Phone (773) 523-3663
Call for appointment
Fax (773) 523-3983 Email: brightonparklife@aol.com
www.brightonparkLIFE.com
News Deadline Monday 6 p.m.
Display and Classified Deadline Tues. 12 noon
Follow us @BrightonParkMcKinleyParkLIFENewspaper

BRIGHTON PARK LIFE McKINLEY PARK

Serving the Communities of Brighton Park, McKinley Park and Archer Heights, for over 85 Years

VOL. 87 NO. 2 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2020 Your Community Newspaper $65.00 Per Year By Mail in U.S.

Spread Of COVID-19

By Dr. R. Pletsch

The Covid 19 pandemic has changed how we live. But some things that our local governments stress seems a little off the wall. Let me give you some examples. Protests, quarantines, restaurants and church. Many know there is no way to enforce social distancing in a protest and if you cross state borders, the government says you must self-quarantine for 14 days. These have been talked about plenty as mayors and governors keep proclaiming these unenforceable decisions. These change often as this virus spikes up and down. They even act as if restaurants and bars cause the spikes.

I found no stats that indicate places are breeding grounds for the virus. I know several people who have recovered from the virus and they were never asked where they had been, like restaurants, church, protests or other states. They were only told to tell their families and work. I believe the problem is that since the President gave the governors the responsibilities for the states, they feel they must react when there is a spike, even when there is no clear evidence of what should be done.

Some of the announcements they have made involve schools and churches. But people have become very upset with these controls. The only other thing seems to be to keep bothering businesses that require permits, cooking and liquor, that you really have control over. Does anyone seriously believe that controlling the hours of a bar will help? Has anyone even released statistics that show the virus spreads in bars, but only after 10 p.m.? Or do they spread in church, but only if you sing?

Let's face it, everyone is working in the dark. There are politicians who say we must follow the science because we like to blame someone, like the President or the Governor or whoever. But the scientific community has issued many conflicting theories. Masks work, masks don't work, warm weather will kill the virus, cold weather will kill the virus, and so forth. Even the media's guru, Dr. Fauci, has changed his mind publicly numerous times.

Each family should take care of their own, as best as they can. The thing I do not hear about much anymore is washing your hands. From all the science classes I have had over the years, it appears to be a crucial part of killing all types of germs and viruses, maybe not Covid, but certainly other things especially what children get their hands in. So relax, do your best, and avoid ulcers.

Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts Service Project

On Oct 24th members of the Ehalluchstt Chapter (Indian translation "Mighty and Powerful One") of the Order of The Arrow of the Takhone Lodge Pathway to Adventure Council B.S.A. (a Honor Society in scouting), held a Service project at Crooked Creek Woods in Palos Hills. Scouts and adult leaders picked up trash at the pavilions, fields and trails resulting in over twenty-five large bags of trash, vehicle tires and other debris. A lunch was held as well as a Chapter meeting and a pumpkin bowling game. Any boys ages 6 to 17 interested in scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825.

Mayor Releases 2021 Budget Proposal

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot presented the $12.8 billion budget proposal, which includes closing a $1.2 billion corporate fund budget deficit in FY2021. This budget identifies savings and efficiencies, new revenues and targeted investments that expand opportunities and support long-term financial goals and policy priorities.

The Office of Budget and Management partnered with City departments to identify more than $537 million in savings and efficiencies including $106 million in vacancy eliminations, layoffs and furloughs, nearly $114 million in non-personnel savings, and $59 million in savings achieved by sweeping aging revenue accounts. After negotiating better healthcare rates, realizing savings from prior year audits and finding additional savings from union negotiations, the City generated an additional $54 million in healthcare savings.

To address the portion of the gap caused by revenue loss due to the pandemic, the City anticipates achieving $501 million from debt refinancing and restructuring by issuing general obligation and sales tax securitization corporation bonds.

This budget includes nearly $185 million in increased revenues and reserves that include $76 million of TIF surplus funding. $30 million from the Rainy Day Fund and a $51.4 million property tax adjustment that includes a yearly CPI increase, and the collection of new property not previously included in the property tax base. Together with a loss of collection adjustment on the levy for pensions not previously budgeted, the $93.9 million proposed tax levy increase represents an estimated impact of approximately $56 annually on a median home valued at $250,000.

Additional adjustments to existing revenues are a 1.75 percentage point increase to the Personal Property Lease Tax applied to non-possessory computer leases of cloud software and infrastructure and Vehicle Fuel Tax on non-airline purchases to increase by $0.03 per gallon.

More than $18.6 million in new investments include an additional $5.25 million for community-based violence prevention and reduction efforts.

This budget will provide an additional $1.7 million for youth programming, $2 million in new funding for affordable housing and $7 million for economic recovery efforts to support workforce training and small businesses.

CPS Announces Reopening Goal

Chicago Public Schools announced that all students will begin the second quarter of school remotely, with the goal bringing students back through a phased approach beginning with the thousands of students in pre-k and students enrolled in intensive and moderate cluster classrooms who cannot be served well enough under any form of remote learning. The district, in consultation with the Chicago Department of Public Health will make a decision about in-person learning closer to the start of the second quarter. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly increased inequities in the district, with data showing that pre-k students, students in cluster programs, and Black and Latinx students are attending school at significantly reduced rates relative to prior years and other students this school year. CPS also experienced the largest enrollment decline in more than two decades driven by fewer new students enrolling in the earliest grades, including a 44% decline in Black students enrolled in pre-k compared to last school year.

The phased reopening approach, would begin with students in pre-k and intensive and moderate cluster programs who encounter significant challenges participating in remote learning without the support of a guardian. Students enrolled in pre-k are aged three and four and special education students enrolled in intensive and moderate cluster programs require a modified curriculum with support in a separate classroom from general education peers.

The district has spent the last several months ordering supplies, implementing health processes, and preparing schools for potential in-person hybrid learning. During that same time the Chicago Department of Public Health has been monitoring COVID cases among the students attending in-person private and parochial schools, as well as the staff.

City Reinstates Business Curfew

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced a retightening of COVID-19 restrictions in response to a rapid rise in cases and hospitalizations. A business curfew will be in effect from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for all nonessential businesses. Bars without a retail food license will no longer be able to serve customers indoors. Chicagoans are being asked to avoid social gatherings of more than six people and end all social gatherings by 10 p.m. These restrictions and guidelines will be in effect for at least two weeks.

Businesses that were deemed essential during the Stay at Home Order, such as grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations, may remain open during the business curfew hours. Restaurants may continue operating for take-out or delivery, but indoor or outdoor consumption of food or alcohol must cease at 10 p.m. Bars, taverns, or breweries that do not have a Retail Food Establishment License will no longer be able to serve customers indoors at any time. Establishments that serve alcohol for on-site consumption must end service at 9 pm before closing at 10 p.m. All other existing restrictions remain in place, including indoor capacity limits of 40% or 50 people within a room or space.

DUI Patrols During Halloween

The Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies today reminded motorists that driving impaired is a scary decision that causes needless fatalities.

The message is simple this Halloween: "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI."

"If you think Halloween is scary, remember: a DUI will haunt you for years," said Cynthia Watters, bureau chief of Safety Programs and Engineering. "If you will be partaking in alcohol or other impairing substances, plan ahead for a sober ride home before the party starts."

Illinois motor vehicle crash fatality rates are higher than they were at this time last year. As of Oct. 23, 864 people lost their lives in vehicle crashes in this year, 48 higher compared to the same timeframe last year.

To save lives and keep these numbers in check, law enforcement will be stepping up efforts to get impaired drivers off the road. The enforcement period will extend Halloween weekend through the early-morning hours of Monday, Nov. 2.

4,000 New Cases Of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 4,000 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease, including 46 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities were 1 male 60s, 2 females 70s, 1 male 70s, 1 female 80s and 1 female 90s.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 382,985 cases, including 9,568 deaths, in 102 counties. The seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from October 20th – October 26th is 6.4%.

Laboratories have reported 62,074 specimens for a total 7,388,290. 2,758 people were reported to be in the hospital 595 in the ICU and 241 on ventilators.

CPS Updates LSC Elections

Chicago Public Schools announced updates to the 2020 LSC elections, including offering mail-in voting for the first time. Parents, guardians and staff can choose between voting in-person at their respective school, submitting their ballot by mail, or dropping off their mail ballot at their school. Curbside voting for individuals with disabilities will be available.

Community members will be required to vote in person because the district does not have access to information for every prospective community voter living within a school's boundary to provide a mail-in ballot. High schoolers will participate in elections using a digital format.

Zoom Events At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled book clubs, a Graphic Novel monthly discussion and other events via Zoom.

Beginning To Read On Your Own will be offered on Tuesdays, until Nov. 17th from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

These books have: smaller print with less white space, several lines of text per page, less repetition and rhyming, varied sentence structure, punctuation and verb tense, more complex stories, and less picture support.

Some examples are: *King & Kyla* by Dori Hillestad Butler, *Ling & Ting* by Grace Lin, and *Penny and Her Marble* by Kevin Henkes

Reading On Your Own will be offered on Thursdays, until Nov. 29th from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

These books have: chapters, less pictures, rich vocabulary, detailed phrases and sentences, and more complex plots and themes.

Some examples are: *Barkus* by Patricia MacLachlan, *Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel, and *Meet Yasmin* by Saadia Faruqi.

A new Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Book Club will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The topics are: Nov. 9th, *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* by Frank Miller and Dec. 14th and *Saga* by Brian K. Vaughn & Fiona Staples. Register by 6 p.m. on the day before the discussion.

The Virtual Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are: Nov. 25th, *Immortalists* by Benjamin Chloe and Dec. 23rd, *Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter* by Theodora Goss.

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

IDPH Urges Flu Shots

The Illinois Department of Public Health emphasizes the importance of getting a flu shot during the ongoing pandemic.

"This season more than ever, it is critical that Illinoisans get our flu shots," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Flu and COVID-19 each can cause serious respiratory illness and co-infection could possibly lead to more severe illnesses, hospitalization, and even death. While a vaccine is still in development, a vaccine for flu already exists. Protect yourself and the people around you by getting the flu vaccine, which has been proven over the years to be safe and effective."

Everyone six months of age and older should get the seasonal flu vaccine which is available in a flu shot, or nasal spray.

More information about influenza can be found at www.dph.illinois.gov. More information about COVID-19 can be found at www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19.

Caregivers Month For Alzheimer's

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month. To mark these events, the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter is encouraging people to lend a helping hand to Illinois family members and friends serving as caregivers.

The suggestions include educate yourself about the disease, give caregivers a break and join the fight.

To learn more visit alz.org.

CPS Schedules Testing Dates

Last school year, current Chicago Public School 12th-grade students were unable to take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall due to the work stoppage and the SAT in the spring due to COVID-19. As a result, these students do not have a college - reportable SAT score, have yet to meet the state testing requirement for graduation, and were unable to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. To support these students, the Illinois State Board of Education is funding optional SAT adminstrations with essay on Oct. 27th.

Eligible grade 12 students may participate in one of the dates this fall or the regularly schedules SAT day on April 13th, 2021. The current test dates for 11th-grade students to take the PSAT/NMSQT test is Jan. 26th.

Visit cps.edu/reopening2020 for the latest updates and additional resources.

Online Renewal For Motorists

Secretary of State Jesse White is offering a renewal program for drivers online via E-Check.

Go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com for these services: renewing a vehicle registration; obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card and renewing a driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

The processing fee for e-checks will be waived through Dec. 31st, 2020.

Free Admission At Brookfield Zoo

During November, Brookfield Zoo admission is free on Tuesdays and Thurs-days. The following month, free days will be on Mondays and Tuesdays through Dec. 22nd.

Online reservations are required with times available in 20-minute increments between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. All admission and parking tickets must be secured prior to arriving at the zoo, and a parking fee of $15 per vehicle still applies.

Venture outdoors to see Ahava, a 5-month-old snow leopard cub; Whirl, an Amur tiger, and the majestic bison, all animals that enjoy the cooler temperatures.

Dinos Everywhere!, featuring 40 animatronic dinosaurs, will go extinct on Nov. 1st.

To reserve online tickets and parking, go to CZS.org/OnlineTicketing.

Early Voting At Area Schools

Early voting is available at Kelly High School, 4136 S. California and Edwards Elementary, 4816 S. Karlov, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trujillo Graduates

Linda Trijillo of Chicago, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in July from Upper Iowa University.

BrightonParkLIFE.com
To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information.
Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@aol.com.

Mah to Oppose Hospital Closing

This week public hearings are being held on the proposal to close Mercy Hospital. "Since Mercy Hospital is an essential health care access point for our district, I have been strongly opposed to the proposed closure." stated State Rep. Mah.

"I plan to present testimony at the hearing on Wednesday and encourage everyone who cares about this issue to please sign up and get your choice heard."

The hearing is available online via WebEX Thursday, Oct. 29th, 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 30th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Instructions for participating, viewing, and/or submitting testimony can be found at https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/hfsrb/Announcements/Pages/Mercy-Hospital-Public-Hearing-20-039.aspx

STATE REP. MAH

Free Assistance For College

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission offers free help for any student or family with questiosn about completing the FAFSA or Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. They can help with applications for college admission, as well.

Online events are available at student portal.isac.org/events or Facebook.com/ILStudentAssistance.

Assistance via phone, email, text, or videoconference with a local member of the ISACorps can be searched by zip code at studentportal.isac.org/isacorps. Two-way text messaging assistance through a local number is available at isac.org/collegeqa.

For online chat assistance, visit studentportal.isac.org.

Turkey Raffle For 12th Ward

12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas will sponsor his Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. Ward residents should enter the raffle at https://forms.gle/qNqZHEYtYg3stRvC8 by Nov. 20th.

LAVAN
Insurance Agency
3956 S. California Ave. Chicago, IL 60632
50 YEARS 1969 2019
AUTO
HOME
COMMERCIAL
SR22 • Tickets/Accidents OK • Prior Insurance Not Required
Se Habla Español
773.247.6765
www.lavaninsurance.com

Property Tax Study Charts Increases

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas released an unprecedented study of property taxes that shows the county's tax bills virtually doubling over 20 years, an increase that is nearly triple the rise in the cost of living index.

The study is a painstaking examination of tax bills on Cook County's 1.7 million parcels of property that shows the increase of total taxes over the past 20 years, and allows taxpayers to see the increases in bills on their homes, businesses and land.

The study is posted on cookcountytreasurer.com with a research tool allowing owners to see "how local governments taxed property and people have paid the tax bill" over two decades, Pappas said.

While the cost of living has risen just 36% over 20 years, the Pappas study finds in Chicago, total taxes on residential properties skyrocked 164 percent from $1.33 billion to $3.51 billion.

To see your property tax payment history over 20 years, visit cookcountytreasurer.com and follow these steps: select the purple box labeled "Your Property Tax Overview", enter your address or property index number (PIN), select the tab on the left that says "20-Year Tax Bill History", and see an interactive map that shows how proeprty taxes billed have increased in Chicago wards and suburbs since 2001.

Restore Driving Privileges By Email

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that a new email service is available for those needing information on reinstating driving privileges, obtaining driving relief or scheduling an administrative hearing.

Individuals who have a driver's license suspension, revocation or any other loss of driving privileges can send an email to adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

Driver's License Good To Feb. 1st

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months – from Nov. 1 until Feb. 1, 2021. This new extension also includes those who have October, November, December and January expiration dates.

License plates stickers remain extended until Nov. 1, 2020, as they can easily be renewed online.

Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services – such as renewing license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, obtaining a driving record abstract or renewing a standard driver's license through the Safe Driver renewal program.

The driver's license expiration date has been extended by one year for qualified drivers age 75 and older. The new expiration date is their birthday in 2021.

For more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Obituaries

CECELIA S. FARY (nee Dryja) wife of 56 years to late Frank J. Fary; mother of Mark J. Fary (Rosemarie S. Andolino) and late Cynthia Blaida; grandmother of Derek (Jennifer Colvin) Blaida, Vanessa (Kevin) Connor, and Nicholas Blaida; great grandmother of Logan and Brayden; daughter of late Stanley & Victoria Dryja; sister of Celeste Lisak, and late John Dryja, Mary Kroll, Julie Kienlen, Ann Piwowarski, Joseph and Stanley Dryja. Lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel and Blessed Sacrament Parish. Longtime owner of Fary's Tap in the McKinley Park neighborhood. Due to COVID-19, services were private. A celebration of her life will

be held in the future. Services entrusted by Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home.

Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

The staff of the Legler Regional Library will conduct Tots and Tales Story Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers on Thursdays through Nov. 19th and Dec. 3rd from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be books, songs, rhymes and flannel boards, plus suggestions for at-home activities. Register at least 24 hours in advance.

A Grown(ish) Club: Adulting as a Teen for ages 13-18 will be held Thursdays, through Nov. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Topics will include relationships, leadership, money management, job readiness and more. Register by 1 p.m. of the event.

Ms. Kristin from the Independence Branch Library will conduct science experiments on Friday, Oct. 30th from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 and their caregivers on Friday, Oct. 30th from 10 to 10:30 a.m. will include books, songs, rhymes and flannel boards. Register by 9 a.m. the day before.

The program, Pintsizes Picassos for ages 18 to 36 months and caregivers will be held on Fridays, Nov. 12th and Monday, Nov. 30th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlers will enjoy art-related stories, create art and learn about numbers, colors and shapes. Register 24 hours in advance.

Thurgood Marshall Branch Library will conduct Story Time for ages 0-5 and caregivers on Friday, Oct. 30th at 10 a.m. Register 24 hours in advance.

The Write About It! Writing Club will meet on Tuesdays, through Dec. 22nd from 4 to 4:45 p.m. All types are welcome including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and song. Register by 10 am. the day before.

The Mystery of the Month will be featured on Oct. 30th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Related activities include crafts, puzzles, scavenger hunts and trivia games. Register the day before.

Red Cross Issues Appeal

The Red Cross continues to be in need of volunteers due to an active disaster season. Volunteers are still providing assistance to communities impaced by wildfires in the West and hurricanes in the South.

Visit redcross.org/volunteertoday to find out more about opportunities, including the most needed positions: shelter service, disaster health services and blood donor ambassador.

Make a donation at redcross.org, calling 800-RED-CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.

Schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

Waitlist Opens For Housing Vouchers

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) announced it will accept applications for its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program waitlist for the first time since 2001. Formerly known as Section 8, the HCV Program provides subsidies to income-eligible households to assist with rental payments in the private rental market.

"Decent housing is a basic human right and through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, we are providing an invaluable resource to low-income families," said HACC Executive Director Richard Monocchio.

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 2nd. The vouchers subsidize the difference between 30% of a household's total monthly income and the cost of that household's rent, are available to all households whose incomes are less than 50% of the area's median income (AMI) according to family size.

Income eligibility threshold ranges from $31,850 for a single individual to $60,100 for a household of eight.

The subsidy is portable and can be used to rent any qualifying rental unit within HACC's jurisdiction, which includes Chicago and most of suburban Cook County.

The waitlist will have 10,000 spots for new applicants and must be submitted through its online portal at myportal.theHACC,org by Nov. 2nd. Paper applications will not be accepted.

After the close of this period, all applications will be screened and a computer-generated random lottery will select 10,000 eligible applicants for the waitlist. Only one application per household will be accepted.

Applicants who need assistance can contact the HACC at (312) 517-2388.

Sewer Project For Brighton Park

The Department of Water Management will launch a new Sewer Main project in Brighton Park during early November.

Sewer upgrade installation is scheduled for the following: along 44th st. from Western to Fairfield and on Maplewood, Campbell, and Artesian from 45th st. to the first alley north of 45th st., and along 45 st. from Artesian to Western ave.

The duration of the project is expected to last for 3 to 4 months. For more information, call the 15th Ward Office at (773) 823-1539.

EIC Fund For State Taxpayers

The Pritzker administration and Illinois Department of Revenue commenced a new outreach initiative to increase Earned Income Credit participation by targeting taxpayers who qualified but failed to claim the credit. More than 22,000 Illinois taxpayers successfully claimed the federal EITC but failed to take the Illinois EIC even though they automatically qualified. Targeted taxpayers will receive a letter confirming their eligibility, estimating a refund amount and instructing them how to finalize their claim.

Most households are eligible for the federal EITC if they earn less than $55,952. The Illinois EIC is a refundable tax credit automatically available to federally eligible households and is worth up to 18 percent of a taxpayer's federal claim. In 2020, an eligible Illinois household could be due a refund of up to $1,157.

Eligible taxpayers must meet income and residency qualifications and file a tax return, even if they do not owe any tax or are not required to file. The Internal Revenue Service recommends that all workers who earned around $55,952 or less learn about eligibility and use the EITC Assistant to find out if they qualify.

Federally, eligible families with three or more qualifying children could get a maximum credit of up to $6,557. EITC for people without children could mean up to $529 added to their tax refund.

For more information visit tax.illinois.gov.

Budget Website For Cook County

In conjunction with the release of the FY2021 Executive Budget Recommendation, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle unveiled a new, interactive budget website.

Numerous interactive charts and graphs of budget data provide insight on County expenditures, revenues, grants and infrastructure spending.

Visitors can now go directly from the visualizations to download tables of underlying data on the Cook County Open Data Portal. Data going back to FY2018 allows visitors to compare current revenues and expenditures with historical numbers.

Despite the pressures caused by the pandemic, a $6.9 billion Executive Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2021 addresses the fallout without increasing taxes or cutting critical services.

For more information, https://budget.cookcountyil.gov

Officer Hanner Honored

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class William Hanner, a sailor from Chicago, who is the assistant training lead petty officer, Security Forces, was recognized as the Camp Lemonnier Member in the Spotlight for October. Located in an austere environment, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti is a U.S. Navy base located in the Horn of Africa.

Order Of Arrow Completes Events

Takhone Lodge Order of the Arrow conducted it Summer Fellowship at Camp Betz Sept. 11th - 13th. 65 candidates successfully completed their ordeal and become members of Order of the Arrow. Service projects included clearing campsites, painting shelters, widening campsites, splitting wood and digging drainage trenches.

The Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Lakota on Oct. 9th - 11th. 71 candidates completed their ordeal by clearing low hanging branches, inventorying supplies and cleaning the Program Center.

The Ehalluschti Chapter performed a service project at Crooked Creek Woods, 106th & Kean ave. on Saturday, Oct. 24th. After picking trash, lunch, a chapter meeting and pumpkin carving were enjoyed.

GSA LEARN GROW SERVE
GUNSAULUS SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY
APPLY
TO JOIN THE GSA FAMILY!
Submit your student's application to attend GSA next year!
LAST DAY TO APPLY DECEMBER 11, 2020
TO APPLY TO GUNSAULUS VISIT: GO.CPS.EDU
Virtual Tours: Wednesday, Oct. 28, Monday, Nov. 9 and Thursday, Dec. 3rd from 7 to 8 p.m.
QUESTIONS?
GUNSAULUS' MAIN OFFICE - 773.535.7215
LEARN MORE ABOUT GUNSAULUS BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE
www.gunsaulus.org

"The Original"
CROSSTOWN
GARAGE DOOR SERVICE INC.
5212 S. Archer Ave. (773) 284-1100
www.crosstowndoorservice.com

DIRECT CREMATION
$1,500
For Families That Don't Desire Visitation
Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home and Cremation Service
4256 S. Mozart (773) 254-3838
(Corner of Pope John Paul II Dr. & Mozart)
Serving the community since 1964

HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY MCKINLEY PARK
PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR THE CAREERS OF TOMORROW
JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE 10.29.20 AT 6PM
NOW ENROLLING 5TH-9TH
*FREE & OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS
*COLLEGE PREPATORY
*STEM FOCUSED CURRICULUM
*SMALL CLASS SIZES
*AWARD WINNING ROBOTICS TEAMS
*100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE
MORE INFORMATION AT HSAMCKINLEY.ORG
773-247-8400
Made with PosterMyWall.com

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Parish Welcomes You
Both Churches are Handicapped Accessible
Masses at St. Barbara
Bridgeport — 2859 S. Throop
Saturday, 5 PM,
Rosary: Sunday, 5:30 AM
6 AM & 9:30 AM Sunday Masses
Weekday Schedule (Chapel)
Tue., Thurs., & Sat. 8 AM Mass
Masses at St. Therese
Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander
Sunday Masses
8AM & 10:30AM in English
Weekday Schedule
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8 AM Mass
Check out our newly remodeled and air conditioned Church!
St. Barbara: 312-842-7979 St. Therese: 312-842-6777 School 312-326-2837
This Sunday November 1st, Mass on Facebook/ YouTube at 10:30 a.m. in English
THURSDAY BINGO at ST. BARBARA POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE B3266

EMISSIONS FAILURE SPECIALISTS * GUARANTEED RESULTS
AUTOTIME
COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE
3430 W. 47th St.
773/376-4264
Master Auto & Truck Technicians
Certified In All Areas Of Repair!
ACDelco
Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m.-6p.m.
Sat. 6 a.m. -12 noon
•TOWING SERVICE
GET READY FOR FALL
AND DRIVE CAREFREE!
CHECK ALL SYSTEMS
•HEAT •DEFROST
•BATTERY •TUNE-UP
•TIRES •TRANSMISSION

For Rent

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

39TH/KEDZIE

5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2nd floor, hardwood floors, Tenant pays utilities, $710 month + 1-1/2 months security deposit.

ARCHER/ASHLAND

6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2nd floor, coin laundry, tenant heated. $980 a month plus 1-1/2 months security deposit.

O'Brien Family Realty
6359 S. Central Ave.
(773) 581-7800

Palos Hills Apartments

Avoid the congestion of the city, live in a park-like setting near forest preserves, transportation, shopping and schools. Located in Palos Hills, Scenic Tree Apartments has one bedrooms starting at $891 month and two bedrooms starting at $1,025 month.

Call (833) 373-0161
for an appointment

Use The Want Ads
Call
(773) 523-3663
or email
brightonparklife@
aol.com
Deadline Tuesday
12 p.m. noon

Real Estate For Sale

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS
TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY
MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET
BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2007-B, HOME EQUITY
MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES
SERIES INABS 2007-B;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MIGUEL SUAREZ; ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC; MIDLAND
FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD
CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
19 CH 534
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 19-14-416-021-0000.
Commonly known as 3505 West 61st Street, Chicago, IL 60629.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W18-1947
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3157689

Online Hearings At Social Security

The Social Security Administration announced a new service for people awaiting a hearing decision. In addition to telephone hearings, an online video hearing using the Microsoft Teams platform is available.

This new free service will allow applicants and their representatives to participate in the hearing from anywhere they have access to a camera-enabled smartphone, tablet, or computer.

The Social Security judge will see and interact with applicants and their representatives just like an in-person hearing, while maintaining privacy of the claimant's information. Other hearing experts, such as medical or vocational experts, may participate as well.

For updates on the implementation and expansion of this new hearing service, and other Social Security information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/

To Our Advertisers:
Please notify us if you find an error in your ad or if your ad failed to run. If you notify us on the first day it was scheduled to appear, we'll make the correction as soon as deadlines permit. We want to give you the best possible service. But if you do not let us know of a problem the first day, it may continue to run incorrectly. This newspaper will not be liable for failure to publish an ad or for a typographical error or errors in publication except to the extent of the cost of the ad for the first day's insertion. Adjustment for the errors is limited to the cost of that portion of the ad where the error occurred. Please check your advertisement EACH time it appears and notify us in case of an error (773) 523-3663.
Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life Newspaper is not responsible for mail delivery, for the reproduction quality of any "computer generated" photography or poor quality photographs submitted.

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JANICE MURRAY, JANICE MURRAY, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF TOM F. MURRAY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TOM F. MURRAY, DECEASED, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
Defendants
19 CH 9160
6920 SOUTH TALMAN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60629
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 23, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 6920 SOUTH TALMAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629
Property Index No. 19-24-415-029-0000 and 19-24-415-030-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $49,450.64.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, The sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-091185.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301
Bannockburn IL, 60015
847-291-1717
E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
Attorney File No. 19-091185
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 19 CH 9160
TJSC#: 40-2283
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 9160
I3158106

U of I Webinars For Caregivers

The University of Illinois Extension is conducting webinars for caregivers of those over the age of 50.

On Nov. 5th, 6:30 p.m. the topic is "Speak Clearly, Listen Carefully." Effective communication with family, care receivers, friends and health care teams is vital in caregiving situations. Learn techniques that help you express feelings productively.

On No. 12th, 6:30 p.m. "Eldercare Resources". Gain information on available eldercare service resources and how to navigate the process.

Registration is required at go.illinois.edu/discovercaregiving.

PUBLISHERS NOTICE:
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any Preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, famililial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Famililial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parent or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwelling advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1 (800) 669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1 (800) 927-9275.
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Scouts Visit History Museum

Members of Boy Scout Troop 1441of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish recently visited the Chicago History Museum to view historical items, displays and photos. Any children ages 6 to 17 who are interested in Scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information. Pictured from left are: Demian Jimenez (Webelo Scout), Adan Moreno, Alexei Ayala, Pedro Moreno (Committee member), John Massura (Scout Master), Adrian Ayala and Eloy Corral.

Job Training For Unemployed

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced a new $16.6 million investment to expand job opportunities for unemployed as a result of or during the pandemic. Funding will place, train and hire nearly 1,300 residents for an array of jobs.

Funded positions include contact tracers, protocol workers, building sanitization workers, temperature screeners, and food preparation and distribution workers .

Training and hiring for new workforce programs is expected to begin this fall, with start time of each program varying by location. Participants will either undergo some form of training and/or receive supportive services, with many entering the job shortly after being trained. Local workforce agencies will prioritize applicants impacted by layoff or termination during the COVID-19 crisis at the time of their application.

A full list of workforce training grantees as well as their program offerings is available on the DCEO website as well as Get Hired Illinois.

Organ Tissue Donor Registration

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the state's organ/tissue donor registry reached a milestone of 7 million registrants.

There are 10,764,540 individuals in Illinois who qualify to become organ/tissue donors. Of those, 65 percent have registered as organ/tissue donors.

More than 100,000 16- and 17-year-olds have registered with the program since 2018.

Residents can register with the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at www.LifeGoesOn.com or by calling (800) 210-2106.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo is offering an expanded schedule for its 39th annual Holiday Magic, presented by ComEd and Meijer. With 10 evenings added and expanded hours, this year's event will be held on 24 nights—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27th - 29th; Wednesdays-Sundays, Dec. 2nd-6th, 9th-13th, and 16th-20th; and Saturday-Thursday, Dec. 26th-31st, from 3 to 9 p.m.

The expanded schedule will allow zoogoers to enjoy the holiday lights before the Zoo temporarily closes to the public Jan. 1st - Feb. 28th, 2021, with plans to reopen on March 1st.

Zoogoers can safely stroll along the many pathways, lit with more than one million twinkling LED lights, including a brilliantly lit 600-foot-long tunnel featuring thousands of colored lights all synchronized to music.

Additional dazzling light displays include a giant 20-foot-lit orb, where guests can stand inside to take a memorable holiday photo, a 41-foot tree, and larger-than-life illuminated animal sculptures of a bison, bear, and giraffe. The malls and Roosevelt Fountain are all decked out for the holidays, thanks to local community organizations and corporations that decorated 660 LED-lit trees with ornaments, many of them homemade.

Guests of all ages can play the Game of Gnomes, a fun-filled scavenger hunt in search of 24 whimsical themed gnomes, measuring 12- to 20-inches-tall that will be located throughout the park.

Although Santa Claus will not be making an appearance this year, families can still take photos next to a life-size cutout of him, as well as at other festively themed selfie frames located around the zoo. Kids will be able to drop off their letters to Santa in the giant box on the south mall.

Outdoor food stands will offer seasonal fare for purchase, including funnel cakes, praline nuts, cinnamon sugar pretzels, popcorn, pizza, burgers, spiced wine, hot chocolate, and beer.

Advance admission and parking tickets are required. Reservation times will be available in 20-minute increments. Tickets must be reserved at CZS.org/Online Ticketing. Admission is $24.95 for adults, $17.95 for children ages 3-11, and $19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is $15. Review zoo protocols at CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo.

Free Food Distribution

The community is invited to partake in a free food distribution at Our Lady of Fatima, 2751 W. 38th pl.

It is held every Saturday from 10 am. to noon, while supplies last.

For walk-ups, enter through Pershing rd. alley behind the Acero - Sandra Cisnero's school.

For drive-ups, enter through California - 38th pl. and food will be placed in trunk.

Call4Calm

text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health Division has launched a free-of-charge emotional support text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19.

Individuals who would like to speak with a mental health professional can text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0, or for Spanish "HABLAR" to the same number: 5-5-2-0-2-0

Call4Calm is free to use, and individuals will remain anonymous. Once a resident sends a text to the hotline, within 24 hours they will receive a call from a counselor employed by a local community mental health center to provide support.

Individuals can also text 5-5-2-0-2-0, with key words such as "unemployment" or "food" or "shelter" and will receive information on how to navigate and access supports and services

Flowers of Monet To Close Soon

Photo by Brian Kinyon

The outdoor exhibit, *The Flowers of Monet in the Artist's Garden* held at the Garfield Park Conservatory will close Nov. 1st

The exhibit provides key examples of the plant life that captured the imagination and inspired the vision and technique of the French Impressionist painter, Claude Monet will be featured. Horticulturists will bring his canvases to life with asters, dahlias, nasturtiums, rose standards, and many other blooms. A living wall inspired by the painter's Water Lilies series will provide a unique interpretation of his work.

Timed entry reservation for 30 minutes, is required. Reserve spaces online at www.garfield-conservatory.org/visit. Enter through the gate on Central Park Ave., north of the main Conservatory doors. The entrance to *The Flowers of Monet Garden* is a 4 to 7 minute walk from the Main Gardens. The Conservatory is open Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is $5 for adults and free to children.

The living exhibit was curated in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago, where the "Monet and Chicago" exhibit is on display through Jan. 18th, 2021.

While the main outdoor gardens are free and open to all, donations are welcome at the time of booking your visit or onsite. To visit the Main Gardens, including the City Garden, Sensory Garden and Urban Demonstration Garden, reserve your entrance time at www.garfieldconservatory.org/visit.

Collaborative Arts Schedules Events

Collaborative Arts Institute of Chicago is celebrating its tenth anniversary season with online offerings.

Concerts will be prerecorded and available for 48 hours following their premiere broadcast.

On Nov. 7th, Michael Pecak, conductor and keyboardist will present a Lecture: Polish Art Song and Lyric Diction.

On Dec. 14th, a Leider Lounge Recital will feature songs by Franz Schubert on demand through Dec. 5th. Performing artist are Karim Sulayman, tenor and Yi-heng Yang, fortepiano.

Visit www.facebook/CollArtsChicago, www.twitter.com/CollArtsChicago or www.instagram.com/collartschicago.

Virtual Memorial Invites Submissions

The City of Chicago unveiled a web-based, virtual memorial to remember Chicagoans who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

Residents are encouraged to share stories and photos about their family, friends, and neighbors through an online form that can be accessed at www.chicago.gov/covid19.

Rent In The 'Burbs!

We invite you to visit this quiet residential community located near the forest preserves in Palos Hills. Scenic Tree is convenient to shopping and dining at Orland Park and Chicago Ridge, excellent school district, Moraine Valley Community College and Midway Airport.

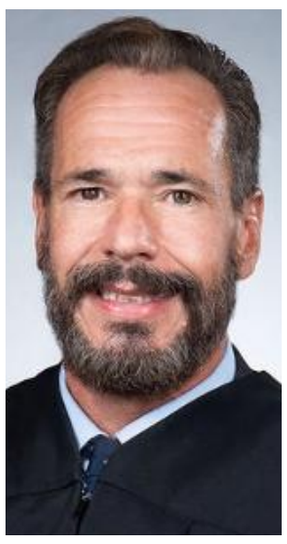
- Free Heat
- Private Patio or Balcony
- Intercom Entry
- Ceiling Fans
- Window Treatments
- Large Walk-in Closets in 2 bedrooms
- Spacious Apartments with Separate Dining Area
- 24-hour Emergency Maintenance
- Laundry Facilities in every Building
- Ample Parking

One bedrooms starting at **$891** month
Two bedrooms starting at **$1,025** month

SCENIC TREE APARTMENTS

(833) 373-0161
10205 S. 86th Terrace #210, Palos Hills
Email: stleasing@mathenrs.com
www.scenictreeapts.com
apply online!

Seeks Retention



J. ALLEGRETTI

Judge John Michael Allegretti is seeking retention in this November's election. He currently serves as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge assigned to the Municipal Division where he hears civil disputes.

There he presides over non-jury civil trials, hears and decides motions, and conducts settlement conferences.

John was one of nine children, grew up in Cicero, and attended Fenwick H.S.

He worked and paid his way through college, University of Illinois - Chicago, and law school, St. Thomas University - Miami, performing construction and manual labor.

His past public and private legal experience as an advocate, administrative law judge, in-house counsel, and college professor has provided him a solid foundation he continues to build upon as a judge.

The major attorney associations have repeatedly found him highly recommended, recommended and/or qualified for qualifed for retention. These include the Chicago Bar Assn., Hispanic Lawyers Assn. of IL, Women's Bar Assn. of IL, plus notable others.

Judge Allegretti has received the endorsement of the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Federation of Labor, Cook County Democratic Party and numerous other organizations and groups.

He has been married for over 25 years and has 2 children. For more information visit cookcountyjudges.org/john-allegretti.

Morado Appointed To MPEA Board

J. MORADO JR.

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the appointment of Juan Morado Jr. to the Board of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

"Juan Morado Jr. has dedicated much of his professional life to creating, advocating for and advancing socioeconomic opportunities for Latinx and Hispanic communities both in our City and across our entire state," said Mayor Lightfoot. "This expertise and experience, rooted in the values of equity and inclusion, make him an invaluable add to the MPEA team. I want to extend my congratulations to Juan for his exciting new role and look forward to working closely with him in the future."

He joined Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP in 2017 as a Partner in the health care practice group and recently served as the 23rd President of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois.

Morado served as General Counsel and Ethics Officer to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. From 2013 to 2015, he worked in Governor Pat Quinn's administration, as Deputy Chief of Staff. Quinn appointed him to the Board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and as Representative to the National Governor's Association policy academy on public-private partnerships.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed Morado as Commissioner to the Illinois Medical District Commission, and elected to serve as vice president.

He is also on the Board of Managers for the Chicago Bar Association.

Other civic engagements include serving as a Board Director for La Casa Norte, the Medical Organization of Latino Advancement, Public Interest Law Initiative, We CAN Achieve Foundation, Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois Charities. Teatro Vista Advisory Board, American Health Law Association, Illinois Association of Health Law Attorneys and Hispanic National Bar Association.

Virtual Class For Citizenship

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council is offering free citizenship classes via WhatsApp. To register, call Adrianna Morales at (773) 540-4033.

Online Reporting For Child Abuse

The Department of Children and Family Services enhanced and streamlined its online reporting system and optimized its website for easier submissions through mobile phones to make reporting allegations of neglect and abuse easier for the public and mandated reporters.

The site has improved entry fields, clearer instructions and fewer necessary clicks, reducing the time required to make reports and providing a convenient alternative to calling the 24-hour hotline.

During the early months of the coronavirus pandemic while families were secluded at home, children were less likely to be seen by other adults, including mandated reporters such as teachers. Less than 50% of reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were reported in April 2020 compared to April 2019.

Now that schools welcomed students back either in person or virtually, that trend is reversing. Reports to DCFS have increased, with September 2020 remaining about 18% below 2019.

Online reports through the enhanced site have quickly increased since its launch, with 434 online reports in the last full week of September compared to 173 filed during the same time in 2019.

The new online reporting system also places reports directly into DCFS's case management system, which increases internal efficiency.

The decrease in reports did not result in a decrease in investigations, as the number of investigations actually increased compared to the prior year.

To make a report of suspected child abuse or neglect online in a non-emergency situation, visit https://dcfsonlinereporting.dcfs.illinois.gov/. To make a report by phone, call 1-800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873). Calls and online reports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For all emergency situations, calls should be made to 911.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls at (312) 554-2001 from the public and offer legal advice on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 9 a.m. to noon.

Citizens may explain their situation to an attorney who will then suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

If callers need further legal services or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service. For more information visit www.chicagobar.org.

Halloween Treats For Zoo Animals

Brookfield Zoo sloth bears, Hani and Kartik, 4-year-old African lions Brutus and Titus; Ahava, a 5-month-old snow leopard cub; as well as a binturong, tamandua, and tortoises received a treat of Halloween gourds which were carved and filled with other food items such as fruit, bones, bugs, spices, or meat depending on the species.

As part of the Chicago Zoological Society's Center for the Science of Animal Care and Welfare, staff are always thinking of ways to physically and mentally stimulate the animals at Brookfield Zoo. One way is by providing them with enrichment items they normally do not receive on a regular basis, including pumpkins.

Voter Guidance For 2020 Election

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many individuals will exercise their right to vote, and Attorney General Kwame Raoul released new online guidance to help people understand their rights during the 2020 general election.

The Attorney General's "Guidance for Illinois Voters: 2020 Election" is available online as a resource for Illinois voters on election laws and their voting rights. This year, the Illinois General Assembly amended some election statutes in order to protect voters during the COVID-19 pandemic. Raoul's online guidance provides access to accurate, reliable election information to answer questions regardless of whether people vote by mail or in person.

"The right to participate in our nation's democracy is one of the most fundamental rights we have as Americans, and with the General Election already underway in the midst of an unprecedented public health pandemic, it is more important than ever that Illinois residents have a clear understanding of their rights as voters," Raoul said. "My office is issuing 'Guidance for Illinois Voters: 2020 Election' so that voters can access comprehensive election information to help them select the voting method that best meets their needs."

"Guidance for Illinois Voters: 2020 Election" is designed to walk voters through various steps in the process and answer potential questions. People can access basic information to identify and contact local election authorities and the Illinois State Board of Elections, and determine whether they are registered to vote. Additionally, the guidance details important remaining deadlines and procedures for those who have not yet registered to vote or applied to vote by mail.

It also answers questions people may have about voting by mail, voting early, or public safety measures they will encounter at polling places.

The Legislature expanded voting by mail due to the pandemic, and the guidance describes the ways in which a mail-in ballot can be submitted, whether by the U.S. Postal Service, using a designated drop-box, or in person.

The guidance also informs voters that the Illinois Department of Public Health has implemented health practices to keep polling places safe during early voting and on Election Day.

Voters should be prepared for new protocols established by local election authorities, such as physical distancing at polling places.

People who vote in person should be aware that only authorized individuals are allowed inside polling places.

Individuals who believe they are the victim of fraud related to voting should call the hotline at 1-800-386-5438.

Recycling At City Facility

Dispose of your household chemicals responsibly and recycle your old computers by dropping them off at the City's permanent Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility at 1150 N. Branch st. at Division st. until Dec. 31st.

Household chemicals and computers often contain hazardous substances, such as lead, mercury, and PCBs can contaminate air, soil, and water. Through proper disposal methods or recycling, these hazardous substances are reprocessed and reused in an environmentally-responsible manner.

The facility accepts a range of items, including household cleaners, oil-based paints, solvents, cell phones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, computers and related equipment. It does not accept business/commercial sector wastes, explosives, fireworks, or latex paint. Review the full list of items in both categories before you visit.

During business hours, an attendant is outside, ready to help unload your vehicle and accept your materials. Materials should not be left outside the facility unattended. Do not drop off any items outside of scheduled business hours: Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursdays, 2 to 7 p.m.; the first Saturday of every month 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a complete list of accepted/not accepted materials at chicago.gov.

Initiative For Early Childhood

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the launch of Every Child Ready Chicago, a public-private partnership led by the City of Chicago in partnership with Start Early (formerly the Ounce of Prevention Fund). The multi-year effort seeks to align the prenatal-to-five systems and supports serving children and families, creating a coordinated early childhood ecosystem that prepares every child in the city to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

One in three Black children (30 percent) and one in five Latinx children (20 percent) in the city are considered "ready" for kindergarten based on the most recent state Kindergarten Individual Development Survey.

This Early Childhood Working Group will help lay the groundwork for a multi-year strategic plan to create an equitable system where all children, particularly those in under-resourced communities, have access to quality services.

For more information, visit chicagoearlylearning.org.

Fall Events At Nature Center

The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 S. Willow Springs road has scheduled interesting and informative events for fall enjoyment.

On Friday, Oct. 30th participants will observe resident animals at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 31st at 11 a.m., spooky, slithery and slimy creatures will be observed via Facebook Live.

At 6:30 p.m., a one mile Full Moon Night Hike will search for nocturnal creatures.

Registration is required at (708) 839-6897.

Happy Halloween! Stay Safe!

56th & Nottingham Ave. Archer & Nottingham - Quad Level 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms brick with 3 baths. New roof on home & garage, all windows upgraded with shades or blinds. Built in sprinkler system; A/C in 2009, hardwood floors in 2017, 2.5 car garage, side drive. Semi finished sub basement, fireplace, laundry room and more. Call for more details at (773) 582-9300.

64th And Oak Park Ave - Price Reduced! The best condo to view today! This owner took pride in doing all the work for you to enjoy: windows, hardwood floors, appliances painting, furnace and A/C only 9 years old. Monthly maintenance only $170 and includes: heat, water, cooking gas, insurance, scavenger, lawn care, snow removal, exterior maintenance. Why rent when you can own. Call today (773) 582-9300.

6918 W. Archer Ave. - Price Reduced Commercial brick building. Large store front & 3 offices, 1/2 basement, 85x125 lot. Parking in rear and additional parking across the street. Immediate possession! Call (773) 582-9300.

4772 S. Archer Archer and Lawndale. Immediate possession! Zoned C-2-1. Value in land. Rehab or tear down 2 flat frame, 2 car brick garage, over 19,500 SF of land. Multiple uses. Extra income from Billboard! Call for details (773) 582-9300.

RENTALS: Looking for an apartment, condo, home or store front. Give me a call! (773) 582-9300.

Try the rest, then call one of the Best!

IN REALTY (773) 582-9300 6165 S. ARCHER (At Austin)

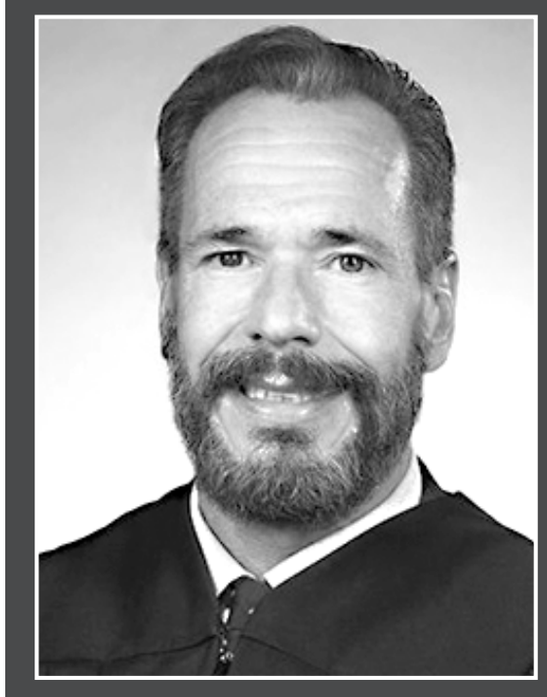
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY MLS HAA

CALL FOR A FREE MARKET ANALYSIS.

★ RETAIN QUALIFIED JUDGES ★

Judge

John Michael Allegretti



☑ VOTE YES PUNCH #293

- Found Highly Qualified by the Hispanic American Lawyers Assoc.
- Found Highly Qualified / Qualified / Recommended by every Legal Bar Assoc.
- Endorsed by Organized Labor

More info: cookcountyjudges.org/john-allegretti

Celebrating 55 Years

Recently on Chicago's Best - see us at

Find out about our catering specials at www.palermosof63rd.com

PALERMO'S *Of 63rd Street*

3751 W. 63rd St. • (773) 585-5002

Call after 3 p.m. - Se Habla Espanol

21014 S. La Grange Rd, Frankfort IL (815) 464-5300

2893 East US Highway 30, Merrillville-Hobart, IN (219) 940-3599

(Between Home Depot & The Room Place)

Pick-Up or Delivery

$1.50 Off Any Palermo's Lrg. Pizza or Free 1 Liter RC

•Thin •Deep Dish •Stuffed

Good at Chicago or Frankfort

Limit one coupon per order. Exp. 11/30/20.

Pick-Up or Delivery

$2.50 Off Any Palermo's Ex. Lrg. Pizza or Free 2 Liter RC

•Thin •Deep Dish •Stuffed

Good at Chicago or Frankfort

Limit one coupon per order. Exp. 11/30/20.

Carry-Out Only

Catering Package

30 people minimum or by the tray for any amount of people. Call for details.

Starting At $6.95 person

Not valid with any other offer. Exp.11/30/20.