



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Parents Question Age of Students



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The more I talk with young parents, the more I realize that they are considering the options they have, especially with young students and those getting ready for high school. The parents of younger kids often question when students should start. The government seems to be telling parents they must start at age 3. You know your own children. Some are ready for pre-K at 3, others aren't even ready for Kindergarten at age 5. Every child, of course, is different.

One dad told me that he had seen no studies that putting a kid in school at age 3 is beneficial. At home, at that age it is better to teach religious and social values than can be handled in a public school. The needs of families are different. Some families are in need of having everyone returned to the workforce. But if the mom never worked, this benefit is a non-starter. Much

depends on the dynamic of the family. By the time the kids are in the grades, families have made up their minds if they will attend school, do something else that is offered by the Board, or participate in homeschooling.

I know several parents who are worried about their 8th graders because they are not sure they are capable of teaching the different subjects in a high school curriculum doing homeschooling. Several told me they are not able to find statistics showing the success of homeschooling compared to public schools. The statistics they see have been funded by, in some form, either the public schools or the homeschooling organizations. Those have a vested interest.

Some of the parents did not realize that what works for one student does not work for another even in the same family. They seem to trust the opinions of their neighbors and friends. They must be careful. Now we have the other dynamic of Covid-19. Do you trust your school's protocol? One of the moms told me that she had to leave work for several days because of quarantines in classrooms. She has 4 kids in grades 2 - 7 and it seems that at least one of them has to be home almost every week.

The parents are also stuck with news reports constantly raising the question of if the unions or the Board will force a closing of the schools. I tell parents when they ask, my opinion would be based on my situation and they must make their decisions based on their situations and always consider their children's future and health.

Opera Theater Schedules Shows

Chicago Opera Theater will present main-stage productions for its 2022 session.

In the spring at the Studebaker, "Quamino's Map," with music by the Belize-born British composer Errolyn Wallen will follow the London life of a formerly enslaved man April 23rd, 29th and May 1st, 2022.

As part of its Vanguard developmental series, a concert-style performance of "The Beekeeper," will be staged at the Studebaker on March 4th, 2022.

For more information, visit chicagooperatheater.org.

Pinochle Club Hosts Tournament



The Taylor-Lauridsen Park Pinochle Club meets at 704 W. 42nd st. on Thursdays at 10 a.m.; all are welcome. Pictured at the Dec. 16th tournament are Ruth Czarniecki, Marlene Chodor, Ken Wicherek, Jackie Delgadillo, Jennie Scuderi, Thomas Tiscornia, Jeff Menier and Rich Bertoni.

DPS Schedules Virtual Workshops

Chicago Recovery Plan community development grants are being made available to entrepreneurs, small businesses and developers, with the initial round open through January 2022.

The application process will consider a diverse array of improvement projects, including storefront upgrades; large development proposals with entertainment, retail and dining options; and projects that create spaces with public amenities. Projects may apply for the small grant program up to \$250,000 or the large grant program up to \$5 million.

The first-round application deadline is Jan. 31, 2022, followed by a second-round application deadline of March 10, 2022. Applicants who are not prepared to apply for either round are encouraged to review all relevant materials and prepare to apply for a third application round in the summer.

For more information, visit www.chicago.gov/ChiRecoveryGrant. An informational webinar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6th at 12 p.m. CT, and a recording of the webinar will be posted to this site.

View the full virtual workshop schedule at www.chicago.gov/dpsev-ents.

First Look: Public Safety, Jan. 5th, 2 to 3 p.m. This session is intended to educate vendors about the services Chicago's public safety agencies provide and to learn what products and services the departments will need to procure in the next 12 months.

How To Become Certified, Jan. 12th and 13th, 2 to 3 p.m. DPS is the certifying agency for

Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business, Business Enterprise for People with Disabilities, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Learn what documents are needed when submitting an application and how to avoid the most common mistakes in the certification process. Subject matter experts will be on-hand to answer questions about common topics.

Procurement Fundamentals: Doing Business with the City, Jan. 13th, 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about procurement methods and the laws which govern the process.

The ABC'S of DBE and ACDBE Certification, Jan. 19th, 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about the application process and benefits of certification as part of the Illinois Unified Certification process with the City of Chicago, Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace.

DPS believes that everyone should have a chance to participate in the business of government. This includes participation by way of bidding on a contract, being a supplier, becoming a certified vendor, or learning about how to do business with the City.

The DPS website keeps the vendor community informed of procurement news, outreach, initiative and programs. Visit www.chicago.gov/dps to learn about: Current Bid Opportunities, Buying Plan, Procurement Resource Quick Reference Guide, Workshop PowerPoints and Rules & Regulations.

Collecting Initiative For Route 66



Courtesy of the Illinois State Museum

The Illinois State Museum announces its Route 66 collecting initiative focused on expanding holdings of related historic objects in preparation for an exhibition opening in 2026 celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Mother Road.

The Museum seeks items that help illuminate Route 66's history, during its glory days before the interstate system and objects from those who continue to add to its story today.

Bob Waldmire's family has donated a significant collection of his art and personal belongings to the collecting initiative.

Throughout the 1970s, '80s and '90s, itinerant artist and peace activist nomad Bob Waldmire traveled from town to town along Route 66, creating and selling art and postcards. In 1985, he bought a 1972

Volkswagen camper van that he lived out of in Arizona. This van was later the inspiration for the character Fillmore in the Disney-Pixar movie "Cars."

The objects include original drawings, paintings, prints, postcards, a manual typewriter on which he composed his newsletters and correspondence, a pair of patched, cutoff shorts he wore when traveling, a roadside display stand for selling postcards and the hood of his 1965 Mustang, hand-painted with a map of Route 66.

Those interested in contributing to the collecting initiative can visit bit.ly/ISMRoute66.

Established in 1877, the Illinois State Museum is headquartered in Springfield with branch facilities in Lewistown and Lockport. Learn more at illinois-state-museum.org.

Library Schedules Family Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

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

The Clearing Branch Library, 6423 W. 63rd place offers in-person adult play of the ancient Chinese game of Mahjong on Fridays, Jan. 7th to Feb. 4, 18th and 25th from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Thurgood Marshall Branch will conduct weekly virtual American Sign Language classes on Tuesday, Jan. 4th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Register 48 hours before the event.

Ms. Jenny from the Douglass Branch virtual program for babies aged 0-2 and their caregivers on Mondays, Jan. 17th and 31st, Feb. 14th and 28th, March 14th and 28th, April 11th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register 24 hours in advance.

Join Ellie from the Rogers Park Branch for baby story time on Tuesdays, Jan. 4th through Feb. 22nd from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The program will feature songs, rhymes, books and emphasize adult-child interaction. This event takes place on Zoom, register at least 24 hours in advance.

Visit Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer for in-person story time on Tuesdays, Jan. 4th to 25th from 6 to 7 p.m. For music, books

and fun, stick around for a craft. Register by the day before the event.

The Grown(ish) Club: Adulting as a Teen will be conducted online on Thursdays, Dec. 30th through Feb. 24th from 8 to 9 p.m. Ages 13 to 18 will have conversations about life that they don't always teach in school. Topics include relationships, leadership, money management, job readiness and more. This event takes place on Zoom, register 3 hours before.

The Humboldt Park Branch will conduct an English as a Second Language class on Wednesdays, Jan. 12th; Feb 9th; March 9th; April 13th; May 11th and June 8th from 6 to 7 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register at least 3 hours in advance.

The Jeffery Manor Branch Library will host former IRS agent, William Newell, as he offers information, tips and suggestions for filling your taxes on Friday, Jan. 14th from 2 to 3 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register at least 24 hours before.

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature creative writing, poetry and song on Tuesdays, Jan. 4th through May 24th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register by 10 a.m. the day before.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will hold its second meeting since the pandemic at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, Jan. 5th at 6:30 p.m. Community members are welcome to attend.

MPCA announced at its December meeting the re-election of officers Agnes Bednarkiewicz, president; Sue Pletsch, vice-president/treasurer and Chris Bania, secretary, for a term of three years. Former CAPS liaison, Alan Heyduk has passed away. His family in New Hampshire will conduct a memorial for Alan in April.

Free Admission To Art Institute

The Art Institute of Chicago will extend free admission to Illinois residents on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays Jan. 3rd to March 17th.

Tickets must be reserved online in advance at sales.artic.edu/admissions. Resident status will be verified using the zip code associated with the billing address provided.

City Schedules Fireworks Display



Photo courtesy of Navy Pier

Chicago will ring in 2022 with a spectacular fireworks display from Wolf Point along the Chicago River to Navy Pier with eight launch points and synchronized music. WGN Channel 9 will broadcast the festivities live.

Central Park Post Seeks Members

Central Park Post #1028, The American Legion is hosting an all-you-can-eat membership recruiting breakfast for veterans at Les Brothers Restaurant, 87th & Ridgeland on Friday, Feb. 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Bring a veteran friend, neighbor or relative and earn a \$50 gift card of your choice if they sign up to become a member of the post. No dues for new members during the 1st year of membership.

Verification of veteran status is required at the door (DD214) with honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions.

RSVP by Jan. 5th to John Divizio (708) 423-5922 or jdivizio56@comcast.net or Henry Roa (773) 247-1522, mexfloroa@ameritech.net.

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.

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Church Services

St. Richard Church, 50th & Kostner and St. Bruno Church, 48th & Harding announce their Mass schedules for New Year's.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31st
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass in English at St. Bruno.

SAT., JAN. 1ST, 2022
7:30 a.m. Polish, 9 a.m. English and 10:30 a.m. Spanish at St. Richard.

10:30 a.m. Polish and 12:30 p.m. Spanish at St. Bruno.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2022
Saturday, Jan. 1st
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Bruno.

Sunday, Jan. 2nd
7:30 a.m. Polish, 9 a.m. English and 10:30 a.m. Spanish at St. Richard.

10:30 a.m. Polish, 12:30 p.m. Spanish and 7 p.m. Spanish at St. Bruno.

Website For Dance Company

Henry Roa, executive director of the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has established an account to ensure the existence of the organization's website.

The site contains a chronological history of personnel, dancers, events, awards, grants and recognitions. For more information, call (773) 247-1522 or email mexfloroa@ameritech.net.

On Dec. 9th, 2017 Henry & his late wife Juanita were honored as the inaugural recipients of the "Keepers of Culture" award for their lifetime contributions to Mexican arts and culture. A touching video, of their life, can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/IGc0CP67PUY>.

This site also serves as a vehicle to present Mr. Roa's 13 page paper on Our Lady of Tepeyac (Guadalupe as she is universally known).

Holiday Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, 2000 N. Clark st. will offer a treasured holiday tradition, ZooLights Presented by ComEd and Invesco QQQ runs from 4 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 31st, and Jan. 1st-2nd. A twinkling winter wonderland complete with festive activities, will feature visits with Santa, a holiday pop-up bar, an Enchanted Forest, Light Maze Presented by Invesco QQQ, sweet treats of all kinds, and much more.

The Light Maze Presented by Invesco QQQ will require one ticket (\$3) per guest. The Enchanted Forest

experience brings a fairytale land to life with flowers, mushrooms, dripping lights, and magic in the air. One ticket (\$3) required per guest.

Snowy's Spirits & S'mores, a holiday-themed pop-up bar, features s'mores over a fire pit, festive cocktails, hot drinks and sweet treats. Free to enter.

Zoo Year's Eve will be celebrated on Dec. 31st. Sponsors include ComEd, Invesco QQQ, Louis Glunz Beer Inc., Coca-Cola, 93.9 Lite FM, and Lysol.

For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

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Holiday Events At Science Museum



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Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light return to the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, highlighting the rich customs of more than 50 countries and cultures through Jan. 3rd.

The exhibits celebrate the golden age of travel with themed décor and a spotlight on the *Pioneer Zephyr train* and *Take Flight's 727*, which have been newly reimagined. Guests can visit Santa and have a souvenir photo taken with him on select days.

Volunteers from Chicago's diverse communities use handmade décor and personal mementos to decorate a forest of trees and displays that line the Rotunda and main floor.

Guests can learn why silver spiders are good luck, find out which country celebrates the world's longest Christmas season, and view intricate origami ornaments.

Visitors may take a photo with the 45-foot Grand Tree, featuring more than 30,000 lights. A special tree commemorates the Chicago Sky's historic WNBA championship win. The *Holidays of Light* are showcased in display cases that contain symbolic objects used to celebrate Chinese New Year, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Visakha Puja Day and St. Lucia Day.

Advance ticket reservations are required, book tickets online at msichicago.org/holidays.

Ridge Library Schedules Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled an interesting schedule of programs.

The Adult Book Club will discuss "Orange is the New Black" by Piper Kerman on Wednesday, Jan. 12th at 2 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 13th at 6 p.m. Snacks will be served. Copies are available at the circulation desk.

The Spanish Book Discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. January 6th title is *Los Siete Maridos de Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. The Feb. 3rd program will feature *El Murrullo de las Abjas* by Sofia Segovia.

Adults will enjoy fun games and conversation on Thursdays, Jan. 13th, 20th and 27th at 2 p.m. Scrabble, chess, checkers, playing cards, word finds and more will be available.

Create a Mask with a t-shirt sleeve will be conducted on Friday, Jan. 21st from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants must bring a t-shirt, no sewing is required.

Time for Tots will feature stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, numbers, letters and shapes on Mondays, Jan. 10th, 24th and 31st; Feb. 7th, 14th and 28th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children will make a themed

craft to take home. Early arrivals can color or build a puzzle. This event takes place in person, register by 10:30 a.m.

Stories and Songs for ages 2-5 will be available on Wednesdays, Jan. 12th to 26th at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturdays, Jan. 15th and 29th, ages 2-6 will create and play with early learning toys and activities from 2 to 3 p.m.

Register for events at <https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/>

New Law For U of I Admission

Illinois Community college students with a B-average or better will automatically qualify to transfer to the University of Illinois under a new law which takes effect Jan. 1st.

U of I will create a four-year uniform admission system pilot program, guaranteeing qualified students admission.

Qualifications include: graduated from an Illinois high school, earned at least 36 transferable credits at an Illinois community college, maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average for all transferable coursework, and satisfied the university system's English language proficiency requirement.

The universities will prioritize current state residents and cannot turn any qualified applicant aside unless the enrollment capacity is 100% full with state residents.

The U of I system encompasses three universities in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo, 8400 W. 31st st. will celebrate its 40th annual Holiday Magic, presented by ComEd and Meijer through Dec. 31st from 3 to 9 p.m.

The lights festival, features over two million twinkling LED lights.

The zoo's 41-foot-tall tree, located at the north entrance, is adorned with thousands of LED lights and choreographed to seasonal tunes. The walkways along the malls and around Roosevelt Fountain have more than 700 community and corporate trees decorated with ornaments. Illuminated animal sculptures, include a giraffe, bison, bear, and reindeer.

Photo opportunities include a 3D 16-foot-tall gingerbread house, luminous 20-foot-tall orb, holiday-themed festive frame, and Santa Claus cutout.

Guests of all ages can play the Game of Gnomes, and embark on a fun-filled scavenger hunt in search of 25 enchanting locations.

Indoor and outdoor animal habitats, including Tropic World, Pachyderm House, Big Cats, Swamp,

Feathers and Scales, Reptiles and Birds, Living Coast, Hamill Family Wild Encounters, Seven Seas underwater viewing gallery, Great Bear Wilderness, Australia House (front section only), and Hamill Family Play Zoo, will be open. Dolphins in Action presentations (extra fee applies) are at 4 and 6 p.m. each night.

Kids can deposit their written greetings and drawings for the animals in a designated box, and drop off letters to Santa Claus in a giant red box, on the South Mall.

Guests can take a spin on the skating rink, which is made of synthetic plastic. The cost for unlimited time for skaters on the rink is \$7. A limited number of skates are available to rent for \$5 fee.

Reservation times are available in 15-minute increments. Zoo admission and parking tickets, which must be reserved in advance at CZS.org/HolidayMagic, are \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15.

Obituaries

ANNA HAWRYLA (nee Lewandowska), age 62, of Burbank; formerly of Archer Heights; mother of Monika (Krzysztof) Mlynarski, Marcin (Marta) Hawryla, Malgorzata (Marcin) Wisniewski, Michalina (Kajetan Kopec) Hawryla; former wife of Wladyslaw Hawryla; grandmother of Oliwia, Daria, Szymon, David, Amanda, Adam, and Matilda; sister of Danuta (Mieczyslaw) Kubs, Miroslaw (Teresa) Lewandowski, Malgorzata (Marian) Stawicki and Agnieszka (Tomasz) Kanigowski; daughter of late Zenobia (nee Staniszewska) and Stanislaw Lewandowski. Visitation was held Dec. 22nd at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 23rd at Our Lady of the Mother Church.

MARGIE WISNIEWSKI (nee Cook) age 95; of Orland Park and formerly of West Elsdon; mother of Linda Gleisner Peterson and Karen (Wayne) Kumke; grandmother of Candice (Tim) Blackwood and Nicole (Stacey) Decker; great-grandmother of Addison and David Blackwood; Emma, Audrey and Lydia Decker; predeceased by sisters, Beulah, Myrtle, Esther, Lorraine and Irene. Visitation and services were held Dec. 29th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park.

Free Programs At City Colleges

City Colleges of Chicago is offering Future Ready which provides 60+ programs in select high-demand fields at no cost to eligible Chicagoans.

Eligibility includes: New to City Colleges credit classes or those that have been away for two or more Fall/Spring semesters and left CCC in good standing.

Interested in pursuing careers in fields as diverse as: healthcare, technology, transportation, distribution, and logistics, cannabiz operations, auto tech, criminal justice, and more.

Undocumented students. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity, and seats are limited. Enrollment for Spring semester is now open.

To learn more and see the list of programs, go to www.ccc.edu/futureready.

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History Museum Schedules Events

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

On Jan. 8th, musicians and storytellers Amy Lowe and Megan Wells will perform a mix of commentary, theater and history about the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

On Jan. 13th, Author Patrick T. Reardon will conduct a virtual urban history seminar from 7 to 8:15 p.m. The topic is, "Reporting the Loop: Newspapering to History Writing."

On Jan. 17th Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with family activities.

For more information, visit ChicagoHistory.org or call (312) 642-4600.

Student Loan Pause To May 1st

The U.S. Department of Education announced a 90-day extension of the pause on student loan repayment, interest, and collections through May 1st, 2022. The extension will allow the Administration to assess the impacts of the Omicron variant and provide additional time for borrowers to plan for the resumption of payments and reduce the risk of delinquency and defaults after restart.

Borrowers are encouraged to use the additional time to ensure their contact information is up to date and to consider enrolling in electronic debit and income-driven repayment plans to support a smooth transition to repayment. More information can be found at StudentAid.gov.

Silver Skates At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. will conduct Silver Skates Speed Skating Competition for ages 6 to 17 on Wednesday, Jan. 12th from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Adult skaters are invited to an 18 & over meet immediately following the children's meet.

For more information, visit chicagoparkdistrict.com

"The Secret Forest" At Nature Museum



Photo credit: © Chicago Academy of Sciences / Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

The Chicago Academy of Sciences / Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon dr., announces new interactive exhibition, "The Secret Forest" which is designed to connect the youngest visitors with nature.

The exhibit offers canvas canopy tents, nature-themed camouflage flooring, new slides, and a campfire section with playful plushes.

The play area features exploration tunnels and a boat to steer on an imaginary river. A dedicated Story Time hub hosts the Museum's daily "story time" programs.

The *Judy Istock Butterfly Haven*, a 2,700-square-foot greenhouse that is home to more than 1,000 butterflies from over 40 species. Complete with pools of water, flowers, tropical trees and bird species from the Southern hemisphere.

Additional information

is available at www.naturemuseum.org.

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St. Barbara: NY Day: 9:30AM

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Morton Arboretum Extends Light Show



In response to demand, *Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum* is being extended to Jan. 6th, 7th and 8th with last ticket times at 8:30 p.m. "Illumination continues to be very popular and is receiving outstanding feedback from those who visit," said Arboretum Vice President of Learning and Engagement Preston Bautista, Ph.D. "With most dates currently sold out, we'd like to give as many people as possible the opportunity to experience this refreshed version of *Illumination*." Purchase tickets online in advance at mortonarb.org.

Holiday Flower Shows At Conservatories

The Garfield Park Conservatory Winter Flower Show, 300 N. Central Park ave., will run through Sunday, Jan. 9th. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

"Serenity" evokes a feeling of tranquility to remind visitors that the natural world is a great source of calm amidst the hectic season. Pink poinsettias will help to calm anxiety, while plants with silver foliage will relax the mind. Pleasant scents will remind visitors of the outdoors, and provide aromatherapy. Many blooming flowers, such as hyacinth, zinnias, salvias, and cosmos will fill the room.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory Winter Flower Show, 2391 N. Stockton

Dr. will also run through Jan. 9th. The Conservatory is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Candy Cane" features an imaginary swirl of the peppermint treats, with red and white poinsettias, holiday lights, and a 12-foot poinsettia tree.

Admission to the holiday flower shows is free. Timed reservations are required. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/WinterFlowerShows2021>.

Mending Wall At Museum Campus



Photo by WBBM Radio - Chicago

The Chicago Park District and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events in partnership with the Field Museum announce the completion of the first phase of *Mending Wall*, a temporary art installation on the Museum Campus. Envisioned by local artist, Jenny Kendler, the Wall honors our collective pain for the world amidst a global pandemic, the worsening climate crisis and interrelated struggle for racial justice.

Mending Wall is four feet tall and twenty-four feet in length and made of reclaimed Chicago cobblestones, blue stone, limestone accent and site stones. Residents and visitors

are invited to write a message, roll the paper and place it into the voids between cobblestones.

In the Spring, stone seating will be built around the wall and native perennial plantings will be planted to offer a space of contemplation.

Once the exhibit concludes and is disassembled, the stones will be shared with interested patrons. Select stones will be placed in the Field Museum's Rice Native Gardens and other natural areas across the city. The surrounding landscape will be expanded to include the entire site as an ongoing natural area amenity, enhancing the museum's visitors' outdoor experience.

Kendler and the Field Museum will gather and digitally archive written messages and other artifacts left at the wall for inclusion in the museum's "Pandemic Collection" project.

Jenny Kendler is an interdisciplinary artist and environmental activist, whose work on climate change and biodiversity loss has been shown at Storm King Art Center, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, MSU Broad Museum and the MCA Chicago. Since 2014, she has been the first Artist-in-Residence with environmental non-profit NRDC. Learn more about her work and *Mending Wall* at jennykendler.com

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

Wednesdays

Book Discussion Club meets in-person from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 26th about the *Disaster Tourist* by Yun Ko-Eun. The Feb. 23rd topic is *Before She Was* by Helen Caroline Conney.

The Polish Book Discussion Club meets in person from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 19th about *Dzien rozrachunku* by John Grisham. The Feb. 16th topic is *Prawdziej Kolory* by Kristin Hannah. Books are available at the circulation desk.

Thursdays

Reading Buddies Virtual Program will meet on Jan. 6th to 27th and Feb. 17th and 24th. Beginners will read from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and practice with books like *Ride, Otto, Ride* by David Milgrim and *Are You Ready to Play Outside* by Mo Williams.

Independents will read from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and practice with books like *Meet Yasmin* by Saadia Farugi and the *Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo. Online registration is required.

Saturdays

Curious Kids Club will meet on Jan. 22nd and Feb. 19th from 3 to 3:45 p.m. In January artistic minds will fold origami bookmarks. In February, become aeronautical engineers hoping to build a successful airplane then test how far and fast he can fly. Registration required to pick up materi-

als grab & go bag. Spanish Book Discussion Club will meet in person from 2-3 p.m. on Jan. 8th for *Gatica* by Silva Moreno-Garcia on Feb. 5th, the topic will be *Los Abismos* by Filar Quintana. Books are available at the circulation desk.

Watercolor painting for teens and adults will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 29th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required at (312) 747-9241 or dramos@chipublib.org.

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday from 12 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, www.chipublib.org

Animal Shelter Offers Adoptions

Chicago Animal Care and Control, 2741 S. Western ave. will waive Adoption Fees in December. See an updated list of animals at PetHarbor.com/Chicago. Download the adoption questionnaire at Chicago.gov/cacc. Send it to CACC@CityofChicago.org.

Visit @CACCadoptables and @CACCAdoptionTeam for more details.

Applicants must be 18 years or older. Bring official photo ID and bill/lease with your address. If you have pets at home, bring their vaccination records. Renters, discuss any pet restrictions with your landlord.

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Anti-Cruelty Online Store

The Anti-Cruelty Society has launched a new online store at anticrueltyshop.org, offering apparel, drinkware and accessories, all to support the Society's animals. More than 30 items including T-shirts, hoodies, coffee mugs, water bottles, canvas bags and baby onesies are available.

Artwork features a rendering of Chicago's iconic flag with red paw prints, and line drawings of cats and dogs.

The Society's onsite store located at the River North adoption center was closed in late summer due to space needs and converted into an adoption area for small animals such as rabbits, Guinea pigs, hamsters and mice.

Water Assistance For Low Income

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced a new program available to assist low-income Illinois families experiencing economic hardship. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, provides \$42 million in shut-off avoidance for residents unable to pay their water and sewer bills.

Residents in need of financial support can visit www.helpillinoisfamilies.com or call (833) 711-0374.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC, F/K/A NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -v- DIMITRIOS TSANOS, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants
18 CH 13579
906 WEST 36TH STREET CHICAGO, IL 60609

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE entered in the above cause on August 21, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 1, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 906 WEST 36TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60609
Property Index No. 17-32-406-027-0000
The real estate is improved with a red stone, two story multi unit home, detached two car garage.

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 \$250, in cash or by 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 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. 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.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(a)-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 348-9088.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Attorney Code: 61256
Case Number: 18 CH 13579
TJSC#: 41-3135

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 18 CH 13579
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff, vs. CHERYL A. WILCOX AKA CHERYL A. BROWN AKA CHERYL WILCOX; ROBERT B. WILCOX AKA ROBERT BOYD WILCOX AKA ROBERT WILCOX; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants.
16 CH 3034

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 31, 2022 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 P.L.N. 19-25-320-030-0000.
Commonly known as 2954 West Columbus Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60652.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments 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 Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, (614) 220-5611, 19-000901 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
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Art Exhibit At DePaul Museum

The DePaul Art Museum, 935 W. Fullerton, will display "Stockyard Institute 25 Years of Art and Radical Pedagogy" through Feb. 13th. The Stockyard Institute has been doing this sort of radical collaboration since being founded by Jim Duignan in Back of the Yards a quarter-century ago.

For more information, call (773) 325-7506 or visit resources.depaul.edu.

Arts, Craft Show At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing will conduct a Chinese New Year Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, Jan. 29th from 10 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

General public has free admission. There is space for 25 vendors at \$10 per table.

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