



245 Years Since Lexington and Concord



By Dr. R. Pletsch

During these times of "home schooling" it may be good for you to present to your children a date that truly changed the world. "The Shot Heard Round the World" on Lexington Green is considered by many as the start of the American Revolution on April 18, 1775.

Many of the events in colonial America have been twisted in recent years. Columbus did not introduce slavery to the Americas. Almost every tribe had some form of slavery. Prisoners were killed or made slaves so they could not return to kill them. Some historians believe the Aztec of Mexico and South made many slaves of other tribes. Some consider the number to have equaled that of ancient Rome and Egypt. Your students can look these up on the internet, an interesting read.

The colonists originally had no support for their fight versus the British Empire. The colonists declared independence in 1776. This

was the first time that slavery became American. Prior to this, they were a possession of the King of England and he could have declared slavery illegal at any time like he did in several other places -- another good thing for the kids to look up. Many believe that the Revolution directly led to the Civil War and made it inevitable -- they knew slavery was wrong but necessary to the Southern economy. If all 13 states did not work together, there would have been no independence. Each state controlled their own economy. There were no federal funds in existence. Some will consider this a weak argument but at the time, if it directly affected you, it was a different story.

Use these ideas which some will agree with and others will give it little concern, but it can make our students think. As those volunteers at Lexington and Concord stood against British regulars for what they considered correct and right, they risked their own lives, their fortunes and that of their families. Many believe it also set in motion for the end of slavery in the new nation. This is another great item for the students to use the internet. They can see history of slavery and see that America was not the last to abolish slavery. In fact, slavery still exists today.

Don't think this is too hard for your students. It makes them use their brains. Just like other things your kids can do, word search puzzles, Sudoku and Scrabble. Hopefully, it will not be long before we are back to normal.

Emergency Grants For Hospitality

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in partnership with Accion Serving Illinois and Indiana, awarded \$14 million in grants to over 700 small bars, restaurants, and hotels. 12,000 businesses applied for funding and grantees were selected via a random lottery conducted by Accion. The grants can be used to support working capital - like payroll and rent - job training, and technology to support shifts in operations including increased use of carry out and delivery.

Awards for the Grant

Law Suspension For Consumer Debt

Governor Pritzker is suspending laws that permit the service of a garnishment summons, wage deduction summons, or a citation to discover assets as part of consumer debt collection proceedings. This step protects the use of the stimulus money for food, shelter, and transportation as it was intended.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation also issued Best Practices to licensed lenders encouraging them to work with struggling borrowers during the pandemic to extend the time for payment, waive late charges, and defer collection measures.

Residents can also take temporary measures to protect their household income for family essentials by considering stopping automatic loan payments and rescinding wage assignments. More may be learned on the IDFPB website. Illinois borrowers considering these measures should know that they will still owe their debt and should reach out to their creditors to discuss any hardship they are experiencing.

Program were drawn from funds budgeted for tourism promotion, job training, and general operations. More than 450 small bars and restaurants received an average grant of roughly \$14,000 while more than 250 small hotels received an average grant of \$30,000. Applications were accepted by Accion from March 25th through April 1st and the lottery to select grantees was held from April 4th to 7th.

Approximately one-third of the businesses receiving grants are located outside of Cook and the collar counties.

DCEO continues to identify new resources and services for businesses impacted by the ongoing pandemic, including resources under the federal CARES Act including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan, EIDL Emergency Advance, and the Paycheck Protection Program. A list of resources available to small businesses is published and updated on DCEO's website: www.illinois.gov.

Digital Learning At Photo Museum

The Museum of Contemporary Photography at Columbia College Chicago, 600 S. Michigan ave. is currently closed to the public. Consistent with its mission, digital learning initiatives have been expanded with social media platforms, a website and sessions on Zoom.

On Friday, April 17th at 12 p.m. C.S.T., photographer Mark Klett will provide a behind-the-scenes look at his studio and answer questions at <https://colum.zoom.us/j/214290758>. His background includes working as a geologist before turning to photography.

Bubbly Creek Feasibility Report



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District has released the Bubbly Creek, South Branch Chicago River final integrated feasibility report and environmental assessment.

The student was completed in partnership with the City of Chicago's Department on Planning and Development. The report provides a recommendation by the district's commander for an ecosystem restoration project for Bubbly Creek.

The highly degraded waterway supports tolerant and invasive species. Features of the proposed project include restoration

of approximately 40 acres -- to include 30.7 acres of substrate restoration, 9.3 acres of riparian restoration, one acre of emergent restoration, 3.3 acres of submergent plant restoration, and restoration of woody debris at 10 locations within the channel.

After implementation of the proposed restoration plan, the channel would support more diverse and abundant aquatic plants and animals, and residents and migratory bird population. The project is expected to benefit the McKinley Park, Bridgeport, and Pilsen neighborhoods.

The report is available

at: <https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works-Projects/Bubbly-Creek/>. Through May 6th, USACE is accepting public comments electronically at BLURRY with the subject "ATTN: Bubbly Creek."

5K Run-Walk At Montrose Harbor



A Safe Haven Foundation will host its 10th Annual 5K Run! To End Homelessness at Grove 16 at 600 W. Montrose Harbor Dr. on Sunday, July 19th at 8 a.m. Proceeds will go to support the mission of transforming lives from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Music and a free Kids Fun Run! (Registration required) will also be included. Race fee is \$40. Price increases to \$45 after May 15th. For more details, visit RunToEndHomelessness.org.

Warning For CARES Act Scams

Attorney General Kwame Raoul urges residents to watch for scammers trying to take advantage of the upcoming COVID-19 federal economic stimulus payments.

Under the CARES Act, \$2.2 trillion will be allocated to individuals and businesses affected by the pandemic. One-time direct deposit payments of up to \$1,200 will be made to individuals who pay taxes and \$2,400 for married couples, plus an additional \$500 per child. The payments will be available for individuals who earn up to \$75,000 per year and married couples who earn up to \$150,000 per year.

Residents should not respond to email messages, text messages, letters or phone calls that claim to include information about the stimulus package and request personal information or prompt recipients to click on a link. Such messages likely are sent by scammers trying to steal personal information such as bank account numbers, Social Security numbers or credit card numbers. Clicking links or opening attachments could result in download-

NLEI Suspends Events Until May

The National Latino Education Institute, W. Pershing road, has cancelled or postponed all events until May. Enrollment for new classes are placed on hold until further notice. Information on programs is available through education@nlei.org.

Library Offers Digital Learning

The Chicago Public Library offers the opportunity to grow your computer skills with Chicago DigitalLearn. The site contains short video courses (most under 20 minutes) to help you learn how to use a computer. Courses like "Getting Started on a Computer" and "Intro to Email" cover the basics. If you are a little more familiar with computers, there are courses like "Microsoft Word" and "Online Job Searching."

Once you sign up for an account, you can: take a quiz and get a personalized learning plan. Follow your progress and track your achievement. Repeat lessons and courses as a refresher. Print and keep certificates. Access transcripts of the lessons and extra materials to help you practice what you've learned.

For more information, visit chicpublib.digital-learn.org.

Social Security Explains Payments

The Treasury Department launched a new web tool allowing quick registration for Economic Impact Payments for eligible individuals who do not normally file a tax return and announced that it would begin making automatic payments. However, for some people receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration -- especially those who have dependent children under the age of 17 -- it is to their advantage to go on this portal to ensure they also get the \$500 per dependent Economic Impact Payment.

People who receive Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability insurance benefits and who did not file a tax return for 2018 and 2019 and who have qualifying children under age 17 should go to the IRS's webpage at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments to enter their information instead of waiting for their automatic \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment.

The same guidelines apply to SSI recipients, especially those who have qualifying children under age 17. To receive the full amount of the Economic Interest Payments you and your family are eligible for, go to the IRS's Non-File: Enter Payment Info page at: www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments.

New beneficiaries since January 1, 2020, of either Social Security of SSI benefits who did not file a tax return for 2018

or 2019 will need to go to the IRS Non-File website to enter their information.

For Social Security retirement, survivors, or disability beneficiaries who do not have qualifying children under age 17, you do not need to take any action. You will automatically receive your \$1,200 economic impact payment directly from the IRS as long as you received an SSA-1099 for 2019.

The eligibility requirements and other information can be found at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center. Continue to visit the IRS at www.irs.gov/coronavirus for the latest information.

Updates to the Social Security's COVID-19 web page are available at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus.

Meal Assistance For Sr. Citizens

The Illinois Department on Aging is distributing \$7 million to the state's 46 Care Coordination Units to support meals programming for older Illinoisans at highest risk for malnutrition and hunger.

Last year, more than 85,000 seniors were provided meals at congregate meal sites and an additional 43,000 received meals delivered to their homes. As a result of temporarily suspending meal service in the 399 congregate dining sites statewide, seniors who previously received meals at these sites are now being included in home delivered meal programs.

In a one-week period between March 30th and April 3rd, a total of 178,599 meals were home delivered reflecting an average of 35,000 meals per day. In that same week, a total of 4,907 new referrals for home delivered meals were processed - that's on average close to 1,000 new referrals per day.

If you or an older family member, friend, or neighbor are in need of any kind of assistance, visit our website at www.illinois.gov/aging or contact the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966.

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. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

New Initiative At De La Salle Institute



De La Salle students Jacob Brogan '23 and Isabella Brogan '22 participated in a food drive to benefit local families.

A new initiative begun by the students, faculty and staff of De La Salle Institute is entitled "What We Can Do To Make a Difference."

With Dean of Social Sciences John Brogan and others guiding the project, the Meteors have chosen to assist those most in need during this most difficult time. Besides supporting local entities, the Meteors are also making donations of food, money and blood.

The Brogan family held its own recent giving day in which it

loaded up one of its family vehicles and delivered bags of food to a family friend in need as well as to the Friendship Center, a food bank on the North Side.

Assistant principal Nick Colletti and his family made snack packs and delivered them to the staff at Mercy Hospital.

Members of the De La Salle community were given a listing of entities that require assistance from food pantries to blood banks.

Campaign Features Chicago Med Actor



BRIAN TEE

Ezike, "The weather is warming up and many people are starting to feel cooped up, but staying home now will help end this pandemic sooner."

Video links can be found online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ReadyIllinois>.

Resources For Covid 19 Crisis

Hotel Utilization: Individuals who do not require hospital-level care can be transferred to downtown hotels rented by the City of Chicago to quarantine affected individuals. For more information, call (312) 746-4835.

Meals on Wheels: The home-delivered meal program for seniors is managed by The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services. Contact Information and Assessment at (312) 744-4016.

Rental Assistance: If you need information, call the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage Grove, at (312) 747-2300.

Chicago Public Schools Food Program: Schools are open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide breakfast and lunch to those under 18 years. If you have trouble getting to the site, contact (773) 553-5437.

Greater Food Depository: The benefit outreach team helps people in Cook County with SNAP, Medicaid and other public benefit programs. They can be reached at (773) 843-5416.

Mental Health Resources: Call 311, the NAMI Chicago Helpline (833) 626-4244, or the TURN Center (888) 887-6123 for a counselor.

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Support Services For Sr. Citizens

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services Lisa Morrison Butler, AARP Illinois State Director Bob Gallo and AARP IL Volunteer State President Rosanna Marquez for a telephone town hall to address the senior population amid the COVID-19 public health crisis.

City led projects have included: Securing home-delivered meals for seniors who are unable to prepare for themselves or have no other mechanism to procure. Working with local grocery stores to create and implement "senior only" so residents are able to quickly and safely do their shopping.

Securing screening that will help to determine eligibility for more than 2,500 city, state and federal benefits such as prescription drug coverage, weatherization, energy assistance, taxes, energy assistance, housing options and in-home support services.

Providing care services for seniors that are in-line with public health guidance. Creating and providing resources for families taking care of seniors which have included in-home respite services, workshops for guidance and legal assis-

tance. Providing adult protective services including investigative responses to reports of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect, confinement and financial exploitation.

Providing long-term care ombudsmen advocacy, complaint resolution and rights protection of residents in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. Providing professional staff on site when families that care for seniors are away.

Heat and electricity suppliers have suspended shutoffs due to a resident's inability to pay, indefinitely. The Chicago Department of Water Management will continue its moratorium on shutoffs from inability to pay. The Cook County Sheriff has also suspended evictions while the health crisis continues.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, text COVID19 to 78015, email coronavirus@chicago.gov or visit Chicago.gov/coronavirus. For anyone that needs assistance or help accessing essential services, call 311.

Helpful resources for older adults are available at aarp.org/Chicago and aarp.org/coronavirus.

Assessor's Office Announces Changes

The Cook County Assessor's Office announced updated information about its plans to reassess the southern and western suburbs and adjust property values in the northern suburbs and Chicago if the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have a significant impact on real estate.

"This is an unprecedented crisis and we're taking necessary steps to address it," said Assessor Fritz Kaegi. "In view of the state and federal governments' declaration of Illinois and Cook County as major disaster areas, and the pandemic's toll on markets and property values, we are adjusting assessments to reflect this reality. To do so for only one portion of the county would unfairly shift the tax burden and create an inequitable system."

Cook County is reassessed triennially, which means one-third of the county is reassessed each year. In 2020, the south and west townships of Chicago are scheduled to be reassessed and this work will continue. While properties in some south suburban townships have already received reassessment notices, those which have not will receive notices that reflect estimated economic effects of COVID-19 on property

values. North suburban and Chicago portions of Cook County, which are not scheduled for reassessment, as well as properties located in south and west suburban townships which have already received reassessment notices, will have their property values reviewed for estimated effects of COVID-19 following the appeal process. Property owners are not required to appeal in order to receive the review and adjustment for eligible properties.

Appeals for these properties can be filed after these reassessment notices are mailed. Dates will be posted at CookCountyAssessor.com.

Mental Health Support Available

Emotional reactions to this emerging health crisis are expected. Feeling sad, anxious, overwhelmed or having other symptoms become worse, reach out for support and help.

Free mental health resources are available to all Chicago residents. Connect to a NAMI Chicago Helpline mental health counselor by calling 311 or (833) 626-4244.

Connect to Bright Star Community Outreach's trauma counseling helping at (833) TURN-123.

Connect to free teletherapy services at Public Health Mental Health Centers by calling (312) 747-1020.

For after hours support, contact Crisis Text Line which serves anyone, in any type of crisis, 24-hours a day. Text HELLO to: 741741 to access a trained crisis counselor.

Literacy Center Needs Tutors

The Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st, needs volunteer tutors to help adult immigrants learn English during 90 minutes per week. All tutoring is in English. Opportunities are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The next tutoring workshop will hopefully be conducted Friday, May 1st from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance on both days is required. For more information or to register, contact sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512.

Obituaries

JOHN E. BUZ passed away on March 9th at the age of 60. Visitation was held March 13th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Daniel the Prophet Church on March 13th. Interment was at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

NANCY G. CETNER (nee Fietko) passed away on March 7th at the age of 76. She was the wife of Florian S. Cetner; mother of Scott (Caroline) Cetner & Kimberly (Fabian) Albarra; grandmother of Sophia & Alexa; sister of Tom (Aleta) and David (Karen); daughter of John & Bertha Fietko; daughter in law of Stanley & Victoria Cetner. Arrangements were handled by Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer.



ROSEMARY A. RIGGIO (nee Vanchieri), passed away on Feb. 29th at the age of 84. She was the wife of Joseph Riggio for 67 years; mother of the late Ronald, Joseph (Carol) and Richard (Janice); grandmother of Jessica Riggio (Michael), Angela Riggio, Neal Riggio, Michelle Svendsen (Jarrett), Christina Riggio and Richard Riggio (Rhannon); great-grandmother of Troy, Cole, Michael Jr. and Hailee. Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph & Bessie and siblings, Samuel, Sidney, John and Joseph Vanchieri. Funeral arrangements were handled by Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer



LUCILLE N. KILKUS (nee Staisiunas) age 89. She was the wife of late John Charles Kilkus; mother of John Paul (Diane Deplewski) Kilkus; grandmother of Jenna and Nathan; sister of late Al Staisiunas. Longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish Brighton Park, member of Knights of Lithuania Council 36, member of Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary and alumnus of St. Casimir Academy. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Arrangements were by Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home.

Application For Early Learning

Chicago Early Learning has over 600 preschool sites across the city. Children who will be age 3 or 4 on or by Sept. 1st can access quality no-cost or low-cost preschool options online at chicagoearlylearning.org. Application for the 2020-21 school year is open. Subscribe to the newsletter online and be the first to receive updates about the preschool application. Information about services for infants and toddlers is also available online. Visit chicagoearlylearning.org/conn ect or call (312) 229-1690.

Lyric Opera Postpones Season

The Lyric Opera of Chicago has postponed the rest of the season because of the pandemic. The musical "42nd Street" scheduled for May 29th to June 21st will be presented next spring.

"Blue" which was scheduled for June 21st to 28th at the Yard at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre will be staged next January.

"Proving Up" will be staged when a date is determined. For more information, visit lyricopera.org.

Relief Package For City Small Business

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced a new \$100 million economic relief package to support small businesses that are experiencing a temporary loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The new Chicago Small Business Resiliency Loan Fund will provide low-interest loans to small businesses over the coming months, targeting under-resourced communities.

The economic relief package is designed to provide cash flow relief for neighborhood entrepreneurs and includes extended due dates for business-related tax payments until April 30th.

The fund leverages a \$25 million grant by the City of Chicago, \$50 million in capital by the Chicago Community Catalyst Fund as well as \$10 million from Goldman Sachs' Urban Investment Group, \$1 million from Fifth Third, \$250,000 from Clayco and \$15 million from additional private funding sources.

Up to \$50,000 in working capital loans to neighborhood entrepreneurs will help support rent and payroll expenses. A network of Community Development Financial Institutions will be responsible for providing support with application screening, credit underwriting, loan disbursements and servicing.

Eligible businesses must have experienced a more than 25% revenue decrease due to the impact from COVID-19. Furthermore, to qualify as a small business, each establishment must have fewer than 50 employees. Beginning on March 31st, the City's CDFI partners will begin accepting loan applications from local businesses. In the meantime, business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to fill out an interest form and a City representative of the fund will reach out on next steps.

The City is temporarily

suspending debt collection, and limited ticketing and towing practices. New economic relief package will temporarily defer all business fine collections as well as license renewal and late fees until April 30th.

Due dates for payments will be extended until April 30th for the following City taxes: bottled water, checkout bag, amusement, hotel accommodation, restaurant and parking.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, tune into CDPH's "The Doctor Is In" Livestream weekdays at 11 a.m., for mobile updates, text COVID19 to 78015 or email: coronavirus@chicago.gov.

Property Tax Auction Postponed

A Cook County Circuit Court Judge has postponed the Annual Tax Sale of delinquent properties scheduled to begin May 8th because of the spread of the new coronavirus.

In an emergency motion, Treasurer Maria Pappas asked for the delay to protect the health and safety of residents in light of the pandemic.

There are more than 52,000 properties whose delinquent taxes would be sold to investors if the Tax Sale were held. More than 30,000 are homes; more than 23,000 owe less than \$1,000; and 2,000 are owned by senior citizens.

Postponing the Tax Sale would delay payment of an estimated \$48 million in property taxes that would have been collected during the sale.

The Treasurer's Office is required to put delinquent taxes up for auction, the first step in the legal process that can end with the loss of property if the taxes are not repaid.

COVID-19
Guidance for Grocery Shopping

Stay home if you are sick.
Consider food or meal delivery; have family or friends shop for you.

Go shopping at a time that's less busy.

Keep social distance while in the store
(6-feet or two arms-length from other shoppers and grocery store staff).

Use sanitizing wipes to clean and disinfect carts and shopping baskets.

Bring a germicide to wipe your hands before and after shopping.

Use tap and pay or credit/debit cards for purchases to reduce the risk of transmission through money.

Use self-checkout lanes where possible to limit contact with employees.

Use curbside pickup or grocery delivery services.

Don't use reusable bags.

When you return home, wash your hands after handling packages and when finished putting items away.

Questions about COVID-19? Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph_sick@illinois.gov
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COVID-19 RESPONSE & RESOURCE GUIDE

Unemployment Insurance

If you or a loved one has been laid off as a result of COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment insurance through the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Legal Permanent Residents and DACA recipients can also apply. We know many of you are having a hard time getting someone on the line. Please be patient and try again, IDEAS has hired additional staff. You can also file online by visiting their web page:

bit.ly/UnemploymentIDES

Now Hiring

Illinois grocers throughout the state are looking to hire. Many are hiring on-the-spot. The Illinois Retail Merchants Association has a listing of grocery stores hiring on their page.

<https://irma.org/covid-19/>

Utilities

ComEd & People's Gas are suspending service disconnections for customers who cannot pay, and waiving new late payment charges. ComEd is committed to do this at least through May 1, 2020. If you are having trouble paying your bills please call them to talk through your options: **People's Gas:** 866-556-6001 **ComEd:** 800-334-7661

Comcast and ATT are offering 2 months of free internet service to low-income families who are new customers. To learn more go online Comcast: internetessentials.com or AT&T: [click here](#)

AT&T will not terminate the service of any wireless, residential or small business customer because of their inability to pay in this crisis. They are waiving late fees until May 13 and will keep their Wi-Fi hotspots open for anyone.

Housing

The City of Chicago has an Emergency Rental Assistance Program and a COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant which families can apply to for a one time \$1,000 cash grant. For more information:

bit.ly/chirenta
bit.ly/Chirentalassistance

NO EVICTIONS IN COOK COUNTY

The Cook County Sheriff will not enforce eviction orders until April 13th, 2020. If the court has already ordered that a tenant should be evicted, the sheriff will not take action until April 13th at the earliest.

MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES

If a building is in foreclosure, there is a moratorium on entering and executing final judgments in foreclosure cases. This moratorium means that the existing landlord will not lose the building for at least 30 days, and tenants should continue to pay rent if demanded.

Food Security

Chicago Public Schools will be providing free food boxes that will contain three days of breakfast and lunches for every student in the household. All families will be able to pick up meals at their nearest CPS school. You can call 1-773-553-KIDS or email at familyservicescps.edu to make a request for food delivery. You can also fill out this form:

bit.ly/CPSLunchbox

The Greater Chicago Food Depository can also help secure access to food. Anyone in need of emergency or supplemental food assistance in Cook County is eligible. Find a Food Depository member agency in your neighborhood online or by phone (773) 247-FOOD (3663)

www.chicagosfoodbank.org/find-food/

Catholic Charities also provides financial assistance for rent, utilities & transportation. In addition to assisting with food security. Call them at (312) 655-7700 or click here for more information - [more info](#)

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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.
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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(a)(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 605/18.5ig-1.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Illinois, and to increase awareness, the Department of Children and Family Services released a new public service announcement highlighting simple things everyone can do to help keep children safe during the pandemic.

"At DCFS we are first responders when it comes to helping families in crisis, but we cannot do this job alone; and in these stressful times of social distancing, turning our kitchens into classrooms and the uncertainty of knowing when life as we knew it will return to normal, we need your help now more than ever," said Acting Director Marc De Smith.

"Text your friends with children and see how they're doing; share child abuse prevention messages on social media; and most importantly, if you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, call the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE."

The hotline is working at full capacity and remains prepared to take calls 24 hours a day. Child protection specialists continue to respond to hotline calls with contact within 24 hours to assess child safety.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HECM ACQUISITION TRUST 2019-1; Plaintiff, vs. ELLA M. MCGEE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY A CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 12TH MAY 2009 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002353334; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
19 CH 10623
NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 6245 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60636.
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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 Ms. Kimberly S. Reid at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, (614) 220-5611, 19-037852 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 131494574

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC.; Plaintiff, vs. LATANYA COWART AKA LATANYA ARNOLD COWART; ROBERT C. COWART; CITY OF CHICAGO; LVN; FUNDING LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.
19 CH 11369
NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 542 West 107th Street, Chicago, IL 60628.
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The City of Chicago has established the \$100 million Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund, which will provide small businesses and non-profits with emergency cash flow during this health crisis. Funds will be provided to eligible businesses as low-interest loans.

The Resiliency Fund is structured to complement the new federal Paycheck Protection Program that the Small Business Administration will launch shortly. All loan applications will be administered through lending partners, including Accion Serving Illinois and Indiana and the Community Reinvestment Fund, USA.

At <https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/chicago-small-business-resiliency-fund/>

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, April 18th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to 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.

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CSMC 2018-RPL6 TRUST; Plaintiff, vs. CAROLYN BOOTH; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NA; Defendants.
19 CH 12154
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause In-tercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 14, 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:
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By Johnny Ford

Shedd Aquarium may be closed to the public, but it has still welcomed some very special new residents. The aquarium joined forces with Tennessee Aquarium to safeguard the endangered Barrens topminnow (Fundulus julisia) from extinction. Earlier this year, Shedd welcomed six individual fish to begin a head-start program on behalf of the species, which was listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in October 2019. Shedd recently observed successful spawning, meaning the aquarium is one step closer to rearing young, which will remain until they are large enough to return to native habitat in Tennessee and bolster the wild populations.

Animal care staff use intricate yarn structures to mimic heavy vegetation, where the topminnows typically hide and spawn. The six individuals at Shedd Aquarium, which will live behind the scenes, are expected to spawn several times, meaning several young topminnows may have the opportunity to make the trip to Tennessee and grow the wild populations. Though much of this work will happen in areas that guests don't normally see, Shedd plans to develop a habitat in the special exhibit, Underwater Beauty, which will connect guests to this beautiful fish and the on-going head-start effort.

"The topminnows are doing well here at Shedd, and we look forward to applying our expertise with fish spawning and rearing to benefit a vulnerable species in the wild," said Keoki Burton, supervisor of special exhibits at Shedd Aquarium. "This head-start program is an important effort that hits close to our mission of keeping the aquatic world diverse and healthy."

The Tennessee Aquarium along with several conservation partners have been working since 2001 to monitor vulnerable topminnow populations and protect a narrowing amount of habit that is critical to the survival of the species. These Tennessee native fish are found in only five locations on the Barrens Plateau.

Aside from habitat degradation, the topminnow population is also being ravaged by the introduction of the invasive western mosquitofish, which not only outcompetes the native fish species but has also been witnessed consuming young Barrens topminnow fry. Head-starting these juveniles until they've outgrown this juvenile stage gives them a better chance at surviving when they are reintroduced to native waters.

"We are honored to have the Shedd Aquarium join us in our efforts to help preserve and save the Barrens topminnow," said Matt Hamilton, Curator of Fishes at the Tennessee Aquarium. "Our goal is to not only raise offspring to help with the recovery efforts but to also build an Ark population that safeguards the species in the event of complete extirpation of the Barrens topminnow in the wild. We have nearly two decades of work under our belt. With the conservation efforts of the Tennessee Aquarium and the Barrens Topminnow Work Group, we have released more than 44,000 Barrens topminnows into the natural habitat. It truly has to be community effort to save this fish and the habitat it calls home."

This is the second head-start program operated by Shedd's Animal Response Team. The first launched at Shedd in 2018, when the aquarium joined several organizations to raise young Blanding's turtles – a local species that is considered endangered in the state of Illinois.

The efforts of zoos and aquariums to conserve and protect species does not stop, despite the shutdown. To help mitigate the financial impacts on Shedd Aquarium, you can help support our mission through various ways, including adopting an aquatic animal, making a donation, or becoming a member. The public can also show support by donating the value of previously purchased tickets for a visit, group and experience reservations, programs and events and more. Visit www.shedd-aquarium.org

Planetarium Joins Virus Research

By Jennifer Howell

At the Adler Planetarium, being connected under the sky we all share means doing our part to help the people of our planet during this unprecedented crisis. From utilizing equipment that now sits idle for scientific research and PPE production, to pushing a message about the importance of social distancing out to our community, the Adler staff and volunteer team have been busy working together against COVID-19.

The Adler has joined other planetariums across the country in contributing to global scientific research efforts to fight COVID-19 by providing our powerful sky show rendering computer servers for use in the critical Rosetta@home (R@h) project from the University of Washington. The R@h project is seeking to model important COVID-19 proteins and predict their three-dimensional shapes. Knowledge gained from studying these viral proteins is now being used to guide the design of novel vaccines and antiviral drugs.

"During our closure to the public, we've been using our capabilities in many ways to help our community like leveraging our planetarium computing resources to help scientists more quickly understand and design tools to neutralize COVID-19; work that will hopefully lead to a vaccine," said Chris Comerford, Vice President for Enterprise Strategy and Solutions at the Adler Planetarium.

R@h is run through the Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing (BOINC) platform by the University of California, Berkeley, with support from the National Science Foundation. BOINC is a volunteer, crowdsourced computing platform that downloads scientific computing jobs to remote computers and runs programs in an effort to advance important research.

The Far Horizons team works with teens from across Chicagoland in hands-on scientific research. Normally, our three dimensional print-

ers are used to create prototypes that help our teens study light pollution, find meteorites at the bottom of the lake, and more. In this unprecedented time, we have converted the use of those printers to make face masks for members of some of the hardest hit communities on the south and west sides of Chicago.

"The philosophy of the Far Horizons program at the Adler Planetarium is to have students and volunteers learn and engage in science and engineering by doing. We've used our tools and expertise to explore from the edge of space to the depths of Lake Michigan. Now there is a need and opportunity to bring our engineering skills down to Earth," said Ken Walczak, Senior Manager of Far Horizons. "We heard the call from Chicago Peace Fellow Jacquelyn Moore that hospitals and first responders on the south and west sides of Chicago had a great need for protective equipment to deal with the COVID 19 emergency in their neighborhoods. We coordinated our network of volunteers to 3D print protective masks to deliver to the cause. Along with a couple of 3D printers from the Adler, we should be producing and delivering about 40 masks a day."

They are doing their part to flatten the curve of the novel COVID-19 virus by recognizing the critical importance of self-quarantine and social distancing. In conjunction with City of Chicago Mayor Lightfoot's office, the Give Chicago Some Space, a #stayhomesave-lives video PSA was created and shared on social media channels urging fellow Chicagoans to stay home. Chicago needs a little (at least six feet) space right now. Watch and share it: <https://youtu.be/OZvUQIb9wJ4>

The Adler Planetarium connects people to the universe and each other. Whether it is introducing a guest to the Ring Nebula, a neighborhood school to a community partner, a research team to a network of citizen scientists, or one staff member to another, the

Adler's focus on meaningful connections dates back nearly a century.

Today, the museum hosts more than half a million visitors each year and reaches millions more through youth STEAM programs, neighborhood skywatching events, online citizen science, and other outreach projects. With the Adler's support, people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities gain the confidence to explore their universe together and return to their communities ready to think critically and creatively about any challenge that comes their way.

No Liquor Sales After 9 p.m.

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced a temporary Public Health Order prohibiting all liquor sales citywide after 9 p.m. to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Recent enforcement measures have led to 21 citations issued for up to \$120,000 in fines for eight businesses violating the statewide mandate.

Since the Stay at Home order went into effect, CPD has given 2,033 dispersal orders in response to large gatherings of residents and has issued 11 citations for up to \$5,500 in fines to individuals not adhering to dispersal orders and violating the Stay at Home Order.

This new Public Health Order will give CPD and BACP enforcement authority to further curb non-compliance, with potential penalties for liquor sales after 9 p.m. including \$500 fine, arrest and revocation of liquor and other licenses.

Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home Order mandates that only essential businesses, such as grocery stores, banks and laundromats, continue operating. Furthermore, the order creates social distancing guidelines that essential businesses are required to follow while in operation. Details can be found at www.chicago.gov/coronavirus.



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COVID-19 Who Should I Call?

I want to know more about COVID-19, who should I call?

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH COVID-19 Hotline at 1 800 889 3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov. Note the Hotline does not make decisions about who should be tested for COVID-19.

I am not feeling well and have respiratory symptoms, what should I do?

- Stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or 72 hours after your fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, whichever is longer.
- You should consult with your doctor if you have:
 - Fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other flu like symptoms that are not better or are worsening after 24-48 hours.
 - Mild symptoms and are pregnant, have a weakened immune system, have chronic health conditions or are an older adult (60+).

Don't call the health department about getting testing

- Your health care provider will determine if you should be tested and, if necessary, contact the health department.
- Health departments do not collect specimens for COVID-19

I think I need immediate medical attention, who should I call?

- If you need immediate medical attention, and you think you may have COVID-19, call ahead to your health care provider before going in for care. This will allow them to take the right steps to protect themselves and other patients
- If you think you are having a medical emergency, call 911; if you have been exposed to COVID-19, notify dispatch personnel so emergency medical services personnel are prepared.

Questions about COVID-19? Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov
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Family Fishing At Northerly Island



Learn how to fish Chicago's Lake Front Harbor at Northerly Island Park, 1521 S. Linn White dr. on Saturday, May 30th from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Perfect for families with children age 8 years old and up, this two hour class includes in-class instruction and on-the-water fishing. Instruction, equipment and bait are provided. Fishing license is required for people ages 16 years of age and older. Youth participants must be accompanied in class with an adult/caretaker who is also registered for this activity. The fee is \$5 person. Call manager Carl Vizzone at (312) 859-2395 with questions.

Cleaning Product Exposures Up 30%

The Illinois Poison Center urges people to use caution with cleaning products, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Exposures to cleaning products are up 30%, compared to last year, related to novel coronavirus transmission precautions and concerns. Examples of exposures include:

People using non-traditional chemicals to wash their hands (e.g. bleach, hydrogen peroxide, wipes, etc.) instead of regular hand soap resulting in rash/irritation and cracked skin.

People using chemicals (e.g. bleach, wipes, cleaning powders) to wash their groceries, including produce and are then concerned about toxicity upon ingestion;

Mixing cleaning chemicals together and producing toxic gas; and

Pediatric exposures to cleaning products left open.

Whenever using cleaning products, always read the product label first and use the product according to the label directions; Keep all cleaning prod-

ucts in their original containers with original labels; Store cleaning products out of sight, in locked cabinets; Keep all household cleaning products and other potentially harmful products separated from food products; Never leave a cleaning product open and unattended; When using cleaning products, work in well-ventilated areas; and Dispose of cleaning products according to the instructions on the label or at your community chemical waste drop-off site.

IPC experts are available to provide information and treatment advice 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, including holidays. If you suspect that someone has been exposed to a potentially harmful substance, call 800-222-1222. For more information, visit <https://www.illinoispoisoncenter.org/>.

CPS Closed Meals Available

Governor Pritzker issued a stay-at-home order, and Mayor Lightfoot ordered all Chicago parks and libraries to close to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Chicago Public Schools are closed but will continue to offer free packages of food that contain three days worth of meals for every child in a household between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. every weekday.

There remain many issues to resolve such as grade promotions, admissions to selective schools, and high school graduation. The district is working through these issues now and we are committed to updating families as soon as possible.

For the most reliable information regarding COVID-19, visit www.chicago.gov/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. For school-specific updates, visit www.cps.edu/coronavirus.

Gads Hill Center Provides Update



Gads Hill Center, Archer & Whipple has been adjusting to the challenges this pandemic has brought and are diligently working to service its youth programs. They have developed the infrastructure and capacity to deliver all programs virtually.

Loss of employment has compromised its families' ability to pay for housing, keep their lights on, and ability to feed their children.

Gads Hill Center has launched an Emergency Relief Fund has been launched to provide immediate support for families that are working hard to stay safe and gain ac-

cess to basic necessities.

Youth Programs: In the past two weeks, students have completed over 7,000 questions online in Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies.

Early Childhood Programs: family support workers have reached out to over 550 families to assess their most immediate needs.

Mental Health Programs: clinicians have conducted 235 tele-counseling sessions through a virtual platform to check in with its families.

Donate to the Emergency Relief Fund at gads.hillcenter.org.

Suspension Of Debt Collection

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced that the City of Chicago will be temporarily suspending debt collection practices and non-safety related citations and impounds, as well as penalties for late payment.

The penalty relief package includes a temporary suspension of late fees and defaults on payment plans, including city tickets, utility bills, parking and red-light cita-

tions, booting and other non-public safety related violations. Additionally, there will be no new interest accumulated on current compliance plans.

The City will not be issuing violations for city stickers, expired plates, street sweeping and residential permit parking until April 30th.

Motorists are still required to pay parking meters.

Many of your local restaurants have remained open for delivery and pick-up. Consider ordering out to help support these businesses in your community during this time.

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Tierra Caliente Restaurant
4070 S. Archer (773) 847-9755

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Frank's Chicago Shrimp House
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Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 12-8 p.m.

La Palapa
2000 W. 34th St. (773) 376-9620

To be added to this list call (773) 523-3663 or email brightonparklife@aol.com

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.

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

Online Visits To Museums

While individuals are unable to visit their favorite museums and attractions in person, many institutions in Chicago are featuring their works of art, prized collections of artifacts, and favorite feathered or scaled inhabitants online.

The Art Institute of Chicago features thousands of artworks from their world-renowned icons to lesser-known gems as well as books, writings, reference materials, and other resources.

Field Museum has learning resources, available for pre-K through high school which are easily filtered by topic, grade, resource type, and language.

Watch the Brain Scoop for hours of natural history fun and wonder. The Museum Blog digs deep into science stories. Chat with Maximo, the world's largest dinosaur.

Stay connected to the animals behind the scenes via Shedd Aquarium's Facebook, as well as explore, experience and learn more about the aquatic animal world through other digital resources.

Adler Planetarium has resources to help you find

answers to all of your astronomy and science-related questions on their website.

The Adler has the largest collection of historic scientific instruments plus rare books, manuscripts, archival materials, models, and photographs.

Every weekday at 11 a.m., Brookfield Zoo is presenting "Bring The Zoo to You", a live chat on their Facebook, where they will feature a new creature everyday.

The following institutions are also offering virtual tours and a behind the scenes look. The British Museum - London, United Kingdom; Museum d'Orsay - Paris, France; The Metropolitan Museum of Art - New York; Van Gogh Museum - Amsterdam, Netherlands; Louvre Museum - Paris, France and Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery - Washington D.C.

BPNC Now Open Remotely

In an effort to limit social contact and the spread of COVID-19, the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council has closed its offices and is working remotely.

For more information, email: communications@bpncchicago.org, Liliana Almazán at lalmazan@bpncchicago.org or leave a voicemail at (773) 270-0467.

Arts For Illinois Relief Fund

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined Governor JB Pritzker to announce the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund, providing financial assistance to artists, artisans and cultural organizations impacted by the pandemic.

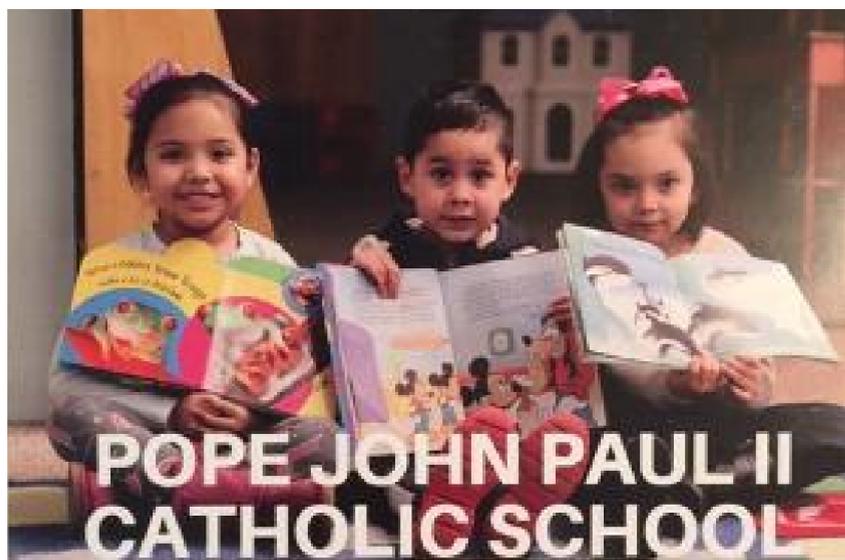
Individual artists and artisans - including stage and production members and part-time cultural workers - will be able to apply for one-time grants of \$1,500 distributed by 3Arts. Grants will be awarded through a lottery system.

Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations of any size will be able to apply for relief through the Arts Work Fund. Based on their demonstrated financial need, organizations will be awarded grants from \$6,000 to \$30,000. Apply for grants through www.artsforillinois.org.

NLEI Offers Job Training

The National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W. Pershing rd. has a wide range of job training classes which will be starting when the virus issue has been resolved. Offerings include the Energia Project, Bilingual Medical Assistant and Medical Office Specialist.

For more information, call (773) 247-0707, ext. 200 or email education@nlei.org.



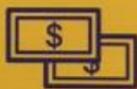
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