



Some Fears Related To Returning To School



By Dr. R. Pletsch

In her college years, I tried to get my daughter to take Education classes. Quite simply, she said "No. I don't want to teach school, all you do is come home and do school work and worry about how some things affect us and other kids". Well it's still the same, years after retirement and this week I had conversations with several educators and involved parents from several different districts. I learned how many area schools have different approaches trying to ease the kids out of strictly at-home based learning. An issue in our community seems to be that the parents fear that the next group of immigrants could bring a strong comeback of Covid and as some parents told me, they are hoping their children don't play with new kids that don't speak English.

Hoping not to sound too cruel, the parents said that their kids are already in fear of taking the two shots because

there have been so many programs for months on TV talking about reactions to the vaccines. The parents worry that they'd like the new kids to be accepted like any other new American, but they hope there could be some type of quarantine to make sure they are not infected. They realize the desperate move by some of these people who drop their 3 and 5 year olds down a 14 foot wall without supervision. We don't want your desperation to cause an increase in the pandemic.

Another issue that we need to talk about is the seemingly upward trend of anti-Oriental violence. A few administrators are worried about the way it is portrayed in the press as being caused by White bigotry. It has been pointed out in the press that the Department of Justice has issued its report on race and violent crimes. Violent crimes are most often perpetrated by people of the same race. Most violent crimes on Blacks are by Blacks. Most violent crimes on Whites are by Whites. Most violent crimes against Hispanics are by Hispanics.

However, most violent crimes against Orientals are caused by Blacks, about 75%. I think the people deserve to know this. Hopefully this narrative won't even be an issue soon. But the young ones and their parents deserve to know the truth so they can deal with the issue.

I do not want this article to make anyone feel differently but these truthful stats by the government need to be out there. We need to stand up for each other and oppose violence anyway we can.

Forest Preserve Offers Programs

The Cook County Forest Preserve District has scheduled free interesting programs.

Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western ave. will conduct Open Nature Play Day on Wednesdays, through April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays, through April 30th from 12 to 4 p.m. Each week will feature a story trail to incorporate literature into play and a take home activity kit. Registration is required at Jessica.Becker@cookcountyl.gov or (312) 415-2970.

A Zoom presentation on the art of bird watching is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13th at 6 p.m. Join a naturalist to learn about the history of birding, what equipment you might need and birds to expect. Registration is required at <https://beabetterbirder1.eventbrite.com>. Contact (708) 386-4042 or experience.nature@cookcountyl.gov.

Facebook Live from River Trail Nature Center will feature a tutorial demonstration of an at-home project to reduce waste and repurpose home goods on Tuesday, April 13th at 2 p.m. Contact (847) 824-8360.

Facebook Live From Sand Ridge Nature Center will present a fun, interactive program for preschoolers to celebrate Earth Day on Wednes-

day, April 14th at 10 a.m. Contact (708) 868-0606 or sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyl.gov.

Facebook Live from Little Red Schoolhouse will be conducting an experiment that will demonstrate how the atmosphere and light from the sun make the sky blue on Thursday, April 15th at 10 a.m. Contact (708) 839-6897 or littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.gov.

Facebook Live from Sand Ridge Nature Center will teach some common nature words and phrases in Spanish on Saturday, April 17th at 10 a.m. Beginners are welcome. Contact (708) 868-0606 or sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyl.gov.

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs rd. will conduct Nature's Pop-Up on Monday, April 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A naturalist will discuss conservation, water quality, composting and invasive species removal and how it ties into earth week. Registration is required at (708) 839-6897 or littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.gov.

Facebook Live from Sand Ridge Nature Center will feature Program Specialist Jessica Becker who will discuss the birds of Cook County on Tuesday, April 20th at 1 p.m. Contact (708) 868-0606 or sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyl.gov.

On Dean's List

Gloria Kevlicute was awarded Dean's List honors for academic achievement during the fall 2020 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College.

Dean's List honors are awarded to full-time students who earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits.

Beach Cleanup at Montrose Harbor



As a pair of endangered Great Lakes Piping Plovers begin their spring migration ahead of nesting and breeding season, local conservation partners in the city of Chicago are joining forces for a special habitat restoration effort on Montrose Beach. On April 11th, starting at 10 a.m., volunteers can join a beach cleanup to prepare the habitat for the birds and help give this year's potential chicks the best chance at survival.

Shedd Aquarium will be hosting the cleanup as part of their Action Days program, in partnership with Chicago Ornithological Society, Chicago Audubon Society, Illinois Ornithological Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, IL Department of Natural Resources, and

Chicago Park District.

The plover pair, dubbed Monty and Rose, was first spotted in 2019 at Montrose Beach. Despite numerous challenges, with the help of countless volunteers, the pair successfully raised hatchlings and returned the following year to do so again. Volunteers, conservation groups and birders are eager for their arrival.

All are welcome to volunteer and no prior experience is required, but registration in advance is required at ActionDays@sheddaquarium.org

Volunteers can also take action for animals at Shedd Aquarium Action Days to restore nearby beaches, waterways, and forest preserves throughout April and May.

Morton Arboretum Readies Exhibition



The towering installation, *Ven a la Luz (Come into Light)*, was installed in Tulum, Mexico in 2018. Photograph by Phoebe Montague.

The Morton Arboretum's next outdoor art exhibition, *Human+ Nature* will connect people and trees. Some exhibition materials remain in transit due to pandemic-related. New exhibition opening date will be decided soon.

Renowned artist Daniel Popper created five 15- to 26-foot-tall sculptures that will be featured in various locations across its 1,700 acres, leading guests to areas they may not have explored before.

On the East Side, a short walk from the Visitor Center, guests will be able to step within a huge female figure, as if into the heart of nature. Continuing along a less than mile-long walk, they will encounter a majestic maternal figure as tall as a tree, and a sculpture of diverse human facial traits interwoven with root structures.

On the West Side, two hands joined by intertwining roots will extend near a grove of old oaks, and a towering face will evoke the interconnectedness of humans and trees. Made of glass-reinforced concrete, fiberglass, and steel, each sculpture will weigh several metric tons. The largest ground footprint will be 28 feet wide and 37 feet long.

Trees have the power to refresh and restore people, to connect them to the natural world. They provide clean air to breathe, shade to cool, and beauty that can bring joy and relaxation. In turn, trees need people to

care for them if they are to thrive and share their benefits.

Daniel Popper is a multidisciplinary artist known for his larger-than-life sculptures. From Cape Town, South Africa, he is most acclaimed for his massive public art installations, including the memorial sculpture for the Nelson Mandela School of Science and Technology in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, and sculptures for popular events such as the Boom Festival in Portugal and Rainbow Serpent Festival in Australia.

County Exceeds 10,000 COVID Deaths

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the 10,000th death due to COVID-19 infection, just over a year after the virus claimed its first victim.

More than half of the deaths were in communities of color.

White (non-Latino) 44% of deaths, Black (non-Latino) 27%, Latino 22%, Asian 4%, Native American <1% and Other/Unknown 2%.

Males accounted for 57% and females accounted for 43% of the deaths. More than 80% of the deaths occurred in individuals over the age of 60. The oldest Cook County COVID-19 death was 109 years and the youngest was 9 months.

Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

A knit and crochet circle meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, all you need is needles and yarn. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

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

Songs and poems written during the writing circle will have the opportunity to be showcased in a virtual open-mic. Register by noon on the day before at chipublib.org.

The Chicago Public Library will conduct online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesdays, through April 27th from 4 to 5 p.m.

STEM Around the House will be available on Tuesdays, April 27th and May 25th at 5 p.m. Participants will solve problems, meet design challenges and have some STEM-y fun with things you have around the house. Best for kids ages 5 to 12, but younger children are welcome to participate with an adult. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

Citywide Tag Team Spanish Story Time for ages 0-5 and their caregivers will be held Fridays through April 2nd from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Two librarians will pair up to read some Spanish books and perform rhymes and songs. Register 24 hours in advance.

Homework Help: Virtual Teacher in the Library for kindergarten through 12th grade will be available Mondays, April 19th and May 17th from 3 to 5 p.m. Register at least one hour in advance.

Little Learners Story Time for kids, pre-schoolers and toddlers will be held on Wednesdays through April 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Ms. Casey from the West Loop Branch will read books and provide fun with fingerplays, songs, rhymes and movement.

Mock Interviews and Resume Help for adults and teens will be offered on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through April 29th. Email Jose at jgallegos@chipublib.org with the job you're applying for. A Zoom meeting will help with resumes and mock interviews.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for preschoolers on Fridays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. through April 23rd. This event takes place on Zoom. Registration by 9 a.m. the day before the event.

STEAM Team will present Story Time on Mondays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. through April 26th. Each week read books, sing songs, and participate in hands-on STEAM activities using common household items. This program is geared for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

MARVEL-ous Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. through April 5th will feature WandaVision with Loki and The Falcon and the Winter Soldier. This event takes place on Zoom. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature writing and poetry on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. through June 15th. This event takes place on Zoom. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

How to Zoom: Intro to

Online Meetings for adults will be offered on Saturday, April 10th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wednesday, May 17th from 4 to 5 p.m. You can use zoom on a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (if your device has a camera, speakers, and a microphone). This class will cover the basics of how to connect as a participant, as well as how to set up a meeting as a host, cover options for how you appear, sounds, and are able to share your screen.

Friday Citywide Story Time: Stories and Songs on Guitar for ages 0-5 and their caregivers will be offered on Fridays through May 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The zoom presentation features songs, rhymes and stories. Register 24 hours in advance.

Join Ms. Corina from the Back of the Yards Branch for a fun and active Zoom program that will combine books, movement, games and mindfulness activities. Ages 1-8 and their caregivers will stretch, dance and jump on Fridays, April 9th and 23rd from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Register by 11 a.m. the day before.

Join South Shore Branch's story time for the whole family to read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes for kids 0 to 7 and their caregivers. Saturdays through May 29th from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Kids 6 and up are invited to join the McKinley Park Library Maker Club on Saturdays through April 24th from 12 to 3 p.m. Stop by and pick up your set of mystery materials. Create something new each week or gradually add to your creation with the new materials to make one masterpiece. Bring in your creations or email pictures to display at the library. The theme is structures. Contact Ms. Kate at (312) 747-3380.

Librarians from the Northtown Branch will read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes geared for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Mondays through June 14th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Register by 11 a.m. the day before.

The librarians at Legler Regional Library will conduct interactive activities and crafts for ages 5 to 12 on Tuesdays through May 25th from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Register by 2 p.m., the day of the event.

Firelight Shadow Theater will present "Spin me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale", a great introduction to school-aged children the magical world of shadow puppetry on Tuesday, April 13th from 4:30 to 5 p.m. For kids 6 and up and their caregivers. Register 24 hours in advance.

Adults are invited to take part in a Northwestern research study to learn about clinical trials on Wednesday, April 14th from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants must have access to an internet-connected device. A \$50 Visa e-gift card will be awarded. Visit HealthForAllProject.org for more details to complete the survey.

Legler YOUmedia recording studio will provide Intro to Audio Production for ages 13-8 on Thursdays through April 29th from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn sound, audio production and recording techniques using analog and digital audio technology. Register 24 hours in advance.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

B.S Degree

Upper Iowa University that announces that Marisol Rodriguez, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services in December 2020.

Free Admission Days At Field Museum



The Field Museum is offering free admission days for Illinois residents on April 12th, 15th, 19th 22nd, 26th and 29th plus May 3rd, 6th, 10th and 13th. Use these days to check out special ticketed exhibitions or a 3D movie with a discounted Discovery or All-Access Pass.

Tickets for Free Days are only available to Illinois residents onsite and cannot be reserved in advance. Ask a guest relations staff member when you arrive at the museum and be ready to show your proof of residency. Basic admission on Free days includes all general admission exhibitions, such as *Evolving Planet*, *The Ancient*

Americas, and *Inside Ancient Egypt*.

As part of the Museums for All initiative, discounted admission is offered to all families who qualify for state food assistance. Show an EBT (link) or WIC card to receive \$3 person admission for up to six people.

The discounted all-access pass includes all general admission exhibitions, all ticketed exhibitions, and one 3D movie are \$16 and children (ages 3-11) are \$14.

Discounted discovery includes admission to all general admission exhibition and one ticketed exhibition or 3D movie. Adults are \$10 and children ages 3-11 are \$8.

New Maier Exhibit At History Museum

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. is featuring a collection of many never-before seen works by world-renown photographer Vivian Maier in an upcoming exhibition, *Vivian Maier: In Color*, opening to the public on May 8th.

Maier worked as a nanny to several Chicago families and took extensive photos, documenting intimate moments of the city and its people. Vivian Maier: In Color will illuminate Maier's unique portfolio. While her focus of attention varied, she approached all of her work with unwavering confidence, revealing parallels, intersections and tensions.

Following her death in 2009, Maier's photographs previously discovered in her abandoned storage locker were first displayed for the public. She rose to posthumous international acclaim for her photography that expertly documented the people, landscapes, light, and development of New York, her hometown, and Chicago where she settled, with remarkable attention to detail. Her work is now used widely in research and curriculum and has been celebrated in at least 42 exhibitions around the world, including one on display at the Chicago History

Museum from 2012-2017, Vivian Maier's Chicago.

The new exhibit features more than 65 color images from the 1950s-1970s, most of which have never been seen, from art collectors Jeffrey Goldstein, John Maloof, and Ron Slattery. Clips from film and a series of sound bites and quotes featuring Maier's voice will also be included.

Last year, the Chicago History Museum acquired nearly 1,800 Vivian Maier color slides, negatives and transparencies from Chicago-based artist and art collector Jeffrey Goldstein. The collection primarily depicts people and scenes in Chicago from the 1950s-1970s. The museum worked closely with Goldstein and Vivian Maier's Estate to accept a donation of photographs and preserve them for public use. The acquisition gives the public access to many never-before-seen images on the Museum's image portal.

A grant from The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation promotes long term preservation, collections access and interpretive digital output such as blog posts and an online exhibition.

To learn more visit: www.chicagohistory.org/exhibition/vivian-maier-in-color/

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Virtual Run for Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo's 43rd annual Run for the Zoo will be staged virtually from June 5th - 13th. Registration is open for the virtual 5K run/walk, 10K run, and children's race, Safari Stampede. All proceeds help keep Lincoln Park Zoo free admission.

Participants who donate or raise a minimum of \$25 will earn a commemorative supporter medal.

Race options vary in price, starting at \$24.99 for the virtual 5K/10K supporter package, \$39.99 for the virtual 5K/10K premium care package, and \$24.99 for the virtual Safari Stampede (recommended for age 10 and under). Unique swag and special zoo experiences vary by chosen package. Membership options are available at lpzoo.org/membership.

For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

Brookfield Zoo's Calendar of Events

Virtual Spring 5k Run/Walk now through May 30th, 2021. You choose the time and place—take a hike in a forest preserve, jog along a waterfront trail, or stroll through a neighborhood. Or, run the full 5k to compare your time with other runners. The cost is \$30 person. Each participant receives a beanie, virtual medal, and completion certificate. Race materials will be mailed. To register and for additional information, visit CZS.org/SpringRun2021.

Virtual Lecture—Wildlife Wellness: Conserving the Health of Free-ranging and Zoo Reptiles. Wednesday, April 14th, 7 p.m. Join Matt Allender, DVM, MS, PhD, Dipl ACZM, clinical veterinarian for the Chicago Zoological Society, for a presentation about research efforts in conservation, health, and disease. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Earth Day: A Party for the Planet. Saturday, April 24th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This special day, the zoo will be hosting a recycling event, presented by the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., representatives from the zoo and its partner organizations will be stationed in the main north parking lot collecting a variety of unwanted items, including electronics, textiles, and used books. For a list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit CZS.org/PartyPlanet. Enter the parking lot off of 31st.

Virtual Lecture—Zoo Nutrition: The Art and Science of It! Tuesday, April 27th, 7 p.m. Join Jennifer Watts, PhD, director of nutrition for the Chicago Zoological Society, for an enlightening discussion on diet development for exotic animals. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Virtu-Whirl. Saturday, May 1st, 7 p.m. The Chicago Zoological Society's 40th annual Whirl is once again going virtual. You can attend from the comfort of your own home while still helping support the Society's animal care and welfare initiatives as well as conservation and education programs. Participants will be able to bid on auction items and contribute with a monetary donation as in a paddle raise. For further information, visit CZS.org/VirtuWhirl or call (708) 688-8670. Those unable to attend, can still donate at CZS.org/Donate.

Virtual Lecture—The Role of Veterinary Technicians in Animal Health and Conservation. Wednesday, May 12th, 7 p.m. Kate Sladek, one of the Chicago Zoological Society's veterinary technicians, will share a behind-the-scenes look into the Animal Hospital's operations. Technicians also provide support for anesthesia, diagnostic imaging, dentistry, laboratory analyses, and many other functions, including conservation projects and research. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Virtual Lecture—The Conservation of the Guam Kingfisher: Past, Present, and Future. Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m. Tim Snyder, curator of birds for the Chicago Zoological Society, will share the history and conservation efforts for the Guam kingfisher. He will discuss how the species was close to extinction with the introduction of the invasive brown tree snake to the island. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Virtual Paint Night. Saturday, June 5th, 3 to 5 p.m. Partnered with Pinots Palette's Naperville studio, this class will be a live virtual event. The cost of \$35 plus shipping, includes canvas, paint, and brushes. To register and for additional information, visit CZS.org/Events.

Virtual Lecture—Mr. Gadget: An Overview of Brookfield Zoo's Environmental Quality Program. Tuesday, June 8th, 7 p.m. Learn about Brookfield Zoo's comprehensive environmental monitoring program from "The Gadget Guy", John Kanzia, environmental quality manager for the Chicago Zoological Society. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Dinos Everywhere! Now through September 6th. Located throughout the 216-acre park, zoogooers will be able to see their favorite dinosaurs, including the Argentinosaurs that measures 110 feet in length and stands three-stories tall on the West Mall. Guests can download the map at CZS.org/ZooMap to see where all the animatronic dinos are located. Dino Don, Inc. and The Wildlife Conservation Society. Dinos Everywhere! is free with zoo admission.

Guest capacity is limited and advance admission and parking tickets are required. Reservation times are available in 20-minute increments. Tickets must be reserved at CZS.org/OnlineTicketing. Guests are encouraged to visit CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo to review the safety protocols as well to get updates on what animal habitats and other amenities are open.

Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for senior 65 and over.

Art on the Mart Spring Programs



Spring 2021 Programming of the Art on the Mart projections will feature The Adler Planetarium, through July 4th and Art Institute of Chicago through May 19th at 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Astrographics will explore ways in which humans conceptualize and visualize their universe, and how that has changed over time. The piece will consist of four movements (*Earth, Other Worlds, Stars and Beyond*) which will transport the viewer from Earth to other planets and stars, then out to deeper and more speculative realms. Each of these movements features scientific visualizations based on real data showing the scale of the universe.

The visuals, produced by the Adler Planetarium, are woven together with imagery from the world's telescopes and works on paper from the Adler's collections. Accompanying the projection will be music from the Sun Ra Arkestra archives from the Experimental Sound Studio. *Astrographics* artistically showcases both historic perceptions of space and more recent advances in the understanding of the universe.

In conjunction with the Art Institute of Chicago's exhibition *Monet and Chicago*, Art on theMART illuminates the city's historic riverfront building with projections of six iconic paintings by famed Impressionist Claude Monet, including Monet's *Water Lilies and Stacks of Wheat*, accompanied by the classical music composition "Clair de Lune" by Claude Debussy.

Art on theMART will also project captivating portraits by contemporary American artist Bisa Butler in alignment with the Art Institute of Chicago's exhibition *Bisa Butler: Portraits*.

Obituaries

HELEN J. BAVLSIK (nee Czuprynski), passed away on April 3rd at the age 99. She was the wife of 60 years to late John A. Bavlsik; mother of John (Audrey) Bavlsik, James Bavlsik and David (Judy) Bavlsik; grandmother of Krysta, Johnny and Brian Bavlsik and Bradley Nawara. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 10th at 8:15 am from Wolniak Funeral Home, 5700 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church for Mass at 9 am. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm.



HELEN M. HAUGH, (nee Papish), of Willow Springs, passed away on March 27th at the age of 77. She was the wife of Edward V. Haugh, retired CFD; daughter of late Helen & late George Papish; sister of late Charles (Cynthia) Papish. 10 a.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Rene Goupil Church on Thursday, April 8th. Registration is required. Future Inurnment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels.

MARIANNA JAN-CZEWSKA, (nee Backiel), of Garfield Ridge, passed away on April 6th at the age of 85. She was the wife of late Kazimierz Janczewski; mother of Helena (late Andrzej) Zalewska and late Marek Janczewski; grandmother of Marta (Mariusz) Pieprzak, Agnes (Piotr) Pituch and Daniel (fiancée Ruta Romanov) Zalewski; great grandmother of Kevin, Julia, Tristian and David.

Visitation will be held Saturday, April 10th from 3 to 7 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer Ave. Interment will be in Lapy, Poland.

SARA MAGUEYAL, passed away March 30th at the age of 71. She was the wife of late Andres Calderon, mother of Dulce and Judith; sister of Maria De Los Angeles, Rufina and Teresa; grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 2. Arrangements were entrusted to Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

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Procurement Services Schedule Workshops

The City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services has scheduled virtual Workshops for individuals who are interested in doing business with government agencies.

We Are Family! Doing Business with Sister Agencies, April 7th, 2 to 3 p.m. Outlines the roles and responsibilities of how to do business with Chicago's six sister agencies: Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges of Chicago, Public Building Commission, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Park District and Chicago Transit Authority.

DPS Incentives & Programs: Getting the Most from Your Bids April 8th, 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about the Small Business Initiative, BEPD Incentive, M/WBE Mentorship Program, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise, and many more.

How to Become Certified, April 14th, 2 to 3 p.m. DPS is the certifying agency for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business, Business Enterprise for People with Disabilities, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Airport Concessions. Learn out what documents are needed when submitting an application.

Procurement Fundamentals: Doing Business with The City, April 15th, 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about different procurement methods and the laws which govern the process.

Your Business Is Certified: Now What? April 21st, 2 to 3 p.m. How to compete for City contracts as well as provide information on resources available.

Introduction to eProcurement 101, April 22nd, 2 to 3 p.m. Watch a demonstration and learn about iSupplier registration, how vendors will submit bids and proposals online, and how to view contracts and payments.

The ABC's of DBE And Certification, April 28th, 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about the application process and benefits of certification with the City of Chicago, Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace.

Contracting 101: How to Respond to A Request For Proposal, April 29th, 2 to 3 p.m. Using advice from seasoned professionals, you will learn details about what evaluators look for in a RFP and how to avoid common mistakes that can hurt your chances of a winning bid.

To register, sign up at chicago.gov/dpsevents.

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