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Lessening Of *Restrictions*



By Dr. R. Pletsch

As our Middle School students have an opportunity to return to in-person class, it appears that one of the most talked about items amongst kids seems to be that some states like Texas and Mississippi have eliminated most, if not all, restrictions for the people in their states. The key for the kids to know is that these states simply have left it up to the parents to decide what restrictions they will have. Yes, you still can wear masks and socially distance yourself from other people, but your family, not the government, will decide what is best for you.

Some might bring up the various Covid-19 vaccines. At this point, all three seem effective. Many people who said they would never try them, are now working hard to make an appointment so that they can get the vaccine. President their parents would be Trump gave the powers proud.

\$100 Million For

Energy Assistance

The Illinois Depart- available, residents eligi-

ment of Commerce and ble for the program are

Economic Opportunity urged to apply. These joined the Citizens Utility events will provide an

to the governors, feeling they would know better for their states than he would. Of course, some did better than others. Now the governors in some states believe that the parents can make the best decision for their families. I hope that the citizens will do a good job making their own decisions based on the facts as they know them.

Restaurants, theaters and other venues are opening up, some to as much as 100%. Others are less, whatever the owners feel safe with. If a restaurant is open to 100% and you don't feel safe there, simply don't go there. Go to one that makes you feel safe. Here in Chicago, they are try-ing to make the ballparks and arenas safe enough so that people will attend.

Once again, our educators should take it upon themselves to be nonjudgemental and make efforts to not make children be confrontational with parents. I don't believe most people realise how many votes did not go for Biden. In the 11th Ward, Trump won some precincts and had over 6,000 votes. This despite not seeing very many signs and some that did have them, had the misfortune of being targeted with vandalism. It is very important for children to understand that their health is ultimately dependent on their own choices. Mom and Dad don't always know if you have your mask, if you are keeping social distance and keeping clean. Encourage students to live with dignity and conform in a way

Penguins Visit "Friends" Experience

Magellanic penguins Howard, Georgia, Fitz and Mercedes from the Shedd Aquarium investigate and waddle through set replicas from the TV show "FRIENDS" at *The FRIENDS Experience* on Michigan Avenue. The field trip helps the aquarium demonstrate how the animal care team introduces exercise and variety for the penguins each day as part of a comprehensive welfare plan.

In the latest high-pro-file field trip, four pen-guins from Shedd Aquarium visited *The FRIENDS Experience* on Michigan Ayonuo, a pos Michigan Avenue – a nostalgia-packed space dedicated to the popular TV show. The

The birds walked through exact replicas from the recognizable set, experiencing new sensa-tions and sights, like Joey's stuffed toy penguin Hugsy, adding variety to their day as part of the aquarium's welfare plan,

for the penguins. *The FRIENDS Experience* will reopen to the public on Wednesday, March 17th. The experience focuses on providing safe environment through the use of timed ticketing, regular cleaning and sanitization, temperature checks and the

requirement of masks and social distancing. The public can purchase tickets online. A portion of each ticket purchase will be donated to My Block, My Hood, My City to support their efforts to support youth education and arts in underserved communities.

The resulting video encourages the public to get out and safely explore places like the aquarium and *The FRIENDS* Experience as the city of Chicago begins to reopen.

The public can also purchase timed tickets to visit the penguins and several other species of incredible aquatic life at Shedd Aquarium. Guests can also connect with the aquatic world virtually through Shedd's digital programs.

Marvel Super Heroes At Science Museum

Online Zoom Events

Mrs. Vicky from Chicago Lawn Branch will conduct Dime Un

Cuento bilingual Story

Time on Fridays, from 11

a.m. to 12 p.m. through

March 26th. This story

time features books, fin-

ger plays, songs, rhymes,

the materials for the craft

John Elliott, a retired

This event takes place on

STEAM Team will

Each week read books,

sing songs, and partici-

with Loki and The Falcon

and the Winter Soldier.

This event takes place on

Zoom. Register at least 24

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature

writing and poetry on

Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

through May 18th. This

event takes place on Zoom. Register by 10 a.m.

the day before the event.

Online Meetings for adults will be offered on Wednesday, May 17th

from 4 to 5 p.m. You can

use zoom on a smart-

phone, a tablet, a laptop,

or a desktop computer (if

your device has a camera,

How to Zoom: Intro to

hours before the event.

hours before the event.

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Zoom. Registration by 9 The Chicago Public Library has scheduled a.m. the day before the Online events via Zoom. event.

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.

movement and a small craft. Stop by Chicago Lawn Branch to pick up Live one-on-one homework help is also avail-able online everyday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Brainfuse. if needed or Mrs. Vicky will email you a list of Students in early elemensupplies with materials tary through advanced you have at home. college prep can get help with: specific homework questions, improving study skills, writing papers, ACT and SAT Cook County Forest Preserve naturalist and member of the Chicago Audubon Society board will conduct "Birds In test prep and learning English as a second lan-Your Backyard" on Saturday, March 13th guage. Use Brainfuse on any connected device or at home with your library from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. card. Zoom. Register at least 24

Songs and poems writ-ten during the writing circle will have the opporpresent Story Time on Mondays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. through April 26th. tunity to be showcased in a virtual open-mic. Register by noon on the day before at chipublib.org.

pate in hands-on STEAM The Chicago Public activities using common Library will conduct household items. This online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesdays, through April 27th from 4 program is geared for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. MARVEL-ous Mon-days from 4 to 5 p.m. through April 5th will feature WandaVision

to 5 p.m. STEM Around the House will be available on Tuesdays, 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.

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

Library Schedules Planetarium Offers Virtual Field Trips



Adler Planetarium, has launched its innova-tive, new Virtual Field Trips program. In an entirely new 3D world built by the Adler, students are transported to a place where they can walk among the planets, soar over Saturn, or do a jig under Jupiter. Groups will have the virtual space all to themselves as they learn and explore together.

Preview the Adler's Virtual Field Trips experience at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v =XEWBDXLWpls&feature=youtu.be

Currently designed for middle school stu-dents, the Adler will provide teacher guides for before and after the experience to help them make the most of this cosmic classroom getaway. The Adler's Virtual Field Trip fits into a stan-dard class period, and aligns with middle school space science curriculum.

For more information about the program, pricing, and to register your class for a session, visit: https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/learn/ educators/virtual-field-trips/

Ayuso Awarded Full Scholarship

Christian Moreno Ayuso has been named one of the four Trustees' Scholars in the Monmouth College Class 2025.Trustees of Scholars receive a full four-year tuition scholarship, worth more than \$160,000. 165 high school seniors from 15 states interviewed this year for the College's top scholarships Chris

Chris has earned straight A's since the eighth grade, has been a member of his school's champion math team and is involved in community service. He plans to major in

mathematics or engineering. View Online: http:// monmouthcollege.meritC.M. AYUSO

soard announcing coming events to help customers who are struggling with the cost of utility bills during the COVID-19 pandemic. State of Illinois recently implemented a major expansion of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which combined with other household relief funding available, has created the \$275 million Help for Illinois Families program. With over \$100 million in funding still

New System For State Hiring

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services and Department of Innovation & Technology announced a new human capital management system designed to streamline the application and hiring process. SAP SuccessFactor's recruiting module, will enable agencies to hire applicants faster and features an enhanced user experience to keep applicants better informed throughout the process.

The former hiring processes were 99% paper-based and labor intensive on applicants and hiring agencies. The Department of

Innovation & Technology managed the design, configuration and implementation of the new recruiting module.

A fully electronic application process will encourage the selection of the most qualified candidates and allow applicants to track where they are in the hiring process.

The system is supported by a recruitment website at work.illinois. gov, where applicants can create a user profile, learn more about opportunities to work for the State of Illinois and get assistance with procedures. Many programs are designed to assist veterans and people with disabilities.

overview of the program, as well as a live question and answer session allowing residents to get their questions answered

in real-time. March 11th at 6 p.m. – English, Registration: https://tinyurl.com/DCEO 0311 or on Facebook live: Facebook.com/CUB Illinois.

March 15th at 6 p.m. -Spanish, Registration: http://bit.ly/FBliveDCEO-CUBSPA or on Facebook live: http://facebook.com/

cubespanol. In addition to utility billing relief, the Help for Illinois Families Initiative includes emergency assistance for rent, temporary shelter and other necessities. To make applying for these funds easy and accessible remotely, DCEO has taken steps to streamline the process, launching a new remote application, streamlined website, and expanded technical assistance through the hotline 1-833-711-0374.

For more information on how to apply and to find out about relief programs available near you, visit www.helpillinoisfamilies.com.

County Improves FOIA Requests

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced the launch of a new system for Freedom of Information Act requestsat 19th https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/freedominformation-act-officesunder-president

GovQA, will allow requesters to submit a public records request, track its progress, and receive updates by email.

Each of Cook County's elected officials and Health handle their own FOIA requests. For information on how to submit a request, use the link: https://www.cookcountyil.gov/servicecategories/foia-requestsand-information.



The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore drive, will feature the interactive exhibition Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes, through Oct. 24th.

With more than 300 artifacts including original comic book pages, sculptures, interactive displays and costumes and props, guests can examine the origins of iconic characters such as Spider - Man, Black Panther, Hulk and Captain Marvel. The exhibit for all ages is not included in museum entry. Requires an additional, timed-entry ticket. Adults \$18, Children (3-11) \$14.

Financial Aid For College

Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

Richards Honored

(60638) has been placed

on the Gettysburg

College Dean's Honor list

for outstanding academic

achievement in the Fall

2020 semester. Honorees

must maintain a quality

point average of 3.60 or

higher (on a 4.0 scale) for

a semester's work.

Alexandra Richards of

The Illinois State to complete a financial Board of Education and aid application as a prellinois Student Assisrequisite to receiving a high school diploma. Eligible students who do not qualify for federal student aid can apply for tance Commission are collaborating on the new Rock the FAFSA Illinois Campaign, March 15th state and school-funded assistance through the

Schools or community organizations that would like to hold a virtual financial aid completion workshop with ISAC should email Abel. Montoya@Illinois.gov.Loc al ISACorps members are available to provide free one-on-one virtual assistance for students and families in completing their financial aid application, studentportal. isac.org/isacorps.

This is the first year of the state's new FAFSA Mandate, which requires public high school seniors

Homework Help: Virtual Teacher in the Library for kindergarten through 12th grade will be available Mondays, March 22nd, April 19th and May 17th from 3 to 5 p.m. Register at least one hour in advance.

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

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

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Chil-dren's Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for preschoolers on Fridays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. through April 23rd. This event takes place on

Free Program For Finances

The Chicago Depart-ment of Family and Support Services, in partnership with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund and Heartland Alliance, announced the launch of the free Financial Navigators Program to help residents deal with the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.To sign up, residents should call 773-799-9062 or submit an online interest form at chicago.gov/FSS.

During a one-on-one session by phone, a financial navigator will identify steps to resolve financial issues. The resident will receive a document via email outlining those next steps.

spekers, and a micro-phone). This class will cover the basics of how to connect as a participant, as well as how to set up a meeting as a host. We will also cover options for how you appear, sounds, and are able to share your

screen during a meeting. Register for events at

chipublib.org.

Vaccinations Totals For Residents

The Chicago Depart-ment of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 commulative vaccinations for March 8th.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative -220,083 doses, 8.2% of population; 1st dose · cummulative 418,450 doses, 15.5 percent populations.

60632: 1st dose cummulative 13,463 total, 15% population. Complete vaccine series 4,590 total, 5.1% population.

60638: 1st dose cummulative 8,657 total, 14% population. Complete vaccine series 4,396 total, 7.5% population.

60608: 1st dose cummulative 12,113 total, 15.1% population. Complete vaccine series 6,267 total, 7.8% population. 60609: 1st dose cum-

mulative 6,867 total, 11.3% population. Complete vaccine series 3,208 total, 5.3% population.

Resource: Chicago. gov/covidvax

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information.

Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@ aol.com.

pages.com/news/Christian Morena-Ayuso-of-Chicago-Named-Monmouth-College-Trustees-Scholar/19132.

Solana Honored

dent at Elmhurst University, was recently initiated into The Honor

Society of Phi Kappa Phi,

the nation's oldest and

most selective all-disci-

pline collegiate honor

Membership is by invitation only and

requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of

juniors are eligible for membership.

Juarez Pursues

Student Teaching

Natalie Juarez (60608), will complete a

student teaching assign-

ment in winter 2021. An

educational studies stu-

dent at Knox College of

Galesburg, Illinois, she

plans on pursuing a

teaching career.

society.

Megan Solana, a stu-ent at Elmhurst

Scholarship Grant For Journalism

The Chicago Headline Club and Foundation are accepting applications for the Les Brownlee Memorial Scholarship, a \$5,000 annual grant given to a Chicago area journalism student in honor of Les Brownlee.

The deadline for the filing an applications if April 16th, and the win-ner will be announced this summer. Brownlee, who died in 2005, was the first African-American member of the Society of Professional Journalism and president of the Chicago Headline Club.

Applicants for the Scholarship must be current undergraduate journalism students (no recent graduates) at a Chicago-area college or university. Candidates are assessed by a committee of the Foundation and evaluated on their previous experience, clips, cover letter and interest in pursuing a journalism career.

Candidates can apply foundation@headlineclub.org.



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

Celebration Of

Women's History

The Illinois Department of Central Manage

ment Services announced

a monthlong celebration

in recognition of Women's History Month. A series

of virtual events will fea-

ture women in govern-

ment and business as the

agency promotes diver-

sity and inclusion in pub-

CMS oversees the re-

The State of Illinois

currently employs 22,744

women, many of whom

agencies are run by women. Within CMS, 20

of 38 leadership positions

nois.gov/whm to access

the full schedule of

events, register for events

and to view session

To apply for job oppor-

tunities with the State,

visit www.work.illinois.

throughout

recordings

the month.

gov.

Visit www.cms.illi-

are occupied by women.

Shedd Aquarium Has Reopened



Shedd Aquarium has reopened its doors with general public admission.

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By participating in any of the paid virtual programs, you are directly fu-eling the aquarium's mission and helping to support animal welfare, conservation research and ongoing virtual education efforts.

Meet sea otters, pen-guins, 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-thescenes, 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 handson activities, games and more.

A free program, "Sea Curious" designed by kids will answer a question about animals by explor-10 am. to noon, while supplies last. For walk-ups, enter through Pershing rd. ing and having advenalley behind the Acero tures at the aquarium. Sandra Cisnero's school. There are 9 aquatic animal videos, 3-5 minutes through California - 38th each. Video topics range pl. and food will be placed from "do animals play?" to in your trunk.

"What do animals eat?"

A free program "Stay Home with Shedd" for

grades 3-5 will feature un-

derwater biology and

imal videos, 10-15 min-

utes each, 3 student

activity packets, 1 com-

panion educator guide

and 3 activity packets on biodiversity & conserva-

360 features sharks at

Shedd Aquarium's Wild

Reef and in the crystal-

blue waters of The Ba-

Underwater Beauty Live Cam will discover

the dreamlike patterns of

wrasses,

angelfishes, wrasses, tangs and butterflyfishes.

Virtual Reality Pen-guins will explain how the

aquarium cares for rock-

hopper and Magellanic

penguins. Download the

Free Food

Distribution

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food distribution at Our

Lady of Fatima, 2751 W.

Every Saturday from

For drive-ups, enter

38th pl.

The community is in-

app to start exploring.

Swim with Sharks in

tion.

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There are 4 aquatic an-

aquatic biodiversity.

Low-to-moderate income families and older Illinoisans needing assis-tance filing their 2020 individual income taxes can receive free help through several trusted programs across the State of Illinois. The Internal Revenue Service and AARP Tax-Aide programs are providing free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to quali-fied individuals. How taxassistance is payer provided and when services are available varies by region, based upon several variables including COVID-19 conditions and volunteer capacity.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs offer free tax help for individuals making \$57,000 or less, persons with dis-abilities, limited English speaking taxpayers and individuals 60 years of age or older. Taxpayers can search for a free tax assistance provider closest to them by visiting the Illinois Department of Revenue's website tax.illinois.gov. Additional assistance is also being offered through the IRS-spon-sored Ladder Up Virtual Tax Assistance Program, which also provides free basic tax return preparation for low-to-moderate income and elderly taxpayers.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free tax assistance to taxpayers over the age of 50 or who have low-tomoderate income. Availability is determined at the local or community level, by appointment only (walk-in service is unavailable this year). Decisions on whether a

site offers an all-virtual, light contact or in-person approach will be based on safety and health data from Johns Hopkins about COVID-19 levels in a community. The site locator will be regularly updated, and short notice changes are possible. AARP membership is not required to receive assistance. Various taxpayer

assistance services may be provided to each site, including traditional in-person, low-contact, and contact-free services. Taxpayers should contact the tax assistance provider closest to them to ask how to access these volunteer services.

Assistance With

Tax Preparation

Get the latest news and updates from the Illinois Department on Aging by following the depart-ment on Facebook, Twit-ter, and LinkedIn, or by calling the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or by email aging. ilsenior@illinois.gov.

Business Workshops For Certification

The City has created numerous initiatives to increase the number of skilled residents prepared to work in growing industries. Ensuring that disadvantaged populations have access to employment opportunities is a high priority. Workshops will cover the Project Area Resident Ordinance and local hiring requirements, ap-prenticeship utilization and ex-offender bid incentives. The Department of Family and Support Services and Chicago Cook Workforce Partner-ship will feature programs they offer.

Working with Assist Agencies: Chicago Women in Trades and Revo-Workshop, lution Wednesday, March 17th, 2 to 3 p.m. Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chambers of commerce that represent the interests of small, local, minority, women, veteran, and disadvantagedowned businesses. These organizations offer many resources to help businesses at every stage of their growth cycle as well as connect prime contractors with certified firms for subcontracting opportunities. This workshop will outline the role and responsibilities of an Assist Agency.

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



STELLA BUDZIAK (nee Godula) age 92. Wife of late John Budziak; mother of Judith (Marlin) Shulist; grandmother of Jacob Shulist and late Maklin Shulist; daughter of late Walter J. & late Antioneete Godula (nee Cabaj); sister of late Walter (late Helen) Godula, late Loretta Godula, late (late Bruno) Nawara and late Adolph Godula; aunt of Debbie Nawara. Funeral services were held March 8th from Wolniak Funeral Home to

Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



ELVIA E. FERNAN-**DEZ,** age 71, wife of late Juan Hernandez; mother of Bernardo (Paula), Fe-lipe De Jesus (Ana), Edith, Luis (Lesley); sis-ter of Agustina and Maria Teresa; grandmother of 16 and great grandmother of 14. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 5th at St. Joseph Church. Visitation followed at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.



Obituaries

FRANCISCA SAL-GADO-RUIZ, age 85, wife of late Gabino Villanueva; mother of Mercedes (Francisco Ama-stal), Martina, Francisco, Jesus and Alvaro; grand-mother of 30 and great grandmother of 25. Funeral Mass was cele-brated March 8th at St. Gall Church. Visitation followed at Ocwieja-Rob-les Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.



MARIA G. VAL-TIERRA, passed away on Feb. 15th at the age of 59. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Malachy Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Reminder For Second Shot

As more residents be-come eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, the Illinois Department of Public Health is encouraging those who receive a COVID-19 vaccination to utilize the V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker (v-safe). Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, v-safe allows individuals who have received their first vaccination to get a text sent to their smartphone to remind them it's time for their second shot.

For those who receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, a second dose is not needed.

The free program that allows people to commu-nicate with the CDC regarding any potential side-effects they may experience. Depending on the answer, someone from the CDC may call to check on the individual and get more information. If any serious health problems are reported,

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.

by Cristina Alger; and Dec. 22nd, *IQ* by Joe Ide. 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

lic service and statewide Citywide Sunday Dishiring. covery takes a closer look at STEAM topics with cruitment and counseling hands-on activities. Biof potential employees on weekly Sundays at 2 p.m. behalf of State agencies.

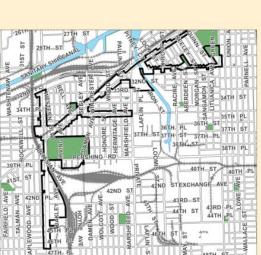
The Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Books Dicussion Club will meet on are in leadership posi-tions. Currently 22 State the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Virtual Book Discusion Club will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are: March 24th, The Long and Faraway Gone by Louis Berney; April 28th, We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter; May 26th The Starless Seg by 26th, The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern; June 23rd, The Last Time I

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ARCHER/WESTERN TIF DISTRICT April 2021 Rollout

\$150,000 grants available for commercial businesses \$250,000 grants available for industrial businesses

Applications open Thursday, April 1 at 9 a.m. Applications due Monday, May 3 at 5 p.m.

Informational webinar on Wednesday, April 7 at 1 p.m.

Learn more and register at chicago.gov/sbif



SAINT ANTHONY HOSPITAL WILL BE PROVIDING COVID-19 VACCINES TO BRIGHTON PARK SENIORS 65+ Sunday, March 14 - 7 AM to 7 PM

STEP 1	Register online at http://chi.gov/seniorvax11 or call the 15th Ward Office at (773) 823-1539 .
STEP 2	A representative from Saint Anthony will contact you to register and schedule your appointment.
STEP 3	Arrive at 4177 S. Archer Avenue 15 minutes before your appointment. Park in the TCF Bank parking lot.

NO WALK-INS • VACCINES ARE FREE • PLEASE BRING ID

SAINT ANTHONY

HOSPITAL



JOSE GUILLERMO MENDOZA, of Mexico City, Mexico, passed away on Feb. 19th at the age of 66. He was the husband of Martha Mendoza; father of Liliana and Martha Mendoza; grandfather of Alyssa, Abigail, Jose Antonio, Adam Cruz, and Mateo Julian. Visitation was held at: Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Adrian Parish.

Daily Story Time

The Chicago Public Library has launched "Live from the Library: A daily Story Time for Kids of Chicago" weekdays at 10 a.m. CST on Facebook live. This program will feature librarians and Chicago notables reading their favorite children's books.

they can be investigated quickly by CDC's medical experts and scientists.

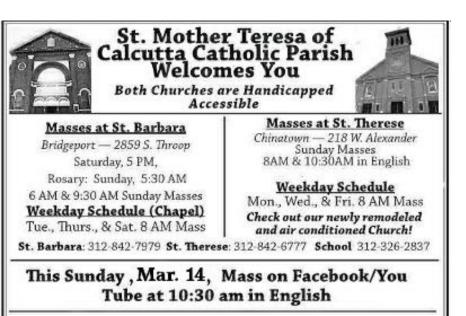
If you would like to participate in v-safe, you must sign up within 42hours of getting your first COVID-19 vaccine dose. To learn more about, register, visit

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html.



"The Original"

5212 S. Archer Ave. (773) 284-1100 www.crosstowndoorservice.com



STATIONS: 7 PM. St. Therese, Friday, March 19th 7 P.M. St. Barbara, Fridays: March 12th, March 26th



Help Wanted ********** GENERAL WAREHOUSE WORK All Shifts Available. Must pass background check, physical and drug test. Apply in person M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. CAW - 2301 S. Ashland Ave.

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3 rooms, 1bdrm, 1st floor, hardwood floors, \$720 month plus security deposit. Close to transportation

53RD/SAWYER

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Real Estate For Sale Real Estate For Sale ************* ************ IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DIVISION CITIZENS BANK NA FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002369206, AQUA FINANCE, INC., UNKNOWN OWN-DWAYNE WILLIAMS A/K/A DWAINE WILLIAMS, LISA WILLIAMS, CITIMORT-GAGE, INC., NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION ERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 15 CH 10888 Defendants 2019CH14189 8147 SOUTH JUSTINE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60620 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 7950 SOUTH MORGAN STREET CHICAGO, IL 60620 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Public NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Cor-poration, will at 10:30 AM on April 13, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales

Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 30, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highes bidder, as set forth below, the following de scribed real estate: Commonly known as 7950 SOUTH MOR GAN STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Property Index No. 20-32-203-032-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick, two story single family home with a detached

sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described rea

JUSTINE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Property Index No. 20-32-117-015-0000

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.

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TION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, pass-

port, etc.) in order to gain entry into our

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HB2170 Improves **Education System**

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study various issues to

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Child Task Force to focus

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Board conduct a feasibil-

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Governor JB Pritzker signed HB2170 that expands access, equity and opportunity in the education system. This legislation supports public schools, making college education more affordable, investing in vocational training, and expanding the teacher workforce.

Early Childhood Education

Expands access to the Early Intervention program by allowing children who turn 3 years old between May and August to continue receiving services until the beginning of the next school year.

Requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to annually assess all public-school students entering kindergarten to measure their readiness. Requires that behav-

ioral health providers use diagnostic codes and descriptions that are developmentally and age appropriate for children under the age of 5.

Primary and Secondary Education

Adds new graduation requirements that will better prepare students in computer literacy, labora-If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the as-sessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a tory science and foreign languages.

Increases access to accelerated placement programs for students meeting or exceeding state standards in English language arts, math, or science.

Expands the required Black history coursework to include pre-enslavement of Black people, why Black people came to be enslaved, and the American Civil Rights renaissance.

Requires the Illinois P-20 Council to make recommendations for the short-term and long-term learning recovery actions for public school students the wake of the ın COVID-19 pandemic.

HB 2170 is effective • Establishes a 22-person immediately. Inclusive American His-

Flower Show At Garfield Conservatory

Forest Preserve Offers Programs

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

Dan Ryans Woods Visitors Center, 87th and Western ave. will conduct an hour-long open nature play time on Fridays through March 26th from 12 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays through March 31st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each week will also feature a story trail to incorporate literature into play and a take home activity kit. Registration is required with Jessica. Becker@cookcountyil.gov or (312) 415-2970.

Blue Island Public Library will conduct a Zoom presentation, "Birdwatching for Beginners" on Thursday, March 11th at 6 p.m. Registration is required at scain@blueislandlibrary.org.

Facebook Live from Little Red Schoolhouse will feature Making Sense of Senses on Thursday, March 18th at 10 a.m. Like all animals, our senses are directly linked to our survival. A few experiements will be conducted virtually to better understand how they work. Contact (708) 839-6897 littlered. or schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov.

Facebook Live from Crabtree Nature Center will explore Geoheritage on Saturday, March 20th at 2 p.m. Learn about this global movement to save geologically dynamic locations. how it has been implemented in the United States, and what the fu-

Campaign For Opioid Recovery

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced the #RecoveryBelongs social media campaign to increase awareness of International Overdose Awareness

To learn more, visit: https://www.dhs.state.il.u s/page.aspx?item=118655 . If you or someone you know is suffering from an opioid use disorder or substance use disorder, contact the Illinois Helpline (833) 234-6343, "HELP" texting to 833234, or visiting: www.helplineIL.org.

ture may hold. Registra-Little Red Schoolhouse will explain the ecology of tion is required at (847) 381-6592 or Crabtree.Nanative frogs and why vertureCenter@cookcoun-

tyil.gov. Facebook Live from Sand Ridge Nature Center will feature the birds of Cook County on Tuesday, March 23rd at 1 p.m. Contact (708) 868-0606 or

Facebook Live from

sandridge.naturecenter@

cookcountyil.gov.

Ladder Up **Tax Preparation**

Ladder Up Tax Assistance program sites serve individuals earning up to \$30,000 per year and families earning up to \$57,000 per year. Free services are available through April 15th. Preparation of Federal and Illinois income tax returns for full-year Illinois residents.

To make an appointment, visit www.goladderup.org or call (312) 588-6900. The Brighton Park tax site location is at WIC.Western, 5332 S. Western.

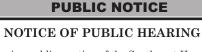


nal pools are so important for their life cycles on Saturday, March 27th at 1:30 p.m. Contact: (708) 839-6897 or littlered. schoolhouse@cookcountvil.gov.

> **Phone Bank On Property Taxes**

Treasurer Maria Pap-pas and ABC 7 Chicago will host "Black and Latino Houses Matter" on March 11th from 3 to 7 p.m., a phone bank at (312) 603-5105 to help Cook County homeowners find refunds, apply for property tax exemptions and avoid the Tax Sale.

A team from the Treasurer's Office, fluent in Spanish, Polish, Chinese and English, will: Search \$76 million in available property tax refunds, Check if you are eligible for \$46 million in missing tax exemptions and Verify if your property is on the Tax Sale list with delinquent taxes.



The following public meeting of the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program will be held at:

5334 W. 65th Street

Chicago IL 60638

6:30 p.m.

Special Board Meeting

Monday, March 22, 2021

Please call 773-735-2000 for ZOOM information

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, March 20th 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 inforvisit mation www. chicagobar.org.



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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause In inty Judicial Sales Corporation will or Monday, March 29, 2021 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 5725 S. May Street, Chicago, IL 60621. P.I.N. 20-17-217-013-0000.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mort a single family residence. If the subject mort-gaged real estate is a unit of a common in-terest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the as-sessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call Ms. Jennifer E. Walker at Plaintiff's Attorney, Plunkett Cooney, 221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. 312-670-6900.

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Case # 2019CH14189 I3165072

E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-19-11492 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2019CH14189

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LIMA ONE CAPITAL LLC; Plaintiff, ve

versations with artists lowed

by performances Scottish pianist from Steven Osborne on March 19th and the Dudok Quartet Amsterdam on March 26th.

made available at 7 p.m. on the scheduled premiere date on loc.gov/concerts, the Library's YouTube channel and the Performing Arts at the Library of Congress Facebook page. All events of

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3164435

Virtual Class For Citizenship

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council is offering free citizenship classes via WhatsApp. To register, call Adrianna Morales at (773) 540-4033.

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Library Announces Spring Concerts

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The Library of Con-gress will continue its season of Concerts with an offering of virtual concerts, interviews and con-

and composers, lectures, curator talks and educational programs. The spring series kicks off on March 12th with a performance from the young musicians of the New World Symphony, fol-

Conservatory and Gardens, 300 N. Central park All events will be ave, has reopened the indoors to the general public. Virtual programming

will also stay connected. The Spring Flower Show: Saturation will welcome back guests through May 9th. the season are free, and tickets are not required.

All 60-minute visits must be pre-booked at vis-

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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



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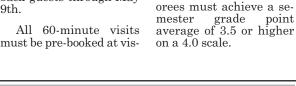
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Free Yoga Class At Conservatory



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/

CZS Presents Virtual Lectures

Landscape for Wildlife and People," takes place on Wednesday, March

24th. Ryan Lutey, execu-

tive director and Mitch

conserve and enhance ap-

proximately 620,000 acres

of habitat.

The Chicago Zoological Society is offering a virtual lecture series featuring an array of fascinating topics about Brookfield Zoo's history, animals, and conservation pro-

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.

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Reopening For City Ballparks

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced plans to reopen Guaranteed Rate Field and Wrigley Field to fans part of the "Open Chicago" efforts. CDPH and the Depart-ment of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

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announced further easing of COVID-19 restrictions due to progress in reopen-ing metrics. Indoor capacity at bars, restaurants, and other businesses sits at 50% capacity as COVID-19 cases, test positivity, emergency depart-ment visits and ICU beds are at low- to moderaterisk levels.

Guaranteed Rate

Guaranteed Rate Field, just over 40,000 guests. The reopening ca-pacity on Opening Day, April 8th will be limited to 20% or 8,122 fans. Wrigley Field, which has a normal capacity of 41,374, will be limited to 8,274 fans per game. Opening Day is April 1st, and the Cubs are slated to have 81 home games this have 81 home games this year. The ballpark reopen-

ing will start at 20% capacity with additional restrictions, and potentially open to more fans as vac-cination and recovery efcontinue. forts An

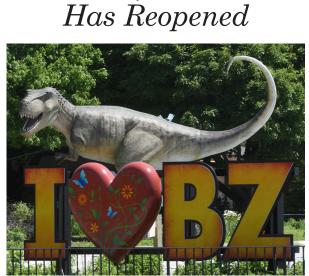
increase in cases could result in ballparks, bars, restaurants and businesses closing to reduce outbreaks. Wrigley outbreaks. Wrigley rooftops will also be open and required to follow guidelines for bars and

restaurants. White Sox, and Cubs leadership have instituted several operational meas-ures designed to mitigate the rick of transmission the risk of transmission. These measures include:

Ballpark entry and amenity zones limited Ballpark contact entry, cashless concessions and retail, additional restrooms per guest, reduced queueing times and reconfigured indoor spaces. All guests will be re-

quired to wear their masks.

For capacity protocols across all industries and activities, visit chicago.gov/reopening.



Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo has redinosaurs that are bigger opened to the public with restrictions. There will be and badder than ever before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos limited animal viewing during your visits. Indoor Everywhere features the argest—argentinosaurus — that was estimated to spaces, except restrooms, are closed. All attractions, including Motor Safari, are closed. Public access measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. Through to buildings is subject to Sept. 6th, zoogoers will be able to search for these amazing life-like animachange.

As a non-profit, Brook-field Zoo relies on ticket sales, donations, annual sales, donations, annual memberships, fundraising events, philanthropic gifts, and support from community partners.

mission to Brookfield Zoo Consider making a doto all active, reservist, and nation that will support animal care and welfare retired members of the military. Qualified personnel who present a valid ID will be admitted programs, as well as other critical operations of the Chicago Zoological Socifree of charge. Make sure ety. Over 40 animatronic you reserve your timed

ticket beforehand.

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"Get Hired" Website

Women's Issues Honors Heroines

In honor of Women's History Month, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle joined the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues in honoring 18 unsung heroines for their contributions to their communities.

In its 24th annual celebration, the Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award is presented to one woman from each of the County's 17 legislative districts and one from the County at-large. Commissioners receive input from the individual districts to identify heroines whose work is significant yet seldom recognized.

Award recipients are: Debra Vines, 1st District; Sheila Jackson McNary, 2nd District; Barbara El-lzey, 3rd District; Linda Blair, 4th District; Vanessa Brown, 5th Dis-District; trict; Jacquelyne Underwood, 6th District; Nury Ortega, 7th District Diana Mireles, 8th Dis-

trict; Mary Lio, 9th Dis-trict; Killian C. Walsh, 10th District; Sarah Dynia, 11th District; Marci Sieracki, 12th District; Jane Balaban, 13th District; Amy Ober-holtzer, 14th District; Mary Jo Imperato, 15th District; Elva Serna, 16th

District Josephine Coleman, 17th District and Sameka Economic Opportunity Ducette Gates, At-Large. and Illinois Department For more information visit www.cookcountyil. launched Get Hired Illigov/cccwi.

College Fair Goes Virtual

Tribune Publishing will sponsor a free Virtual College Fair through March 20th. The event will feature schools across the country, virtual cam-pus tours, talks with industry experts and informational seniors.

Registration is required at TribPubCollege-Fair.com.

The Illinois Depart-ment of Commerce and Residents and employers may access www.illi-

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The Chicago Zoological Society is offering free ad-

the park.

nois.gov/gethired. The new portal blends of Employment Services resources to provide a one-stop-shop for job seekers and employers nois – a new portal designed to connect workers providing information on with available job and cajob opportunities as well reer training opportunias unemployment reties. Residents will have to online sources. The page is designed to be user friendly free access to online for job seekers of all levworkforce development els and backgrounds and courses via a partnership with Coursera. With Illiallows employers to upload jobs, virtual career fairs and training oppornois facing record unemtunities.

ployment as a result of COVID-19, the Coursera provides Coursera partnership and Get Hired page will serve as workers looking for new employment opportuniimportant measures in ties additional resources the efforts to get people 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

Black Creativity Art Exhibit impact art created during the recent Black Lives

local teen artists.

served online in advance.

Gala will be a virtual

event on April 17th and

feature the winning works in the Juried Art

Exhibition, musical per-

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The Black Creativity

Black Creativity and its Juried Art Exhibition will open for an extended run at the Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore Drive from April 7th to July 5th. The annual exhibition

The annual exhibition showcases more than 100 works by professional ar-tisits fronm across the na-tion as well as local student artists. An online art gallery will provide more people the opportu-nity to view the artwork if they are unable to visit the museum in person.

the museum in person. The Black Creativity Innovator Gallery will celebrate the accomplish-ments of Ian Michael Brock, high school stu-dent and co-founder, Dream Hustie Code; J. Dream Hustie Code; J. Ivy, performance poet, au-thor; Tonika Lewis John-son, artist and creator of the Folded Map Project; Chris and Zachery Slaughter, photographers, "Boarded Up Chicago: Storefront Images Days After the George Floyd Riot"; Taylor Staten, Ar-chitect, TnS Studio online and via MSI's social

msichicago.org/blackcreand via MSI's social ativity (//education/creativity-and-innovation/bla media accounts. A new exhibit of social ck-creativity/)

Auto Renewal For **Property Exemptions**

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi reminds prop-Fritz Kaegi reminds prop-erty 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 ex-emptions will automati-cally renew this year, for homeowners who received them last year for tax them last year for tax year 2019 and who re-mained eligible in 2020:

Homeowner Exemp-tion (annual auto-re-newal), Senior Exemption (annual auto-renewal), Senior Freeze Exemption (2020 auto-renewal), Per-sons with Disabilities Exemption (2020 auto-renewal) and Veter-ans with Disabilities Ex-(2020)emption

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 vise

also identifies households who may be newly eligible 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 Ex-emptions if eligible.

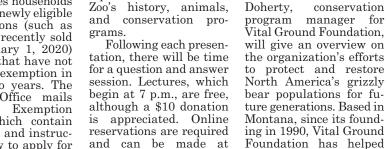
Applications will also be made available on cookcountyassessor.com and are due March 31, 2021. In addition, the Assessor's Office determines which properties may qualify under state law for the Longtime Homeowner Exemption, and mails an application to these homeowners.

Additional information regarding all exemptions may be found by visiting www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

Resource Help For Depression

The final virtual lec-









local workforce boards.

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.

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



Scenarios:

Be Aware

· You are rear ended. A passenger from the

Bump and Run

Brought to you by the Chicago Police Department, Your Partners for Safe neighborhoods.

back to work.

No one sets out to be the victim of a crime.

Location, Location, Location: Don't be Surprised

Certain areas make it easier for carjackers to engage with you. Drivers should be aware of the following frequent carjacking locations;

- Anywhere a driver slows down or stops
- Residential driveways (getting in and out of the vehicle)
- Parking lots and garages
- Gas stations
- ATMs
- · Intersections with stop lights
- immediately and drive away. Look around for suspicious persons sitting in vehicles or loitering in the area before entering your vehicle. Always; vehicle that bumps you jumps into your driver seat when you go to assess the damage and exchange driver information. • Park in well-lit, visible areas Note their description and call 911. Keep your windows up and doors locked **Stranded Motorist** . Equip your vehicle with anti-theft/GPS Give yourself room to maneuver around stopped traffic. Don't get 'boxed' in. Do Not Stop for apparently stranded strangers along the road. Note their location and call 911.
 - Keep your cell phone in your pocket · Trust your instincts

Create a Smart 911 profile and include your vehicle information

Safety Tips:

Think Ahead

Always be aware of your surroundings. Make

it a habit to enter your car, lock your doors

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CARJACKING

- Give up your car and leave the scene.
- The vehicle can be replaced. You are irreplaceable.
- Avoid verbal/physical confrontations
- · Remember the suspect(s)' description and their vehicle's description (if they have one) If there is a child in the vehicle, let the carjacker know "my child
- is in the car.

Call 911 immediately to report the crime



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stallment 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

Earned Income

Tax Credit

Taxpayers may be in line for a larger refund this year because of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and its Illinois counterpart, the Illinois Earned Income Credit. Individuals must file a tax return and claim it.

Anyone eligible for the federal EITC automatically qualifies for the Illinois EIC, which is a refundable tax credit worth up to 18 percent of a taxpayer's federal claim. In 2020, more than 13,000 Illinoisans claimed a federal EITC credit without also claiming the state EIC, leaving over \$7 million dollars unclaimed. To be eligible for EIC/EITC, taxpayers must meet certain 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 \$56,844 or less learn about EITC eligibility and use the EITC Assistant to find out if they qualify. Taxpayers must be eligible for federal EITC to receive the state EIC. EITC can mean up to a \$6,660 refund when a taxpayer files a return with

qualifying children. Workers without a qualifying child could be eligible for a smaller credit up to \$538.

To find out if you qualify irs.gov/credits-deducations/individuals/earnedincome-tax-credit-eitc.

If you or someone you love is struggling with depression or thinking about suicide, get help at 1-800-273-TALK, a free resource that is available 24 hours a day. The Crisis Text Line is free 24/7 where counselors support individuals in crisis. Text Jason" to 741741.

The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of youth suicide through educational programs. Many times, a young person will exhibit clear warning signs prior to an attempt. By knowing the warnings signs, and knowing how to help, you could save a life. Visit www.jasonfoundation.com.

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