



Good Signs



By Dr. R. Pletsch

We have all been through a lot. The news can be terrifying with China arming, the border exploding, and civil unrest in many cities. We need to look for some good signs. Here are ten ways we can notice that life may be returning to a more normal existence.

1. Museums and zoos are now open.

2. The airport is crowded.
3. Senior Villages are now beginning to let visitors in.
4. We see a lot of kids out for little league.
5. Churches are allowed to have more people for services.
6. There are more kids going to school.
7. We don't need drive-by celebrations for birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
8. There aren't arrows on every aisle in the stores.
9. We are now seeing more kids than dogs at the parks.
10. The stores have a complete stock of toilet paper and paper towels.

This might be a silly way to look at it, but after what we have been through I believe these are good signs. We must remember to help our families and friends. Maybe you know someone who needs a lift to get the vaccination or just needs someone to talk to. So remember: Be good, be kind, be careful.

June Reopening For Cultural Center



The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the historic restoration of the landmark Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington street, to reclaim two lost interiors decorated by the Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company: the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Rotunda.

The museum-quality restoration of the art glass dome and decorative finishes is made possible by a generous grant of services valued at \$15,425,000 to the City. The Chicago Cultural Center is home to two magnificent stained-glass domes; the restoration of the Tiffany dome in Preston Bradley Hall was completed in 2008. Restoration work will continue until early 2022.

The grant provides access to a specialized team that are qualified to undertake the restoration. An intricate process will expose the original 1890s surfaces by methodically separating layers of paint. The project also includes the conservation of a 40-foot diameter, 62,000-piece art glass dome that will return natural light that has been blocked since a renovation in the 1930s. Long-lost lighting fixtures that were custom designed for the rooms will be recreated using early photographs and original architectural drawings.

When completed next year, the rooms will reflect their historic appearance, but also facilitate a wider range of free and diverse cultural programming. This includes upgraded lighting, electrical, Wi-Fi and opportunities for artists and organizations to provide a variety of performances and exhibitions.

This project is part of Culture in My Neighborhood, a new collaborative initiative that supports cultural programming at the Chicago Cultural Center, 18 Chicago Park District neighborhood cultural centers, and the Chicago Public Library regional libraries through grants and commission opportu-

nities for artists and organizations.

This program complements an over \$40 million capital investment that will break ground in 2021 in the City's network of cultural centers to upgrade theater, music, dance, and visual art presentation capabilities. Artists and organizations will receive financial support — including those who were displaced by the pandemic, and community residents will enjoy free and affordable, cultural experiences in their own neighborhoods.

The Chicago Cultural Center will reopen to the public on June 2nd, with the exhibitions "Jeremiah Hulsebos-Spofford: League of Nations" and "what flies but never lands." "Chicago: Where Comics Came to Life, 1880-1960" will open on June 19th.

Visitors will also be greeted with new visitor amenities including a reimaged Welcome Center and Learning Lab — and Buddy, a new shop created with the Public Media Institute (online for now at hi-buddy.org) to give artists and small manufacturers a place to showcase and sell their goods and artwork. Visit chicagoculturalcenter.org for updated visitor information.

City Provides Tree Planting

The city's Bureau of Forestry will plant trees along the public right-of-way at no cost to property owners. The benefits of trees are ever increasingly important in this age of climate change.

The Planting Program is divided into two seasons, the spring beginning April 1st, and the fall season beginning Oct. 1st. The timing of each season varies based on weather and ground temperatures.

Certain species may not be available for planting at the time of your request but that every effort will be made to accommodate second and third preferences.

Request a tree planing by calling 311.

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.

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 Gad-get 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, zooglers 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. 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. Parking is \$15.

Brookfield Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Beginning May 29th, summer hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Free Food Night At United Credit Union



As part of its 90th Anniversary Celebration, the United Credit Union, 4444 S. Pulaski road is serving as the central distribution point for Tuesday-night free food giveaway program called *Food's Here* from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

"The core effort of the program is to deliver boxes of food items along with ready-to-eat meals," explained United Credit Union's CEO Mario Aguirre.

Jaime Groth-Searle, President/Founder of The Southwest Collective stated, "We teamed with organizations like United Credit Union to arrange Pop-up locations where people can either drive up or walk up and get a box of food. *Food's Here* reduces food waste by redistributing food to those in need. It also employs local restaurant crews to

plate the food into individual servings at a rate greater than \$15/hour."

Initial seed funding totaling \$3,000 was provided by United Credit Union; takeout containers are purchased from Sunshine Supply, 45th & Knox; food crews from Zoe's Patio in Garfield Ridge, Razpacho's in West Elsdon and De Colores in Archer Heights have re-packaged surplus food into ready-to-use meals.

Founded in 1931 by a group of Chicago Teachers, United Credit Union is a non-for-profit financial cooperative serving more than 19,000 members with \$255 million in assets. Any one who lives or works in Cook County, is eligible to become a member. For more information, visit www.unitedcreditunion.com.

Boy Scouts Conduct Food Drive



On Saturdays, April 17th and 24th Boy Scouts from the Pathway to Adventure Council participated in a Food drive across the Chicagoland and Northern Indiana area to support the Chicago Greater Food Depository and the Northern Indiana Food Bank. Scouts went door to door in their local communities on the 17th placing doorhangers with instructions that if they wanted to help, they could leave food out on the 24th and it would be picked up. Later it was taken to a collection site to be weighed, sorted and delivered. Members of St. Mary Star of the Sea Boy Scout Troop 1441 who participated are (Front Row) Alexi, Ayala, Adan Moreno, Demian Moreno, Lulu Rodriguez and Ed Melkonian. (Back Row) Pedro Moreno, Adrian Ayala, Cindy Loszach, Matthew Gerber, Lorena Sanchez and Eloy Corral Sr. Any Boys ages 11 to 17 who are interested in joining Boy Scouts at St. Mary's can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information.

Virtual Programs At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled virtual programs for children and adults.

The Virtual Adult Graphic Novel book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The selections are: *March* by John Lewis on May 10th and *Deadly Class* by Rick Remender and Wes Craig on June 14th.

Reading Buddies who need practice with reading skills meet on April 29th plus May 6th, 13th and 15th.

Beginners - Beginning to Read On Your Own will meet on Thursdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. These books have: sight words, white space, phrases that repeat, simple sentences, and pictures to support understanding.

Some examples are: *Fox the Tiger* by Corey R. Tabor, *What This Story Needs is A Pig in a Wig* by Emma J. Virgan, and *Go, Otto, Go!* By David Milgrim.

Independent - Reading On Your Own will meet on Thursdays 4:30 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 to 11 a.m. These books have chapters, less pic-

tures, rich vocabulary, detailed phrases and sentences, and more complex plots and themes.

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

Painting Mars -- with special guest Michelle Nichols from the Alder Planetarium will be featured on Wednesday, May 19th from 6 to 7 p.m. She will discuss the surface of Mars to think about color, texture, and what scientists hope to find on our neighboring planet. Using images captured by the rover Perseverance, program hosts will use watercolors and invite patrons to paint along to create some other - worldly landscape painting.

A DIY watercolor recipe will be provided, but participants are encouraged to use whatever materials or methods they choose. This event was created for adult patrons, but all are welcome.

Patrons show sign up at www.chipublib.org to receive a link to the Zoom program a day before the event.

Free Admission Days At Field Museum

The Field Museum is offering free admission days for Illinois residents on April 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 online 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 exhibitions and one ticketed exhibition or 3D movie. Adults are \$10 and children ages 3-11 are \$8.

Dean's List At Knox College

High-achieving students were named to the Knox College Dean's List for the 2021 Winter Term. Honorees must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Local scholars are: Evelyn Martinez (60632), Alexis Rangel (60638), Julieanna Rueda (60609), Ethan Bumpers (60608), Monica Cardoza (60609), Miguel Martinez Nava (60608) and Samuel Barouch (60608) and Antonio Ramirez (60632).

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Volunteer Program At Brookfield Zoo



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A volunteer at Brookfield Zoo helps youngsters plan a garden at the Hamill Family Play Zoo.

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is celebrating 50 years of its award-winning Volunteer Engagement Program by giving thanks to the nearly 900 individuals who donate their time, talent and love of animals to furthering the Society's mission to inspire conservation leadership.

Founded in 1971 through the efforts of Edie Duckworth, who is a current CZS life trustee, and Charlene Carper, the Volunteer Engagement Program, formerly known as the Volunteer League, initially began with 21 members.

Volunteers at the 216-acre zoo serve as docents by engaging and educating guests about the animals, greet and guide guests throughout the park; and provide support during special events. During the pandemic in 2020, adult volunteers, teen volunteers in the King Conservation Science Scholars program, and corporate volunteers contributed nearly 33,000 service hours primarily through virtual assignments.

The adult volunteer cohort is made up of people from all walks of life; the oldest being 101 years old and the youngest volunteer being 22. The longest-serving volunteer, Jeroma Zahour, has

been donating her clerical talents in the Membership Department for 47 years, and there are 51 volunteers who have served for more than 25 years.

In 2001 and 2010, participants in the program hosted the Association of Zoo and Aquarium Docents and Volunteers national conference, and in 2015, the program was presented the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Volunteer Engagement Award for remarkable achievement in volunteer program development and engaging volunteers in the overall mission and operation of the organization.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily closed the zoo in March 2020, volunteers with sewing machines made more than 700 cloth face coverings for the animal programs staff to wear while onsite caring for the animals.

Razo Honored

Ashley Razo was named to the dean's list at Furman University of Greenville, South Carolina. Full-time undergraduate students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system to qualify.

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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

Free Food For Senior Citizens

The Senior Food and Nutrition Program at the Western Service Center, 5332 S. Wesern has Open Enrollment for the free nutritious food to supplement the diets of low income adults age 60 and older.

Food packages are distributed weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Eligibility requirements are state issued picture identification or city key identification, current proof of income and proof of residency.

For more information call (773) 778-1292.

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.

Library Offers Paid Internships

The Chicago Public Library is offering Summer 2021 Paid Virtual Internships, July 6th through Aug. 14th, weekdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. High School students ages 16-18 can serve as a Chicago Youth Service Corps Virtual Intern through After-School Matters.

The summer stipend is \$850. Apply through May 31st at onesummerchicago.org.

CPS Updates District Assessments

Every year, Chicago Public Schools administers assessments that measure student growth and achievement. The results are used for many purposes, including public reporting, school and teacher evaluations, student promotion and retention, student program applications, and school summer planning. The district has considered the benefits of administering these assessments in light of the disruptions students, families, and teachers have experienced this year and has amended the following requirements: NWEA MAP Growth for students in second through eighth grade and REACH Performance Task administration are canceled.

CPS is planning to make the following adjustments to the promotion policy, GoCPS admissions process, and the 2021-22 school quality ratings plan.

The Board of Education is recommended to approve a modification to the promotion policy that will advance all elementary students to the next grade level in the fall. Similar to SY20, students with final failing grades in reading or math would be recommended to attend summer school. CPS also plans to use federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds to help schools provide research-based interventions for students to help ensure they are equipped for future academic success.

GoCPS High School Admissions. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, spring seventh grade NWEA was required for all students applying to more than 100 choice programs (IB, STEM, Arts, etc.) and the 11 selective enrollment programs. The SEHS exam was also required for the 11 selective enrollment programs.

Students could not apply to programs unless they met certain minimum criteria and students with higher scores were placed before lower scores.

For SY22 applications, CPS will use the CPS High School Admissions Test, to determine selection for choice and selective enrollment programs. This test will replace NWEA for choice programs and both the NWEA and the Selective Enrollment High School Exam for SEHS applications. Every eighth grader will take the test and non-CPS students will take it on the weekends at a designated testing site. Eliminating NWEA and

offering all students the Selective Enrollment High School Exam will reduce testing for students who are interested in choice and selective programs, remove the minimum eligibility requirement for programs, and promote equity.

The CPS High School Admissions Test will be administered in Fall 2021 and will be used for the upcoming GoCPS application cycle. More information, as it becomes available, will be posted on go.cps.edu. Families interested in learning more can attend one of the following public virtual information sessions: Saturday, May 8th at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, May 12th at 4 p.m. A form to RSVP is available at go.cps.edu to register to attend one of the sessions.

Given the cancellation of NWEA for this spring, the district will also make a recommendation to the Board not to calculate school ratings based on SY21-22 data. This will be the third year that schools do not receive formal ratings. The basis of this recommendation is that current policy requires that school ratings include growth and that growth requires two test administrations with at least 95% participation.

Without NWEA this spring, the district will not be able to calculate existing growth measures and thus will recommend the cancellation of formal school ratings. Instead, the district will publish all available student performance data next year for informational purposes.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls at (312) 554-2001 from the public and offer legal advice on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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

Obituaries



JOHN R. CORONA, passed away April 19th at the age of 80. He was the husband of late Judith; father of Edward (Ibis), Ronald and Monique (Robert) Roichek and brother of Rachel Mosqueda. Visitation was held at Szkowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer ave. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



MARY ANN LIT-TRELL, (nee Klove) of Hickory Hills, passed away April 22nd at the age of 91. She was the wife of late William M. Littrell; mother of Nancy Olenick and Diane (John) Dickman; grandmother of Michael Olenick (Alauna Lewis), Deborah Smith (Kevin Nitsche), Michelle, David, Mark Olenick, Rachel (John) Javorski and Christopher (Ali) Dickman; great grandmother of Christopher, Justina Olenick (Omar Aziz), Jon Lewis (Jess Bartels), Kieler (Cheryl), Trevor Smith, Allie Javorski and Genevieve Olenick; great great grandmother of Clara, Ellis, Kennedy and Reese. Visitation was held April 27th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 28th at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



BONFILIA GIRON, passed away on April 22nd at the age of 51. She was the daughter of Asencion Rodriguez and late Daniel Giron; sister of Macario, Catalina, Flavia, Leonor, Gloria, Anselmo, Rodrigo, Daniel, and Maria Isabel. Visitation was held April 25nd at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S Mozart.



ORALÍA ARANDA de SANCHEZ, passed away on April 21st at the age of 85. Visitation was held at Szkowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Blase Catholic Church, Summit. Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery.

Hall of Fame For Senior Citizens

The Illinois Department on Aging is accepting nominations for the 2021 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame Awards. These awards recognize adults, 65 years of age and older, and highlight the meaningful contributions they have made.

Award nominations are being accepted for the following categories: Community Service, Education, Labor Force and Performance / Graphic Arts.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, June 1st. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments. The candidate must be a current Illinois resident, or a former resident for most of their life. Posthumous nominees will also be considered. Nomination forms can be filled out online, calling the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or emailing aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov.

For more information on how to nominate someone, visit www.illinois.gov/aging.

Lottery Debuts Claim Center

The Illinois Lottery has opened a new Chicago-based claim center space in the pdeway of the George Dunne Cook County office building, 69 W. Washington st. Appointments are required at IllinoisLottery.com.

Chicago Student Invention Convention

Ingenuity is on virtual display Saturday, May 1st as over 200 K to 8th grade students from throughout metro Chicago learn if they are among 50 advancing to Invention Convention U.S. Nationals during the Chicago Student Invention Convention's 9th annual Awards Ceremony.

Over 2,000 area students representing 45 schools, libraries, and youth centers participated with invention education curriculum. The inventors used creative problem-solving, design thinking, and engineering skills they learned to create an original solution to solve a problem they care about.

This year's Awards Ceremony will be held virtually and includes a range of free events that are open to the public. The Saturday schedule is as follows:

10 to 10:30 a.m.: Opening Ceremony; 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Judging Circles for Student Inventions, during which K-8th grade student inventors share their pitches and judges provide feedback and guidance. Virtual Networking Lounge and Expo Booths are also open.

12:15 – 1:15 PM: What's Next for Invention Education?: A Panel of Educator Perspectives presented in partnership with InventEd. Panelists will share student en-

agement experiences, best practices for the invention pathway, and explore where invention education goes next

1:15 – 1:30 PM: Closing Remarks and Raffle

To register for the free event, go to <https://hopin.com/events/2021-chicago-student-invention-convention>.

2,556 New Cases Of COVID -19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 2,556 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) including 23 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities were 1 male 40s, 1 male 50s, 2 females 60s, 1 male 60s, 1 female 70s, 3 males 70s, 1 female 80s and 1 male 90s.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 1,325,726 cases, including 21,858 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 62,724 specimens for a total of 22,381,515. 2,180 individuals were reported to be in the hospital with 502 patients were in the ICU and 251 were on ventilators.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
VIVIAN FREDERICK, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALFREDA D EVERHEART AKA/ALFREDA D EVERHEART, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS QUINN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, ALFREDA D EVERHEART, NYKOLAS VAISVILA, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NYKOLAS VAISVILA, MECISLAVA VAISVILA, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MECISLAVA VAISVILA, Defendants,
18 CH 15
3513 WEST 73RD PLACE
CHICAGO, IL 60629
NOTICE OF SALE
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The LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
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Property Index No. 19-34-112-029-0000
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA E. WATKISS; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants,
20 CH 7450
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P.I.N. 19-24-420-017-0000.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NORTH AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK F.S.B. Plaintiff,
vs.
GABRIEL GARIBAY, LUIS GARIBAY, NORMA ANGELICA BARAJAS AKA/NORMA BARAJAS, Defendants,
2019 CH 01611
5824 S. KEELER AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60629
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Commonly known as 5824 S. KEELER AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629
Property Index No. 19-15-228-055-0000 (VOL. 392)
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Park District
Seeks Lifeguards

The Chicago Park District has posted the Seasonal Lifeguard application to be prepared in the event that beaches and pools reopen for the 2021 summer. This is not a confirmation that facilities will reopen, that determination will be made at a later date.

The position pays \$15.57 an hour.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Be a resident of the City of Chicago. Proof of residency must be presented at the test.

Be 16 years of age, or older, by July 1st, 2021.

Have a Chicago Park District Lifeguarding Card, valid through 2021

(given after passing the lifeguard test).

Have an American Red Cross Lifeguarding certificate, or equivalent, valid through 2021 to include the following components valid through 2021. CPR for Professional Rescuer, or equivalent, AED, or equivalent, Bloodborne Pathogens Training or equivalent, Waterfront Skills, or equivalent.

Learn more about lifeguarding training at chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguard-application-process.

Prior to applying, all new applicants are required to complete the American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Training Class.

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.

Mellow Mondays: Self-Care Strategy for Teens is scheduled for May 24th from 3 to 4 p.m. Join a discussion for ways to perform meditation, relaxation and self-care.

The Thomas Hughes Children's Library staff will present books, finger plays, movement activities, rhymes and music for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Saturday, May 1st from 10 to 10:30 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom. Register by 9 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.

STEM Around the House will be available on Tuesday, 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.

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

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 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 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.

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

Application For Summer Jobs

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services announced the launch of the 2021 One Summer Chicago application. OSC 2021 will run from July 5th to August 13th and will include remote and socially-distanced, in-person job and life-skills training for youth ages 14 to 24. The application deadline is Friday, June 11th at [OneSummerChicago.org](https://www.onesummerchicago.org). Over 21,000 slots are available.

Young people will be compensated for participating in career exploration opportunities in fields such as coding and

Applications Open For Preschool

The Department of Family and Support Services and Chicago Public Schools announced the launch of the 2021-22 Preschool Application at [ChicagoEarlyLearning.org](https://www.chicagoearlylearning.org) or via the Chicago Early Learning Hotline at (312) 229-1690. Children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2021 eligible to apply.

Families are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible to have the most choices in their preferred program's availability. All current early learning site locations can be found at www.chicagoearlylearning.org. Parents or guardians can find and apply for programs at community organizations and CPS. A tutorial video for the application is available at <https://vimeo.com/449372309>.

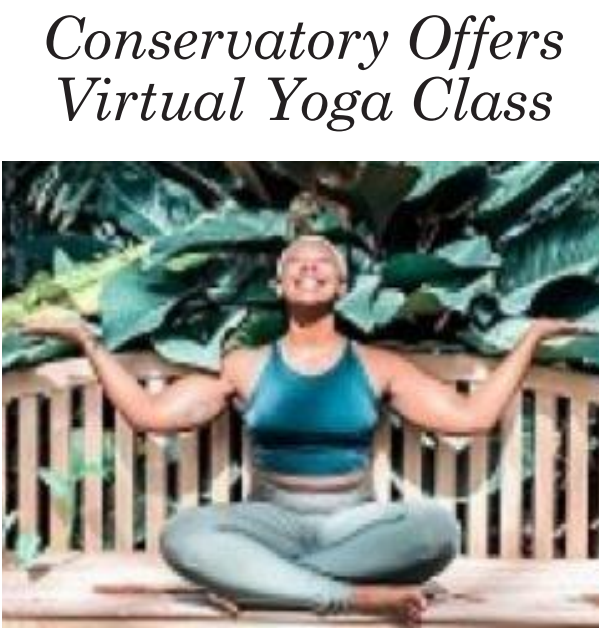
Shred-A-Thon In 15th Ward

Shred-A-Thons will be conducted at the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, 4703 S. Honore on May 4th from 12 to 2 p.m.; Gage Park Fieldhouse, 2411 W. 55th st. on June 15th from 10 a.m. 12 p.m. and Five Holy Martyrs Parking Lot, 4327 S. Richmond on Aug. 10th from 12 to 2 p.m.

Call (773) 823-1539 to arrange for special accommodations.



Several animals from Shedd Aquarium visited the Garfield Park Conservatory to stretch their wings and explore diverse plant life. Two green-winged macaws (Poblano and Serrano) saw several species of flowers in the Show House before taking flight in the Fern Room. The birds are native to the Amazon, so the warm humid space of the Palm House was similar to what they would experience in the rain forest. A green tree python (Ivy) slithered up a tree in the Sugar from the Sun exhibit before exploring the Desert House. Her species can be found in Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia, so they are familiar with warm climates as well. The trip provided exercise, new sights and sounds that add variety to their day. This is part of their overall welfare plan, ensuring no two days are ever the same. The animals are also ambassadors for their species, sparking connections with guests and inspiring the public to take action to conserve aquatic environments.



Garfield Park Conservatory will conduct a Virtual Yoga on Saturdays through June 26th (no class May 29th) from 9 to 10 a.m. Beginners to advanced yogis are welcome to join. Pre-registration is required at [garfieldconservatory.org](https://www.garfieldconservatory.org). Auto-generated closed captioning is available. This class is free but donations are welcome to help offer programming costs. Learn more about Amber and their work at www.thehotmessyoga.com/meet-the-messy-team.

5K & Paint Night For Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo is hosting a Virtual Spring 5k Run/Walk through May 30th and a Virtual Paint Night on Saturday, June 5th from 3 to 5 p.m.

The cost is \$30 person and includes a beanie, numbered bib, and completion certificate. Race entries benefit the Chicago Zoological Society Animal Care and Conservation Fund. To register and for additional information, visit CZS.org/SpringRun2021.

Partnering with the

Pinot's Palette's Naperville studio, this class will be a live virtual event where participants can paint their own Bumblebee Utopia with an artist leading the way. Registrants who cannot make it on the 5th, have up to seven days after the event to watch the recorded video.

The cost of \$35 plus shipping includes admission to the class and a kit with canvas, paints, and brushes. Ten dollars from each registrant will be donated back to Brookfield Zoo. To register and for additional information, visit CZS.org/Virtual-PaintNight.

To learn about more of Brookfield Zoo's spring and summer events, visit CZS.org/UpcomingEvents.

Proposals For Casino - Resort

The City of Chicago has issued a Request for Proposal for the opportunity to apply for the sole casino license. The selected partner will be able to propose its optimal site for the project, pending approval by the City.

The holder of the owner's license can operate a temporary casino for up to 24 months (subject to a 12-month extension) and, thereafter, a permanent casino located in the City.

The gaming enterprise will have the opportunity to operate slot machines at Midway and O'Hare Airports. All applicants selected through the RFP process then must apply to the state for the owner's license and meet licensing requirements.

Required elements include a casino-resort with 500 hotel rooms or less, meeting space, restaurants, bars and entertainment venues.

Chicago Launches Infrastructure Plan

With the 2021 paving season getting underway, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined Aldermen and City officials to launch the Chicago Works jobs and infrastructure plan. The first installment will include over \$600 million of infrastructure modernization projects to enhance the quality of life for residents in all 77 communities. The plan relies on data to select and prioritize investments across the full array of public assets, addressing the worst first, along with an emphasis on equity and safety to create jobs and spur recovery from the Pandemic.

Over the next two years, CDOT will leverage and supplement federal and state funding to resurface 75 miles of arterial streets annually; 500 more residential blocks will be resurfaced each year (1,240 blocks per year vs 740 blocks in past years).

Chicago Works dedicates funding for the repair and replacement of traditional infrastructure like roads, bridges, sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act accessible crosswalk ramps, streetlights and traffic signals. The plan also includes nine new streetscape projects in INVEST South/West neighborhoods, funding for public art, the planting of trees and implementation of Complete Streets designed for next century. The City is funding the 2021 and 2022 construction through \$1.4 billion in General Obligation bond proceeds that represent the first installment on a \$3.7 billion five-year plan.

In addition to addressing deferred maintenance, the City will also engage with Aldermen and community groups in the planning and design of new neighborhood investments that will enhance community vitality and drive economic development.

The investments laid out in the five-year Chicago Works Plan will make meaningful improvements to address sustainability issues such as greenhouse gas emissions, storm water management and air quality. Notable investments will improve conditions for residents who walk, bike and take public transportation.

Deferred maintenance needs in City buildings such as libraries, firehouses, and health centers will be addressed. Improvements include, roofing, heating, cooling, ventilation systems, electric and plumbing to enhance the safety and energy efficiency. The City's fleet will receive new investments, including public safety vehicles and streets and sanitation specialized equipment, as AIS works toward its goal of attaining a smaller fleet with newer vehicles ultimately requiring less spares and vehicle maintenance.

Highlights of the first 2 years of funding include:

- Aldermanic Menu Program: \$216 million over two years that includes increasing the yearly menu budget, per ward, from \$1.32 million to \$1.5 million.
- Bridges and Viaducts: \$164.3 million to complete the funding for 23 bridge replacement projects, \$66.2 million for 37 bridge repair projects, \$16.9 million to rehabilitate 13 underpasses; and \$7.5 million to begin the process of improving vertical clearance at 5 viaducts.
- Streets and Alleys: \$250.4 million for residential and arterial street resurfacing based on the Pavement Condition Index and ADA Ramp needs. Also funds the reconstruction of WPA streets along with 100 new Green Alleys to improve drainage and sustainability; one green alley in each ward every year.
- Street Lighting: \$112.3 million for the complete replacement of 300 blocks of lighting infrastructure, along with strategic targeted light pole replacements and wiring stabilization repairs.
- Traffic Signals: \$28.4 million to modernize the City's historically underfunded traffic signal

system.

Sidewalks and Pedestrian Right-of-Way: \$112.2 million for sidewalk repair (hazardous, vaulted, shared sidewalk programs, ADA ramps, curb and gutter, and alley aprons) to increase accessibility and public safety.

Complete Streets: \$49.0 million for improvements to bike lanes, priority bus routes, pavement markings and Vision Zero pedestrian safety projects. \$104.2 million towards the funding of 24 streetscape projects including those in Invest South/West Corridors. \$6 million for planting 12,000 trees.

Waterways: \$12.3 million for the reconstruction of 1 mile of lakeshore encompassing Morgan Shoal and the expansion of the Calumet River Dredging Facility to ensure clean waterways for commerce on the Calumet River.

Facilities: \$132.5 million for renovations and system upgrades to public facilities such as Department of Family and Supportive Service centers, Chicago Department of Public Health locations, Chicago Public libraries, and dozens of non-public facing facilities. This budget also includes environmental remediation of City-owned land and demolition of hazardous buildings.

Equipment: \$162.1 million for the City's fleet, equipment, and IT systems.

To learn more about the Chicago Works program, including latest updates and employment and training opportunities, check out www.chicago.gov/ChicagoWorks.

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.

Financial Help For Funerals

FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19 - related funeral expenses incurred after January 20th, 2020 through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Applications are available at (844) 684-6333 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. No online applications will be accepted. For more information visit fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance.

Story Time With Ms. Katie

Join Ms. Katie from the McKinley Park Branch Library on Zoom to read books, sing songs, and enjoy rhymes geared for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers.

This event is offered on Fridays, May 7th through 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Register by 10 a.m. the day before at chipublib.com

Vaccination Totals For Area Residents

The Chicago Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 cumulative vaccinations for April 25th.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative - 768,827 doses, 28.5% of population; 1st dose - cumulative 1,159,302 doses, 43% of population.

60632: 1st dose cumulative 37,326 total, 41.5% population. Complete vaccine series 25,749 total, 28.7% population.

60638: 1st dose cumulative 22,295 total, 38% population. Complete vaccine series 135,359 total, 26.2% population.

60608: 1st dose cumulative 341,348 total, 51.6% population. Complete vaccine series 27,479 total, 34.6% population.

60609: 1st dose cumulative 22,463 total, 36.9% population. Complete vaccine series 15,905 total, 26.1% population.

Resource: [Chicago.gov/covidvax](https://www.chicago.gov/covidvax)

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Summer Stipend: \$850
Six week Internship: July 6-August 14th
Monday-Friday: 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Apply between April 5th-May 31st at:
onesummerchicago.org

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