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Returning To School



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Now that most of our Illinois students are back in class, I'll share what some people, not from our area, told me. I recently had conversations with high school students from Central Illinois. These students were grateful to be back and grateful that their area union was not like some others. They felt some unions were more interested in politics than their success in college.

They also admitted that for the at-home learning they did not put in enough time to make it truly profitable. They agreed they did little work compared to a regular year and seldom used the teacher—except in Math.

I also met with a group of parents that home-schooled their children. They mentioned the same things that we hear from homeschoolers in our community. Their big worry was the new curriculum proposed by "progressives" like Critical Race Theory and changes to the sex ed curriculum.

These parents seemed well informed and confident, which, as I see it, will help them be successful.

I also had conversations with a member of a School Board and a few principals from the far Southwest suburbs. They seem to agree that the schools will have to be in session for a while to see what they have to do to make it work and not try to make their particular concept prove to be the best.

These people, who like you and I, have been affected by the pandemic. Many people over the last year have developed very strong opinions. These tend to be very personal. While it should be expected, those who are successful are not always of different opinions. I try to remind that one of my core beliefs is that parents should take as much control as they can because most have the innate ability to make good judgments for their family.

Parent Patrol

The School Safety Patrol in McKinley Park is looking to expand their presence. They are looking for responsible adults to volunteer for at least one session, either morning or after school of about a half hour per session. The patrol observes the activities around the schools to help serve as a deterrent to activities in non-safe situations. They also help reduce traffic around the schools.

Interested? Please stop at Evergreen Academy, 3537 S. Paulina or Nathanael Greene School, 3525 S. Honore, to obtain an application. You can help the safety of our community.

Sundays On State Announces Activities



Credit Sean Su Purple Photo

Chicago Loop Alliance is announcing the lineup for the Sept. 5th Sundays on State event, taking place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on State Street from Lake to Madison. The open streets project is free and open to the public. The final event will take place on Sept. 12th. Those who register to attend at LoopChicago.com/Sundays will be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Loop staycation package.

The Sept. 5th event will feature more than 115 activities that were submitted by community members and organizations. Visit LoopChicago.com/Sundays for the most up-to-date details.

The performance schedule for Lake to Randolph includes 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Freakeasy; 2-5 p.m. DJ sets by Power 92's HotRod.

Randolph to Washington: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Cumulus Radio DJ live broadcast WLS-AM 890. Washington to Madison on stage 11 a.m., DZika Fitness (bring water, towel and sport attire); Noon, Millar Brass Ensemble; 1 p.m., Jessica Ever; 2:30 p.m., Orcas are Dolphins; 4 p.m., Together; 6 p.m., Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater and 7 p.m. Dance Hokulea.

East-west streets within the program area will remain open so that retail, hotels, restaurants and residential spaces will still have access by vehicle. Signage about the street closure will be placed at the sites of the closure and two blocks out to provide ample notice. State Street from Wacker to Lake will be used as a drop-off zone.

False Statements To Acquire Firearms

A Chicago man has been charged in federal court with making materially false statements in the acquisition of more than 20 firearms.

In 2019 and 2020 Stovall Buchanan acquired 23 handguns and a rifle from suburban firearms dealers, falsely certifying on federal forms that he resided at a certain address in Chicago and, in connection with some of the purchases, that he was the actual buyer of the guns, according to a criminal complaint unsealed today in U.S. District Court.

In reality, Buchanan resided at a different Chicago address at the time of the purchases, and within months of the sales, all but one of the 23 guns were no longer in his possession, the complaint states. Four of the firearms were later discovered in the possession of other individuals, including one felon who was prohibited by federal law from possessing a gun, the complaint states.

Buchanan, age 23, is charged with making a false statement in connection with the acquisition of a firearm. The charge is punishable by a maximum sentence of ten

years in federal prison. Buchanan made an initial court appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez.

The complaint was announced by John R. Lausch, Jr., United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and Kristen de Tineo, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Field Division of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Chicago Police Department provided valuable assistance. The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shy Jackson.

Art Exhibits At Mexican Museum

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1652 W. 19th st. will conduct the opening of two exhibitions: *Día de Muertos - A Time to Grieve and Remember* and *Reframing Comunidad The Art of Ester Hernandez and Shizu Saldamando* on Friday, Sept. 10th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for vaccinated guests only.

For opening night proof of full vaccination (with the exception of children under 13) will be required. The wearing of masks by everyone older than 2 years is in effect.

Renovation For Brighton Library

Brighton Park Branch library, 4314 S. Archer will be closed for renovations from Tuesday, September 7th until mid-October.

Renovations will include new carpeting, repairs to the roof, painting and removal of ivy on the building. Programming such as the CAPS meeting may be online for the month of October, but will be in person on Thursday, Sept. 2nd from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Adult Book Discussion will continue to be held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. online. The book for discussion on September 17th is "Beach Read" by Emily Henry.

Patrons who have holds coming to Brighton Park will be able to pick them up at Back of Yards Branch, 2111 W 47th st. Patrons who currently have material checked out, will have a due date of Oct. 18th, when the library is scheduled to reopen.

Virtual Event For Empowering Girls

ESPN sportscaster Jessica Mendoza, Paralympian Victoria Arlen, Olympian Ashleigh Johnson and Netflix Emily's Wonder Lab host Emily Calandrelli will headline the fourth annual "Empowering Girls for Life," a free event to be held virtually through Sept. 26th with registration at www.empoweringgirlsforlife.com.

Attendees can choose to watch one or multiple speakers, have access to an exclusive virtual swag bag and engage with sponsors.

Event Emcee Katie Caldwell is a freelance sports broadcaster, mental health advocate and accomplished dancer. After a cancer diagnosis in 2017, she ventured into public speaking to share her experience with adversity and mental illness.

Library Schedules Family Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

Live one-on-one homework help is also available online everyday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Brainfuse. Students in early elementary through advanced college prep can get help with: specific homework questions, improving study skills, writing papers, ACT and SAT test prep and learning English as a second language. Use Brainfuse on any connected device or at home with your library card.

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature writing and poetry on Tuesdays, through Nov. 30th and Dec. 7th & 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

Justin Mercer, Program Coordinator with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, will provide a virtual presentation about the history, uses, and amenities on Saturday, Sept. 11th from 10 to 11 a.m. Q & A will follow. Register online 24 hours before the event.

Join Ellie at the Rogers Park Branch for baby time with songs, rhymes and books on Tuesdays, through Sept. 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Register 24 hours before.

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S. Archer will conduct Stories and Songs for ages 0-5 on Wednesdays, Sept. 15th to 29th at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Register for only one slot.

Prostate Cancer: Prevention and Early Detection with American Cancer Society will be featured on Thursday, Sept. 16th from 6 to 7 p.m. A question and answer session will follow. Register until 24 hours before the event.

Real People Realty will conduct a free Real Estate Investing Seminar on Thursday, Sept. 16th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Participants will learn the key strategies that investors use to build wealth; how to find properties; how to make money depending on your budget and how to minimize risk. Register by 4 p.m. Sept. 16th.

Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S. Archer will conduct Time for Tots ages 18 to 36 months on Mondays, Sept. 13th to 27th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Attend in person for stories, songs, finger plays and a take home craft. Register by 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 13th.

Award-winning author, journalist and teacher, Beth Finke will teach the craft of memoir and first-person narratives in a four-part writing workshop on Tuesdays, Sept. 7th to 28th from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Through discussions, observation exercises, and writing prompts, Beth will answer common questions about getting started, the difference between autobiography and memoir, exposing family secrets, using pen names and pseudonyms, writer's block, researching, organizing work, self-publishing and working with publishers. A fun workshop to discover ways friends, family celebrations, milestones, moments and place can be catalysts for unlocking memories and uncovering stories.

Beth Finke is the author of *Writing Out Loud and Teaches* weekly memoir-writing classes through the Chicago area.

This event takes place on Zoom. Participants must register for all four sessions of the workshop by 1 hour before the first session.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Chicago Shakespeare At Ping Tom Park



Chicago Shakespeare Theater is celebrating the 10th anniversary of Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks with a return to outdoor, in-person performances. Through a creative collaboration with community partners, the reimagined summer tour will bring a new take on a Shakespeare play to Ping Tom Memorial Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Saturday, Sept. 4th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Neighborhood artists, musicians, and dancers will take center stage alongside actors to create a multidisciplinary, multilingual, and unique artistic event.

Vaccination Totals For Area Residents

The Chicago Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 cumulative vaccinations for August 30th.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative - 1,494,068 doses, 55.5% of population; 1st dose - cumulative 1,637,097 doses, 60.8% of population, 18+ 71.1% of population.

60632: 1st dose cumulative 57,063 total, 63.5% population with an increase of .6% from the prior week. Complete vaccine series 52,478 total, 58.4% population, .6% increase.

60638: 1st dose cumulative 32,059 total, 54.6% population, .5% increase. Complete vaccine series 29,669 total, 50.6% population, .6% increase.

60608: 1st dose cumulative 50,327 total, 62.9% population, .4%

increase. Complete vaccine series 46,581 total, 58.2% population, .4% increase.

60609: 1st dose cumulative 34,476 total, 56.6% population, .6% increase. Complete vaccine series 30,965 total, 50.8% population, .5% increase.

Resource: Chicago.gov/covidvax

Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting at St. Richard Church Hall, 50th & Kenneth on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 7:30 p.m. Enter from the parking lot.

Seating will be limited to 50 people with reservations at (773) 843-2232.

Brookfield Zoo's Annual Zoo Run



Photo credit CZS-Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo will conduct a 5k Run and 1-Mile Kids' Dash on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Proceeds will benefit the Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Care and Conservation Fund.

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to take part in the 5k race at 8:30 a.m. presented by Aquafina and Gatorade and sponsored by DuPage Medical Group. Family and friends of participants will receive free zoo admission to cheer on their favorite runner and then stay to enjoy the zoo after the races.

Youngsters 4 to 13 years are invited to participate in the 1-mile Kids' Dash that starts at 9:30 a.m. Both races commence in the Discovery Center parking lot and take participants through the zoo and past many animal habitats.

Registration for the 5k is \$40 (price increases to \$45 on Sept. 9, the last

day to register) plus a minimal sign-up fee. The fee for the 1-mile Kids' Dash is \$25 plus a minimal sign-up fee. Participants in both runs will receive a sling backpack featuring the 2021 Zoo Run logo, a timed-bib, and snacks and beverages. To learn more and register, go to CZS.org/BrookfieldZooRun.

Awards and prizes will be announced onstage at 10 a.m. to the first-, second-, and third-place male and female finishers in the 5k as well as the top three participants in the Kids' Dash.

Packets may be picked up at the North Gate parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 11th, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. as well as on the day of the event Sunday, Sept. 12th, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

On race day, participants may enter the zoo from the North or South Gate parking lots after 6:30 a.m. Proceed to the Discovery Center parking lot to line up for the start of the race. Participants will not be able to access the Discovery Center parking lot by vehicle.

Pakistani Artist Exhibit At MCA

The Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago ave. will present an exhibition by Pakistani artist Bani Abidi: "The Man Who Talked Until He Disappeared", Sept. 4th to June 5th.

Informed by her upbringing in Karachi and experiences in other metropolitan cities including Chicago, where she studied at the School of the Art Institute, she uses video, photography, sound, and installation to uncover the influence of cultural and political power struggles on everyday life.

Display Of Illinois Guitars

The Illinois Rock 'n Roll Museum, on Route 66 in Joliet is featuring an exhibit titled "The Re-Chorded History of Illinois Guitars".

The exhibit, written by author Wally Marx Jr., will chronicle how the guitars have become cherished by rock stars and collectors.

Instruments played by Rick Nielsen from Cheap Trick, Jim Peterik from the Ides of March, Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins and many others will be displayed.

For more information, visit www.roadtorock.org.

Extension For Eviction Order

The Illinois Supreme Court announced an amendment to Order M.R. 30370 which extends the temporary stay on certain residential eviction trials and dispositive motions to Sept. 18th. The previous order was set to end on Sept. 1st.

The Amended Order is available on www.illinoiscourts.gov.

The amended Order also includes provisions that exempt cases where rental assistance is clearly not viable and there is no reason to delay trial. Courts are to generally defer to the rental assistance programs for eligibility determinations, only substituting their own assessments when the matter is clear and free from doubt. The order also permits landlords to challenge the veracity of a tenant's declaration. This brings the Court's order in line with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Chrysfis v. Marks*.

Currently, the Governor's moratorium on residential eviction continues to bar the enforcement of certain eviction judgments through Sept. 18th.

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Calendar of Events At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo's popular Dinos Everywhere!, sponsored by Meijer, will go extinct on Sept. 6th. A few surprises will be featured on some of the 40 animatronic dinosaurs to make them even more lifelike. Located throughout the 216-acre park, zoogoers will be able to see their favorite dinosaurs, including the Argentinosaurus that measures 110 feet in length and stands three-stories tall on the West Mall. Search for replica artifacts in the dino dig boxes and go on a Dino Hunt to find all 12 miniature brachiosaurus named Benita along the dinosaur trail.

Guests can download CZS.org/Zoo Map to see where all the animatronic dinos are located. The exhibit was created by Don Lessum, advisor to the movie "Jurassic Park" and is on loan from Dino Don,

Inc. and The Wildlife Conservation Society. Dinos Everywhere! is free with zoo admission.

Brookfield Zoo Run on Sunday, Sept. 12th features a chip-timed 5k race and a chip-timed 1-mile race for kids ages 4-13. The 5k, which begins at 8:30 a.m., costs \$35-\$45 depending on registration date. The 1-mile race for youngsters follows at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$25. Each runner will receive a sling backpack, bib containing timing chip, and snacks and beverages. Bring family and friends in for free to cheer you on and visit the animals after the races. Proceeds will go towards the Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Care and Conservation Fund. To register and for further information, go to CZS.org/ZooRun2021.

Oktoberfest will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25th - 26th from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Zoogoers can toss on their lederhosen and enjoy live polka music at the Beer Garden on the East Mall. The event is free with general admission. Available for purchase will be Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest beer and a seasonal menu with bratwurst, sausages, pretzels with beer cheese, and more.

Pre-Apprentice Training Program

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced the launch of the new Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program, leveraging a \$10 million commitment to provide additional training programs.

DCEO and the Office of Illinois Works aim to create a network of providers to recruit, pre-screen, and provide pre-apprenticeship skills training and manage the transition to a full apprenticeship program in construction and building trades.

Participants will attend tuition-free and receive a stipend and other supportive services. Upon completion of the program, pre-apprentices will receive industry aligned certifications to qualify for a full-time apprenticeship program in one of the trades.

The deadline for the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program is Oct. 4th. An informational webinar will be held on Sept. 9th to help prepare organizations applying for training dollars. For more information on the program, visit <https://www.illinoisworknet.com/ill-works-preapprenticeship-nofo2021>.

License Plate Readers For Expressway Crime

The Illinois Department of Transportation will provide \$12.5 million to the Illinois State Police for the purchase and installation of automated license plate readers and software to aid in the investigation of Cook County expressway shootings.

47 locations will include a communication system to backhaul the video images to a central location where additional software is used to query and match license plates to existing license plate and vehicle databases.

The grant will cover the costs of engineering, permitting, and labor associated with readers, controllers, servers/software, electrical power, communications equipment and maintenance.

The Tamara Clayton

Expressway Camera Act was signed into law on July 12, 2019 and became effective on Jan. 1, 2020. On Feb. 4, 2019, Ms. Clayton was on her way to work when she was shot and killed while driving on Interstate 57 near Cicero ave. The investigation into her death remains unsolved.

As of Feb. 10, 2021, 27 expressway shootings on the Cook County area expressway systems has been reported; 11 resulted in injuries, 3 with fatalities, and a total of 14 victims. In 2021, there were 128 reported expressway shootings with 49 injuries, 7 fatalities and 72 victims. In 2019, the total number of reported expressway shootings was 52; 21 with injuries, 3 with fatalities and 35 victims.

Chgo. History Museum Schedules Events



The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. has scheduled walking tours in interesting neighborhoods.

Historic Old Town will be explored on Sept. 4th and 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Union Station will be featured on Sept. 4th & 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Glitterati, on the Gold Coast will feature a time when Chicago's rich and famous were carousing on Sept. 6th, 12th and 18th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Guide Luis Tubens will lead a walking tour of the Pilsen community art murals on Sept. 19th, 24th &

25th from 2 to 4 p.m. Guide Bernard Turner will explain the history and culture of the Bronzeville community on Sept. 16th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Movies in the Park will present a free screening of "In Old Chicago" (1938) on the museum's plaza on Sept. 14th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket.

The History Museum will open the exhibit, "City on Fire: Chicago 1871" on Oct. 8th. Families will learn, explore and discover the impact of the Great Chicago Fire.

For more information, visit chicagohistory.org.

"Chicago In Tune" Music Festival



Photo Credit Paul Natkin

Katherine Davis

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced more details for "Chicago In Tune" (through Sept. 19th), a citywide festival celebrating Chicago's diverse music scene and the 2021 Year of Chicago Music. This month of music will bring together iconic neighborhood venues, presenting organizations and musicians from across the city to celebrate all music genres and forms — with hundreds of free and ticketed events at dozens of venues. The festival is part of "Open Culture" — just one component of the Mayor's "Open Chicago" initiative.

DCASE will present four special evenings at Jay Pritzker Pavilion presented by the Millennium Park Foundation honoring music born in Chicago: Gospel music (Sept. 3rd), Jazz (Sept. 4th), House (Sept. 11th) and Blues (Sept. 18th). Other special events and festivals across the city include Chosen Few DJs at Kennedy-King College (Aug. 28th), ARC Music Festival in Union Park (Sept. 4th & 5th), Pitchfork Music Festival Chicago in Union Park (Sept. 10th-12th) and Riot Fest in Douglass Park (Sept. 17th-19th) — plus professional development workshops for musicians and a new "Music Lives Here" public art initiative. Previously an-

nounced City-sponsored events include Millennium Park summer programming and community events such as Chicago SummerDance in the Parks; the new House City series; ¡Súbelo!, a celebration of Latinx music and culture in the Pilsen neighborhood; and music at Maxwell Street Market.

Free and ticketed events across Chicago in neighborhood clubs, concert halls and beyond will include: Goodman Theatre presents Sones de México Ensemble's "Zulema" in Chicago parks (Sept. 2nd); Bluegrass Brunch at Beat Kitchen (Sept. 4th, 11th & 18th); Chicago Soul Jazz Collective featuring 2020 Esteemed Artist Award Winner Dee Alexander at Jazz Showcase (Sept. 15th); NEA Jazz Master Herbie Hancock opens the Symphony Center Presents Jazz series at Symphony Center (Sept. 2nd); DJ All the Way Kay at Ace Hotel Chicago (Sept. 2nd); 2021 Esteemed Artist Award Winner Billy Branch and the Sons of Blues, Joey J. Saye Trio at Reggies (Sept. 3rd); and Lyric Opera of Chicago presents Verdi's "Macbeth" at Lyric Opera House (Sept. 17th).

The public will find the listing of events at Do312.com/ChicagoInTune.

Obituaries

MARIA BUCHTA passed away on August 22nd at the age of 80. She was the wife Tadeusz; mother of Kristina and Elizabeth; grandmother of two. Visitation was held Aug. 26th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

FRANCISCO GARCIA QUINONES passed away Aug. 25th at the age of 67. Significant other of Maria Luisa Avila; father of Anthony; brother of Juan, Adela, Martha, Irma, Vidal, Javier and Teodosio; grandfather of two. Visitation was held Aug. 29th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 30th at Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Forest Home Cemetery.

HUMBERTO NAVA MORALES passed away suddenly on Aug. 23rd at the age of 41. Significant other of Nora Reyes; son of Mauricio and Amparo; father of Victor; brother of Amparo, Clemente, Everardo, Reynalda and Avelina. Visitation was Sept. 1st at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 1st at Immaculate Conception. Interment was at St. Casimir Catholic Cemetery.

DOROTHY C. SKUCEK passed away on Aug. 23rd at the age of 95. Visitation was held Aug. 27th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Jonathan Siedlecki, director. Funeral Mass followed at St. Richard Catholic Church. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Photography Tips For Earth's Moon

Adler Planetarium astronomy educators will provide tips on observing the earth's moon and getting better images with a smartphone. Participants will learn the difference between Supermoons, Micromoons and regular Full Moons, as well as look at telescope images of our nearest neighbor in space.

For more information, visit adlerplanetarium.org/event/sky-observers-hangout/.

RONALD J. NAW-ROCKI of Westchester, age 85. Husband of Diana, nee Borst; father of Deborah (James) Urani and Marcia (John) Nawrocki-Verburg; grandfather of Ronald, John Michael, Lily and Ivy; brother of Joanne (Ronald) Ploszaj; uncle of Dr. Susan Gorman and Brian Ploszaj. 11 a.m. funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 4th at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle, Westchester. Arrangements were entrusted to Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home.

JOHN EDWARD CROCKER, "Red Dog" age 48, long time McKinley Park area resident passed away on August 23, 2021. Loving father of Caitlyn Crocker, son of Lois and the late Carl Crocker. Life Partner of Cindy Wisniewski. Brother of Karen Scimeca, Carl Crocker and Michael Crocker. Uncle of many nieces and nephews and friend to many. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, September 4, from 4pm to 8 pm at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyle Ave.

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Ravinia Hosts Music Festival

Ravinia Music Festival announced updates to its 2021 season, which features more than 70 events through Sept. 26th.

Tickets are available exclusively exclusively at Ravinia.org.

Lady A returns to the Ravinia stage on Sept. 3rd. Since teaming up in 2006, the trio has sold more than 18 million records while earning nine #1 hits on the County radio charts. They have own seven Grammy awards including both Record and Song of the Year honors for "Need you Now" in 2010.

The Roots return on Sept. 4th, the legendary Roots Crew has become

one of the best-known and most respected hip-hop acts in the business, winning four Grammy Awards. The Crew serves as the official house band on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*.

Once Again (2006), *Evolver* (2008), *Love in the Future* (2013), *Darkness and Light* (2016), and *A Legendary Christmas* (2018).

The War and Treaty makes its Ravinia debut opening for John Legend on Sept. 5th and 6th. The husband-and-wife team of Michael Trotter Jr. and Tanya Blount-Trotter blends Southern soul with elements of gospel, country, rock and roll, and blues.

Max Weinberg's Jukebox comes to Ravinia for the first time on Sept. 19th, armed with an unlimited repertoire of classic songs to engage the audience in an interactive concert. For 45 years, Weinberg has held the drum chair behind Bruce Springsteen & The E Street band, and while anchoring the house band for *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* for 17 years.

Frank Orrall returns on Sept. 23rd, making his first appearance as a solo artist and playing a DJ set to the North Lawn from the Carousel Stage. Orrall is a multi-instrumentalist, poet, and composer with a host of side projects including the Mod dub rockers Thievery Corporation, Palm Fabric Orchestra, 8fatfat8, and Mourning Doves.

Ms. Lauryn Hill makes a return to the festival on Sept. 25th. The lone female member of The Fugees, she launched her solo career with the release of the album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*.

New Scopes Program At Adler Planetarium

The Adler Planetarium announces a new "Scopes" program in its Doane Observatory. Stargazers will learn how telescopes work and to find bright stars and constellations using modern and historic tools.

"Scopes at the Adler" will be held on clear nights during select Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, Sept. 20th, 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th at 8 p.m. Each program lasts one hour.

The call to hold the program will be made on the morning of the scheduled date and announced on social channels via @adlerplanetarium on Twitter and our 'Scopes at the Adler' Facebook Group, with ticket link going live at noon.

The cost is \$25 online only (no refunds), 12 tickets maximum sold per event. Visit <https://bit.ly/36gAqIL> for more information and to purchase tickets when they go on sale.

The parking lot next to the Planetarium is owned by the Chicago Park District and is not open in the evenings. Guests should take public transportation (#146 CTA bus), rideshares, or taxis on program evenings. Park-

ing on the Museum Campus is limited in the evening hours, and cars parked along Solidarity Drive past 10 pm may be ticketed and towed.

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County Launches Learning Project

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announces Project Rainbow: a new, family-focused recovery initiative designed to address the learning loss exacerbated by the pandemic.

Programming will air on Cook County's cable channel (channel 22/900 on Comcast) at 10 a.m. and repeat at 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A portion of content will draw on the partnership and expertise of Golden Apple's award-winning teachers who are also state-certified teacher evaluators. Through this partnership, Project Rainbow will provide literacy enrichment videos for 3- to 6-year-olds.

The curriculum is aligned to the Common Core State Standards, Illinois Learning Standards,

and Creative Curriculum. Each lesson is designed to have a predictable structure, integrated content areas, a home connection for parents, and accessibility for diverse learners.

The curriculum will be visually imagined by the award-winning Chicago Children's Theatre team.

For more information, visit projectrainbow.cook-countyil.gov.

Musical Show At Ping Tom Park



Beyond This Point will present Reclaimed Timber, an immersive, hypnotic musical performance featuring 5000 LED lights at Tom Ping Memorial Park, 300 W. 19th st., beneath the 18th Street bridge on Saturday, Sept. 25th at 7 p.m. Playing on six pieces of wood sourced from demolished homes, six percussionists will attempt to portray the city's housing history.

Fall Programs At Park District

The Chicago Park District offers an extensive array of in-person programming options along with virtual programs for all ages this fall. A new customer user interface recently launched on our registration website.

Park Kids Afterschool program started Aug. 30th. Gymnastic centers have two fall sessions. Session I runs Sept. 7th - Oct. 23rd.

The registration site was updated with a redesigned customer user interface which allows registration from any device.

Aquatic classes will resume beginning the week of Sept. 20th with Parent and Tot Swim; Youth, Teen and Adult Learn to Swim; Junior Lifeguards; Swim Team; Water Polo; and Aquatic Exercise. Seniors are offered Water Walking, and Aquatic Exercise. Lap swim and open swim times will begin the week of Sept. 7th.

Early Childhood fea-

tures Arts & ABCs, Ballet, Bitty Basketball, Dino Diggers, Kiddie College, and Little Artists. Mom, Pop, & Tot and Parent/Guardian & Tot activities are for the younger set. Online/virtual programs include Kiddie College, Arts & ABCs, and Puppetry.

Youth are offered Boxing, Basketball, Seasonal Sports, Dance, Woodcraft, Cheerleading, a variety of fitness options and much more.

Adults and Seniors may sign up for American Sign Language, Cardio Line Dance, Chair Exercise, Conditioning, Drawing & Painting, and Bingo, sports leagues include Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and "16 softball.

Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com for more information.

Appointments For Driver's Services

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White stated that customers will be required to make an appointment for behind-the-wheel road tests, REAL IDs, standard driver's licenses and ID cards at 5401 N. Elston ave., 5301 W. Lexington St. and 9901 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dr.

Vehicle services, such as renewing a license plate sticker or applying for a vehicle title, do not require an appointment.

Hours are: Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Customers can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com or call (844) 817-4649 to schedule an appointment up to 10 days in advance.

Seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, and expectant mothers will be served as walk-ins.

Midnight Circus At McKinley Park



Midnight Circus in the Parks will bring a series of High-Flying, Open-Air performances to McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, Sept. 18th at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The wildly eclectic cast of acrobats, aerialists, physical performers and musicians will once again amaze, amuse and inspire.

County Provides \$80,000 Grant

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced an \$80,000 grant through the Justice Advisory Council to support Instituto del Progreso Latino's restorative justice work. The grant is a part of a \$1.5 million investment to community-based organizations aimed at creating stable and thriving communities.

The grant will fund partial personnel costs and supplemental services for the Rudy Lozano

Leadership Program within IPL's Instituto Justice and Leadership Academy. The "second opportunity" high school is designed to serve students between the ages of 16-21 years old, who are seeking a more personalized and individualized high school program.

120 youth are currently enrolled at IJLA located in Pilsen. The school provides students with a rigorous academic program while simultaneously providing strong social emotional supports.



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During our daily routines, we do business alongside other hardworking people. Even when we are outside of work - at the movies, the grocery store, driving on the highway - we encounter people who are working just as hard, even on weekends, night or at two jobs. Labor Day is a day to honor all of the men and women who work to provide for themselves and their families. Your efforts help keep our country and our communities strong, and we salute your commitment to a job well done. We hope you enjoy a great holiday weekend of festivities and relaxation.



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Edward M. Burke
14th Ward Alderman
14th Ward Democratic Org.

In-Home Vaccination

The Chicago Department of Public Health announced an expansion of its in-home vaccination program. Protect Chicago At Home, with \$25 Visa gift cards offered to ages 12 & up.

In-home vaccination offers a choice between the Pfizer (age 12 and older) and Johnson & Johnson (age 18 and older) vaccines. Up to ten people can be vaccinated at a time. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, call (312) 746-4835 or register by southwest region at www.chicago.gov/athome.

Art Exhibit In Greektown

Greektown Chicago will present its free outdoor art exhibit Hello Helios with 24 three-dimensional artworks lining Halsted Street from Monroe to Van Buren Streets through spring 2022.

Painted by a diverse group of Chicago artists and named for Helios, the god of the sun in Greek mythology, the artworks celebrate the sun and light up the start of summer. Many works in the exhibit draw inspiration from related mythologies, including those in the Greek, Aztec, Yoruba, Japanese and Native American cultures.

Chicagoland Walk Against Suicide

The Illinois Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will conduct its annual Out of the Darkness Chicagoland Walk at Montrose Harbor on Oct. 2nd.

Register, volunteer or donate and be part of the movement coming #TogetherToFightSuicide.

For more information, go to www.afsp.org/chicago.

Housing Workshop

A Community Housing Workshop will be conducted Sept. 8th from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom. Registration is required at tinyurl.com/housingprotect.

Virtual Art Programs At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer invites students to share their art by bringing painted rocks to construct a garden, creating circle art for a giant mural and creations for a gallery exhibit.

The Virtual Adult Book Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 13th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Hip Hop Family Tree, v.1 by Ed Piskor. This event takes place on Zoom, register online by 6 p.m. the day before.

Library 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. (312) 747-9241.

Family Fishing At Northerly Island

Learn how to fish Chicago's Lake Front Harbor at Northerly Island Park, 1521 S. Linn White dr. during Family Fishing on Saturday, Sept. 18th from 9 to 11 a.m. Perfect for families with children ages 8 years old and up, this 2 hour class includes instruction, on-the-water fishing, equipment and bait. The fee is \$5. Fishing license is required for ages 16 and older. Call Program Manager Carl Vizzone at (312) 859-2395 with questions.

Jazz Concert At Millennium Park

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will present a free Jazz Concert at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion of Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph on Saturday, Sept. 4th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Featured performers are Ari Brown, Marquis Hill and Lizz Wright. For more information, visit jazzinchicago.org.

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