



## Thoughts On Returning To School



By Dr. R. Pletsch

As Americans, we love kids. All kids, our own, our neighbors and any little crying kid we see from around the world. Our citizens donate more to save children around the world than any other group. This can be demonstrated by the heartfelt "Semper Fi" when we witnessed families in Afghanistan handing their babies to Marines to get them over the wall into the relative safety that 6,000 US troops can provide at the Kabul Airport. Regardless of what some people say, we don't care about color, religion or ethnicity. We are the USA and have a history of saving people. This is also a reason that we are embarrassed that the Brits, French

and Germans have sent troops into Kabul to rescue their citizens, but we only tell Americans if you get here we will try and help. In this backdrop, we are also permitting hundreds of thousands to come across our borders unvetted and many knowingly have Covid 19.

Now most of our students return to school by Monday, some people are worried about masks. I know some folks just believe it is something to put in the paper, so people will forget about illegal immigration, Afghanistan and much more. I have had several neighbors mention to me "how important can the masks be if we are flying in numerous illegals all over the country and it is indicated that they have a high rate of Covid 19".

No matter how "progressive or conservative" you consider yourself, most of us are grateful that we are here and always put out a hand for those in need. We should be grateful we are not passing our kids over a wall to save their lives knowing we may never see them again.

So on Monday when thousands of Moms are crying, when you see your little one go off to school for the first day, you know you will be back in a couple hours and all will be okay. Do what you can to keep your families safe. Please help your children grow and make sure they have hope in their hearts. Remember, this too shall pass.

## 200 Million For INVEST Projects

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the selection of four mixed-use INVEST South/West projects planned for areas in South Chicago, North Lawndale, Bronzeville, and New City and additional collaborations with three minority-led developers.

The projects, which are valued at approximately \$200 million, were selected in response to a second round of Request for Proposals issued by the Department of Planning and Development last winter. The RFP selections will collectively create more than 215 residential units, 40,000 square feet of commercial space, and approximately 900 permanent and temporary jobs on commercial corridor sites that are either vacant or underutilized.

The three additional minority-led proposals planned for City-owned locations will create additional residential units, new commercial space, and more than 100 new hotel rooms.

The RFPs' responses were subject to a review process that included neighborhood roundtables and selection teams comprised of City of Chicago staff and community-based evaluators. Final selections were based on responsiveness to the goals of each RFP, developer experience and capacity, development team diversity, community wealth-building components, proposed designs, financial viability, community feedback, and other criteria.

For more information, visit [www.chicago.gov/investsw](http://www.chicago.gov/investsw).

## Sundays On State Announces Activities



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Chicago Loop Alliance is announcing the lineup for the Aug. 29th Sundays on State event, taking place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on State Street from Lake to Madison. The open streets project is free and open to the public. Subsequent events will take place on Sept. 5th and 12th. Those who register to attend at [LoopChicago.com/Sundays](http://LoopChicago.com/Sundays) will be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Loop staycation package.

The Aug. 29th event will feature more than 115 activations that were submitted by community members and organizations. Visit [LoopChicago.com/Sundays](http://LoopChicago.com/Sundays) for the most up-to-date details.

The performance schedule for Lake to Randolph includes 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Freakeasy; 11 a.m., Kraig Kenney; Randolph to Washing-

ton: 11 a.m., Seasonal Frequency; 1 to 5 p.m. - Poems While You Wait. Washington to Madison on stage 11 a.m., MaZi Dance Fitness; Noon, Lawrence Peters and Band; 1 p.m., The Acting Workshop Chicago Film Trivia Game; 1:30 p.m., BandWith Chicago; 2:30 p.m., Lake Shore Dames; 4 p.m., Cheap Talking Wine; 5 p.m., Classical Blast; 6 p.m., Zemrah & Co. and 7 p.m. Girls of the Golden West.

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

## Art Exhibit At Garfield Park



The Chicago Park District's Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. in partnership with the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance announces the outdoor exhibit to the general public, *Still Life in Real Life: Charles Ethan Porter in the Artist's Garden*. Fruits and flowers picked from Porter's most famed still life paintings will embellish the garden. Visitors will stroll past strawberries, carnations, violets, sunflowers and more. The living wall will pay homage to Porter's painting entitled Autumn Landscape, which features grasses and flowers of different textures and colors that inhabit the landscape in this painting.

The exhibit runs through October 17th, and will be remain open while weather permits and plants remain in good condition.

Timed entry reservation is required at [www.garfieldconservatory.org/visit](http://www.garfieldconservatory.org/visit). The Artist's Garden is accessible through Horticulture Hall. Reservations are required and are added each day at 10 a.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

The Conservatory is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Artist's Garden exhibit is \$5 for adults and free for children. The main indoor and outdoor gardens are free and open to all.

## Vaccination Totals For Area Residents

The Chicago Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 cumulative vaccinations for August 23rd.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative - 1,476,321 doses, 54.8% of population; 1st dose - cumulative 1,623,490 doses, 60.3% of population, 18+ 71.1% of population.

60632: 1st dose cumulative 56,438 total, 62.8% population with an increase of .6% from the prior week. Complete vaccine series 51,694 total, 57.5% population, .5% increase.

60638: 1st dose cumulative 31,610 total, 53.9% population, .4% increase. Complete vaccine series 29,175 total, 49.7% population, .4% increase.

60608: 1st dose cumulative 50,039 total, 62.5% population, .4% increase. Complete vaccine series 46,188 total, 57.7% population, .3% increase.

60609: 1st dose cumulative 34,094 total, 55.9% population, .6% increase. Complete vaccine series 30,488 total, 50.0% population, .4% increase.

Resource: Chicago.gov/covidvax

## Chgo. History Museum Schedules Events



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

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

Union Station will be featured on Sept. 4th & 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Glitterati, on the Gold Coast will feature a time when Chicago's rich and famous were carousing on Sept. 6th, 12th and 18th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Guide Luis Tubens will lead a walking tour of the Pilsen community art murals on Aug. 29th, Sept. 19th, 24th & 25th from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

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

The History Museum will open the exhibit, "City on Fire: Chicago 1871" on Oct. 8th. Families will learn,

explore and discover the impact of the Great Chicago Fire.

For more information, visit [chicagohistory.org](http://chicagohistory.org).

## Music Festival At Millennium Park

The Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus return to Millennium Park with a thrilling lineup of Festival favorites.

Dance for Life will be featured on Thursday, Aug. 26th at 6 p.m.

Chicago in Tune will feature Gospel, Friday, Sept. 3rd; Jazz, Saturday, Sept. 4th; House, Saturday, Sept. 11th and Blues, Saturday, Sept. 18th, all from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Baroque in the Park will be enjoyed on Friday, Sept. 10th from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Free seating is available at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion on The Great Lawn with a blanket or the Seating Bowl. Outside food or drink, including beer and wine is welcome.

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## Kulovitz Honored

Ruby Rose Kulovitz has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year. A freshman pre-health student, she was named to the Dean's List for the Explore Center which requires a 3.6 gpa on a 4.0 scale.

## Film Series At Millennium Park

Millennium Park will conduct its Summer Film Series in Jay Pritzker Pavilion on Tuesday, August 31st at 6 p.m. Admission is free for the superhero film "The Dark Knight" (2008, PG-13).

Jay Pritzker Pavilion will lift the remaining capacity limits for programs and will not require advance registration for the seating bowl or lawn.

## Spring Graduates At U of I

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has announced 9327 graduates for the 2021 spring semester.

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Lydia Alvarez, B.A. in Latina/Latino Studies and Spanish with High Distinction; Richard Chao, B.S. in Accountancy and Information Systems; Erika Cheng, B.S. in Psychology; Shengkun Cui, M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering; Mindy Eng, M.A. in Speech and Hearing Science; Jacqueline Fabian, B.S. in Finance with Honors; Minchu Feng, B.S. in Psychology, Cum Laude; Yucen Han, B.S. in Accountancy and Marketing with High Honors; Andres Hernandez, B.S. Human Development and Family Studies; Max Hau, B.S. in Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability; Alice Jiang, B.S. in Kinesiology with Highest Honors; Ethan Kuruc, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Cyrus Lau, B.S. in Accountancy with High Honors; Jessica Li, B.S. in Information Systems and Marketing with Honors; Chuyin Liang, M.S. in Accountancy; Baisong Liao, B.S. in Operations Management and Marketing; Alex Liu, B.A. in Economics; Michelle Liu, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Issac Man, B.S. in Civil Engineering with Honors; Alvaro Martinez, B.A. in Communication; Julio Martinez, Bachelor of Social Work; Eva Mei, B.S. in Middle Grades Education; Liliana Perez, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Selena Siu, B.S. in Community Health; Connor Steel, B.S. in Systems Engineering and Design; Jenny Tan, B.S. in Journalism; Donna Valterra, B.S. in Elementary Education with Honors; Elvira Villa, B.A. in Political Science and Spanish; Sandra Villalobos, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Jennifer Villanueva, Bachelor of Social Work; Miriam Waterman, B.A. in Translation and Interpreting; Timothy Wong, B.S. in Electrical Engineering with Honors; Tszyan Wong, B.S. in Psychology and Economics; Selina Yu, B.S. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences with Honors; Lily Zavala, B.A. in Sociology; Ying Zhang, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with Honors and David Zhu, B.S. in Statistics and Computer Science with Distinction.

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Isabella Aguilar, B.S. in Speech and Hearing Science with High Honors; Lisette Alvarez, B.S. in Accountancy; Rosario Barrera, B.A. in Urban Studies and Planning with High Honors; Evelyn Busso, B.S. in Marketing with Honors; Joel Caldero, B.A. in Political Science and Sociology; Lesley Cazares, B.A. in English; Cindy Chan, B.S. in Accountancy; Bryan Chang, B.S. in Chemical Engineering; Zuling Chen, B.S. in Computer Engineering with Honors; Annie Cheung, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology with High Distinction, Cum Laude; Uriel Cortez, B.S. in Psychology; Latrel Crawford, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre with Honors; Sophia Espinoza, B.S. in Integrative Biology; Litzully Falcon, B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies; Manuel Flores, B.S. in Psychology; Robert Flores, Bachelor in Fine Arts in Industrial Design; Ryan Fogarty, B.S. in Astronomy; Allison Galvin, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Max Guo, B.S. in Advertising; Melanie Harrington, B.S. in Community Health with Highest Honors; Cheng Jin, M.S. in Mathematics; Shamariah Johnson, B.A. in English; Bonnie Li, B.S. in Accountancy with Honors; Melissa Lopez, Bachelor of Social Work; Cindy Mei, B.S. in Accountancy with Honors; Nina Memenga, B.S. in Early Childhood Education; Humberto Mendez, B.S. in Chemical Engineering

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Sofia Blanco, B.A. in Political Science; Gabriela Castellanoes, B.A. in English and Sociology, Cum Laude; Fatima Castillo, B.S. in Psychology and Sociology; Lesly Castro, Bachelor of Social Work; Juan Cepeda, B.S. in Systems Engineering and Design; Andy Chen, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Wenfang Chen, B.A. in Economics; Alejandro Diaz, B.S. in Psychology; Andres Diaz, B.S. in Community Health with Honors; Liliana Duran, B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies; Emily Eng, B.S. in Civil Engineering with High Honors; Selene Escalante, B.S. in Psychology and English; Diana Fernandez, B.S. in Community Health with Highest Honors; Veronica Flores, B.S. in Kinesiology with Honors; Michael Furgala, Bachelor of Music; Mark Garcia, B.S. in Psychology and Spanish; Ying Guan, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering; Yurvani Hernandez, B.S. in Finance; Vincent Hu, B.S. in Systems Engineering and Design; Jia Huang, B.S. in Computer Engineering with High Honors; Sienna Juarez, B.S. in Psychology; Daniel Kwiatkowski, B.S. in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics; Jessica Li, B.S. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences with High Honors; Eriq Lucero, B.S. in Systems Engineering and Design; Anna Magana, B.S. in Psychology; Daniel Martinez, B.A. in Communication; Ivan Martinez, B.S. in Psychology; Jesus Martinez, B.S. in Animal Sciences; Adam Mulica, B.S. in Technical Systems Management; Omero Nieto, B.S. in Systems Engineering and Design; Taylor Palomino, B.A. in Linguistics; Salvador Porcayo-Pineda, B.S. in Psychology; Myriam Ramos, Bachelor of Social Work; Gabriela Ravelo, B.S. in Psychology; Andrea Reyes, B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition; Juliana Reyes, B.A. in English; Jorge Rivera, B.A. in Economics; Fernando Ruiz, B.A. in Sociology; Xavier Ruiz, B.S. in Kinesiology; Brianna Thomas, B.S. in Recreation, Sport and Tourism; Sarah Tse, B.S. in Psychology; Cynthia Uribe, B.S. in Kinesiology with Honors; Joselyn Valerio, B.S. in Elementary Education; Francisco Valtierra, B.A. in Political Science; Victoria Vega, B.S. in Accountancy; Victoria Vega, B.S. in Finance; Maria Velazquez Barrera, B.S. in Information Systems; Israel Villagomez, B.S. in Information Systems and Marketing with Honors; Ronald Xu, Master of Computer Science; Jasmine Yeung, Bachelor of Social Work and Katie Zeng, B.S. in Statistics with Distinction.

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Izma Ahmed, B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies; Jazmin

Ayala, B.S. in Finance with Honors; Jessica Bahena Delgado, B.S. in Community Health; Ilana Barragan, Master of Social Work; Yvette Calvillo, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology; Mateusz Cikowski, B.S. in Computer Science and Geography and Geographic Information Science; Arturo Cuevas, B.S. in Computer Engineering with Honors; Anissa Del Rio, B.A. in English; Haley Doyle, B.S. in Advertising with High Honors; Xavier Estrada, B.S. in Actuarial Science; Magnolia Gamino, B.S. in Psychology; Jeanna Grybas, B.S. in Advertising; Brandon Hernandez, B.S. in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics; Giselle Herrera, B.A. in English; Julian Herrera, B.A. in Communication; Josiah Jurevis, B.A. in Communication; Karolina Kaleta, B.S. in Psychology; Patrycja Kaminska, Master of Accounting Science; David Kierpiec, B.S. in Civil Engineering with High Honors; Sylvia Kierpiec, B.S. in Civil Engineering with High Honors; Joseph Martinez, Doctor of Education in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership; Paulina Marusarz, Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations; Kelin Mendoza, B.S. in Speech and Hearing Science with Honors; Samuel Muniz, B.S. in Psychology; Krzysztof Niemiec, B.A. in Economics; Giovanni Ortega Flores, B.S. in Media and Cinema Studies with Honors; Ariel Ortiz, B.S. in Animal Studies; Tyler Piper, B.A. in History and Political Science; Vladimir Pirozek, B.S. in Actuarial Science with Distinction; Gabriella Prado, B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Chemistry; Lillana Renteria, B.S. in Middle Grades Education; Isabel Rodriguez, B.S. in Industrial Engineering; Melanie Rodriguez, Master of Social Work; Anthony Sung, B.A. in Communication; Agnieszka Tomaszewicz, Master of Architecture; Daniel Vela, B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition and Fey Villagomez, B.S. in Psychology.

## Moratorium Ends For Evictions

As the Illinois Eviction Moratorium comes to an end this month, resulting in a real concern about rent affordability. This is especially prevalent among low-income communities and Chicago's communities of color, as these communities are more likely to rent their homes.

Spanish Coalition for Housing, is prepared to work with affected community members to connect them to rental assistance resources. Throughout the pandemic, SCH has provided utility, rental and mortgage assistance, long-term housing resources and free educational workshops through its Community Alliance program.

If you are impacted by the eviction ban ending or need long-term resources for affordable housing, email [help@sch4housing.com](mailto:help@sch4housing.com) or call (312) 850-2660.

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## Library Schedules Family Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

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

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

The library STEAM team will explore science, technology, engineering, art and math to read books, sing songs and participate in hands on activities using household items for ages 0-5 and their caregivers on Tuesdays, Aug. 31st from 10 to 10:30 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom. Register at least 24 hours in advance.

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

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Attend in person for stories, songs, finger plays and a take home craft. Register by 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 13th.

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

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

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

Register for events at [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org).

### Grant Program For Business

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced the \$250 million Back to Business grant program to support the continued recovery of small businesses. The program builds on last year's Business Interruption Grant program, which provided \$580 million to small businesses and childcare providers.

The state is also providing a \$9 million investment to grow the community navigator program, providing a robust network of community organizations to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance in the hardest hit communities.

Businesses in the following industries will be given priority status for grants: restaurants and taverns; hotels; arts businesses and organizations; Disproportionately Impacted Areas, as defined in statute, will be prioritized.

For more information visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/AboutDCEO/GrantOpportunities/Pages/CommunityNavigator.aspx>.

## Dragon Boat Races In Chinatown



The Chinatown Dragon Boat Races for Literacy will be staged at Ping Tom Memorial Park, 300 W. 19th st on Saturday, Aug. 28th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests can enjoy riding a free Chinatown Trolley which will travel from the park and loop around Chinatown during the event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events include Opening ceremony with Lion Dance at 9 a.m., children's activities, vendor booths and entertainment programming with Chinese dancers and performances throughout the day.

The Chinese dragon boat race has over 2,000 years of history in China and is a popular sport all over the world. 32 teams will compete on the south branch of the Chicago River in decorated dragon boats, each consisting of 18 paddlers, a drummer and flag catcher who retrieves a flag in the water at the finish line.

## ZooBrew On Tap At Brookfield Zoo



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Brookfield Zoo's ZooBrew is a unique beer-sampling event for those 21 and over.

The 10th Annual ZooBrew, sponsored by Hop Valley Brewing Co., returns to Brookfield Zoo for guests 21 and over on Saturday, Aug. 28th.

The unique beer-tasting event will feature more than 80 varieties of ales, lagers, stouts, porters, and malts from participating breweries.

The half session, offered from noon to 2 p.m., is \$40; tickets for the full session, which is from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., is \$60; and the VIP session, sponsored by BrickStone Brewery, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. is \$95. Designated driver tickets, featuring unlimited soft drinks, are

also available for each session.

Tickets include beer samplings; admission and parking to Brookfield Zoo, allowing plenty of time to see your favorite animals; and a commemorative ZooBrew pint glass to take home. VIP attendees also receive exclusive samplings of select specialty brews, food, and visits with animal ambassadors.

A photo ID is required upon entry. ZooBrew is for adults only; children will not be allowed in the event area. For additional information and to make reservations, visit [CZS.org/ZooBrew2021](https://CZS.org/ZooBrew2021).

## Auditorium Theatre To Reopen This Fall

The Auditorium Theatre will reopen this fall along with the 2021-22 arts season.

Chicago's Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater will open the season on Oct. 16th, with live flamenco music and dancing.

The International Dance Series will open with Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez (Feb. 12th - 13th, 2022), followed by Alvin Alley American Dance Theater (March 2nd - 6th, 2022).

The company's Made in Chicago Dance Series will celebrate the city's dance companies. Deeply Rooted Dance Theater will present a new work dedicated to Quincy Jones (Oct. 23rd). Trinity Irish Dance Company will focus on powerful woman dancers (Feb. 5th, 2022) and Giordano Dance Chicago will conclude the season (June 11th, 2022).

The Music Series will feature "Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz Gospel Messiah," (Jan. 15th - 16th, 2022).

The "National Geographic Life" speaker series will present photographer and filmmaker Ami Vitale in "Wild Hope" (Jan. 23rd, 2022), paleontologist Nizar Ibrahim in "Spinosaurs: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous" (Feb. 27th, 2022).

Subscriptions are on sale now. Tickets for individual productions go on sale Aug. 13th and Oct. 27th. For more information, visit [www.auditoriumtheatre.org](http://www.auditoriumtheatre.org).

### Family Yoga

Family Yoga is conducted in the McKinley Park Branch Library Community Play Garden, 3518-28 S. Wolcott. Every Saturday from 11 to 11:45 a.m., weather permitting.

## CSO Announces Fall Programming

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association has announced its fall and holiday 2021 programming at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan ave.

**Chicago Symphony Orchestra**, Sept. 23rd, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 24th, 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25th, 8 p.m. Richard Muti, conductor. Saint-George Overture to "L'Amant Anonyme"; Price Andante Moderato; Beethoven Symphony No. 3 Eroica.

Sept. 30th, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 1st, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 2nd, 8 p.m.; Riccardo Muti, conductor, Leonidas Kavakos, violin. Brahms Violin Concerto; Beethoven Symphony No. 7.

Oct. 7th, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 8th, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 9th, 8 p.m.; conductor. Mazzoli These Worlds In Us; Liadov The Enchanted Lake; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6, Pathétique.

Oct. 14th, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 15, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 16th, 8 p.m.; Oct. 17th, 3 p.m.; Nikolaj Szeps - Znaider, conductor, John Sharp, cello. Holmes La Nuit et l'Amour; Saint - Saens Cello Concerto No. 1; Schumann Symphony No. 2.

Oct. 21st, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 22nd, 8 p.m.; Oct. 23rd, 8 p.m.: Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor, Alexander Gavrylyuk, piano. Grieg "The Last Spring" from two Elegiac Melodies; Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 5 in G Major, Op. 55; Brahms Serenade No. 1.

Oct. 28th, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 29th, 1:30 p.m.; Oct. 30th, 8 p.m.: Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor, Denis Matsuev, piano. Still "Patterns"; Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3; Brahms Serenade No. 2.

Nov. 4th, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 5th, 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 6th, 8 p.m.: Marek Janowski, conductor, Robert Chen, violin, Mendelssohn "The Hebrides Overture"; Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1. Mozart Symphony No. 41, Jupiter.

Nov. 11th, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 13th, 8 p.m. Jakub Hurska, conductor, Joelle Harvey, soprano, Coleridge-Taylor Ballade in A Minor; Barber "Knoxville: Summer of 1915"; Dvorak Symphony No. 6.

Nov. 18th, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 19, 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 20th, 8 p.m. Giancarlo Guerrero, conductor; Daniel Binelli, bandoneon. Buxtehude, arr. and orch. Chavez Chaconne in E Minor; Piazzolla Bandoneon Concerto (Aconcagua); Beethoven Symphony No. 1.

Nov. 26th, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 27th, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 28th, 3 p.m. Richard Kaufman, conductor. Williams "Home Alone" in Concert.

Dec. 2nd, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 3rd, 8 p.m.; Dec. 4th, 8 p.m. Hannu Lintu, conductor; Ray Chen, violin, Lindberg "Serenades" world premiere; Lalo "Symphony espagnole"; Brahms Symphony 4.

Dec. 9th, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 10th, 8 p.m.; Dec. 11th, 8 p.m. Andres Orozco-Estrade, conductor, Hilary Hahn, violin, Frakn "Hailli - Serenata" world premiere; Dvorak Violin Concerto; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5.

Dec. 16th, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 17th, 1:30 p.m.; Dec. 18th, 8 p.m.; Dec. 19th, 3 p.m. Nicholas McGegan, conductor; Yulia Van Doren, soprano, Reginald Mobley, countertenor; Ben Bliss, tenor; Dashon Burton, bass baritone and Chicago Symphony Cho-

rus (Duain Wolfe, chorus director), Handel "Messiah."

Dec. 17th, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 18th, 3 p.m.; Dec. 21st, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22nd, 3 p.m.; Dec. 23rd, 1 p.m.; Dec. 23rd, 4:30 p.m.; Alastair Willis, conductor with "Merry Merry Chicago!"

Jan. 6th, 2022, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 7th, 2022, 8 p.m.; Jan. 8th, 2022, 8 p.m., Andre de Ridder, conductor, Inon Barnatan, piano, Gershwin, arr. Bennett "Porgy and Bess, A Symphonic Picture"; Gershwin "Rhapsody in Blue"; Ravel Piano Concerto in G Major; Ravel "Bolero."

**Symphony Center Presents**, Sept. 2nd, 7:30 p.m. Herbie Hancock, piano. Oct. 8th, 8 p.m.; Lang Lang, piano, Bach *Goldberg Variations*.

Nov. 7th, 3 p.m., Chamber Music with Leonidas Kavakos, violin; Yuja Wang, Piano; Bach Sonatas; Busoni Villin Sonata No. 2, Op. 36a; Shostakovich Violin Sonata in G Major, Op. 134.

Nov. 12th, 8 p.m. Piano Daniil Trifonov, piano. Prokofiev "Sarcasms," Op. 17; Szymanowski Sonata No. 3, Op. 36; Debussy "Pour le piano"; Brahms Sonata No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 5.

Dec. 7th-8th, 7:30 p.m.; Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., "A Chanticleer Christmas."

Dec. 15th, 7:30 p.m. Chicago Symphony Orchestra Brass.

Dec. 21st, 1:30 p.m.; Vienna Boys Choir; Christmas in Vienna.

**CSO for Kids**, Oct. 23rd, 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m.; with member fo the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Thomas Wilkins, conductor.

**CSO MusicNow**, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m., Musicians from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Michael Lewanski, conductor Smith "Scions of an Atlas" world premier; Montgomery "Loisaida, My Love"; Montgomery "Lunar Songs"; Joachim "Seen"; Hearne "Authority".

**Civic Orchestra of Chicago**, Nov. 8th, 8 p.m.; Thoams Wilkins, conductor: Hailstork "An American Port of Call"; Grant-Still Symphony No. 1, African American Symphony.

**Civic Orchestra of Chicago**, Dec. 6th, 7 p.m.; Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut st., Ken-David Masur; conductor. J.S. Bach "Brandenburg" Concertos.

For ticket information, visit [cso.org](https://cso.org) or call (312) 294-3000.

## Obituaries

**JOHN CROCKER**, longtime McKinley Park area resident passed away on Aug. 23rd at the age of 48. He was the father of Caitlyn Crocker; son of Lois & late Carl Crocker. life partner of Cindy Wisniewski; brother of Karen Scimeca, Carl Crocker and Michael Crocker. A memorial gathering will be held at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne on Saturday, Sept. 4th, from 4 to 8 p.m.

**MARIA GARCIA** passed away on Aug. 17th at the age of 60. She was the wife of Alvaro Vallejo-Flores. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Owner/Director. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside.



**JAIME CARDOZA MORALES**, age 45 of New City. He was the father of Manuel and Carlos Cardoza; son of Socorro Morales and late Juan Cardoza; brother of Silvia Villanueva Cardoza, Nicolasa Cardoza, Jose Loreto Cardoza, Juan Francisco Cardoza, Hermila Cardoza, Socorro Cardoza, Apolinar Cardoza, Rosa Cardoza, Manuel Cardoza and late Ceferino Cardoza and late Jesus Alberto Cardoza. Visitation was held Aug. 22nd at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 23rd at Holy Cross Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**EVELYN TYSZKO** passed away on Aug. 17th at the age of 93. She was born on Dec. 26th, 1927 in Chicago, the daughter of Michael & Stella (Smagacz) Szwed. One of six children, she grew up in Brighton Park. Survivors are her son, Kenneth; and sister Diane Szwed. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; siblings, Edward Szwed, Jean Gorski, Lillian Lela, and Adeline Miles; and her parents. Inurnment was at Venice Memorial Gardens in Venice, Florida. Arrangements were by Black-Lamb Funeral Home, Lisle.

**CAROL JEAN DZIEDZIAK-ZANCK** of Brighton Park, passed away on Aug. 18th at the age of 69. She was the wife of late Leonard Zanck, Jr.; daughter of late Frank & Jean (nee Pasternak); sister of John and niece of Leo Marks. Visitation was held Aug. 23rd at Ridge Funeral Home, (Edward A. Tylka, Manager), Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 24th at Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

### Literacy Center Need Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. empowers adults to learn English and become more engaged in their community.

Volunteer tutors are needed to instruct limited English proficient adults learners for 60-90 minutes per week at the center or online over Zoom. All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English.

The next virtual tutor training workshop will be held in Sept. on Zoom. Pre-registration is required with Sabrina Poulin, Associate Director, at (773) 927-0512 or email at [Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org)

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## Federal Benefits Ending Sept. 4th

The Illinois Department of Employment Security is reminding claimants that federal unemployment programs are coming to an end on September 4, 2021. These programs include:

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Provided access to 100% federally funded unemployment benefits to individuals not traditionally eligible to receive unemployment benefits, such as self-employed workers.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation. Provided an additional weekly \$300 supplemental payment in 100% federally funded benefits to claimants who received at least \$1 of regular or federal unemployment benefits.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation. Provided additional weeks of 100% federally funded unemployment benefits to claimants who exhausted all eligible weeks of benefits in the state's regular unemployment system.

Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation. Provided an additional weekly \$100 supplemental payment in 100% federally funded benefits to eligible claimants who earned at least \$5,000 in self-employment income in addition to wages earned with a chargeable employer.

The expiration of these programs has no impact on the state's regular unemployment system or the claimants receiving regular unemployment benefits.

IDES is also reminding claimants to access their IllinoisJobLink.com account. The employment website with more than 100,000 job postings and can be used by jobseekers to find their next employment opportunity. Claimants who have applied for unemployment benefits already have a username and password for the site and are encouraged to login and finish registration and create or upload a resume.

Individuals may still

be in need of ongoing or additional assistance and resources from the state. The following departments and their programs may be able to assist:

Illinois Department of Human Services for Cash assistance, Childcare, House services and Food assistance (SNAP, WIC, and more).

Illinois Housing Development Authority for Rental Assistance and Homeowner Assistance.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for LIHEAP.

Get Covered Illinois for Health insurance.

More information about resources and assistance can be found on the state's Covid-19 resource page at [www.illinois.gov](http://www.illinois.gov).

## 2nd Installment For Property Tax

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas has mailed out nearly 1.8 million Second Installment property tax bills with payments due Oct. 1st.

The new bills will bring the total amount billed countywide for 2020 to more than \$16.1 billion, an increase of more than 3.4 percent from last year. A recent analysis by the Treasurer's Office found the tax increase is hitting commercial property owners and Black and Latino suburban property owners the hardest.

Taxpayers may use [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) to search for \$72 million in available refunds going back 20 years and to verify property tax exemptions, which can lower the tax bill.

Select the purple box labeled "Your Property Tax Overview". Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number. Look for the results under "Are There Any Overpayments on Your PIN?" or the results under "Have You Received Your Exemptions in These Tax Years?"

Late payments are charged 1.5 percent per month.

## Enchanted Tighrope At McKinley Park



Family Fun Night Out in the Parks Theater will present enchanted tighrope at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Monday, Aug. 30th from 5 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 31st from 7 to 8 p.m.

## Fall Programs At Park District

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

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

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

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

times will begin the week of Sept. 7th.

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

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

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

Visit [chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com) for more information.

## City Schedules Cultural Events

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced reimagined summer cultural events plus artist lineups and other details for City programs.

The new programs include 16 City-supported "Chicago Presents" community events; a nine-part "House City" series in the neighborhoods, a week of "Taste of Chicago To-Go" pop-up food and music events plus 25+ community meals; two Latinx and World Music celebrations; two films and two more special events at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion; and a unique blend of public art and dance at Lurie Garden in Millennium Park.

Special events at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion will now include "Baroque in the Park" presented by Music of the Baroque (Sept. 10th at 6:30 – 8 p.m., Baroque.org).

Other unique performances throughout Millennium Park include a free, outdoor event presented by the Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance ([HarrisTheaterChicago.org](http://HarrisTheaterChicago.org)):

"Films. Dance" series, a global collaboration produced by Jacob Jonas The Company and featuring over 150 artists from 25 countries, screening at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion (Sept.). "Sonic Pavilion" (Aug. and Sept., ESS.org) a series of sound installations commissioned by Experimental Sound Studio for the overhead trellis loudspeaker array at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Compositions utilize the entire surface of the trellis's 60-channel system, resulting in an immersive canopy of sound — a fluid sonic architecture that bridges the focus of a live performance. Chicago-based contemporary artist Brendan Fernandes will present "72 Seasons" (performances on Sept. 25th, and Oct. 23rd, Chicago-Manual. style), a public artwork and installation in Lurie Garden. The movement-based piece, featuring dancers with costumes by designer Rad Hourani, engages with ballet history and Chicago's prairie landscape to envision passages of time demarcated by the Japanese calendar.

## Renaissance Fair In Kenosha, Wisc.



The Bristol Renaissance Faire will be staged in Kenosha, Wisconsin every Saturday and Sunday plus Labor Day, Monday Sept. 6th from 10 am. to 7 p.m.

There will be 16 entertainment stages, jousting matches, parades and street performers. Young attendees may play in a sand castle, enjoy games and crafts and receive knighthood. RenQuest, a game for ages 12 & up costs \$10 for a 2 hour adventure of challenges.

Bristol actors will perform monologues and duets from Shakespeare plays. The Mighty Drum Jam will conclude the day. For more information, visit [renfair.com/bristol/](http://renfair.com/bristol/)

## New Scopes Program At Adler Planetarium

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

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

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

The cost is \$25 online only (no refunds), 12 tickets maximum sold per event.

Visit <https://bit.ly/36gAqIL> for more information and to purchase tickets when they go on sale.

The parking lot next to the Planetarium is owned by the Chicago Park District and is not open in the evenings. Guests should take public transportation (#146 CTA bus), rideshares, or taxi on program evenings. Parking on the Museum Campus is limited in the evening hours, and cars parked along Solidarity Drive past 10 pm may be ticketed and towed.

## Midnight Circus At McKinley Park



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

## Free Lira Concert At St. John Bresbeuf

The Lira Ensemble of Chicago and the Polonia Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago will present a concert of "American & Polish Sacred Music" at St. John Bresbeuf Church, 8305 N. Harlem in Niles on Sunday, Sept. 12th at 3 p.m.

The concert celebrates the Catholic Church's beatification of Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, who was the Primate of Poland during decades of communism. He was imprisoned and kept under house arrest but managed to keep all the churches open and operating.

The concert also remembers the victims of 9-11, on the 20th Anniversary of the Attacks on America in 2001. American sacred music will be performed to commemorate these martyrs.

Admission is free, a free-will collection will be taken.

As with all Lira performances, the concert will be narrated in English, so all are welcome.

For more information contact the Lira office at (773) 505-8731.

### Family Fishing At Northerly Island

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

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## Calendar of Events At Brookfield Zoo

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

Guests can download CZS.org/Zoo Map to see where all the animatronic dinos are located. The exhibit was created by Don Lessum, advisor to the movie "Jurassic Park" and is on loan from Dino Don, Inc. and The Wildlife Conservation Society. Dinosaurs Everywhere! is free with zoo admission.

ZooBrew, sponsored by Hop Valley, is on tap for guests 21 and over on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Enjoy samplings from a selection of over 80 beers, lagers, and ales. Beer enthusiasts can choose from three tasting options—half session (\$40) from noon to 2 p.m., full session (\$60) from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., or a VIP session (\$95) from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Designated driver tickets, featuring unlimited soft drinks, are also available for each session. All tickets include commemorative swag and admission to the zoo. Photo ID is required. For additional information and to make reservations, visit [CZS.org/ZooBrew2021](http://CZS.org/ZooBrew2021).

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

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

### Rabies Vaccine & Microchip Clinics

Cook County Animal and Rabies Control is partnering with local animal organizations to offer low-cost or free 1-year rabies vaccines and microchips through October.

For more information visit: <https://www.cook-countyil.gov/service/low-cost-rabies-clinic>

CBA Offers Legal Service

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, Sept. 18th from 9 a.m. to noon, the public can call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on the CBA's website at [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org).

Creative Writing

Writer Donna Pecore and the Budlong Woods Branch Library will conduct a Creative Writing Workshop for adults on Fridays, Aug. 27th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

To register for this Zoom workshop, or for further information about the work of this writing group, contact Tom Stark at (312) 742-9590 or [tstark@chipublib.org](mailto:tstark@chipublib.org).

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