



Black History Month



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Parents and teachers might notice in your students' curriculum some classes oriented toward Black history. This is common in many places because February has been designated as Black History Month. Some of our neighbors may say "Why? We have so few Black students". I, as a former educator, found that in the many years I taught in all African American schools, some educators missed an important point.

I will give an example. In one school the kids from 3rd grade up were to dress like their favorite African American historical figure. With what appeared to be little understanding, the result was dozens of Dr. Martin Luther King, Kareem Abdul Jabaar, and Michael Jackson.

These individuals are well known, rich and most likely nice people. The other people selected were also athletes and performers. I brought this up at a staff meeting and, as usually happens, the squeaky wheel was chosen and I ran the event in the subsequent year. The principal knew I had a

minor in African-American history.

The following year we added one important fact to the celebration. The students were not allowed to choose Dr. King, athletes or performers. The students had no problem finding enough worthy individuals to honor, war heroes, scientists, inventors, writers and many other professions. This, I thought, was more in the keeping of what Carter G. Woodson envisioned when he introduced Negro History Week in February, 1926. This later became Black History Month in February of 1976 as part of the USA's bicentennial celebration.

If you think about it and you have youngsters at home or in your class, the more people in diverse occupations they can identify with, the better off they are. The reality is few of us will be 6' 7" or have an outstanding voice, or have a beautiful face and figure but there are skills you can develop and other people who look like you have done before. They know with work it is possible.

The DuSable Museum is not just for the Black kids, nor is the Mexican Museum of Fine Arts only for Hispanic kids. We should introduce that they have a wide array of careers and because the way the United States was formed students may have professions that do not even exist today. Many of you can identify with this.

When I was a kid, there were no McDonalds, no computer programs, or astronauts. But if we learn to learn, and identify that we should not be limited we can appreciate those who came before us, regardless of race or religion. On the other hand, rely on our own abilities to do better than our parents.

Namaste Charter School Accepting Applications

Namaste Charter School, 3737 S. Paulina is accepting applications of grades kindergarten - 8 for the 2021-22 School Year.

Virtual Open House will be conducted on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 2021 from 5 to 6 p.m., register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/75fae620-55b9-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416> and Thursday, Feb. 25th from 12 to 1 p.m., register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/c6e94860-55b9-11eb-944c-7bde83562d21>.

A lottery will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 9 a.m., register at <https://www.airmeet.com/e/b4e44fd0-55c2-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416>. Phone (773) 715-9558. Since 2004, the school

has integrated health and wellness programming to ensure students' physical and social-emotional health for academic achievement.

Ill. Tax Filing Begins Feb. 12th

The Illinois Department of Revenue will begin accepting 2020 state individual income tax returns on Friday, Feb. 12th, the same date that the Internal Revenue Service begins accepting federal individual income tax returns. If a taxpayer electronically files an error-free return, they should receive a direct deposit refund in four to six weeks, if applicable.

The 2020 tax filing deadline is Thursday, April 15. IDOR remains committed to protecting taxpayers from identify theft and will continue to work with the IRS and other states to strengthen protections. Taxpayers are encouraged to protect their personal information and stay alert to phone scams or phishing emails.

Free filing of Form IL-1040 is available through MyTax Illinois. Individuals may also utilize MyTax Illinois to make payments, respond to department inquiries, and check the status of their Illinois Individual Income Tax refunds using the Where's My Refund? link. Taxpayers may also look up IL-PINs, amounts of any estimated tax payments made, and amounts reported on Form 1099-G with MyTax Illinois.

For the most up-to-date information, forms, schedules, and instructions for the 2020 tax year, visit IDOR's website at: tax.illinois.gov.

Enchanted Backpack Visits PJPII School



Enchanted Backpack visited Pope John Paul II Catholic School, 4325 S. Richmond on Jan. 21st. Two mobile vans delivered a variety of school supplies, hats, gloves, games, and more for students.

The charitable organization serves under-resourced elementary and middle schools in Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana, and is expanding its support to include Florida.

Pope John Paul II School invites families to schedule an appointment to learn more about its programs. Contact Ms. Yamili Cano ycano@pjpii-school.org or call/text (872) 228-9179.

St. Laurence Becomes IB World School

St. Laurence High School, 5556 W. 77th St., Burbank, has received official authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School. The announcement comes after an extensive candidacy phase that lasted nearly two years and involved several evaluations of the school's curriculum, teachers, facilities and more.

Only 37 high schools in Illinois offer the IB Diploma Program and 3 are Catholic schools.

Beginning August 2021, St. Laurence will offer courses that align with the DP, which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed.

DP students become more attractive candi-

dates to colleges in the admissions process because they are choosing the most rigorous academic path available. They also may receive credit or advanced standing by scoring well on IB exams. Coursework models a college experience in development of thinking, communication, self-management, social, and research skills.

The school will continue to offer AP courses as options for its students in addition to IB.

Last year, 25 seniors were named Illinois State Scholars, the most in over 30 years. The Class of 2020 earned over \$30 million in college scholarships to attend Notre Dame, Northwestern, the University of Illinois and more.

Teacher Of Month



A. ECHEVARRIA

WGN-TV 9 recently honored Adrian Echevarria, an educator at Nathanael Greene Elementary School, 35th & Honore with its Teachers of the Month Award. During the past 13 years, he has served in many roles, and last year

was a music teacher.

The nomination was offered by a former student who praised Mr. E. for inspiring her to succeed.

The award's sponsor, attorney Ken Allen, gave Echevarria a \$1,000 check for the school. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of Ukeleles.

Webinars Explain Money Management

Let's Talk Money is a free, online webinar series from University of Illinois Extension that can help individuals and families, gain a better understanding of basic financial topics and improve their financial situation.

The 8-week series helps consumers turn tough financial topics into more simple conversations. Participants will learn strategies to help understand spending habits, manage debt responsibly, understand credit scores, and save money for retirement and other important life events.

Register at go.illinois.edu/TalkMoney for one or more sessions held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Topics include: How Much is Too Much Debt (Feb. 9), Fair Access to Credit (Feb. 16), Debt Repayment Strategies (Feb. 23), Credit Scores Revealed (March 2), Secrets for Financial Success (March 9), Framing Biases, Overcoming Hurdles (March 16) and Make Your Savings Grow (March 23).

For more information, contact program organizer Kathy Sweedler at sweedler@illinois.edu.

Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

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

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

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

The Chicago Public Library will conduct online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesdays, through June 8th from 4 to 5 p.m.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for children 3 to 5 and their caregivers on Fridays, Feb. 19th and 26 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Register by 9 a.m. the day before the event.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's library will conduct 30 minutes of moving and grooving on Mondays, Feb. 8th and

22nd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The program is suitable for children ages 0 to 7 and their caregivers.

The staff of Legler Regional Library will conduct Tots and Tales story-time for ages 0 to 5 and their caregiver via Zoom on Thursdays, through Feb. 11th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Register 24 hours in advance.

Family Story Time for ages 0-5 and caregivers will feature books, finger plays, activities, rhymes and music on Saturdays through Feb. 27th at 10 a.m. Register by 9 a.m. the day before.

STEM Around the House will be available on Tuesdays, Feb. 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th and May 25th at 5 p.m. Participants will solve problems, meet design challenges and have some STEM-y fun with things you have around the house. Best for kids ages 5 to 12, but younger children are welcome to participate with an adult. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

Mock Interviews and Resume Help for adults and Teens is available on Thursdays through Feb. 25th from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Chicago Student Invention Convention for ages 5 to 13 will be conducted on Tuesdays, through Feb. 23rd from 5 to 5:45 p.m. This project-based program utilizes existing STEM skills and emphasizes creative problem-solving, resilience and communication. Plan to attend all 4 sessions, if possible. Register 24 hours in advance.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Auto Renewal For Property Exemptions

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi reminds property owners that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois legislature is allowing the Assessor's Office to automatically renew many property tax exemptions for tax year 2020. The following exemptions will automatically renew this year, for homeowners who received them last year for tax year 2019 and who remained eligible in 2020:

Homeowner Exemption (annual auto-renewal), Senior Exemption (annual auto-renewal), Senior Freeze Exemption (2020 auto-renewal), Persons with Disabilities Exemption (2020 auto-renewal) and Veterans with Disabilities Exemption (2020 auto-renewal).

Households will receive mail from the Assessor that confirms the auto-renewal of the exemptions placed on their homes. All exemptions will be applied to the second installment property tax bills issued in summer of 2021.

Property owners are advised that the first installment bill that was recently mailed does not reflect 2020 exemptions, assessment appeals, or assessment COVID adjustments. By law, it is 55 percent of the total taxes paid the previous year.

The Assessor's Office also identifies households who may be newly eligi-

ble for exemptions (such as homes that recently sold before January 1, 2020) and homes that have not received an exemption in the last two years. The Assessor's Office mails Taxpayer Exemption Booklets which contain applications and instructions on how to apply for the Homeowner, Senior, and Senior Freeze Exemptions if eligible.

Applications will also be made available on cookcountyassessor.com during the first week of February and are due March 31, 2021. In addition, the Assessor's Office determines which properties may qualify under state law for the Longtime Homeowner Exemption, and mails an application to these homeowners.

Additional information regarding all exemptions may be found by visiting www.cook-countyassessor.com/exemptions.

Edwards Honored

Katrina-Jade Edwards (60632) was named to the Fall 2020 President's List at Georgia State University.

Her major is Interdisciplinary Studies.

Degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 4.0 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit during the fall or spring term with no incompletes for the semester.

Le Honored

Ha Thu Le of Chicago was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Le was initiated at The University of Texas at Dallas.

Membership is by invitation only and required nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Applications For Chicago Scholars



Youth nonprofit, Chicago Scholars has opened its application to join their 2026 graduating class program. The organization, which selects and mentors ambitious under-resourced or first-generation Chicago students through the college process, encourages high school juniors to apply.

The newest class will receive support throughout the college application process, including the opportunity to attend the Chicago Scholars Onsite College and Leadership Forum, a one-day event that results in more than 1,100 offers of admission and \$42 million in merit aid.

Once enrolled in a

four-year college, Scholars will receive leadership development and supportive relationships directed towards their individual needs for academic and social success, as well as the resources, training, and opportunities needed to complete college and transition to a professional career.

For more information visit: <https://chicagoscholars.org/apply>. The application closes on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Applications for professional Chicagoans to serve as mentors to this incoming class is now open.

For more information visit: <https://chicago-scholars.org>.

Pappas Explains Property Taxes



M. PAPPAS

Thanks to a change in the law, property owners have two extra months to pay their First Installment Cook County property tax bills without a late fee, through May 3rd, 2021, Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners in November waived for two months the 1.5 percent per month late fee on all Tax Year 2020 property taxes.

Taxpayers can pay the First Installment, due March 2nd, 2021, without a late fee through May 3rd, 2021. Late fees also will be waived for two months for the Second Installment, due later this year.

Tax bills should start arriving in the mailboxes of the owners of about 1.8 million home, businesses and land.

Taxpayers should look at the front of the bill where a section called "Taxing District Debt and Financial Data," provides information for each taxing district, including: Money owned by your taxing districts; Pension and health care amounts promised by your taxing

districts; Amount of pension and health care shortage and Percentage of pension and health care costs taxing districts are able to pay.

Property owners can pay their bills by visiting cookcountytreasurer.com and entering their street address.

Dean's List At Aurora University

Aurora University announces the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester which recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Local scholars and their major are: Anna Bautista, Communication and Media; Julissa Santana, Psychology, Communication and Media and Jada Williams, Criminal Justice, Communication and Media (high honors for perfect 4.0).

On High Honor Dean's List

Connecticut College of New London, Connecticut has named students to the dean's high honor list for the 2020 fall semester.

Local scholars are Stephanie Lopez, 2021, Neuroscience and Kiara Rivera, 2021, Theater.

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Shedd Aquarium Has Reopened



Shedd Aquarium has reopened its doors after 70 days of closure with general public admission. By participating in any of the paid virtual programs, you are directly fueling the aquarium's mission and helping to support animal welfare, conservation research and ongoing virtual education efforts.

Meet sea otters, penguins, or sea lions from home during a Virtual Animal Encounter. Two links for \$69.95, share this experience with a friend or family member.

Families can log-on from the comfort of their home for "Zzzs Under the Seas" a Virtual Slumber Party with Shedd for \$125 per household. Explore all aspects of aquatic life, including up-close looks at animals at Shedd in their habitats or behind-the-scenes, and participate in hands-on activities, games and more. The next morning, enjoy breakfast with the belugas and yoga with the fishes.

Virtual Aquarium Adventures for grades K-5 will cost \$39.95. Meet animals up close, explore Shedd Aquarium habitats and participate in hands-on activities, games and more.

A free program, "Sea Curious" designed by kids will answer a question about animals by exploring and having adventures at the aquarium. There are 9 aquatic animal videos, 3-5 minutes each. Video topics range from "do animals play?" to "What do animals eat?"

A free program "Stay Home with Shedd" for grades 3-5 will feature underwater biology and aquatic biodiversity.

There are 4 aquatic animal videos, 10-15 min-

1099 -G Forms For Unemployment

1099-G tax forms are now available for claimants who received unemployment insurance benefits in 2020, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Claimants who collected UI benefits last year need the 1099-G tax form to complete state and federal tax returns. The form is necessary for individuals who received state or federal UI benefits.

This includes claimants who received regular UI benefits and/or benefits under the new federal pandemic relief programs, including Pan-demic Unemployment Assistance, Federal Pan-demic Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Lost Wages Assistance and state Extended Benefits.

Claimants who opted to receive their 1099-G tax form electronically, which is an option available when claimants establish an IDES account, will receive an email notification with instructions to access the document from the IDES website. Claimants who opted not to receive their 1099-G tax form electronically will receive a paper form via regular mail; these claimants may also access and print their 1099-G form online by visiting the IDES website (login required). Previous years' 1099-G information is also available for claimants online for the prior seven years.

Additional information about the 1099-G form is available on the IDES website. Individuals who have questions about this form can contact the Department at (800) 244-5631 and select the appropriate queue to speak with an expert.

Individuals who did not apply for or receive UI benefits in 2020 but receive a 1099-G tax form from IDES are asked to contact the Department. Receiving this form without having applied for or

received unemployment benefits is an indication of identity theft and that a fraudulent claim was filed using the personally identifying information.

This PII was obtained through prior large-scale data breaches and cyber hacks (e.g. Equifax data breach in 2017 which compromised the PII of nearly 150 million; Target data breach in 2013 which compromised the PII of nearly 110 million; Yahoo data breach in 2014 which compromised the PII of nearly 3 billion) and is now being used by organized crime and fraudsters to illegally file for UI benefits and defraud state unemployment systems.

IDES encourages all individuals to enhance the safety of personal information and cyber security where possible and never willingly share personal information online or under suspicious circumstances. More information about unemployment fraud and how to protect your PII can be found on the IDES website.

After fraudulent activity has been reported, the Department will investigate the matter and work with victims to get them a corrected form. Victims of identity theft will not be held responsible for repaying any benefits that may have been administered in their name by fraudsters, nor will they be held responsible for tax implications resulting from a fraudulent claim. To date, IDES has stopped more than 962,000 fraudulent unemployment claims since March 1, 2020.

IDES understands the urgency associated with tax season and is committed to ensuring Department resources are available to assist individuals with questions regarding the 1099-G tax form and filing process. For tax filing information, individuals are encouraged to call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-1040 or visit their website at IRS.gov.

Obituaries



MARTIN CAHUE, passed away on Jan. 23rd at the age of 56. He was the husband of Matilde (nee Cahue); father of Mayra, Carmen, and Gabriela; brother of Anatolia, Armando, Maricela, Lucia, and Elizabeth. Visitation was held Jan. 31st at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 1st at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment was at Michoacan, Mexico.



HERMINIO MARTINEZ-TOLEDO passed away on Jan. 20th at the age of 66. He was the husband of late Rachael Martinez; father of Jerry (Reyna) Negrete, Jorge (Kathy) Negrete, Robert (Cheri) Negrete, Linda, and Ronald (Kristen) Negrete; brother of Alfonso, Elpidio, Ezequiel, M.A. Amparo, and Jaime; grandfather of 34 and great grandfather of 35. Visitation was held Jan. 27th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at Michoacan, Mexico.



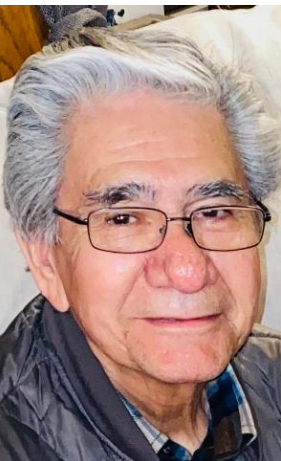
JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ, passed away suddenly on Jan. 24th at the age of 29. He was the son of Jose & Inez Ramirez; brother of Alfredo and Elizeth; nephew of Fernando Ortiz. Visitation was held Feb. 3rd at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Feb. 4th at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 2700 S. Central Park. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

College Fair Goes Virtual

Tribune Publishing will sponsor a free Virtual College Fair March 4th through 20th. The event will feature schools across the country, virtual campus tours, talks with industry experts and informational seniors. Registration is required at TribPubCollegeFair.com.



ROY J. FAULK, passed away on Jan. 14th, at the age of 66. Survivors are his daughters, Courtney and Jennifer; son-in-law Justin Murray; grandchildren Logan and Ava Murray, and Kevin and Emmett Hartnett and ex-wife Terri (nee Buck). Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 5th at All Saints Lutheran Church in Orland Park. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs.

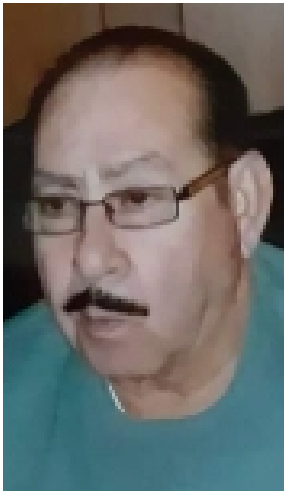


ANTONIO GONZALEZ, passed away on Jan. 24th at the age of 78. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Tepeyac Church. Interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Virtual Tours Of Cultural Center

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will present a prerecorded video tour series or a live 40 minute virtual docent led tour of the Chicago Cultural Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 11 a.m. Video Tours available at any time from your own device at https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/lccc.html

For more information VolunTours@city-ofchicago.org.



JOSE FRANCO passed away on Jan. 10th at the age of 83. Visitation was held Jan. 22nd at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 23rd at St. Gall Catholic Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Science Pogram On Facebook Live

The Little Red Schoolhouse will conduct a program "I'm a Scientist: The Matter of Attraction" Facebook Live on Thursday, Feb. 18th at 10 a.m.

An experiment will demonstrate how magnetism affects our planet and its processes. For more information, (708) 839-6897 or littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.gov.

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.

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 Virtual Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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.

COVID Vaccine Scam Warning

The City of Chicago and Chicago Public Health Department are warning residents about COVID-19 vaccine scams. Calls, texts, or emails offering early access to a COVID -19 vaccine are not legitimate, and you should not respond.

Vaccines are begin distributed using a phased approach, starting with priority access populations like health care workers and long-term care facilities residents and staff.

Scammers may pretend they are from the World Health Organization, or the Centers for Disease Control or Governor Pritzker's or Mayor's Lightfoot's office. They may offer to ship a COVID-19 vaccination to your home, or provide early access to city sites for a price, or be selling cold storage units to keep your vaccine safe.

Never give out your social security number, do not pay for a vaccine or buy and send gift cards, do not reply to calls or texts suggesting you "sign up" for a vaccination list. The vaccine will not be available to the general public for several months, and it will always be free of charge.

Fraudulent COVID-19 products can be reported to: HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS; hhs.gov COVID-19. FBI hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI; ic3.gov. CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE. Covid19vaccines@city-ofchicago.org for COVID19 VACCINE ONLY.

2,304 New Cases of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 2,304 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including 47 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities included 2 males 50s, 1 female 60s, 5 males 60s, 3 females 70s, 4 males 70s, 1 female 80s, 5 males 80s, 1 female 90s and 1 male 90s.

IDPH is reporting a total of 1,130,917 cases, including 19,306 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 60,899 specimens for a total 16,161,454. 2,447 individuals were reported to be hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 533 patients were in the ICU and 265 were on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Jan. 26th - Feb. 1st is 3.9%.

Text Scam For Federal Real ID

Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Secretary of State Jesse White warned residents to be on alert for text message scams related to upcoming Federal Real ID requirements.

Scammers are sending unsolicited text messages claiming to be from the Illinois Department of Employment Security which urges the recipient to click on a link to update their driver's license or state ID to comport with upcoming Federal Real ID requirements.

The text is a scam, and recipients should not click on the link or provide any information. Visiting the website could place malware on the recipient's device or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information.

The Real ID Act, passed by Congress, establishes minimum security standards for state driver's licenses and IDs. Once the act takes effect, Illinois residents won't be able to use their driver's licenses or state IDs at airport security or military bases, among other places, unless it complies with the Real ID Act. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended Real ID requirements to Oct. 1, 2021. Current Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will continue to be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until that date.

Visit the Illinois Secretary of State's office at realid.ilsos.gov for more information about updating a driver's license to comply with the Real ID Act. Individuals who have questions about text message scams or identity theft should call the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438 or file an online complaint.

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Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 11:00am - 12:00pm
Register at: <https://www.aimmeet.com/e/6b7ab780-55b8-11eb-bfea-09aa05c3416>

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Register at: <https://www.aimmeet.com/e/75fae620-55b9-11eb-bfea-09aa05c3416>

Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 12:00pm-1:00pm
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Purpose

Namaste Charter School promotes curiosity and lifelong student success by implementing and sharing a holistic educational model. We combine health and wellness with academic rigor in a safe and inclusive environment.

History

Since 2004, Namaste Charter School has been a model for the integration of health and wellness programming in school to ensure students' lasting physical and social-emotional health parallel to high academic achievement. Namaste was purposefully designed in response to research on learning and promotes equity as a school that educates the whole child.



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Senior citizens having a hard time paying their property taxes can take advantage of a loan program administered by the Cook County Treasurer's Office.
Seniors whose annual household income is \$55,000 or less can apply now for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program, which issues loans to cover property tax payments.
The loans, which are issued by the State of Illinois, do not have to be repaid until the property is sold or the homeowner dies. A simple interest rate of 6 percent per year is charged. The maximum loan is \$5,000 per year. To qualify, homeowners must be at least 65 years old by June 1st of the year in which the application is made.
To apply: Download the application from cook-countytreasurer.co; Submit the completed application and copies of the required documents to the Treasurer's Office by March 1st.
Homeowners must reapply every year. The First Installment for Tax Year 2020 is due March 2nd, 2021, but late charges are waived through May 3rd, 2021.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
EASTER COLBERT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2020CH01461
8058 S TALMAN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60652
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 16, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 8058 S TALMAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-36-210-038-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (g) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2020CH01461
TJSC#: 40-2514
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Case # 2020CH01461
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS12
Plaintiff,
-v-
MARY WILLIAMS, PATRICIA DAVIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2020CH04192
1238 W. 73RD ST.
CHICAGO, IL 60636
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-v-
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Chgo. Park District Offers Ice Rinks



The Chicago Park District operates ice rinks at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd., phone (312) 747-5992 and Wentworth Park, 5625 S. Mobile, phone (312) 442-2194. Admission is free, skate rental is \$7 for all ages.
McKinley Park offers open skate on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 1:30 to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday events are 10 to 10:45 a.m., Stick & Puck; 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Pond Hockey; 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to Skate and 1 to 9 p.m. Open Skate.
Wentworth Park features open skate on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Saturdays events are

10 to 10:45 a.m. Stick & Puck; 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Pond Hockey; 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to Skate and 1 to 9 p.m. Open Skate. Sunday events are 10 to 10:45 a.m. Stick & Puck; 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Pond Hockey and 12 to 6 p.m. Open Skate.
The Chicago Blackhawks are giving kids ages 5-12 the opportunity to participate in a free 1-hour Learn to Play ice hockey clinic which will be coached by Blackhawks Fan Development staff at Wentworth Park on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 11 to 11:45 a.m. (ages 5-8) and 12:15 to 1 p.m. (ages 9-12).
For more information or to register, visit chicagoblackhawks.com/cpdclinics.

Parks Resume In-Person Events

The Chicago Park District has resumed in-person programming at parks across the city after the State adjusted metrics that determine Covid-19 restrictions for Illinois regions. Winter programs previously scheduled to begin Jan. 4th were suspended in accordance with the State's Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation plan.
In-person Winter offerings include sports, cultural and nature opportunities. Programs will run through March 28th.
Chicago Park District fieldhouses will remain open to the public for washrooms and shelter during the regular hours of operation.
Virtual opportunities include live and pre-recorded classes and other unique experiences, including virtual arts and crafts, story time and fitness workouts.
Program spaces are still available.
Acceptable activities include walking, running and hiking in outdoor spaces alone or with members of the same household.

Free Yoga Class At Conservatory



The Garfield Park Conservatory will present an online Yoga Class on Saturdays through March 27th from 9 to 10 a.m.
This class works to reduce stress while improving strength and flexibility through visualization, focused breathing, and yoga postures with modifications for all levels.
Beginners to advanced yogis are welcome to join. Pre-registration is required. This class is free but they welcome donations to help offset programming costs. Learn more at <https://garfieldconservatory.org/events/>

Assistance Programs For Homeownership

Governor JB Pritzker announced the creation of two new programs designed to help bring additional assistance to working class families and underrepresented communities. Offered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the SmartBuy and Opening Doors programs were designed to aid communities of color, which have historically endured many barriers in their path toward homeownership.
Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs reported that than 2 million people carry student loan debt, the average value of which is \$29,855.
Borrowers must meet eligibility requirements established for IHDA's DPA programs, and homebuyer education is required.
IHDA Mortgage SmartBuy will provide a 30-year fixed rate first mortgage with a deferred \$5,000 for down payment and/or closing cost assistance. In addition, the program will provide 15% of the purchase price (up to \$40,000) in assistance for student loan debt relief.

lief to borrowers looking to buy a home and help build generational wealth.
Potential borrowers must have at least \$1,000 in student loan debt and must pay off their full remaining student loan balance at closing. The promissory note and deed restriction will have a term of 3 years, and if the borrowers sell the property within that time, they will need to sell to another borrower within IHDA's income and purchase price limits.
IHDA Mortgage Opening Doors is designed to increase home purchase accessibility for low- and moderate-income qualified homebuyers. This includes Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients. IHDA will provide a 30-year 1st mortgage with a fixed interest rate and \$6,000 in down payment and/or closing cost assistance. The down payment assistance is forgiven after five years.
For additional information and a list of the nearest participating lenders, visit www.ihdamortgage.org.

Polar Plunge To Go Virtual

The annual Chicago Polar Plunge, presented by Jackson, will be a virtual event for the first time in its 21-year history, due to the pandemic. From March 1st - 7th, new and former plungers will have the opportunity to plunge safely in a setting of their choosing - whether it be jumping in the snow or running through a sprinkler - while raising money for the 7500 participants of the Special Olympics Chicago/Special Children's Charities program.

Registration is now open by visiting www.chicagopolarplunge.org. Prizes include: a Peloton bike or exercise mirror to those who raise \$25,000; Two round-trip tickets on United Airlines to the first plunger to raise \$2,100; choice of Polar Plunge towel, wireless speaker or water bottle to all who raise \$300; an official Chicago Polar Plunge t-shirt for all those who fundraise \$200 and a Chicago Polar Plunge neck gaiter to the first 200 people who register.
Other prizes such as Yeti coolers, televisions, Apple Ipads and Airpods will also be awarded to top fundraisers.
A virtual melt-down party will take place on Sunday, March 7th, where photos and video clips of participating teams and individuals will be showcased. Special Olympics Chicago athletes, various Plunge Teams, local dignitaries and celebrities also make appearances. The winners of the annual costume contest and most creative plunge awards will be announced.
Last year's Chicago Polar Plunge was the most successful to date

with over \$2.2 million raised, and 4800 plungers.
Fundraiser of the year for our organization, this is the perfect year for those who have not participated in the Plunge in the past, and who may have found the idea of jumping into Lake Michigan during the cold March weather a little daunting. The Virtual Polar Plunge allows everyone to participate in whichever manner they choose.
For more information call (312) 527-3743; or email polarplunge@sochicago.org.

Heating Repair Grant Program

The Emergency Heating Repair grant program is available to income-eligible Chicago homeowners for service to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
The Open Enrollment Period is now until April 1st. Application packages are available by calling 311 by request through CH311 app, or visiting www.chicago.gov/housing.
Maximum gross income for 2020 is \$58,000 for 2 people. Add \$7,000 for each additional person.
The program is open to Chicagoans who own and occupy a 1-to-4 unit residential property within the city limits. The property must be inhabitable condition and not a risk of foreclosure. Commercial and mixed-use properties do not qualify.
For more information, call (312) 744-3653 or doh@cityofchicago.org.



Rent In The 'Burbs!

We invite you to visit this quiet residential community located near the forest preserves in Palos Hills. Scenic Tree is convenient to shopping and dining at Orland Park and Chicago Ridge, excellent school district, Moraine Valley Community College and Midway Airport.

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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

Welcoming City Ordinance Amended

Following the effort of advocates and aldermen to amend to the Welcoming City Ordinance, the Chicago City Council approved an ordinance to officially codify current Chicago Police Department procedures where officers are prohibited from cooperating or sharing information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement on civil immigration matters.

As previously drafted, the Welcoming City Ordinance excepts four classes of people from the prohibition on cooperating with ICE: individuals with an outstanding criminal warrant, individuals convicted of a felony, individuals presently

serving as a defendant in a felony case, and individuals identified as a gang member.

The legislation introduced will remove the four classes of people that are currently exceptions from the prohibition on cooperation with ICE, end exceptions to the sharing of immigration information unless required by lawful order, prevent CPD from participating in civil immigration enforcement, and make technical changes needed to strengthen the ordinance.

Amendments create a more inclusive municipal code by eliminating the word "citizen" and replacing it with "public" or "resident."

City Speed Cameras Now Activated

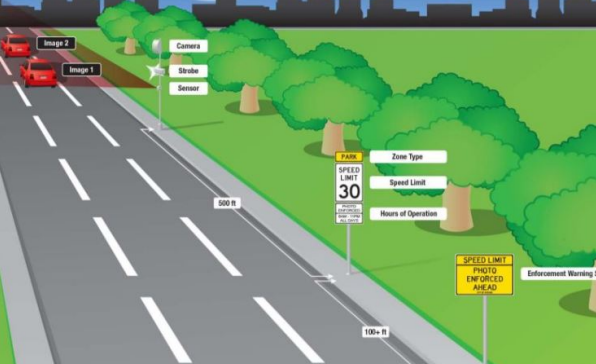


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Speed cameras located near schools and parks in the City of Chicago will begin ticketing drivers for going 6-10 miles per hour over the limit starting in March.

Effective now, drivers going 6-10 mph over the limit in "Children's Safety Zones" will receive a warning by mail. After March 1st, speeders will be issued a \$35 ticket.

Over 11 mph will receive a \$100 fine. Areas

which have a speed camera are marked by signs and usually have a limit of 30 mph. Those found near schools are generally enforced from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. while those in park zones are active from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., 365 days a year.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot included "enhanced fine enforcement" changing the cameras' limits as part of a budget which aimed to address the city's \$1.2 billion shortfall.

CZS Presents Virtual Lectures

The Chicago Zoological Society is offering a virtual lecture series featuring an array of fascinating topics about Brookfield Zoo's history, animals, and conservation programs. Following each presentation, there will be time for a question and answer session. Lectures, which begin at 7 p.m., are

free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required and can be made at [CZS.org/LectureSeries](https://www.czs.org/LectureSeries).

Learn about the many facets of the Animal Programs Department at Brookfield Zoo, including nutrition, veterinary services, animal welfare, and husbandry on Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Bill Zeigler, senior vice president of animal programs for the Chicago Zoological Society, will present "The Zoo Beyond the Exhibits: Maintaining a Leadership Role" during which he will discuss how Brookfield Zoo's 2,600 animals are cared for.

"The Reign of Wolf 21" with Rick McIntyre will take place on Thursday, Feb. 25th. McIntyre, author of the Alpha Wolves of Yellowstone Book Series, has recorded more sightings of wild wolves than any other person in history. Having spent years in the field observing wolves in Yellowstone National Park, McIntyre is considered one of the world's foremost experts on wild wolf behavior.

He'll speak about the true story of a wolf pup, called 21, whose father was shot and killed the day he was born. Wolf 21 and his seven siblings were raised by a single mother before a young adult male joined the pack and helped her care for the pups. Later Wolf 21 left the pack and joined a neighboring one as its new alpha male. He had an especially close relationship with female Wolf 42 that lasted for many years. When she died, he was never the same and did something especially poignant at the end of his long life.

Designated Illinois' state insect in 1975, the monarch butterfly is recognized for its beautiful orange and black markings and phenomenal migration. However, its numbers are declining due to climate change, pesticide use, and habitat loss. Find out what Illinois is doing and how the public can help the monarch during an informative discussion, "The Illinois Monarch Project: Helping Pollinators, Empowering People," on Tuesday, March 9th. Andre Copeland, interpretive programs manager for the Chicago Zoological Society, and Iris Caldwell, program manager for the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois Chicago, will share the state-wide action plan to add 150 million milkweed stems to the landscape by 2038.

The final virtual lecture, "Connecting One Landscape for Wildlife and People," takes place on Wednesday, March 24th. Ryan Lutey, executive director and Mitch Doherty, conservation program manager for Vital Ground Foundation, will give an overview on the organization's efforts to protect and restore North America's grizzly bear populations for future generations. Based in Montana, since its founding in 1990, Vital Ground Foundation has helped conserve and enhance approximately 620,000 acres of habitat.

Virtual Programs At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a variety of programs for children and adults via Zoom. Register at chipublib.org the day before each program.

Reading Buddies will be featured on Feb. 6th with Beginners on Thursdays, 4 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Independents will meet on Thursdays, 4:30 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Beginners - Beginning To Read On Your Own. 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 Buttlar, *Ling & Ting* by Grace Lin, and *Penny and Her Marble* by Kevin Henkes.

Independent - Reading On Your Own. 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.

Citywide Children's Programs will be led by librarians and presenters from all over the city.

For more information including how to register, visit chipublib.org/Kids

CitywideEvents.

Citywide Story Time with stories, songs and rhymes for children 0-5 and their families is scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Citywide After School activities exploring books, science, art and more will be conducted Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Citywide Sunday Discovery takes a closer look at STEAM topics with hands-on activities. Bi-weekly Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Books Discussion Club will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are Feb. 8th: *The World of Edena* by Moebius and March 8th: *Huck* by Mark Millar and Rafael Albuquerque.

The Virtual Book Discussion Club will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are: Feb. 24th, *Maggie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz; March 24th, *The Long and Faraway Gone* by Louis Berney; April 28th, *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter; May 26th, *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern; June 23rd, *The Last Time I Lied* by Riley Sager; July 28th, *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger; Aug. 25th, *End of the Myth* by Greg Grandin; Sept. 22nd, *A Map is Only One Story*; October 28th, *OBOC*; Nov. 24th, *Girls Like Us* by Cristina Alger; and Dec. 22nd, *IQ* by Joe Ide.

Lincoln Library Sponsors Art Contest

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Illinois State Board of Education is sponsoring an art contest on the theme, "Art Surrounds Us."

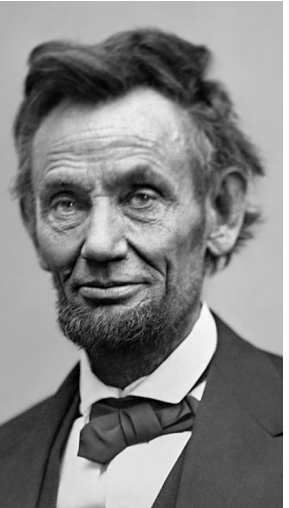
Judging will occur across four levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. In each level a winner and three runners-up will be selected, and one piece will be selected as "Best in Show."

The 16 top designs will be displayed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and a single winner will be used as a poster sent to all schools during Illinois Arts Education Week, March 15th-19th, 2021.

Artwork may be submitted now through Feb. 12th. The winners will be announced in conjunction with Illinois Arts Education Week. The winner of "Best in Show" will be recognized during an ISBE Board meeting and a framed copy of their work will hang in the Board office.

Submissions must be 11 inches by 14 inches and two dimensional. They cannot feature copyrighted characters or images. More details are available at bit.ly/ALPLMArtContest.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, at 212 N. Sixth St. in Springfield, holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as millions of other items pertaining to Illinois history. Traditional exhibits, eye-catching special



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effects and innovative story-telling techniques educate visitors.

For more information, visit www.presidentlincoln.illinois.gov.

History of Skokie Lagoons

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct a Zoom presentation of the History of Skokie Lagoons on Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Guest speaker: Gary Morrissey will explain the origins, transformation, and how it has become an important resource for wildlife and outdoor education.

Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-of-the-forest-preserves-skokie-lagoons-tickets-135369440641>.

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Applications for Admission to Namaste Charter School

2020-2021 Namaste Charter School applications for students in grades Kindergarten - 8th will be available beginning October 5, 2020 and are due **by 4:00 pm on March 5, 2021.**

Lottery:
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:00am
Register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/b4c44fd0-55c2-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416>

Virtual Open House dates:
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/fa7a9b00-55b6-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416>

Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 11:00am - 12:00pm
Register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/6b7ab780-55b8-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416>

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/75fae620-55b9-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416>

Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 12:00pm-1:00pm
Register at: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/c6e94860-55b9-11eb-944c-7bde83562d21>

Namaste Charter School currently serves 485 students in grades K-8 and is now accepting applications for the Fall of 2021 for students of all grade levels.

Namaste Charter School promotes curiosity and lifelong student success by implementing and sharing a holistic educational model. We combine health and wellness with academic rigor in a safe and inclusive environment.

The school's commitment to the physical, social emotional, and academic well-being of its students, along with the incredible dedication and support of its families and staff, creates a unique school culture that improves each student's individual capacity to learn and reach higher academic achievement – an innovative and successful program that has been lauded in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, WGN News, DNA info, on NBC's The Today Show, CNN and many other media outlets.

As a leader in holistic education, Namaste's curriculum is designed to feed both the minds and bodies of its students through: daily rigorous instruction in balanced literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and 60 minutes of physical education; nutritional breakfast and lunch menus; and movement opportunities during morning and afternoon recess. The school also offers a Spanish-English dual language program option, an afterschool programming option, and a school day running from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday and 8:30 am - 1:30 pm on Fridays.

Namaste Charter School is open to all Chicago residents. Applications can be found on the school's website at www.namastecharterschool.org/2021-application, or at the school's main office at 3737 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60609. All applications MUST be submitted by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 5, 2021. For more information, please call 773-715-9558 or visit www.namastecharterschool.org.

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Visit cityofchicago.org/careers to apply.

Forest Preserves Invites Visitors



The Forest Preserves of Cook County invite all to Renew & Rejuvenate this winter. Preserves remain a refuge and a resource to get out of the house and get into nature, with all that offers, including proven benefits to mental and physical

health. Participants may take a walk, find a new scene, watch for native wildlife, and try ice fishing.

Before you go, check out the interactive web map at fdccc.com web map to find nearby locations, site closures, amenities and more on your computer or phone.

Girls Online Play Event

As part of a celebration of National Girls & Women in Sports Day, the Chicago Park District invites girls 8-14 to participate in annual Girls Play All Day event on Friday, Feb. 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Girls from across Chicago will meet and interact in small groups online while participating in activities that include games, fitness, and leadership development.

An activities bag filled with supplies will need to be picked up at a park location prior to the event. Details about pick up will be communicated after registration.

For girls 8-10 years old and For girls 11-14 years old, register at chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.php/events/2021-girls-day-play.

Open Lectures For Residents

Cook County and the University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement announce an additional events of Open Lectures for Residents.

Organized around seven themes: COVID-19 and Health, Economics, Elections, History, Philosophy, Environment, and Racial Bias. The content will feature a combination of past lectures and interviews in audio and video formats.

The courses will be available at civicengagement.uchicago.edu also linked from the County's website cookcountyl.gov.

For more information and the full content schedule, visit the Open Lectures webpage at civicengagement.uchicago.edu

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