



Have Our Kids Learned About the Civil War?



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I have been a Civil War buff since in third grade when my cousin gave me her old 7th grade History book. It was a lot different in the 50s. This week, I'd like to tell you a few facts that many are unaware of.

The name of what we call the Civil War was called The War Between the States in the South. The difference is significant. The War Between the States indicates the legal government of the new country Confederate States of America were independent and were fighting a foreign military force. The term Civil War meant that people were fighting against their own country. Thus the difference at Fort Sumter. It was the legally owned property of the US Federal government, but the South felt they were independent and it was owned by the state of South Carolina.

History is written by the winners. Therefore, we call it the Civil War and it ended on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox, Virginia upon the surrender of General Robert E. Lee and his army to General Ulysses S. Grant. This is common knowledge, except that

that was less than a half of the armed Southern troops. Communications were very poor and many telegraph lines were often cut. There was nothing more modern like we have today. In fact, many soldiers continued to die because some soldiers were not aware that the war was over and others thought it was a trick. It was not until April 26th that General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his forces to William Tecumseh Sherman. Some scrimmages continued, but basically the war was over.

Many recall that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865. Therefore, he was not president when the war ended. There was a problem with prisoners of war. Were they all foreign or traitors? There were over 750,000 deaths in the war. Like many families, mine fought and died for both sides.

A strange fact, is that the first major battle of the Civil War was the Battle of Bull Run, noted as the Battle of Manassas Junction by the South. William McLean lived in Manassas in July, 1861 and much of the battle was on his farm and his home was destroyed. He moved 120 miles away to Appomattox. As strange as it sounds, it was his home that was used for Lee to surrender to Grant. We can't blame our youngsters or even some adults for not knowing the history because it's been 65-70 years ago we had less history to study, not even 100 years. Now history class is still the same length of time and we are coming up to our 250th anniversary. I hope the world settles down so we can all enjoy that anniversary.

Easy Enrollment For "Get Covered"

Open enrollment has ended, but uninsured Illinoisans can enroll in a health insurance plan through the state's new Tax Time Easy Enrollment program. The program provides a pathway to coverage for residents as part of the annual tax filing process. With the deadline to file taxes approaching on April 15th, Get Covered Illinois is encouraging filers to take advantage of this new program.

When completing their IL-1040, residents seeking coverage should check the Health Insurance box on line 42 and indicate which household members need insurance. The Illinois Department of Revenue will share information about income and household size, with Get

Covered Illinois.

Filers will receive a notice outlining their projected eligibility for health coverage, including potential qualification for premium tax credits or Medicaid. If eligible for Marketplace insurance, the customer has 60 days from the date on the notice to apply and enroll in a health plan. Checking the box does not affect the filer's tax return and does not require any commitment to enroll in coverage.

For more information, visit GetCoveredIllinois.gov or call 1-866-311-1119.

New Year's Day For Assyrians

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas recognized Assyrian New Year by honoring civic, business and community leaders at her office on April 1st.

In the 1950's a group of Assyrian intellectuals decided to honor their culture's ancient traditions by tracing the historical roots of the founding of the first temple of Ashur in 4750 BC. Adding that number to the current year 2026, brings you to the Assyrian New Year of 6776.

The new year begins April 1st, because that's when the month of Nisan begins in the ancient Mesopotamian calendar. It also aligns with the beginning of spring and honors the mythological marriage of the goddess of love and the god of vegetation whose union is believed to foster fertility and bountiful harvests in the land still known as the Fertile Crescent.

For more than a century, Assyrians have been coming to Chicago and surrounding area to raise families and pursue economic and educational goals while working to preserve a language that comes from the Aramaic spoken by Jesus Christ.

Grand Opening For BPNC Service Center



The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will celebrate the grand opening of its Service Center at 4000 S. Archer ave. on Monday, April 13th from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy guided building tours, community resources, live entertainment and light refreshments. RSVP at tinyurl.com/bpncopenhouse.

Programs at Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th st. has scheduled the 59th Annual Auction on Saturday, April 25th, a night of cocktails, music, dancing, savories and sweets, live & silent auctions. Tickets are \$150.

Chicago Repertory Ballet announces it's Spring Performance Series with Le Sacre du Printemps (The Rite of Spring) set to Igor Stravinsky's iconic score on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin is scheduled for Friday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend with an unforgettable night of legendary soul. Soundtracks of a Generation features vocalist LaShera Moore Ellis, backed by a 10-piece band led by Music Director and guitarist Chris Forte.

The awards reception for ART COMP 49 is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Performances of Singin' in the Rain JR are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 16th & 17th at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, April 18th & 19th at 3 p.m. Directed by Carrie Hartman, tickets are \$15. The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay.

Join us on Saturday, June 20th from 7:30 to 10 p.m. for our Summer of Soul concert. Soundtracks of Generation will perform the music of Motown and the Philadelphia Soul scene. The Mo Soul Revue features an 11 piece lineup with three lead vocalists and the Mo Better Horns with songs by The O'Jays, The Stylistics, The Jackson 5, The Supremes and the Temptations. Tickets are \$35.

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

Application Open For Jumping Jack Program



Photo provided by the City of Chicago

The Jumping Jack inflatable playground, provided by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, is available for free on Saturdays and Sundays from Saturday, May 23rd through Sunday, Sept. 6th. The Application Portal will open on Wednesday, April 15th at 9 a.m. The program is limited to residential block parties within the Chicago city limits. Applicants must reside on the block where the Residential Block Party is taking place. Visit chicago.gov/dcase for more information.

Library Access For CPS Students

Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Public Library are expanding access to diverse and digital library resources through a new partnership called The 81 Club. The District's more than 315,000 public school students are automatically registered and have digital access to the full resources of CPL's 81 neighborhood libraries.

Through a data-sharing agreement, students can access library resources and materials with no application, paperwork or additional steps beyond a school ID number. The initiative creates a seamless pathway to learning beyond the classroom.

Students gain access to a 6 million-item collection, online databases, digital media and free academic support. Through library resources like Teacher in the Library and

Brainfuse, students can access tutoring in person and online.

With dedicated "eTeach" accounts, teachers can access CPL's digital resources, including research databases, instructional tools and the Sora platform, which provides seamless access to millions of eBooks and audiobooks aligned with classroom learning.

Learn more at chi.gov/81club.

No Adoption Fee On April 18th

Chicago Animal Care and Control, 2741 S. Western ave. will waive adoption fees during "Spring Into Love, Find Your Furever" on Saturday, April 18th from 12 to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit chicago.gov/cacc.

Spring Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. will conduct Sunset Garden Tours on the second Thursday evening of each month through October. The content will be geared towards adults. The cost is \$20.

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

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

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

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

Immerse yourself in a restorative Sound Meditation session among native plants and skyline views on select Saturdays, May 17th to Oct. 17th from 9 to 10 a.m. Jay Taylor blends singing bowls, gentle breathwork, and guided

relaxation in a welcoming space. No specific training is required.

An after-hours celebration for the 21+ crowd is scheduled for Friday, May 22nd from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Adults Night Out: Block Party features games, music, and good times. Play mini golf, ride the Ferris Wheel and Giant Fun Slide and dance to a live DJ while visiting your favorite animals.

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

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

For registration, visit lpzoo.org.

MPCA Announces Award Recipients

The McKinley Park Civic Association announces the 2026 recipients of this year's Outstanding Educator's Awards. Mark Jackowiak, DeLaSalle Institute; Efrain Gonzalez, Kelly High School; Debra L. Polak, Evergreen Academy Middle School; Heidie Hernandez, Blessed Sacrament Catechism; Gail Shoenebeck, St. Andrew Sunday School; Rosa Alvarez, Nathanael Greene Elementary School and Yesenia Juarez, Namaste Charter School.

The recipients of the McKinley Park Civic Association's 1st annual Scholarship Program, awarding \$500 scholarships for demonstrating Civic Responsibility are Natalia Heredia, HSA High School; Sofia Salas, HSA High School; Dja Saenz, HSA High School and Anapaula Cerna Rivera, DeLaSalle Institute.

This Year's W.M. Toms award is presented to Jim Krok for his outstanding service and volunteerism serving the residents of McKinley Park.

The annual Outstanding Educators Awards Banquet takes place on

Sunday April 19th at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 3745 S. Paulina. Tickets at \$50 are available for advance purchase or at the door. Email mckinleyparkcivicassociation68@gmail.com for further information.

Workshop For New Homebuyers

The Greater Southwest Development Corporation will conduct a First Time Homebuyer Workshop at 6200 S. Hamlin on Saturday, April 18th at 9 a.m.

Those who attend this workshop and complete the program requirements, may receive a Certificate of Completion that can help qualify for certain down payment assistance grants. For many future homeowners, that can mean access to funding that helps reduce upfront costs.

Topics will include: The home buying process, How to get qualified, Down payment assistance programs, Financing options and The closing process.

For questions and registration call (773) 436-1000.

Final Round For "Makers Madness"

As voting opens in the final round of the 2026 "Makers Madness" contest, just four products remain in the annual bracket-style tournament held by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association that lets voters decide The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois.

Presented by Comcast Business, the competition celebrates the work of manufacturers who have long served as the largest contributor of any industry to the state's Gross Domestic Product.

Voters chose their favorites in four head-to-head matchups between individual products, with nearly 34,000 votes cast in this round. From an original field of more than 100 products, nominees have now been whittled down to the Top 4 which are: NASA Standard Initiator manufactured by Chemring Energetic Devices in Downers Grove; John Deere Combine manufactured by John Deere in East Moline; Duck Skimmer made by Elastec in Carmi and Aerapy PPR HVAC UV System manufactured by Aerapy in St. Charles.

NASA Standard Initiator is an electrically activated pyrotechnic device that plays a critical role in modern spaceflight. The NSI enables essential mission functions such as vehicle staging, satellite separation, and spacecraft maneuvering.

John Deere's combine lineup focuses on massive capacity and advanced automation to improve harvesting productivity. Designed for large-scale operations, combines offer up to a 45% increase in harvesting capacity with a 20% better fuel efficiency.

The ELASTEC Duck Weir Skimmer is a self-adjusting, floating weir skimmer used to advance environmental protection and safety. Suitable for use in inland waterways and ponds, the skimmer works by taking the surface layer off the water, making it ideal for removing duckweed or water meal, as well as assisting in the clean up of oil spills.

Aerapy's PPR (Packaged Power Rooftop) HVAC UV system is a patented ultraviolet disinfection system engineered to deliver a germicidal dose to moving air. The system has demonstrated up to 99.97% reduction of airborne pathogens, including viruses, bacteria, and mold, in a single air pass, while also helping keep cooling coils free of biofilm buildup.

Voting for this round is now open at www.makersmadnessil.com through 11:59 p.m. on April 12th. Voters may cast one vote per day for any of the four finalists. The contest will culminate with an awards ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on April 15th.

Cherry Blossoms At Jackson Park



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The area surrounding the Columbian Basin in Jackson Park, is home to pink and white cherry blossom trees that bloom each Spring. The trees are located just south of the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, 57th and DuSable Lake Shore Drive, on either side of the South Portico and surrounding the Columbia Basin. The trees are also found on the north end of the Wooded Island and in the Osaka Garden, south of the Columbian Basin.

Peak bloom typically happens in late April to early May, and lasts from 6 to 14 days.

The Annual Hanami: Cherry Blossom Festival is Saturday, April 25th from 1 to 3 p.m. The Japanese word "Hanami" means "flowering viewing" and in reference to the cherry trees, this means cherry Blossom viewing.

Earth Day In McKinley Park

Celebrate Earth Day in McKinley Park on Saturday, April 18th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the stone planters south of the lagoon.

Activities will include take home a free plant, art for all with Marimacha Monarca Press, Origami and Chinese knots and talks with an Openlands Treekeeper.

Openlands Sets Tree Planting

Openlands and members of Cultivate Collective will conduct tree planting at the Academy for Global Citizens, 4942 W. 44th st. on Wednesday, April 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit openlands.org.

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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

Spring Story Time & Egg Hunt for families on Saturday, April 11th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join Ms. Rachel in the Reading Garden for a 15-minute, all-ages spring story time before the annual egg hunt.

Little Learners Story Time for ages 0 to 5. Join us on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of songs, movements, and stories. Play time follows.

Body Safety for Kids ages 6 to 13 on Thursday, April 9th from 4 to 5 p.m. Join Carolina Morales, bilingual education specialist to learn about body safety, feelings, consent, safe and unsafe touch and relationships. Snacks provided.

Science Stories in the Park for ages 5 to 12, presented by Shedd Aquarium on Saturday, April 25th, 10 to 11:30 a.m. After nature stories with Ms. Rachel. Shedd educators will lead participants in hands-on activities.

LEGO Club for ages 6 to 13 on Thursday, April 16th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 21st from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Complete one of our design challenges or let your imagination run wild. Bricks and materials will be provided.

Family Fun series, ages 3 to 13 on Tuesday, April 14th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. A drop-in activity which may include a smple STEM or craft activity, building materials, puzzles, toys, or a coloring bonanza. Parent or adult guardian must be present.

Film Screening of "Wish" (2023, PG) on Monday, April 13th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Asha and

Star confront a formidable foe to save her community.

Film Screening of "Zootopia 2" (2025, PG) on Friday, April 17th from 12 to 2 p.m. Detectives Judy and Nick find themselves on the trail of a mysterious reptile who turns the mammal metropolis upside down.

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

TWEEN/TEEN Gamer's Choice for ages 12 to 16 on Wednesdays, April 15th & 22nd from 3 to 5. Students can hang out, play games and snack.

Teen Craft n' Snack: DIY Pressed Flower Bookmarks for ages 14-19 on Thursday, April 23rd from 3 to 5 p.m.

ADULTS

The Adult Book Club will discuss "Malibu Rising" on Wednesday, April 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ESL Conversation Cafe with Aquinas Literacy Center, ages 18+ on Saturdays 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.

Coping Through Creativity with Kesem on Saturday, April 18th from 2 to 4 p.m. Wellness House collaborates with Kesem-University of Chicago to provide an afternoon of activities, connection, and games for children, while parents and caregivers are invited to enjoy a concurrent program focused on relaxation. Snacks and fun will be included.

Film Screening of "Flight Risk" (2024, R) on Friday, April 10th from 12 to 1:30 p.m. A pilot transports an Air Marshal accompanying a fugitive to trial. As they cross the Alaskan wilderness, tensions soar and trust is tested.

Adult Craft Club: "Spring Wall Pocket" on Sunday, April 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. Join Ms. Shelley in making an economical Spring wall pocket from basic household supplies. Registration is required. Children will not be permitted.

ALL AGES McKinley Park Music School Recitals, all ages on Sundays, April 12th and 26th from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit chipublib.org to register.

Free Screening For Cancer

Cook County residents over the age of 40, can schedule a free prostate and breast cancer screening during their birthday month.

Cancer screenings are important because they help find cancer early, before it causes serious problems.

Call (312) 864-4289 to schedule your appointment.

10 African Dog Pups At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



Photo credit © Brookfield Zoo Chicago

A litter of African painted dog (Lycaon pictus) pups born on Nov. 25th is now exploring its outdoor habitat at Brookfield Zoo's *Habitat Africa! The Savannah*.

The five females and five males can be seen in playful pursuit under the watchful eyes of parents Roanne and Kellan. These early interactions are building the foundation for teamwork and tight-knit bonds that define life in a painted dog pack. Their coats are starting to brighten into a mix of black, brown, gold and white, with unique markings.

Guests got a first glimpse of them through an episode of "Wild Rounds with Dr. Mike," when Brookfield Zoo Chicago President & CEO Dr. Mike Adkesson took viewers behind the scenes

for the litter's first exam, vaccination, identification photos and measurements. He was the Zoo's veterinarian when the litter's mom, Roanne, was born and received her first wellness exam in 2020.

African painted dogs are among the most endangered carnivores on the planet, with fewer than 7,000 remaining in the wild. Their survival is challenged by habitat fragmentation, human-wildlife conflict and disease.

Guests can visit the puppies during Spring hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Supporters can contribute to the care of Roanne and her puppies through the Zoo's Wildlife Conservation Fund.

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).

CHILDREN Family Story Time on Thursdays through April 30th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Start your day with stories, songs and fun for the whole family. For children 0 to 5 and their caregivers

Explore Nature with the Shedd Aquarium on Saturday, April 11th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Meet outside the Archer Park fieldhouse. Join us as we explore nature with educators from the Shedd Aquarium. Listen to stories about parks and nature, and then participate in hands-on-activities. Registration is required. For kids 5 to 12 and their caregivers.

TWEENS & TEENS

High school students who need help with research for a school assignment can request an appointment with our Teen Librarian to review databases, printed sources and other resources. Call (312) 747-9241 to make an appointment.

Tween Tuesday on April 21st for Squeishes from 4 to 5 p.m. Materials and snacks will be provided. For ages 10 - 14.

Teen Volunteer Hours on Thursday, April 30th from 4 to 5 p.m. Earn 1 volunteer hour while helping at your library. Remember to bring your time sheet. Grades 6-12.

Teacher in the Library Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

ADULTS

Bilingual Poetry Workshop with Brighton Park Poets on Saturday, April 11th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Workshop responding to the work of poet, playwright and theater director Federico Garcia Lorca.

Craft Lab on Monday, April 13th at 6 p.m. Bag Charms. Come out to try a new craft, socialize, and have fun. All materials are provided. Register online.

Illinois Department of Insurance; Auto Insurance 101 on Wednesday, April 15th on 2 p.m. Attendees will learn about the auto insurance coverage and claims process.

Estate Planning on Monday, April 27th at 1 p.m. (English), 2 p.m. (Spanish). Participants will learn the purpose of core documents like wills, powers of attorney, health care directives, and basic trusts.

Summer Jobs For Ages 14-24

Revitalized for 2026, Chicago Youth Works, formerly One Summer Chicago, is the City of Chicago's youth employment program. Participants gain valuable paid work experience, develop new tools for success, and make a difference in their communities.

Government institutions, companies, and community-based organizations offer employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24.

Apply at chicago-youthworks.org by May 29th.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

KIDS

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

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

"Earth Day Program & Free Tree Pick-Up" on Saturday, April 25th at 11 a.m. Celebrate Earth Day with a story and craft.

Stories and Songs children will listen to stories, sing songs and move to music. Play time follows each session. Early arrivals can color or do a puzzle for ages 15 months to 4 years with a caregiver on Wednesdays, April 15th & 22nd from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

TEENS

Teen Volunteer Hours on Wednesday, April 29th from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Make handmade cards, prepare crafts for the library and more. Bring any forms you need signed.

ADULTS

The adult book club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The April 9th topic is "Poverty by America" by Matthew Desmond. The May 14th topic is "Glorious Exploits" by Ferdia Lennon.

Saturday Game Day through May 30th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a game or play one of ours: UNO, Skip-bo, Mexican Train, Scrabble, Outburst, Upwards, Rummy 500, Canasta, Chess, Checkers, Sorry and more. No registration is needed.

New Device Advice on Tuesdays, through April 28th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Library staff will help set up a new device, teach the

basics, connect to Wi-Fi, change settings and answer questions.

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

Games People Play on Thursdays, through June 4th from 2 to 4 p.m. Once a month we will play only Scrabble, Yahtzee or Trivia games for the two-hour session. Light refreshments will be available. Feel free to bring a treat as well. As always, bring one of your own games or use one of ours.

Estate Planning for Peace of Mind presented by the Chicago Estate Planning Council on Thursday, April 30th at 6 p.m. This 60-minute presentation guides attendees through key estate planning topics - wills, trusts, healthcare decisions, powers of attorney, and beneficiary selection.

From Instant Ramen to Real Meals. Simple Meal Planning for Emerging Adults ages 19 to 26 on Tuesday, April 14th at 6 p.m. We'll cover simple ways to plan meals, shop smarter at the grocery store, and demonstrate how to prepare a few easy recipes.

SENIORS

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

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

Coffee Hour "Travels to the UK" on Thursday, April 23rd from 1 to 2 p.m. Join guest speaker, Celeste, our travel gurus, and hear about her amazing trip to England, Wales and Scotland.

Register for events at chipublib.org/events.

Church Services

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Sunday, 10 a.m., Worship Service, our speaker is Ashanti Pettaway.

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).

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Mass scheduled for Thursday, April 9th, St. Bruno, 8 a.m., Misa Diaria; 3 to 6 p.m. Adoration. Friday, April 10th: St. Richard Church, 8 a.m. Daily Mass; 5 p.m. Adorations and confession; 6 p.m. Polish Mass.

Saturday, April 11th, St. Bruno, 8 a.m. Polish Mass, 4 p.m. Confession and 4:30 p.m. English Mass.

Sunday, April 12th, St. Richard Mass: 7:30 a.m. Polish, 9 a.m. English, 10:30 a.m. Spanish.

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

Devices 4 Disabled Seeks Donations



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Devices 4 The Disabled accepts used and new durable medical equipment in good condition, such as walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds, crutches, patient lifts, rehab chairs and other mobility devices.

Donations impact individuals with disabilities, providing them with the tools they need. Financial donations and grants cover costs to collect, refurbish, and distribute the equipment.

For more information, visit www.d4d.org or call (773) 270-0346.

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.

TEENS

Teen Volunteer Club on Saturday, April 11th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you need service/volunteer hours for school or are looking to help your community. Materials will be provided, bring your timesheets.

Teen Uno Night on Thursday, April 30th from 4 to 5 p.m. Play multiple rounds and enjoy snacks. No experience necessary.

CHILDREN

SitStayRead for ages 6 to 9 on Thursday, April 9th from 5 to 6 p.m. Kids can come practice their reading skills with Certified Reading Assistance Dogs. Only children can register, an adult parent

Food Pantry At Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima, 2751 W. 38th place operates a food pantry in partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Serving residents of 60632, 60608 and 60609. Bring reusable bags.

For more information email ourladyoffatimafoodpantry@gmail.com

or guardian must sign a permission form.

Fun: "Slime Time" on Tuesday, April 14th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Afterschool Fun: "DIY Suncatcher" for ages 3 to 13 on Tuesday, April 21st from 4 to 5 p.m.

Pokemon GO for ages 6 & up on Saturday, April 25th from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring your own device to use the Pokemon GO app.

Bicycle Ride And Safety Workshop

The 12th Ward will sponsor a Community Bike Ride and Bicycle Safety Workshop at Palace Hall, 4604 S. Archer ave. on Saturday, April 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your bike and helmet, learn about safety tips and resources. Divvy bikes are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact (773) 475-6783 or ward12@cityofchicago.org.

Earth Day Park Clean-Up

The Chicago Park District is seeking volunteers for the 41st Annual City-wide Earth Day Park Clean-Up on Saturday, April 18th. Volunteers will be responsible for laying mulch around trees, picking up litter, and installing Fibar on playground surfaces.

Supplies such as garbage bags, gloves, and other tools will be provided. Registration is available at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/earth-day.

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