



## Veterans Day, 11th Hour of 11/11



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Ronald Reagan was one of the 31 Presidents out of our soon to be 46, to have served in the military. Though he publicly admitted that he was embarrassed at never serving in combat with being talked about as a WWII Veteran. During a radio announcement in 1983, President Reagan stated "Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom for they've suffered the stress of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us".

I, like many my age, have known many combat Vets and know many people that have the terrible weight of knowing friends and family who have died or have been severely wounded. Many my age have known people involved in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. 16 million Americans served during WWII with less than 300,000 now surviving. 7 million served in Viet Nam and 2 million fought in Korea. Among these staggering numbers, about 9% were women. It was not until many years after WWII that my father ever talked about it and then usually with other Vets or his reunions with the 508

Paratroopers. He said that most who talked about combat were never really there.

Veterans Day was first known as Armistice Day commemorating the end of WWI, where a peace treaty was signed during the 11th hour of November 11th. Then on that date in 1921, President Harding presided at the first ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. Arlington is now looked at as America's Cemetery with almost 400,000, mostly Vets, and truly one of the most inspiring locations for any American. Sometimes it takes recent immigrants to understand it best. My daughter, who is now a food scientist, who in 1995 when we were visiting Arlington, looked at the rows of crosses, and as only a six year old could say, "My God, Dad, all those people died so I could be an American with you".

So whether it was a relative or friend or friend of a relative, we truly are "The Home of the Free, because of the Brave". Thank you Vets, those who left behind in the distant battlefields, to those who worked in the homefront. I try to say thanks to those proud enough to wear a Vets cap or join a VFW or American Legion or their auxiliaries. All time served was useful. I had a neighbor, now deceased, who was in the Army in WWII as a truck driver. When I asked him if he was in Normandy, he said yes, but got there on D-Day plus 2. Then finally my Dad told him that he did what he was asked to do. He said I had a brother who was stationed in New Jersey and a cousin who was stationed in Tennessee. We did what we could do. Thanks to all our Vets, whether they served in peace or wartime.

## Zoom Events At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled book clubs, a Graphic Novel monthly discussion and other events via Zoom.

Beginning To Read On Your Own will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 17th from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

These books have: smaller print with less white space, several lines of text per page, less repetition and rhyming, varied sentence structure, punctuation and verb tense, more complex stories, and less picture support.

Some examples are: *King & Kyla* by Dori Hillestad Butler, *Ling &*

*Ting* by Grace Lin, and *Penny and Her Marble* by Kevin Henkes

Reading On Your Own will be offered on Thursdays, Nov. 12th and 19th from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

These books have: chapters, less pictures, 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 Faruqi.

A new Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Book Club will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The topics are: Dec. 14th with *Saga* by Brian K. Vaughn & Fiona Staples. Register by 6 p.m. on the day before the discussion.

The Virtual Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are: Nov. 25th, *Immortalists* by Benjamin Choe and Dec. 23rd, *Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter* by Theodora Goss.

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

### Free Food Distribution

The community is invited to partake in a free food distribution at Our Lady of Fatima, 2751 W. 38th pl.

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, while supplies last.

For walk-ups, enter through Pershing rd. alley behind the Acero - Sandra Cisneros school.

For drive-ups, enter through California - 38th pl. and food will be placed in your trunk.

### Chicago Offers Housing Grants

The City of Chicago's Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program offer financial relief to those who have been impacted by the economic fallout from the pandemic.

Homeowners must reside within the city limits; provide a government issued ID; must demonstrate total household income was at 120% or below the Area Median Income prior to March 1st. Renters must demonstrate total household income was at 60% or below the Medium Income prior to March 1st. to determine income eligibility and must expect a change in your financial state after March 1st due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Tenants whose application is approved will receive a one-time grant of \$5,000 paid to their landlord to cover missed rent payments beginning March 2020 and prepay payments through December 2020, or until the \$5,000 is exhausted.

Approved homeowners will receive a grant for up to \$15,000 to cover missed mortgage payments beginning as early as March 2020 and prepay mortgage payments through December 2020.

For more information, call (800) 831-7949, or email EmergencyAssistance@NHSCChicago.org

### 12,623 New Cases of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health on Tuesday, reported 12,623 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease in Illinois, including 79 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities were 1 female 40s, 1 male 40s, 1 female 50s, 1 male 50s, 1 male 60s, 2 females 70s, 3 males 70s, 4 females 80s, 3 males 80s, 1 female 90s and 2 males 90s.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 511,183 cases, including 10,289 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 101,955 specimens for a total 8,571,019 and 4,742 people were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 911 patients were in the ICU and 399 patients were on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Nov. 2nd to 8th is 13.1%

### Prepare For Winter Weather

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and National Weather Service have developed a Winter Weather Preparedness Guide to help families prepare for extreme cold, snow and ice.

For the latest road conditions and other travel information, bookmark and follow IDOT's www.GettingAroundIllinois.com throughout the year.

For more information about winter weather preparedness, including the Weathering Winter guide from the Illinois Department of Public Health, visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

### Contest Supports City Restaurants

Take Our Chicago is a contest for any Chicago resident who orders from 10 different Chicago restaurants through Dec. 15th.

Once you have completed 10 unique orders, you can enter the contest by emailing TakeOutChicago@choosetchicago.com with your name and the name of 10 restaurants. Choose Chicago will at random select up to 10 winners.

Each winner will receive a 90-120 minute VIP tour of a select Chicago destination. Proof of purchase will be requested when winners are selected.

## Morale Campaign For Veteran Homes

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs launched "Operation Rising Spirit," a campaign challenging service organizations, volunteers, and patriots to raise the spirits of military veterans and the heroic staff who care for them at state veterans' homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno, and Quincy, Illinois.

Cards, emails, and video messages can be sent to the homes and socially distant on-site activities can be coordinated with the staff.

These include Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna; 792 N. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906; Anthony.Barnett2@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle; 1015 O'Connor Avenue, LaSalle, Illinois 61301; Susan.Scully@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno; 1 Veterans Drive, Manteno, Illinois 60950; David.W.Pedersen@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy; 1707 N. 12th Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301; Sara.

Colgrove@illinois.gov.

Prince Home at Manteno; 1 Veterans Drive, Manteno, Illinois 60950; Wali.Lewis2@illinois.gov.

### Online Project Honors Veterans

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project will host a series of musical performances and discussion panels to document and honor veterans experiences daily through Saturday, Nov. 14th on its Facebook page: facebook.com/vetshistoryproject.

Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 to collect, preserve and make accessible the firsthand remembrance of United States war veterans from World War I through the more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, so that future generations may better understand the realities of war. For more information, visit www.loc.gov/vets/ or call the toll-free message line at (888) 371-5848.

## Earned Income Credit For State Tax Payers

The Pritzker administration and Illinois Department of Revenue commenced a new outreach initiative to increase Earned Income Credit participation by targeting taxpayers who qualified but failed to claim the credit. Targeted taxpayers will receive a letter confirming their eligibility, estimating a refund amount and instructing them how to finalize their claim.

Most households are eligible for the federal EITC if they earn less than \$55,952. The Illinois EIC is a refundable tax credit automatically available to federally eligible households and is worth up to 18 percent of a taxpayer's federal claim. In 2020, an eligible Illinois household could be due a refund of up to \$1,157.

Eligible taxpayers must meet income and residency qualifications and file a tax return, even if they do not owe any tax or are not required to file. The Internal Revenue Service recommends that all workers who earned around \$55,952 or less learn about eligibility and use the EITC Assistant to find out if they qualify.

Federally, eligible families with three or more qualifying children

could get a maximum credit of up to \$6,557. EITC for people without children could mean up to \$529 added to their tax refund.

For more information visit tax.illinois.gov.

### Efforts To Reduce Vet Suicide

The State of Illinois will join the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide, a national effort that champions mental health support and preventative services for Veterans.

The State is dedicating \$2 million to the initiative, in partnership with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

In 2019, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death among Illinois residents of all ages, but 3rd leading cause of death among those aged 1-24 years.

"Our Veterans are heroes who served us bravely and deserve quality care here at home, including robust mental health services," said Governor JB Pritzker.

## Free Assistance For College Aid

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has extended the campaign to provide free college and financial aid planning support to students and families through Thanksgiving.

All graduating seniors attending public high schools in Illinois must complete the FAFSA, or if they are ineligible for federal aid, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma.

The 2021-22 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid provides a pathway to MAP grants for some undocumented students or for transgender students who may be ineligible for federal student aid because they did not register for selective service.

As a result of the pandemic ISAC will be providing all support virtually, through online group events as well as one-on-one assistance by phone, text, email or WebEx videoconferencing.

For an updated list of ISAC virtual events, visit studentportal.isac.org/events.

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Students and families can get free virtual one-on-one assistance from the ISACorps member in their area at studentportal.isac.org/isacorps.

Personalized assistance is available through ISAC College Q&A (isac.org/collegeqa), a free text messaging service where students can get answers to their college and financial aid questions sent to their phones. The ISAC Student Portal (isac.org/studentportal) offers free online tools, resources and videos about college planning and financial aid. Assistance is also available at 800-899-4722, and its Online Chat service.

### Turkey Raffle For 12th Ward

12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas will sponsor his Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. Ward residents should enter the raffle at 12thwardchicago.com/news-events by Nov. 20th.

### Safety Tips For Holiday Season

As the holidays approach, the Illinois Department of Public Health is offering recommendations on how to celebrate safer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID-19 has changed the way we work, live, and play, and will now change how we plan to celebrate the holidays," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "While the safest way to celebrate is with members of your household and connecting with others virtually, we know, for many, the holidays are all about family and friends, so we want to provide some tips on how to celebrate safer."

Traveling by plane, train, or bus can mean standing in lines and sitting less than 6 feet from people. Traveling by car may include stops along the way for gas, food, and bathroom break.

During a holiday gathering, limit the number of guests and have as many activities outside as weather permits. If the gathering needs to be held inside, increase air flow by partially opening windows.

Try gift shopping online at local store websites and choosing pick-up options. Grocery shopping online with delivery and curbside pick-up is also available. If you need to shop in-person, go when stores are not as busy.

Think about the seating arrangements for meals. Keep members of the same household together and try to put space between one family and another.

Avoid a buffet-style or potluck setting and consider having one person serve all the food so that multiple people are not handling serving utensils.

If you are sick, do not travel and attend gatherings. Even if symptoms are mild, you may still be able to infect others.

To help stave off illness, get the flu vaccine.

For more holiday safety tips, go to <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/holiday-season-safety-tips>

### Reporting For Child Abuse

Most professionals in education, health care, law enforcement, child care and social work are mandated reporters, and are required by law to call the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at (800) 252-2873 if they believe a child is being abused or neglected.

To make a report of suspected child abuse or neglect online in a non-emergency situation, visit <https://dcfsonline-reporting.dcf.illinois.gov/>.

DCFS offers a free online on-demand training course entitled Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Training for Mandated Reporters. To access the training, visit [www.2illinois.gov/DCFS](http://www.2illinois.gov/DCFS), then click on About Us and then on Training. To listen to the PSA, click here: [www.illinois.gov/ilsradiopsa](http://www.illinois.gov/ilsradiopsa)

### BPNC Provides Finance Counsel

The Financial Services department of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Counsel is virtually and telephonically providing counseling on services such as first-time home buying, financial coaching, and foreclosure prevention.

For more information, email [communications@bpncchicago.org](mailto:communications@bpncchicago.org) or phone (773) 523-7110.

## DCASE Announces Artists-in-Residence



Fernando Ramirez

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and Department of Planning and Development announced the first ever Artists-In-Residence for four of the City's INVEST South/West neighborhoods: Auburn Gresham (Dorian Sylvain), Austin (Antonia Ruppert), Englewood (Eric Hotchkiss) and New City/Back of the Yards (Fernando Ramirez). The initial round of the Artist-In-Residence Program is focused on creating public art and site-specific cultural programs that reflect the spirit of these communities. Each artist was selected by a panel of community stakeholders.

Artist Fernando Ramirez is from Guanajuato, Mexico and moved at the age of three to Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. He was enrolled at Chicago's celebrated youth arts program, Gallery 37, and now a decade later is a popular commission artist - drawing and painting portraits, landscapes and three-dimensional objects.

He joined the Project Onward studio in 2006 and lives in New City. Ramirez will be serving as Artist-In-Residence in partnership with Project Onward, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the creative growth of visual artists with mental and developmental disabilities.

### Free Admission At Brookfield Zoo

During November, Brookfield Zoo admission is free on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The following month, free days will be on Mondays and Tuesdays through Dec. 22nd.

Online reservations are required with times available in 20-minute increments between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. All admission and parking tickets must be secured prior to arriving at the zoo, and a parking fee of \$15 per vehicle still applies.

Venture outdoors to see Ahava, a 5-month-old snow leopard cub; Whirl, an Amur tiger, and the majestic bison, all animals that enjoy the cooler temperatures.

To reserve online tickets and parking, go to [CZS.org/OnlineTicketing](https://CZS.org/OnlineTicketing).

ties. The organization connects artists with disabilities to the arts community and the general public through the professional exhibition and sale of their work.

At the conclusion of an engagement period, the artist will deliver a capstone public art project. The artist will provide a series of recommendations to help guide the future development of creative projects.

INVEST South/West is community improvement initiative to marshal the resources of multiple City departments, community organizations and corporate partners toward 10 neighborhoods.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events presents free and affordable cultural programs for residents and visitors. visit [www.chicago.gov/dcase](http://www.chicago.gov/dcase)

### Picnic Permits Open Nov. 16th

Forest Preserves of Cook County picnic and special event permits, as well as camping reservations, for the 2021 season are available for purchase online or by phone beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 16th.

In-person permit sales are by appointment only and start Wednesday, Nov. 18th at the Forest Preserves General Headquarters; Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center will be open for in-person permit sales on Wednesday, Nov. 18th and Friday, Nov. 20th only.

For full information, visit [fpdcc.com/permits/](http://fpdcc.com/permits/). Reservations for camping can be made online at [fpdcc.com/camping](http://fpdcc.com/camping) or by calling (855) 937-2267.

### Online Renewal For Motorists

Secretary of State Jesse White is offering a renewal program for drivers online via E-Check.

Go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) for these services: renewing a vehicle registration; obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card and renewing a driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

The processing fee for e-checks will be waived through Dec. 31st, 2020.

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## Open Enrollment For Gads Hill



Gad’s Hill Center is accepting enrollment for its Early Childhood Education Program which features bilingual teachers, math and literacy curriculum and family support service.

The Brighton Park location accepts children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Chicago Lawn and North Lawndale facilities accept 2 to 5 year olds. Extended hours are available for working families. All resources are free. For more information, call (773) 521-1196, ext. 119.

## State Promotes “Get Hired” Website

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Illinois Department of Employment Services launched Get Hired Illinois – a new portal designed to connect workers with available job and career training opportunities.

Residents will have free access to online workforce development courses via a partnership with Coursera. With Illinois facing record unemployment as a result of COVID-19, the Coursea partnership and Get Hired page will serve as important measures in the efforts to get people back to work.

Residents and employers may access [www.illinois.gov/gethired](http://www.illinois.gov/gethired).

The new portal blends

resources to provide a one-stop-shop for job seekers and employers – providing information on job opportunities as well as unemployment resources. The page is designed to be user friendly for job seekers of all levels and backgrounds and allows employers to upload jobs, virtual career fairs and training opportunities.

Coursera provides workers looking for new employment opportunities additional resources for professional development. After completing the online programs, participants will have the opportunity to continue their studies at a local community college or university, or to connect with employers through their local workforce boards.

## Free Assistance For College

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission offers free help for any student or family with questions about completing the FAFSA or Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. They can help with applications for college admission, as well.

Online events are available at [studentportal.isac.org/events](http://studentportal.isac.org/events) or [Facebook.com/ILStudentAssistance](https://www.facebook.com/ILStudentAssistance).

Assistance via phone, email, text, or videoconference with a local member of the ISACorps can be searched by zip code at [studentportal.isac.org/isa\\_corps](http://studentportal.isac.org/isa_corps). Two-way text messaging assistance through a local number is available at [isac.org/collegeqa](http://isac.org/collegeqa).

For online chat assistance, visit [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org).

## Obituaries

**MANUEL AL-FREDO AGUILAR**, passed away Nov. 3rd at the age of 52. Husband of Elena (nee Mercado); father of Erik and Cristian; brother of Benito Javier and Maria Luisa. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 13th from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart, followed by funeral Mass at Our Lady of Tepeyac Church. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery.



**PAWEŁ FINDURA** of Archer Heights passed away at the age of 69. Husband of Anna (nee Wadowska); father of Maria Findura (Robert) Tarka, Malgorzata (Michal) Kurdziel and Anna Findura-Marta; grandfather of David Marta, Michael Kurdziel, Dana Marta, Matthew Tarka and late Emily Tarka; brother of Helena (Lacy) Segen, Andrzej (Maria) Findura, late Jozef Findura and late Anna (late Jozef) Rabianski. Visitation was held Nov. 6th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 7th at St. Richard Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



**SHIRLEY A. KACZKA**, (nee Urbanski), of Cape Coral, Florida and long-time resident of Garfield Ridge passed away on Nov. 4th at the age of 91. She was the wife of late Donald J.

Kaczka, C.F.D; mother of Janice (late Jerry) Stojetz, Gary (Susan) Siwek and Scott (Denise) Kaczka; grandmother of Bob (Kristen) Stojetz, Amy (John) Lingelbach, Bill Stojetz, Nicole (Bill) Quinn, Deanna (Ryan) Warchol and Donald (Jasmine) Kaczka; great grandmother of Ryan, Jack, Mallory and Matthew; sister of Dorothy (late Gene) Kozola, Ann (late Jack) Grizzley and predeceased by two brothers and three sisters. Visitation and chapel services were held Nov. 8th and 9th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**NATIVIDAD ONOFRE** passed away Nov. 6th at the age of 77. Husband of Micaela (nee Bahena); father of Patrick; brother of Martha. Funeral Mass held on Nov 12th, 10 a.m. at St. Malachy Church, 2248 W. Washington. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements by Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

**FERNANDO VILLALOBOS**, passed away on Nov. 2nd at the age of 30. Husband of Jacqueline (nee Castro); son of Benjamin and Hermenia Villalobos; brother of Maribel and Nancy. Visitation was held Nov. 6th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was private.

## Online Hearings At Social Security

The Social Security Administration announced a new service for people awaiting a hearing decision. An online video hearing using the Microsoft Teams platform is available.

This new free service will allow applicants and their representatives to participate in the hearing from anywhere they have access to a camera-enabled smartphone, tablet, or computer.

The Social Security judge will see and interact with applicants and their representatives just like an in-person hearing, while maintaining privacy of the claimant’s information. Other hearing experts, such as medical or vocational experts, may participate as well.

For updates on the implementation and expansion of this new hearing service, and other Social Security information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/)

## Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

The staff of the Legler Regional Library will conduct Tots and Tales Story Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers on Thursdays Nov. 12th and 19th and Dec. 3rd from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be books, songs, rhymes and flannel boards, plus suggestions for at-home activities. Register at least 24 hours in advance.

A Grown(ish) Club: Adulting as a Teen for ages 13-18 will be held Thursdays, Nov. 12th and 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Topics will include relationships, leadership, money management, job readiness and more. Register by 1 p.m. of the event.

The program, Pint-sizes Picasso for ages 18 to 36 months and caregivers will be held on Friday, Nov. 12th and Monday, Nov. 30th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlers will enjoy art-related stories, create art and learn about numbers, colors and shapes. Register 24 hours in advance.

The Write About It! Writing Club will meet on Tuesdays, through Dec. 22nd from 4 to 4:45 p.m. All types are welcome including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and song. Register by 10 am. the day before.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children’s Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for children 18 to 35 months and their caregivers on Thursdays through Dec. 17th from 10 to 10:30 a.m. (except Nov. 26th). The program will include books, songs and rhymes.

A Career and Business

Workshop to identify resources or create a resume will be held on Thursdays, Nov. 12th and 19th from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Register one hour before the event.

Mock job interviews and resume help for adults and teens on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th and Dec. 1st, 3rd, 8th and 10th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Email Jose at [jgallegos@chipublib.org](mailto:jgallegos@chipublib.org) with the job you’re applying for.

Toon Talk, a web-comics discussion for teens will be held on Monday, Dec. 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. Register by noon on the day before the meeting.

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

## Contact Tracing Data Available

The Illinois Department of Public Health reports that COVID-19 data related to the state’s contact tracing operation is available at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/contact-tracing>. This includes statewide data related to outbreaks and exposure locations as well as school-level data in both categories. As of late October, 57 of the 97 local health departments are reaching out to more than 90 percent of cases and 86 of the 97 are reaching out to 75 percent or more.

While outbreak investigators pursue reports of multiple cases occurring in a single location, outbreak data is limited due to the challenges in pinpointing the exact location of multiple, epidemiologically linked cases. The largest single category of possible exposure is restaurants and bars, a trend that is consistent across state regions.

One of the challenges with contact tracing is the public’s reluctance to answer a phone call from a number they don’t recognize. To make it easier for Illinois residents to identify when a contact tracer is attempting to make contact, all calls made by contact tracers have the caller ID “IL COVID HELP.”

The state will publish data representing outbreaks and exposure locations for cases of COVID-19 in a variety of setting types, to be updated on a weekly basis.

In this first batch of released data, an outbreak is defined as five or more cases that are linked to a specific setting during a 14-day period. Linked cases must be from different households and not already connected from other sources. While certain settings like a college campus, a factory, or group home make it easier to determine an outbreak, most establishments that are frequented by the public, like restaurants or grocery stores, are harder to determine as the setting of an outbreak.

## Organ Tissue Donor Registration

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the state’s organ/tissue donor registry reached a milestone of 7 million registrants.

There are 10,764,540 individuals in Illinois who qualify to become organ/tissue donors. Of those, 65 percent have registered as organ/tissue donors.

More than 100,000 16- and 17-year-olds have registered with the program since 2018.

Residents can register with the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com) or by calling (800) 210-2106.

## Nature Center Schedules Events



The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs rd. will hold a 3 mile fitness hike for those looking to get some exercise outdoors on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 14th at 10:30 a.m. a naturalist will discuss the restoration efforts at the nature center. Stay to participate on some work on Black Oak Trail. Tools and gloves will be provided for adults 18+.

The Little Red Schoolhouse is talking turkey on Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live. Learn everything you don’t know about the favorite main dish for Thanksgiving. Join in the discussion and project to celebrate the season.

Learn how our local plants and animals are preparing for winter on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 11 a.m. Dress for the weather, for all ages.

Let the moon be your guide as you hike the one mile White Oak trail on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 6

p.m. Afterwards enjoy a warm-up by a bonfire under the night sky.

All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing at all events.

Registration required at (708) 839-6897.

## Caregivers Month For Alzheimer’s

November is National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month. To mark these events, the Alzheimer’s Association Illinois Chapter is encouraging people to lend a helping hand to Illinois family members and friends serving as caregivers.

The suggestions include educate yourself about the disease, give caregivers a break and join the fight.

To learn more visit [alz.org](http://alz.org).

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6 AM & 9:30 AM Sunday Masses  
**Weekday Schedule (Chapel)**  
Tue., Thurs., & Sat. 8 AM Mass  
St. Barbara: 312-842-7979

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Deadline Tuesday  
12 p.m. noon

ACA Marketplace  
Open Enrollment

Illinoisans can shop for  
health insurance on the  
Affordable Care Act  
Health Insurance Mar-  
ketplace. Open Enroll-  
ment through Dec. 15th.  
The Illinois Department  
of Insurance recommends  
consumers begin their  
search at [getcoveredillinois.gov](http://getcoveredillinois.gov) to find informa-  
tion to compare health  
plans, get free enrollment  
help and even financial  
assistance (if they qual-  
ify).

GCI Executive Direc-  
tor Laura Pellikan said  
that according to last  
year's enrollment num-  
bers, once the tax credit  
was applied, the average  
monthly premium pay-  
ment for Illinois con-  
sumers with an  
individual plan was about  
\$153.00. "Any savings on  
monthly health insurance  
premiums is significant to  
families struggling to pay  
for healthcare costs dur-  
ing the pandemic," said  
Pellikan. "We recommend  
that Illinoisans visit [getcoveredillinois.gov](http://getcoveredillinois.gov) to find  
information about finan-  
cial help and to see if they  
qualify."

Consumers can choose  
from among three differ-  
ent "metal" levels that  
represent a range of cov-  
erage and costs: Gold, Sil-  
ver, and Bronze. Anyone  
who was enrolled in a  
plan last year will be au-  
tomatically enrolled into  
the same plan or a similar  
one offered by the same  
insurer for the upcoming  
2021 plan year.

Get Covered Illinois is  
the official health market-  
place or "exchange" for  
Illinois consumers to pur-  
chase quality, affordable  
health insurance, facili-  
tated by the federal gov-  
ernment.

Go to the Get Covered  
Illinois website to find the  
right health plan for you  
and get free assistance  
from a certified applica-  
tion counselor to help you  
through the process.

## Grant Program For Hospitality Business

Mayor Lori E. Light-foot announced an emer-  
gency COVID-19 relief  
package for the hospital-  
ity industry, including a  
\$10 million grant pro-  
gram for restaurants and  
bars. The Chicago Hospi-  
tality Grant Program will  
reallocate CARES Act  
funding to supplement  
state and federal relief  
programs with grants of  
\$10,000 to independent  
bars and restaurants that  
have been affected by the  
state's recent closure of  
indoor service. Legislation  
will be introduced to the  
City Council to temporar-  
ily cap the fees that third-  
party companies can  
charge restaurants for their  
delivery services, while  
calling on Chicagoans to  
support the new *Take Out  
Chicago* contest. The City also  
announced the creation of  
a new ChiServes.com portal  
for hospitality workers to  
access workforce develop-  
ment support resources.

To be eligible, estab-  
lishments must be a bar  
or restaurant, as defined  
by City and State code,  
with annual revenue of  
under \$3 million, and  
must have experienced  
economic distress and loss  
due to COVID-19 on or  
after March 1, 2020 total-  
ing at least 25% of annual  
net revenue. Regional  
and/or national chain  
businesses with more  
than two total establish-  
ments are ineligible, as  
are adult entertainment  
facilities. Funds must be  
used to cover operational  
costs including payroll ex-  
penses, replenishment of  
inventory and/or mort-  
gage, rent and utilities  
payments. Grants will be  
distributed via lottery to  
recipients throughout the  
city, with 60% of grants  
reserved for businesses in  
low- and moderate-in-  
come community areas.  
Applications will open the  
week of Nov. 16th.

The *Take Out Chicago*  
contest asks residents to  
order takeout from ten  
unique bars and restau-  
rants through Dec. 15th  
to be entered into a con-  
test to win a VIP experi-

### Recycling At City Facility

Dispose of your house-  
hold chemicals responsi-  
bly and recycle your old  
computers by dropping  
them off at the City's per-  
manent Household  
Chemicals & Computer  
Recycling Facility at  
1150 N. Branch st. at Di-  
vision st. until Dec. 31st.  
Household chemicals  
and computers often con-  
tain hazardous sub-  
stances, such as lead,  
mercury, and PCBs can  
contaminate air, soil, and  
water. Through proper  
disposal methods or recy-  
cling, these hazardous  
substances are re-  
processed and reused in  
an environmentally-re-  
sponsible manner.

The facility accepts a  
range of items, including  
household cleaners, oil-  
based paints, solvents,  
cell phones, compact flu-  
orescent light bulbs, com-  
puters and related  
equipment. It does not  
accept business/commer-  
cial sector wastes, explo-  
sives, fireworks, or latex  
paint. Review the full list  
of items in both cate-  
gories before you visit.

During business  
hours, an attendant is  
outside, ready to help un-  
load your vehicle and ac-  
cept your materials.  
Materials should not be  
left outside the facility  
unattended. Do not drop  
off any items outside of  
scheduled business  
hours: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.  
to 12 p.m.; Thursdays,  
2 to 7 p.m.; the first Satur-  
day of every month 8  
a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a complete list of  
accepted/not accepted  
materials at [chicago.gov](http://chicago.gov).

ence at one of Chicago's  
premier cultural institu-  
tions. Chicagoans can  
learn more and submit  
their entry at  
[Chicago.gov/takeout](http://Chicago.gov/takeout). Re-  
cipients will be selected  
via lottery to win VIP  
tours for themselves and  
three family members at a  
select Chicago destina-  
tion, including the Art In-  
stitute, DuSable Museum,  
Lincoln Park Zoo, Soldier  
Field and more. Residents  
participating in the con-  
test should also post their  
orders using the hashtag  
#takeoutchicago.

The Chicago Cook  
Workforce Partnership  
has launched ChiServes.  
com, a portal that hospi-  
tality workers who have  
lost their jobs can use to  
access a network of re-  
sources. The Partnership  
is also launching a new  
text campaign where reg-  
istered recipients will re-  
ceive weekly blasts of  
current job listings. By  
texting "ChiServes" (or  
"ChiServe" for Spanish-  
speakers) to 474747,  
workers will receive texts  
with information about  
who is hiring now, upcom-  
ing virtual or in-person  
workshops and hiring  
events. Restaurant work-  
ers are also encouraged to  
apply for a grant through  
the Restaurant Employee  
Relief Fund.

To help bars and  
restaurants apply for the  
new Chicago Hospitality  
Grant Program, a series  
of webinars is planned. To  
register and learn more,  
visit [chicago.gov/businesseducation](http://chicago.gov/businesseducation). Busi-  
nesses may also apply for  
grants through the State  
of Illinois Business Inter-  
ruption Grant Program at  
[illinois.gov/deco](http://illinois.gov/deco).

### Annual Tree Trim At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo plans to  
brighten it up with its  
39th annual Holiday  
Magic. In preparation for  
the festive light displays  
nearly 600 local commu-  
nity groups and corpora-  
tions will participate on  
Saturdays and Sundays,  
Nov. 14th -15th and 21st-  
22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Target,  
the event has become a  
tradition for a variety of  
organizations, including  
scout troops, schools,  
churches, libraries, and  
clubs as well as individual  
families. Participants re-  
ceive a fully LED-lit tree,  
20 complimentary gen-  
eral admission passes and  
five parking passes good  
on Tree Trim days only,  
and a sign featuring the  
town and the names of  
those who donated and  
decorated the tree. Trees  
can be purchased online  
for \$160.

Community groups  
and companies may pur-  
chase additional admis-  
sion tickets for tree trim  
at a discounted rate of  
\$10 each. They are valid  
for adults, seniors.

Participants are re-  
sponsible for decorating  
their trees with home-  
made or store-bought or-  
naments.

A list of guidelines and  
creative ideas is available  
at [CZS.org/TreeTrim](http://CZS.org/TreeTrim).

For more information,  
[Tree.Trim@CZS.org](http://Tree.Trim@CZS.org).

## MSI Launches Learning Resource



To celebrate National  
STEM Day, the Museum  
of Science and Industry,  
launched a free educa-  
tional resource hub for  
students, teachers, fami-  
lies and community  
groups who are learning  
and teaching at home and  
in the classroom.

The Learning Re-  
sources virtual hub pro-  
vides educational tools in  
science, technology, engi-

neering and medicine at  
[msichicago.org/resources](http://msichicago.org/resources).

Free resources include:  
Learning Lab challenges:  
Pack a suitcase for Mars,  
explore your art supplies  
with science, and design,  
build and test a bridge  
with fun experiments  
using household items.  
Virtual Jr. Science Cafés:  
Meet working profession-  
als in the fields of STEM.  
Hear answers to common  
questions about working  
in science and try the in-  
teractive activity follow-  
ing the session.

Additional free re-  
sources for teachers in-  
clude: Science education  
webinars: Watch teacher  
professional development  
presentations from MSI  
Educators. Use student  
questions to drive a unit  
forward, learn how to in-  
tegrate real-world science  
content into your lesson,  
and more.

STEM Network re-  
sources: Hear from MSI  
Educators and School  
Partners on prioritizing  
science learning on a  
whole-scale level. Lesson  
guides: Get access to free  
lesson guides to supple-  
ment your science teach-  
ing and learning.

Learn more about The  
Welcome to Science Initia-  
tive at [msichicago.org/welcometoscience](http://msichicago.org/welcometoscience).

### Job Training For Unemployed

The Illinois Depart-  
ment of Commerce and  
Economic Opportunity  
announced a new \$16.6  
million investment to ex-  
pand job opportunities for  
unemployed as a result of  
or during the pandemic.  
Funding will place, train  
and hire nearly 1,300 re-  
sidents for an array of jobs.

Funded positions in-  
clude contact tracers, pro-  
tocol workers, building  
sanitization workers,  
temperature screeners,  
and food preparation and  
distribution workers.

Training and hiring  
for new workforce pro-  
grams is expected to  
begin this fall, with start  
time of each program  
varying by location. Par-  
ticipants will either un-  
dergo some form of  
training and/or receive  
supportive services, with  
many entering the job  
shortly after being  
trained. Local workforce  
agencies will prioritize  
applicants impacted by  
layoff or termination dur-  
ing the COVID-19 crisis  
at the time of their appli-  
cation.

A full list of workforce  
training grantees as well  
as their program offerings  
is available on the DCEO  
website as well as Get  
Hired Illinois.

### November Is Adoption Month

November is Adoption  
Awareness Month in Illi-  
nois, a time to acknowl-  
edge the thousands of  
families that have opened  
their hearts and homes to  
children in need.

The Illinois Depart-  
ment of Children and  
Family Services and Illi-  
nois Adoption Advisory  
Council's "What's your  
connection?" statewide  
campaign encourages the  
public to share their con-  
nection to adoption by  
printing coloring sheets  
with their children, plac-  
ing them in windows or  
on doors and sharing pho-  
tos on social media.

Last fiscal year 1,523  
Illinois children were  
adopted into permanent,  
families. Today there are  
over 18,000 youth in care  
waiting for a family and  
place to call home. To  
learn more about them,  
visit the Heart Gallery of  
Illinois at <https://greenlightfamilyservices.org/heartgalleryofil/>. For  
more information about  
becoming an adoptive  
parent, visit [www2.illinois.gov/dcf](http://www2.illinois.gov/dcf)s and click on  
"Loving Homes" then on  
"Become a Foster or  
Adoptive Parent."

### IDPH Urges Flu Shots

The Illinois Depart-  
ment of Public Health  
emphasizes the impor-  
tance of getting a flu shot  
during the ongoing pan-  
demic.

"This season more  
than ever, it is critical  
that Illinoisans get our flu  
shots," said Illinois De-  
partment of Public  
Health Director Dr. Ngozi  
Ezike. "Flu and COVID-  
19 each can cause serious  
respiratory illness and co-  
infection could possibly  
lead to more severe ill-  
nesses, hospitalization,  
and even death. While a  
vaccine is still in develop-  
ment, a vaccine for flu al-  
ready exists. Protect  
yourself and the people  
around you by getting the  
flu vaccine, which has  
been proven over the  
years to be safe and effec-  
tive."

Everyone six months  
of age and older should  
get the seasonal flu vac-  
cine which is available in  
a flu shot, or nasal spray.

More information  
about influenza can be  
found at [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov). More informa-  
tion about COVID-19 can  
be found at [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19).

## School Councils Hold Elections

To ensure school com-  
munities are able to have  
their voices heard safely  
during the COVID-19  
pandemic, updates have  
been made to 2020 Local  
School Council (LSC) elec-  
tions.

All parents, legal  
guardians, or temporary  
custodians of a CPS stu-  
dent are eligible to vote at  
their student's respective  
school.

Elections are also open  
to any community mem-  
bers who are 17 years or  
older and reside in a re-  
spective school's atten-  
dance area or voting  
district, even if they do  
not have any children en-  
rolled at the school.

To ensure all eligible  
voters are able to partici-  
pate safely, there is a  
mail-in ballot option for  
parents, guardians and  
staff members in addition  
to in-person voting. Stu-  
dents will use a virtual-  
only ballot system.

Because the district  
does not have a roster of  
all residents living within  
an attendance boundary,  
community members will  
vote in-person, with en-  
hanced health and safety  
measures.

All in-person voters  
will be required to wear a  
cloth face covering, sani-  
tize their hands, maintain  
social distancing, and  
complete a health  
screener and temperature  
check before entering the  
building.

Inside the building,  
voters will be protected by  
sneeze guards and other  
physical barriers and see  
signage throughout school  
facilities to emphasize  
new policies and proce-  
dures.

Curbside voting will be  
available for individuals  
with disabilities, individ-  
uals who cannot or forgot  
to wear a mask, and in-  
dividuals who choose not  
to enter the polling place

### Virtual Memorial Invites Submissions

The City of Chicago  
unveiled a web-based,  
virtual memorial to re-  
member Chicagoans who  
have lost their lives to  
COVID-19.

Residents are encour-  
aged to share stories and  
photos about their fam-  
ily, friends, and neigh-  
bors through an online  
form that can be accessed  
at [www.chicago.gov/covid19](http://www.chicago.gov/covid19).

due to pre-existing health  
conditions.

The district does not  
track or check immigra-  
tion status and commu-  
nity and parent voters do  
not need to be U.S. Citi-  
zens in order to vote.

All in-person voters  
will need to bring two cur-  
rent forms of identifica-  
tion with them to vote,  
but parents and  
guardians should include  
at least one form of ID  
confirming their child is  
enrolled at CPS, and com-  
munity members should  
have documentation of  
their residential address.

In-person voting for  
parents, legal guardians,  
staff members and com-  
munity members will take  
place for Elementary  
Schools: Nov. 18th be-  
tween 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
and High Schools: Nov.  
19th between 7:00 a.m.  
and 7:00 p.m.

Mail-in ballots must be  
received by the 7:00 p.m.  
on the date of the respec-  
tive election. Voters can  
also drop their ballot off at  
their school up to the date  
of the election.

Students will receive  
electronic ballots from  
principals on Nov. 16th to  
vote on Nov. 17th.

### Driver's License Good To Feb. 1st

Illinois Secretary of  
State Jesse White an-  
nounced that expiration  
dates for driver's licenses  
and ID cards have been  
extended an additional  
three months until Feb.  
1st, 2021. This new exten-  
sion also includes those  
who have November, De-  
cember and January expi-  
ration dates.

Customers who can  
conduct business online  
may go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to take  
advantage of online serv-  
ices – such as renewing li-  
cense plate stickers,  
obtaining a duplicate driv-  
er's license or ID card,  
obtaining a driving record  
abstract or renewing a  
standard driver's license  
through the Safe Driver  
renewal program.

The driver's license ex-  
piration date has been ex-  
tended by one year for  
qualified drivers age 75  
and older. The new expi-  
ration date is their birth-  
day in 2021.

For more information,  
visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).



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Call4Calm

text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health  
Division has launched a free-of-charge emotional support  
text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and  
mental health issues related to COVID-19.

Individuals who would like to speak with a mental health  
professional can text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0, or for  
Spanish "HABLAR" to the same number: 5-5-2-0-2-0

Call4Calm is free to use, and individuals will remain  
anonymous. Once a resident sends a text to the hotline,  
within 24 hours they will receive a call from a counselor employed  
by a local community mental health center to provide support.

Individuals can also text 5-5-2-0-2-0, with key words such as  
"unemployment" or "food" or "shelter" and will receive  
information on how to navigate and access supports and services



# MWRD Celebrates Latinx Heritage



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Marcelino Garcia, staff and friends joined the team from Urban Rivers to kayak the North Branch Canal of the Chicago River and learn how waterway protection has led to miles of potential. To commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month, the event sparked opportunities for the LatinX community to explore a STEM education and interact with their water environment. The MWRD also celebrated the month by honoring individual LatinX employees and acknowledging their contributions on social media.

## ISMS Comment On Home COVID Testing

As retailers begin to market and sell COVID-19 at-home test kits, the Illinois State Medical Society reminds patients that there is free testing available at multiple locations by visiting [https://](https://dph.illinois.gov/testing)

[dph.illinois.gov/testing](https://dph.illinois.gov/testing). Home testing is limited and may provide a false sense of security. A negative result today doesn't make you immune tomorrow, nor does it mean you can forget about recommended public health precautions. If you are experienced symptoms of COVID-19, you should call your physician's office for a medical evaluation.

If you test positive, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends isolating yourself at home and monitoring symptoms. While most people experience mild symptoms, if you experience difficulty breathing or any other warning signs, seek emergency medical care. Visit <https://www.isms.org/COVID-19/>

## Emergency Tips For Caregivers

Emergency situations, such as tornados, hurricanes, heatwaves and blizzards, can significantly impact everyone's safety, but they can be especially upsetting and confusing for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Being prepared is crucial. There are steps and precautions you can take to be as ready as possible. However, if you find yourself in an emergency situation and you haven't made advance preparations, there are still actions you can take to keep you and the person living with dementia as safe as possible.

The American Red Cross website offers information about preparing for an emergency and where to find shelter and supplies in a disaster. The National Hurricane Center provides alerts and tips.

Ready.gov has information about what to do before, during and after a disaster. The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline is always available at (800) 272-3900.

## Hotline For Domestic Abuse

If you or anyone you know may experience domestic violence during the Stay at Home order, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) recommends creating a safety plan that considers travel restrictions and limited shelter options. More information is available in English and Spanish at [bit.ly/NDVHcorona](http://bit.ly/NDVHcorona).

The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline (1-877-863-6338) is experiencing an increase in calls and its shelters are at capacity.

# Meet the Penguin Chicks at Shedd



The four Magellanic penguins Porter, Popi, Sir Elio and Dee are officially fully grown and joined the penguin colony in their habitat at the aquarium. Guests who plan a visit to the aquarium can potentially spot the penguin chicks by their slightly lighter grey feathers in the Polar Play Zone. Visitor information is at [SheddAquarium.org](http://SheddAquarium.org).

# Restore Environment At Shedd Action Days



Local residents are invited in small, socially-distant groups to give back to the environment during Shedd Aquarium's Action Days. Community members can volunteer their time to clean up and restore Chicago area natural spaces with conservation experts. Activities include picking up litter and removing invasive plant species like buckthorn, which choke out the native plant species that are essential parts of forest ecosystem for animals like salamanders, frogs and pollinators.

Forest restoration and invasive species removal will take place at Bob Mann Woods (LaGrange Park) on Saturday, Nov. 14th; Thursday, Nov. 19th; Saturday, Dec. 12th and Thursday, Dec. 17th all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited to ensure

sure volunteers and staff can maintain social distancing, so registration is required. Those interested can sign up by emailing [ActionDays@shedd Aquarium.org](mailto:ActionDays@shedd Aquarium.org).

## Social Isolation For Older Adults

The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health, together with the Illinois Department on Aging, is sharing resources for older adults in need of support.

"The stress on everybody is growing every day. Plan for what you can, and focus on things you can control," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "I encourage everyone to be mindful of our older family members, friends, or neighbors and check in to see how they are doing. Find a creative way to communicate with them during this time and monitor their health."

For those seeking assistance, visit [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us) and click on "Help is Here," visit the IDoA website at [www.illinois.gov/aging](http://www.illinois.gov/aging), call the IDoA Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or by email [aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov](mailto:aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov).

## Sewer Project For Brighton Park

The Department of Water Management will launch a new Sewer Main project in Brighton Park during early November.

Sewer upgrade installation is scheduled for the following: along 44th st. from Western to Fairfield and on Maplewood, Campbell, and Artesian from 45th st. to the first alley north of 45th st., and along 45 st. from Artesian to Western ave.

The duration of the project is expected to last for 3 to 4 months. Notification will be delivered to affected residents.

For more information, call the 15th Ward Office at (773) 823-1539.

## 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, Nov. 21st 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](http://www.chicagobar.org).

## Restore Driving Privileges By Email

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that a new email service is available for those needing information on reinstating driving privileges, obtaining driving relief or scheduling an administrative hearing.

Individuals who have a driver's license suspension, revocation or any other loss of driving privileges can send an email to [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov).

## Budget Website For Cook County

In conjunction with the release of the FY2021 Executive Budget Recommendation, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle unveiled a new, interactive budget website.

Numerous interactive charts and graphs of budget data provide insight on County expenditures, revenues, grants and infrastructure spending.

Visitors can now go directly from the visualizations to download tables of underlying data on the Cook County Open Data Portal. Data going back to FY2018 allows visitors to compare current revenues and expenditures with historical numbers.

Despite the pressures caused by the pandemic, a \$6.9 billion Executive Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2021 addresses the fallout without increasing taxes or cutting critical services.

For more information, <https://budget.cookcountyil.gov>

## Recycling For Home Electronics

Healthy Chicago is conducting a residential electronics recycling program at 2300 W. 52nd st. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through December.

Accepted items are: computer, computer monitor, TV, printer, fax, scanner, keyboards & mice, VCRs, DVD players, DVD recorders, video game consoles, portable digital music players, digital converter boxes, cable & satellite receivers and small-scale servers.

Materials should not be left outside of operating hours. Commercial and other residential electronics will not be accepted.

To learn more about this program, visit [www.chicago.gov/hccrf](http://www.chicago.gov/hccrf).

## Red Cross Issues Appeal

The Red Cross continues to be in need of blood. Schedule a donation appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 800-RED-CROSS.

# IDoA Promotes Falls Prevention

The Illinois Department on Aging is committed to empowering older adults to reduce their risk of falls, which are one of the greatest causes of serious injuries and death among people over age 65.

IDoA can connect older adults and their caregivers with trustworthy local support resources that can assist with providing groceries, assistive technology, access to ethnic meals, home modifications, and rental assistance. Learn more by using the department's Provider Profile search tool. Additionally, visitors to [www.ncoa.org/FallsFreeCheckUp](http://www.ncoa.org/FallsFreeCheckUp) can complete a 12-question survey that screens them for the most common falls risk factors.

Find and fix trip and fall hazards in your home. Consider rearranging your kitchen, so commonly used items are within reach. Remove throw rugs, as they are a tripping hazard, and wrap cords or wires and keep them off the floor if you can.

Physical activity is a great way to prevent falls and there are many exercises that can be done at

home. For ideas, visit our website.

Care for Your Feet: Wear proper-fitting, non-slip footwear.

Continue your medicine routine. Don't wait to the last minute to have your medications refilled. Talk to your pharmacist and health care insurer to see if your insurance plan offers a more affordable mail-order option. Some insurers are also allowing early refills and extending the term of a prescription from a 30-day supply to a 90-day supply. Additionally, if you rely on others to help fill your weekly medication boxes or remind you to take your medications, consider the Automated Medication Dispenser Program.

IDoA, its 13 Area Agencies on Aging, and 55 Care Coordination Units are working to ensure that services provided by the agency are never interrupted. If you or an older family member, friend, or neighbor need assistance, visit [www.illinois.gov/aging](http://www.illinois.gov/aging) or contact the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (hearing impaired call 888-206-1327) or email [aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov](mailto:aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov).



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- Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing and/or coughing
- Don't touch your face with unwashed hands
- Don't shake hands
- Pay closer attention to cold or flu symptoms

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