills and confidence.

Musicians can sign up on site; bring their instrument and a list of jazz standards. For more information, visit jazz-inchicago.org.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

ALL AGES

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

Grab & Go - Due to our Community Room being used for early voting, we will be offering activities for our patrons to take home. Starting Monday, Oct. 12th, pick up your Grab & Go from the Adult Reference Desk. One per patron, while supplies last. Kids, ages 6 - 12, Pipe Cleaner Ninjas; Tweens, ages 10-14, Mystery Craft; Teens, grades 9-12, Dungeon Crawl Classics RPG, also Oct. 19th & 26th. Adult Mini Canvas Artwork Magnet, also Oct. 19th & 26th. Adult Spice Kit: Cinnamon

TWEENS & TEENS
Teen Volunteer Hours Tuesday, Oct. 27th from 4

to 5 p.m. Earn 1 volunteer hour while helping at your library. Bring your timesheet. Grades 6 - 12 only.

CHILDREN

Family Story time at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Thursdays, Oct. 15th, 22nd and 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Stories, songs and fun for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

ADULTS

Adult Book Discussion of "Orbital" by Samantha Harvey on Wednesday, Oct. 28th from 1 to 2 p.m. "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich on Nov. 25th and "The Disaster Tourist" by Yun Ko-Eun on Dec. 16th. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Crime Book Club 2026. Discuss mystery, thriller and true crime books on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 11th, "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Dec. 9th, "Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead. Books available at the circulation desk. No registration required.

CINEMA

Join us on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Snacks available while supplies last. "Clue" Oct. 11th. Visit chipublib.org.

Community Learning At Aquinas Literacy

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

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

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

Stories That Connect Us: Aquinas will offer a 6-week video storytelling course on Mondays, Oct. 19th & 26th and Nov. 2nd to 16th & 30th from 11

a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how to develop, film, and edit their own short video stories while exploring experiences, ideas, and perspectives. No previous experience is necessary.

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

White Coat For Nursing Student

Cristian Maciel of Chicago, participated in Carthage College's Nursing Class of 2028 White Coat Ceremony on Sept. 19th in the A. F. Siebert Chapel on campus in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The ceremony represents the end of foundational classes for nursing students in their junior year. This milestone signifies a transition to clinical coursework for the remaining two years before graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and becoming eligible to take the exam to become a professional registered nurse.

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, with summer programs for children ages 7 and up.

The exhibition *Where Memory Lives: 40 Years of Dia de Muertos*, traces the evolution of Day of the Dead and the Museum itself.

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

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

The annual Festival del Arte Popular will run to Oct. 18th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Join artist Socorro Carlos, Colectivo Fuentes Rojas, and members of Stitches of the Soul, NMMA's quilting and fiber arts group, for hands-on workshops on Saturdays, Oct. 17th and 31st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will create a 14" x 14" textile honoring missing persons while supporting the Fuentes Rojas Collective's work. Using heart-and-flower templates, participants will learn appliqué and embroidery techniques to create their own textile piece. Visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to sign up.

Join us on Friday, Oct. 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the opening reception for ¡TINTA ARDIENTE! Igniting Community Through Collective Action, a new exhibition in the Xicágo Gallery. The exhibition brings selections from the Instituto Gráfico de Chicago's print collection, objects, event documentation, and traces of print histories from Mexico and Chicago. Let us know if you plan to attend at nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

Dia de los Muertos Xicágo is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24th when the Museum and its surroundings will be transformed to remember departed loved ones. Experience this tradition through ofrendas created by community members, live music and perform-

ances, art activities, and an illuminated ofrenda projected onto the Museum's exterior.

The Auxiliary Board invites you to the 12th annual Día de los Muertos Love Never Dies Ball on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 6 to 10 p.m. In honor of Day of the Dead. Guests will enjoy culinary treats from some of Chicago's best restaurants, cocktails, a silent auction, open galleries, dance to live music and a DJ. Get your tickets today visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

This month's classes and workshops feature engaging art-making activities for children, families, and adults.

Studio Saturday: Clay Muñecas on Oct. 17th from 10 to 11:30 a.m., ages 7-12.

Listos para el museo: Colorful Calaveras on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Ages 6 and under.

Hearts and Flowers of Hope Workshop on Saturdays: Oct. 17th and 31st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 15+.

Viva la Vida: Embroidery on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 55+.

Trunk-or-Treat At Marco's Palace

Marco's Palace, 5045 W. 47th st., invites the community for an afternoon of Halloween fun on Sunday, Oct. 25th from 1 to 5 p.m.

The free community event features candy, music and more! There will be prizes for the top 3 costumes and decorated trucks, plus food and beverages available for purchase.

South Branch PAC Plans Meetings

The South Branch Park Advisory Council will meet at the Park #571 field house, 2828 S. Eleanor st. on Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Email SouthBranchPAC@gmail.com for the meeting agenda and <https://meet.google.com/hut-viae-fqu> to attend virtually.

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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.

Crafting Corner for adults on Wednesdays, Oct. 21st and 28th; Nov. 4th to 18th; Dec. 2nd to 16th and Jan. 6th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Teen Hideaway on Tuesdays, Oct. 27th, Nov. 10th & 24th and Dec. 8th; plus Thursdays, Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th & 12th and Dec. 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m.

Explore a mix of art, technology, crafts and games in this drop-in program.

Blood Pressure Screening on Tuesdays, Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th and Dec. 22nd from 3 to 6 p.m.

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

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

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Free Days At Chicago Museums

Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. Free admission on the third Friday of each month; heritageasianart.org.

Free All Year Long Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st.; chicago.gov.

Restaurant Meals For Eligible SNAP

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced that the Restaurant Meals Program has reached 50 participating restaurants in 16 counties, and is expanding statewide. The program allows eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program customers to purchase meals at participating restaurants using their Link card.

The program serves SNAP households where all members are one or more of the following: age 60 and older, have a disability, are spouses of eligible elderly or disabled customers and are homeless.

Restaurants interested in participating in the program can complete an online intake survey to determine if they meet the program requirements.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=136655>

Chicago Artopia Schedules Shows

Chicago Artopia will present an evening with Brazilian-born pianist Ervino Rieger will be held at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski on Sunday, Nov. 1st at 3 p.m. Reserve free tickets.

Chicago Artopia will present "Ballet 5:8 Beyond the Nutcracker" at Hubbard High School on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 3 to 4 p.m. Tickets go on sale Oct. 31st.

Visit <https://www.chicagoartopia.org/event>.

Fall Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. invites families to see the animals and enjoy the beauty of the zoo, which is also an accredited arboretum and botanic garden.

For the most up-to-date schedule, visit go.lpzoo.org.

Jamaican Iguana Care 11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House.

Monkey Cognition 11:45 a.m., Mondays through Fridays at Regenstein Macaque Forest.

Ape Cognition and Care 1 p.m., daily at Regenstein Center for African Apes.

African Penguin Feeding 2 p.m., daily at Robert & Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove.

Visit the Rhino Calf, Hazina and her mother Kapuki are now outside intermittently, and you might get a chance to see her if you come to the zoo and head to the southernmost rhino habitat at Regenstein African Journey.

Fall Fest on Fridays - Sundays to Nov. 1st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free at this family-friendly celebration. Every weekend brings something new, rides on the Ferris wheel and giant fun slide, s'mores roasting over a fire pit, fall-themed enrichment for the animals, live music and entertainers, fall garden tours, and seasonal decor.

LEAP: Learn, Explore and Play, various dates. Investigate and explore the natural world through

play. Children guide the way as they choose whether to dig in the dirt, create a collaborative work of art, or settle in with a story.

Haunted History Tours for age 16+ Tuesdays and Wednesday nights in October. Take a spine-tingling walking tour that digs into the zoo's cemetery roots and infamous locations from its haunted history.

Sound Meditation with Jay Taylor on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Lie back, relax, and enter a soothing sonic landscape or singing bowls.

Spooky Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Hosted by the Auxiliary Board, Spooky Zoo offers free trick-or-treating.

Zoo Brews: Howls and Growls on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23rd and 24th. This 21+ Halloween party comes with free samples of craft beers and ciders, plus a pumpkin-carving demonstration, a costume contest with prizes. The cost is \$60 person.

Story Time and Book Giveaway with Reading is Fundamental on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Stop by Pepper Family Wildlife Center for story time and come home with a free book from Reading is Fundamental.

Through Nov. 31st, Malott Family Penguin Encounters, Age 6+.

Through Nov. 15th, Behind the Scenes Tour of Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House. Ages 13+.

Back of the Yards Schedules Programs

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

Adult Book Club on Thursday, Oct. 15th from

6 to 7 p.m.

A Stitch in Time Crochet Club on Tuesdays, Oct. 20th & 27th; Nov. 3rd to Dec. 8th from 6 to 7 p.m. We have yarn and crochet hooks to share! Bring your own project or start one based on our ideas. Ages 18 and up.

Halloween Crafts with Artful Kreactions on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Emerging Adult Journaling to Stop Brain Rot on Friday, Oct. 16th from 3 to 4 p.m. Finding yourself scrolling and forgetting important dates? Keeping a journal planner to help organize your life. Attendees will get a journaling kit to get started, while supplies last. For emerging adults ages 16 to 24.

Create Space on Saturdays through Oct. 31st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to use our 3D printers, vinyl cutter, and more. Use our various art supplies. Have a low pressure space to create.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Writing Workshop On Your Memoir

Join other aspiring authors this fall for Write at CPL, a series of workshops presented by Story Studio. This workshop will focus on Finding the Story in Your Life: A Memoir Writing Workshop and is led by Kim Brooks, author of "Small Animals" at Archer Heights Branch, 5055 S. Archer on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop introduces key craft elements of memoir writing—including scene-building, voice, and selecting meaningful details—through short lectures paired with generative writing exercises. Participants will leave with new writing tools and pages of fresh material, all in a supportive space designed for new and experienced writers. No prior writing experience necessary. Registration is at chipublib.org.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

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

KIDS & FAMILIES

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

TWEEN/TEEN

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

LEGO Club on Thursdays, Oct. 15th, Nov. 5th & 19th and Dec. 10th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Complete our design challenges or let your imagination run wild. LEGO bricks and materials are provided. For ages 6 to 13.

ADULTS

ESL Conversation Cafe with Aquinas Literacy Center, ages 18+ on Saturdays Nov. 7th to Dec. 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Practice English in a friendly space and improve speaking and listening skills. Ask librarians to register. Tutoring is also available.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Financial Aid For Students

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the state's college access and financial aid agency, announces the 2026-27 Financial Aid Application Completion Recognition of Excellence Honorees. These public and private high schools have attained outstanding financial aid application completion rates. This recognition celebrates each school's dedication to helping students access financial aid to help them pursue their educational goals. This year, 539 schools were honored, almost a 15 percent increase over last year.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid determines eligibility for federal and state and even institutional financial aid. The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid now available for the 2027-28 academic year, offers a way to apply for state financial aid for certain students who are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Illinois requires all public high school seniors to complete either the FAFSA or the Alternative

Application as part of graduation requirements. High schools are expected to provide students and their families with the support necessary to comply with the requirement, including the opportunity to complete their application during school hours. For students who choose not to file an application, a parent or guardian can opt-out by completing, Financial Aid Application Nonparticipation Form.

ISAC offers numerous supports to help schools meet this requirement and assist their students. ISAC's The ISACorps™, provides free assistance and workshops to help students learn about the financial aid process and complete applications. High schools can sign up for ISAC's FAESA Completion Initiative, a free service to help them identify students who have not filed a financial aid application. This information can then be used by district counselors to help reach students who might not be aware of resources available to make education after high school affordable.

Research House For Asian Art

The Research House for Asian Art, 3217 S. Morgan st. will feature a joint calligraphy exhibition titled, "Becoming Words" Oct. 15th through Nov. 15th. The Japanese calligrapher Hekiun Oda, Iranian calligrapher and visual artist Bahman Panahi will perform during an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 16th from 5 to 8 p.m. Rooted in Shodō and Nastaliq, their practices transform writing into movement, sound and shared experience.

A free Artist-Led Tour is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17th from 1 to 3 p.m. Explore how their distinct practices transform writing into movement,

sound, abstraction, and shared experience.

Experience Musical-ligraphy, the interplay of sound and form during a workshop by master calligrapher and visual artist Bahman Panahi on Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will discover how writing can become music to the eye, and how musical structures can inspire the movement of the pen. \$80.

The Seldon Institute will offer a conversation between artists and calligraphers Bahman Panahi and Hekiun Oda on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City Civics Day At Cultural Ctr.

City Civics Day will be conducted at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st. on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chicagoans can learn how to become more involved in creating positive change in their communities by attending the free educational event focused on public engagement with local government.

Admission is free and lunch will be provided. Check Chicago.gov/City-CivicsDay for programming. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Email Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512.

New Events At History Museum



Photo provided by the Chicago History Museum

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

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

McMahon was born in 1921 in Chicago and worked as a cartoonist and illustrator after serving in World War II. His ink-wash drawings of the trial for Emmett Till's murderers were published in the October 3, 1955, issue of *Life* magazine.

His career as an artist-reporter, covered notable events including the Chicago Seven Trial, the Second Vatican Council, and Senate Watergate

hearings. His drawing technique allowed him to interact with his subjects and captured different angles, moods and drama.

Walking Tour and Sheffield Stroll on Sunday, Oct. 18th from 12 to 2 p.m. Join volunteer guide Dave Gudewicz to explore the history of the Sheffield/DePaul neighborhood, which was once home to immigrants, then wealthy Victorian-era families, and is now home to a university and its students. \$25.

Aqui en Chicago closing program on Sunday, Nov. 8th from 12 to 4 p.m. A day full of fun activities, tours, talks, music and more. Included with general admission.

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

Chinatown Library Schedules Programs

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

Board Game Play on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to play that gifted or purchased game or the ones that the Chicago Tabletop and Board Game Meetup Group has on hand. For ages 13 and up.

Multilingual Playgroup on Fridays, Oct. 16th & 30th, Nov. 13th & 27th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A bi-weekly playgroup for children who speak Mandarin or Cantonese Chinese. For ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

Teen Librarian Office Hours on Tuesdays, Oct. 20th & 27th from 3 to 5 p.m. Do you need an essay proofread or a resume reviewed? Get help with writing, college applica-

tions, and job searches. For teens in high school.

LEGO at the Library on Wednesday, Nov. 4th from 4 to 5 p.m. Drop in for some design challenges and open play time. For ages 5 and up.

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

Book Swap on Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Bring up to 3 books from your collection to give away or swap with others. Participants will write a few lines about the books they brought. For ages 18 and up.

Registration is suggested at (312) 747-8013.

Workshop For Sugar Skulls

The Chicago Park District will conduct a free Sugar Skull Plushie Dia de los Muertos Workshop at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie on Friday, Oct. 30th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

This unique workshop offered by artist William Estrada offers an experience into the rich traditions surrounding Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) celebrations. Participants will design and construct their own hand-sewn fabric sugar skull.

Autumn Dance At St. Richard

Sts. Bruno & Richard's Parish will sponsor an Autumn Dance at 5030 S. Kostner on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The cost of \$50 person includes dinner, live music, DJ and raffle prizes.

For more information or to purchase tickets call the parish office (773) 585-1221.



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