



MWRD Benefits Flint Residents



Pictured are Calumet City Clerk Nyota Figgs, MT Food Service driver Jesus Madrigal and President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

With protecting and improving local water quality at the epicenter of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) daily mission, it came as startling news to hear about the crisis of contaminated water in Flint, Michigan.

MWRD employees worked with its Credit Union to raise more than \$6,500. They used the money to donate and personally deliver nearly 37,000 bottles of water

and presented a check of \$3,000 to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint.

President Mariyana Spyropoulos, vice president Barbara McGowan and Commissioner Kari Steele and 16, staff members, friends and family delivered the water to the Food Bank and joined the U.S. National Guard and American Red Cross in distributing cases of water to residents in need at a local fire station.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Volunteers at Aquinas Literacy Center, 3540 S. Hermitage, spent the morning of President's Day learning practical ways to help their adult students success in learning English. The presenter, Filtod Walker explained ways to identify whether a student has a learning disability, such as dyslexia. He also taught the tutors practical strategies to help their students learn in individual and small group settings. The

tutors then worked in pairs to practice a new way of sounding out longer words as well as other techniques they learned from the presentation.

Since 1996, Aquinas Literacy Center has served the immigrant community by offering free individualized instruction in the English language.

Circuit Court Offers Tour

The Circuit Court of Cook County will celebrate Women's History Month on Friday, March 18th with a tour of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington st. at 10 a.m.

Highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a panel of women judges and the opportunity to meet a representative of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

Participants will receive a guide which offers information about how the Circuit Court is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of court and county services.

Reservations are recommended with Milissa Pacelli at (312) 603-1927 by Tuesday, March 15th. The tour is aimed at persons age ten and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group.

Penny Social At Rhine Post VFW

The Auxiliary to Rhine Post VFW #2729 will conduct their annual Penny Social at the Post Hall, 5858 S. Archer on Sunday, March 6th at 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit many Veterans programs here and abroad. Highlights are nickel, dime and quarter tables of unusual items; a raffle with many fine prizes and refreshments. Parking is available on west end of lot across Archer ave.

Breakfast Event At St. Bruno

Boy Scout Troop 42 of St. Bruno School & Parish will host a French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser in the St. Bruno School Lunchroom, 4839 S. Harding on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Raffle prizes will be available. Proceeds will help pay for many activities including a trip to Owasippe Scout Reservation in Michigan this summer. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 & under. Children under age 3 eat for free. For more information or to make a donation, contact Scoutmaster Bob Alanis at (773) 656-7265.

This event is sponsored by The Junior Branch 339 of the Chicago District, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, USA.

Transportation Alliance Honors Lipinski

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) received the Extra Mile Award during the Active Transportation Alliance's 30th Anniversary Soiree for his continued support for cleaner, healthier transportation. The non-profit advocacy organization works to improve conditions for bicycling, walking, transit and engage people in healthy and active ways to get around.

As the most senior member from Illinois on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a life-long cyclist and runner, Lipinski worked to pass the first long-term road and transit bill in 10 years and ensure an increase in funding for public transit as well as bike and pedestrian proj-

ects. He successfully fought against cuts that would have been devastating to the CTA's rapid transit modernization plans and helped create a program that can provide funding for the installation of safety equipment by Metra. Amendments were added to speed Amtrak's development of a roll-on bike service and promote deployment of zero-emission buses.

He spearheaded a successful effort in December to expand and extend a tax benefit for commuters who use public transit.

Other honorees who received public service awards were former Chicago Tribune transportation reporter Jon Hilkevitch and an advocate for the Major Taylor Trail, Peter Taylor.

Question, Common Core



By Dr. R. Pletsch

As a retired educator I can understand how Common Core was sold to the politicians and the possible good that can happen for students, who transfer schools often, especially to different areas. Very simply, Common Core is trying to teach all kids the same thing in the same way. It appears, as with many things, those in power think the federal government knows better than local government.

I have also witnessed a problem that is, I have met good parents who are well educated having trouble helping their children with homework. These people are all high school grads, some have college, and they are doubting their own ability and have reached frustration levels. The parents get the correct math answer in five seconds, but their third grader tells them it's not good enough, it's done wrong. The result can be, though not spoken, that Common Core is making our kids think their parents aren't smart enough to do third grade math.

I recently attended the Association of Mature American Citizens conference as a delegate in Florida. This nationwide organization of 1.2 million members had many good discussions that pertain to social security and other Senior issues, but I was extremely pleased to hear many of the 70 delegates express their desire for the repeal of Common Core. This is very significant in that this organiza-

tion has very few of its members still having school-age children. Yet, in general, the feeling is it is unfair and a waste of tax payer dollars. These members vote, and encourage others to do so.

One of the fears of Common Core is history. Why shouldn't the kids in California learn about the Spanish Missions while the kids in Florida learn about the Seminole and the kids in Illinois are learning about the French trappers. Remember, many of us were raised with an axiom "all kids can learn, not necessarily at the same pace or the same way". Many of us still believe this. But it is hard -- not impossible for this to be incorporated into Common Core. And remember the plans of the Common Core writers is to be eventually in every subject in every grade. If you are a federal employee, that constantly moves, like the military, some politicians and some career bureaucrats, Common Core can help your student be in a constant curriculum. But it appears many educators are doubting if it really can help the rest of the students.

You may think it does not affect you, but if it affects your neighbor, it affects our nation. You might want to ask the opinion of those running for election. But from what the delegates told me, most elected officials they called are not prepared and most do not even think it's an issue. It appears that some still believe that the D or R after their name will win in their area. Don't let this low regard of your capacity to be independent to allow you to vote for people who do not feel like you do. The internet is a great place to read the politicians' opinion on the subject.

Admitted To Cornell College

Esmeralda Cantero (60609); Julissa Esquinca; Lariza Martinez and Yesenia Villegas of 60632 have been admitted to Cornell College for the Fall 2016 semester. The selective liberal arts college is based in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Book Discussion At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer conducts an adult Book Discussion Club on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

2016 selections include: March 23rd - "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens, April 27th - "The 100-Year Old Man" by Jonas Jonasson, May 25th - "What The Dead Know" by Laura Lippman and June 22nd - "Honorable Phryne Fisher" by Kerry Greenwood. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Winner



Pictured are: State VFW Auxiliary Senior Vice President Samantha Schmidgall; State VFW Commander Phil Maughan; Past Commander-in-Chief James Mueller; State Champion Deanna Cantu; State Voice of Democracy Director Michael DeRoss; and State VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson Laurie Sparwasser. Photo by Barb Wilson, Editor, Illinois VFW News.

Deanna Cantu, a Senior at Elmwood High School in Elmwood, Illinois, was named the VFW Department of Illinois' Voice of Democracy State Champion and recipient of the \$2,500.00 John H. Emery Youth, Pageantry and Patriotism Award in Memory of George G. Gorin, Jr. at the 69th annual Voice of Democracy Banquet, Feb. 13, 2016.

Cantu, daughter of Dean and Sandy Cantu, was sponsored by Archie Miles VFW Post 4724 in Elmwood. She was the District 9 Voice of Democracy champion.

Cantu was among the 17 Illinois VFW District Champions who were invited to attend the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy weekend festivities in Springfield. The students visited several sites in Springfield, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library and the Lincoln Tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery for

the Illinois VFW's annual tribute to our 16th President. The weekend's festivities were capped off with the 69th annual Voice of Democracy Banquet held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, a Doubletree by Hilton, where the Illinois VFW honored the student champions.

"The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy," says VFW Department Commander Phil Maughan. "The program has been popular and successful since its beginning in 1947, and we're proud to keep offering it to America's young people."

The Voice of Democracy is a worldwide audio-essay competition that requires entrants to write and record a three-to-five minute essay on a patriotic-based theme, "My Vision For America" was this year's theme.

Nearly 3,000 Illinois

students participated in the competition this year. As one of 54 finalists worldwide, Deanna will travel to Washington, D.C. in March and compete at the national level for the first-place prize of a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a

national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park



W.S. WOJCIK

William S. Wojcik, attorney at law and candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the March 15th Primary Election will address the McKinley Park Civic Association

during their monthly meeting at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st. on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

A successful personal injury attorney, he has represented people of all ages and backgrounds. Mr. Wojcik and Lynne, his wife of 40 years, are the parents of 4 and grandparents of 10.

He grew up in Brighton Park and graduated from St. Pancratius School and St. Ignatius College Prep. His Bachelor's Degree was received from Northern Illinois University and Law Degree from John Marshall Law School.

Family Programs At Yards Library

The Back of the Yards Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st. has scheduled a wide variety of programs for children, teens, adults and the family.

Programs for Teens ages 12-18 includes YOUNIA on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. A quiet place to study is also available after school.

Programs for ages 18 and over will feature computer assistance on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon; open office space on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and an eBooks class on Friday, Feb. 26th from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-9595.

ISAC Promotes FAFSA Filing

As part of Financial Aid Awareness Month, students are reminded to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—the form that determines a student's eligibility for most federal, state, and college financial aid programs. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the state agency that works with students and families to increase college access, is offering free workshops and other assistance to assist students in completing the form.

Although this year's MAP funding has been held up in the budget delay, don't assume that MAP won't be available for 2016-17. The program has consistently enjoyed bi-partisan support, and while there isn't yet a final appropriation for the current school year, the governor and legislators from both parties have expressed their interest in funding the program. You won't be eligible if you don't apply—and filing is free.

The FAFSA is also used to help determine your eligibility for other financial aid, including institutional aid and federal student aid such as the Pell Grant. While MAP is an important

source of financial aid for low income students, even after MAP funding runs out, federal financial aid like Pell remains available by filing a FAFSA, and Pell can cover the full cost of tuition and fees at a community college.

Personalized assistance is also available via text messaging, by signing up for ISAC College Q&A, a new free service for students to get their questions answered about college planning and financial aid, and receive information about the FAFSA, college planning events and deadlines. Additional online resources, including tools to locate potential scholarship dollars, manage money and student loan debt, and career and job resources, are available through the new ISAC Student Portal. Assistance is also available at 1-800-899-4722.

Allen Honored

Elicia E. Allen has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University, South Carolina for the fall 2015 semester.

She is a majoring in Psychology. Honorees must achieve a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

B-K Baseball Registers Players

Brighton - Kelly Baseball League will accept registration for the 2016 season at Kelly High School, door 5, 4158 S. California on Saturdays through March 5th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cubs Care for ages 4-6 is free, Minor League for ages 7-9 is \$180, Major League for ages 10-12 is \$180 and League for ages 13-14 is \$230.

Payment plans will be available.

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CAPS Schedules Beat Meetings

The Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) has scheduled Beat Meetings for March. 8th District Beats 815 and 821 will meet at St. Bruno School Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. 9th District Beats 911 and 921 will meet at the Davis School Annex, 3050 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6 p.m. Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wed., March 9th at 7 p.m.

Art Exhibit At Ridge Park

The Vanderpoel Art Association announces that Plein air art which was created during a Concert by the Lake at Beverly Cemetery last July will be on display at Ridge Park Fieldhouse, 9625 S. Longwood Drive until March 31st. Art instructor Didier Nolet recruited artists to paint in the open air around the cemetery like French Impressionists Monet and Renoir did during the 1800s. For more information, call (773) 779-0007.

Family Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway, has scheduled family programs through April. Ice Skating presented by PowerShares QQQ will be offered Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 8 p.m., through Feb. 28th. Skaters will whizz past the goats and cows at the rink in Farm-in-the-Zoo. Snacks and winter warming drinks are available for purchase. The cost is \$5 person, \$5 for skate rental. Learn, Explore and Play for ages 2 to 3 and

an adult will be conducted on Wednesdays, through March 9th or Thursdays, through March 10th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will explore the natural world by meeting animals, building, drawing, climbing and making music. The cost is \$126 per child for a nine-class series. Café Brauer will feature a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, March 11th from 7 to 10 p.m. Guests will play a murder suspect or a detective, discovering clues left at the crime scene and interrogating each other. The reading of the Last Will is followed by additional crimes that eventually unmask the perpetrator. Experienced and trained mystery/comedy actors will assist guests in solving the case with costumes, accessories and physical evidence. The cost is \$65 for ages 16 and over. An Easter Egg-Stravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The celebration will include pancake breakfast, an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, animal viewing, complimentary rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure. For more information, visit www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar. Animal Enrichment Workshops are scheduled for March 19th (St. Patrick's Day themed) or April 9th (Earth Day themed) or May 7th or 8th (Cinco de Mayo themed) from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

WinterFest At PJPII School

Pope John Paul II Catholic School, 4325 S. Richmond will conduct Winterfest 2016 on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be raffles for cash prizes and sports tickets. Entertainment will be provided by I've Got Talent Contest Winners at 5:30 p.m.; PJPII and St. Richard School Band at 6:15 p.m. and Mexican Folkloric Dance Company at 8 p.m. For more information, call (773) 523-6161.

Free Tax Service At Kelly High

The Center for Economic Progress will provide free income tax preparation service at Kelly High School, 4136 S. California on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 18th. Maximum income guidelines are \$25,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for a family. For more information, call (312) 252-0280.

Valpo U Plans Bach Concert

The Bach Institute at Valparaiso University will present the St. John Passion Concert at St. Luke Church, 1500 W. Belmont on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Performers will include the Valparaiso University Choral and Leipzig Baroque Orchestra. For ticket information, visit valpo.edu/vuca or call (219) 464-5162.

Maker Lab At Library Center

The Maker Lab at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st., offers free introductory workshops and open shop for ages 14 and up. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Children 10-14 may attend with an adult, but no more than two children per adult may register. For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

Juicebox Series Schedules Events



Tatsu Aoki's Tsukasa Taiko Percussion

The popular Juicebox family music and performance series hosted by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will once again entertain and educate young children and their families this Winter and Spring at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st., and the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. The free admission programs are geared toward the "stroller set" and enjoyable for the whole family. Children will experience a diverse range of artistic and educational presentations, with hosts regularly inviting youngsters to move, dance and interact with performers. The series is scheduled for 11 to 11:45 a.m. on the first and third Friday and Saturday of each month with Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center and Saturday at the Garfield Park Conservatory through May. Barrel of Monkeys, an arts-education and theater ensemble that works in under-served Chicago Public Schools, will appear on Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th. Actors, musicians and teaching-artists run in-school residency writing workshops, an after-school program and original public performances based on stories written by their students. The Q Brothers will appear on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19. The musicians, actors, writers, educators and DJs rap with kids and rewrite Shakespeare plays into hip hop musicals. The Dreamtree Shakers will engage kids with

music and creative movement on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd. Jugo de Mango will perform cumbia, reggae and rock rhythms on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th. Tatsu Aoki's Tsukasa Taiko Percussion Ensemble will present a family-friendly performance on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th. Alma Afrobeat Ensemble from Barcelona will perform on Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. Kids will learn short phrases in Yoruba, Spanish, Italian, and English, as well as receive shakers to play and take home. Admission is free. For more information on free arts programming presented year-round at the Chicago Cultural Center and other venues, call (312) 744-3316.

Photo Exhibit At Library Center

Straight Into the Camera: David Grempp's Chicago, 1978-79 new photographic exhibition is currently on display through May 16th in the Special Collection Exhibition Hall, 9th Floor, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. In 1978, as an artist-in-residence with the Chicago Council on Fine Arts, Grempp was appointed to work with Chicago Public Library in specified branches and the neighborhoods they served. Free to select his own approach to the project, Grempp decided to let his subjects choose their poses and "... asked them to look straight into the camera." The viewer is confronted and greeted by Chicagoans, where they lived, played and worked. Grempp took photos of library patrons, shop owners, activists, high school couples, home owners, and more. He captured Comiskey Park on a cold and rainy weeknight in the spring; and also visited Wrigley Field but the game was sold

out so he photographed fans in the street—including a very young Ronnie Woo Woo. At the end of the year, Grempp ended up with 150 black and white prints. Grempp rarely showed his prints, except to his photography students at Columbia College Chicago. Exhibit hours are: Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

Computer Workshop At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computer workshop on Thursday, March 3rd & 10th at 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is especially for seniors, but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.

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The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski, will conduct a traditional Easter Egg decorating workshop on Saturday, March 5th at 10 a.m. The fee of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12 includes instruction sheet, pattern sheet, etching knife and admission to the museum. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (773) 582-6500.

Booklet On Korean War

The Illinois Korean Memorial Association has published a booklet, "A Brief History of the Korean War 1950-53." To receive a copy, send \$10 check or money order to Illinois Korean Memorial Association, P.O. Box 8554, Springfield, Illinois 62791.

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Ice Skating At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. offers ice skating through February.

Admission is \$4 for adults (\$8 with skate rental), \$2 for senior citizens and military, free for ages 17 and younger.

Skate rental is \$6 for all ages. For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

Cervical Health Awareness Month

The Illinois Department of Public Health is observing Cervical Health Awareness by highlighting issues related to cervical cancer, HPV disease, and the importance of early detection.

There are often no noticeable symptoms of cervical cancer in its early stage, which is why it is important for women to be screened regularly. Symptoms usually develop when the cancer has become invasive and attacks nearby tissue. The most common symptom is abnormal vaginal bleeding. Although cervical cancer usually grows slowly, it can be detected with regular Pap tests.

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides free cervical cancer screenings, pelvic exams, diagnostic services, and referrals to uninsured and underinsured Illinois women 35 years and older, regardless of income. Call the health line at 1 (888) 522-1282 for more information.

New Initiative For Radon Gas

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the American Lung Association in Illinois announced the statewide launch of an initiative to encourage home builders to install activated radon mitigation systems in new homes. The systems reduce levels of radon, a radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer overall.

Elevated levels of the radioactive gas have been found in all 102 Illinois counties. IEMA estimates nearly 1,200 Illinois citizens die from radon-related lung cancer each year.

For more information, visit www.radon.illinois.gov.

On McElroy TV Show



Ed McElroy (center) host of "The Ed McElroy Show", recently interviewed William S. Wojcik, Candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Dorothy Leavell, Publisher of the Crusader Newspaper. The show will air at 8 p.m. on March 1st on Comcast Channel 19. McElroy is Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A. A reception to honor Wojcik will be held at Goal Post Bar, 5207 W. 95th st. on Tuesday, March 1st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (708) 424-2121.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

The next monthly Mass for the beatification of Venerable Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held on Saturday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Motherhouse Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette rd. This Mass will also commemorate the Feast of St. Casimir with Fr. Paul Whittington, OP as celebrant.

All are invited. For more information, call (773) 349-8064.

Singles Salon At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, will present a Singles Salon for age over 40 on the first Saturday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m.

Participants will mingle while discussing books, movies and music. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

City Promotes Home Ownership

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced the Home Buyer Assistance Program will help make homeownership possible for families and individuals by providing support for down payment and closing costs.

Qualified buyers may receive a grant for up to 5 percent of the loan amount based on income. Depending on whether they select an FHA-insured loan or a loan insured by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, home buyers can have annual incomes of up to 160 percent of the area median income - approximately \$121,000.

The typical home in Chicago is sold for \$250,000, meaning a family could receive a grant of more than \$12,000 to help cover down payment and closing costs.

The program is open to families or individuals who are buying a home; and first-time buyers must complete a home-buyer education course. The program can be used for the purchase of single-family homes, town homes, condominiums and owner-occupied properties containing up to four units. It may also be used to refinance an existing mortgage.

The city will provide an initial \$1 million to launch program, which will become self-sustaining over time. The program will be administered by the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, which will work in conjunction with authorized lending institutions responsible for accepting and processing applications.

The city will work with aldermen and not-for-profit partners to conduct workshops to provide interested residents with information about the program.

The city also offers the Choose To Own program through the Chicago Housing Authority. The program provides eligible public housing and housing choice voucher recipients the option of homeownership by using their rental voucher to pay a portion of their monthly mortgage for up to 15 years (up to 30 years for the elderly or people with disabilities). For more information visit www.thecha.org/cto.

PNA Sponsors Annual Concert

The Polish National Alliance will sponsor its Annual Song and Dance Concert 2016 at Lane Tech High School Auditorium, 2501 W. Addison st. on Sunday, March 6th at 1 p.m.

Over 400 children and young adult students will perform folk dances originated from various regions in Poland.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors 65+.

For more information, visit www.pna-znp.org or call (773) 286-0500, ext. 312.

Obituaries

ROSE M. ANDERSON, nee Boinski of Archer Heights, age 79. She was the wife of late William J. Anderson; mother of Monica Anderson, Cynthia Ausmus, William A. Anderson, Cassie Ausmus and late Ann Ticzkus; grandmother of Heather, Samantha, Anthony, Kenneth, Joseph, Brian, Brittany, and Caitlin; great-grandmother of Julia, Joshua, Joseph Jr., Christina, Matthew, Gracie, Jazmin, and Charlotte; sister of Shelby Kozak, Arlene Boinski, Roberta Boinski, late Evelyn Brant, and late Frank Boinski. Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 25th from 3-9 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 5088 S. Archer. Chapel services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

NICHOLAS T. MUCHA, age 18, formerly of Garfield Ridge. He was the son of Stanley & Dorothy Klimczuk and step son of Denise Mucha; grandson of Janina & late Jan Mucha and Henryka Klimczuk; brother of Christina, Heather, Ashley, Andrew, Elizabeth and Emilie. Funeral services were held Feb. 24th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs, to St. Daniel the Prophet, Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



ERSIE J. REED (nee Baisden) longtime McKinley Park area resident, passed away on Feb. 23rd at the age of 81. She was the wife of Rondal; mother of Oma (late Bob) Kirchen, Bonnie (Sean) Hileman, Rondal (Kelly) Reed, Dewey (Denise) Reed, Mark (Rose) Reed, Octavia (Mike) Reed, Kyle Reed, Matthew Pinkins and Daniel Pinkins, late Gracie (John) Szczepaniak, and late Harold (late Diane) Reed; grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of many. Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 27th from 2 to 9 p.m. at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne. Prayer service will be at 8 p.m. with Rev. Douglas Semenske of St. Andrew Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.



ROSALIE C. PAWLOWSKI (nee Michniewski) formerly of Garfield Ridge passed away on Feb. 17th at the age of 78. She was the wife of late Richard; mother of Kenneth (Kathleen) Pawlowski and Suzanne (Sam) Bonafede; grandmother of Patrick, Caitlan Pawloski, Michelle (John) Perna, Christina and Mark Bonafede. Visitation was held Feb. 20th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery. A former member of the 23rd Ward Senior Club, Rosalie was a retired bookkeeper for New City Luggage Manufacturing Company.

MARY VODICKA (nee Buch) formerly of Archer Heights, passed away on Feb. 16th at the age of 93. She was the wife of late Louis Vodicka; mother of Louise (late Gary) Tomaszewski and Rosanne (Stanley) Olejniczak; grandmother of Kevin (Pam) Tomaszewski, Melissa (Chris) Campbell, Brian, Adam and Thomas Olejniczak; great-grandmother of Levi Campbell; sister of Stanley (Tillie) Buch, late Elsie (late Steven) Zeman, late Jean Erazmus, late George, late John and late Frank Buch. Visitation was held Feb. 20th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

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