



## Legislators Seek Cure



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The Illinois Legislature recently passed an Education Bill that once again mandates several items to be included in the curriculum of schools. This has been done many times before. They usually concern issues of the day. This Bill includes issues of institutional racism, diversity, and does include securing more bureaucracy in naming a 22 person inclusive American History Commission. It also calls on ways to develop control of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board.

The items in the Bill when listed separately make one think "my kids should know about these issues", but is it enough? Some legislators would say there I did my duty. Because these issues are seldom dealt with on the long term.

Here is a look at other

Illinois State Board of Education mandated units of study for Social Studies. Somewhere these issues came up and their answer is -- teach it in school.

A. Role of Ethnic groups in US History. B. Role of labor unions. C. The Holocaust. D. Women's History. E. Mexican American deportation during the Great Depression. F. African American History. G. Civics. H. Global genocide. I. Contributions of Hispanics. J. The Congressional Medal of Honor. K. People with disabilities and awareness. L. Violence prevention and conflict resolution. M. Consumer education. N. Irish famine study. O. Family Life. P. Gang resistance. Q. Organ/tissue and blood donations. R. Recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse.

Most adults will agree that most, if not all, of these topics should be addressed. The instructions from the ISBE realize it is not easy to put all these in the curriculum because they do not add time to the day. Therefore, to include these, other subjects and topics are shortened or eliminated. The ISBE in these mandates affords flexibility for the amount of time that local school boards designate for these units. So, in short, you should be knowledgeable that the state wants your school to address these issues. Your Principal with directives from the Chicago Board of Ed must make the decision on the time given to these.

## Brookfield Zoo Names River Otter Pup



Photo Credit Lynette Kleisner/CZS/Brookfield Zoo

During a live chat on TikTok, Chicago Zoological Society animal care staff announced the name of its nearly 2-month-old river otter pup. For the past two weeks, the public has been able to vote for their favorite name among four choices. More than 18,000 votes were cast to determine the winner—Pascal, which is the name of an otter character in a popular video game. Those who missed the live chat, will be able to watch it on the zoo's Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Since debuting to the general public on March 3rd, Pascal has been growing rapidly. He has recently been introduced to water and is progressing well in his daily swimming sessions. Animal care staff say that Pascal is full of energy and learns new things every day. Like most otters, Pascal is very playful and inquisitive. He still receives the majority of his nourishment from a bottle, and is being introduced to solid foods. Staff is planning to introduce him back with his mom Charlotte and dad Benny at the Swamp habitat once he is fully weaned.

Those interested in helping to provide expert care for the North American river otters at Brookfield Zoo can participate in the Society's Animal Adoption program. For a \$35 donation, you or a recipient will receive a 5" x 7" color photo, a personalized adoption certificate, a

species fact sheet, and an Animal Adoption decal. To adopt an otter or for further information, visit CZS.org/AnimalAdoption or call (708) 688-8341.

The Illinois population of North American river otters—fewer than 100 individuals in the late 1980s—was once threatened due to over harvesting and habitat loss. However, a successful recovery program initiated in the early 1990s by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources helped increase the number of otters in the state. The program included relocating nearly 350 otters from Louisiana to central and southeastern Illinois. The state also engaged in conserving wetlands and wooded areas along streams and rivers, which is otter habitat. Today, the species is common throughout Illinois thanks to these effort as well as expanding otter populations in neighboring states.

### Lam Honored

Enton Lam was named to the dean's list at Bates College of Lewiston, Maine for the fall semester ending in December 2020. The distinction is earned by students whose grade point average is 3.88 or higher.

The son of Danny & Kitty Lam, he is a 2017 graduate of the Latin School and is majoring in neuroscience and minor in philosophy.

## Pink Flower Show At Lincoln Park



The Chicago Park District announces the reopening of Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr., on March 26th. Reservations from the general public to visit its global plant collection at lincolnparkconservancy.org. Timed-entry will be available during the new hours of operation; Friday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admittance is free. Donations are being accepted to offset the costs of supervised visitation.

The 2021 Spring Flower Show "Pretty in Pink" will run through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9. The display features blooms in many pink hues such as azaleas, hydrangeas, peonies, tulips and alysium.

The Lincoln Park Commission constructed the Lincoln Park Conservatory in phases between 1890 and 1895, replacing a small greenhouse that dated from the 1870s. Nationally renowned architect Joseph Lyman Silsbee designed the Conservatory in collaboration with architect M.E. Bell.

A "paradise under glass," the Conservatory supported "a luxuriant tropical growth, blending the whole into a natural grouping of Nature's loveliest forms." Historically, aquatic plants propagated in tanks in the Conservatory were planted outside, in artificially heated lily ponds. The exotic plants were so popular that in 1897, the Egyptian government requested seeds from Lincoln Park's water lilies.

Designed both to showcase exotic plants and grow the thousands of plants needed for use in the parks, the Conservatory offers visitors a tropical experience within its four display houses: Palm House, Fern Room, Orchid House and Show House, which is home to the annual flower shows. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

Reservations are limited to 60 minutes for parties of up to eight people and all visits must be pre-booked online, in advance for a specified date and time to manage the number of visitors. Entrances and exits will be posted and visitor movement will be one-way. Reservations can be made up to 14 days in advance. Last entry is an hour prior to the scheduled closing time and no late entries will be allowed.

## MWRD Sponsors Water Challenge

To commemorate World Water Day on March 22nd, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Josina Morita is hosting her second annual Million Gallon Challenge to educate Chicagoans on simple steps to reduce their water footprint. The challenge will run from Friday, March 19th at 5 p.m. to Monday, March 22nd at 5 p.m. with the goal of saving 1 million gallons of water. Chicagoans can join the Challenge as an individual or part of a team, and compete for prizes against other participants to see who can save the most water.

While water is a renewable resource, its supply can still be depleted if too much is used or wasted, and millions of people across the globe face water scarcity every day. Water scarcity is becoming a more pervasive problem as the world population grows. Here in Chicago, conserving water can help protect our waterways by preventing Combined Sewer Overflows during rainy or snow days, as CSOs directly impact the health of aquatic ecosystems like the Chicago River.

Manageable ways to incorporate water conservation measures into their daily routines include: drinking a cup of tea instead of a cup of coffee can save 58 gallons of water, eating salmon instead of steak can save 584 gallons, snacking on peanuts instead of almonds can save 1,047 gallons, using a reusable water bottle instead of a plastic, disposable one can save 136 gallons, cleaning with a cloth rag instead of a paper towel can save 336 gallons.

In 2020, the first Million Gallon Challenge saw over 200 people conserve 1.4 million gallons of water. This year, Shedd Aquarium's water

conservation expertise will expand the Challenge's impact.

"Our oceans, lakes and rivers are the lifeblood of our planet, providing homes for aquatic animals and drinking water for humans. The importance of these waterways is what drives initiatives to reduce pollution and restore ecosystems, and it is the reason we've implemented dramatic water conservation measures in the aquarium's operations, ultimately leading us to cut our water intake in half in just a few years," said Andrea Densham, senior director of conservation policy and advocacy at Shedd Aquarium. "Though we have a seemingly infinite body of our water in our backyard, it is paramount that we preserve and conserve this ecosystem."

To learn more, visit [www.milliongallonchallenge.com](http://www.milliongallonchallenge.com) and use the web app to help track water conservation efforts during the Challenge. Participants are encouraged to share their experience using the hashtag #MillionGallonChallenge on their social media channels.

### WGU Announces 2021 Graduates

The following local residents have earned a degree from Western Governors University of Salt Lake City. The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 218,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

Shereen Morales (60638) received a Master of Science, Nursing - Nursing Informatics (BSN to MSN) and Ephraim Mahou (60608) received a Bachelor of Science, Business Management.

## Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

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

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

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

The Chicago Public Library will conduct online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesdays, through April 27th from 4 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 caregivers 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.

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](mailto: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 Children'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 Zoom. Registration by 9 a.m. the day before the event.

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, finger plays, songs, rhymes, movement and a small craft. Stop by Chicago Lawn Branch to pick up the materials for the craft if needed or Mrs. Vicky will email you a list of supplies with materials you have at home.

STEAM Team will present Story Time on Mondays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. through April 26th. Each week read books, sing songs, and participate in hands-on STEAM activities using common household items. This program is geared for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

MARVEL-ous Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. through April 5th will feature WandaVision with Loki and The Falcon and the Winter Soldier. This event takes place on Zoom. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

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.

How to Zoom: Intro to Online Meetings for adults will be offered on Wednesday, May 17th from 4 to 5 p.m. You can use zoom on a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (if your device has a camera, speakers, and a microphone). This class will cover the basics of how to connect as a participant, as well as how to set up a meeting as a host. 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](http://chipublib.org).

## Guided Walks At Nature Museum



Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive will conduct nature walks through the museum grounds on Tuesday, March 30th; Thursday, April 1st and Saturday, April 3rd. Register your family to learn about the plants and animals that call the museum's grounds home. From grasses to trees to bugs to birds. The museum building will not be open, and bathrooms are not available. Plan and time your visit accordingly. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/spring-break-nature-walks-tickets-14270221023](https://eventbrite.com/e/spring-break-nature-walks-tickets-14270221023).

### Witkowski Honored

Jessica Witkowski, was named a fall 2020 Distinguished Scholar at Rockford University.

Students who earn at least a 3.75 GPA with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester receive the honor.

## Gads Hill Center Offers Resources



Playstreets is a collaborative initiative sponsored by the Chicago Department of Public Health which supports the development of healthier and stronger communities by creating safe and accessible residential play areas for kids to be active, to learn, and for neighbors to come together.

Gads Hill Center has offered Playstreets since 2012 and will serve as a Delegate Agency, providing seed funding, materials, technical assistance, and implementation support to community-based organizations.

Playstreets 2021 virtual programming will offer families many safe, supervised outdoor events that promote health and physical activity.

Visit [playstreets@gadshillcenter.org](mailto:playstreets@gadshillcenter.org)

Gads Hills Center will be an Affiliate attending the 2021 UnidosUS

Changemakers Summit, March 22nd - 23rd. Join the conversation by registering at [AffiatesUnidos.org](http://AffiatesUnidos.org).

The HeadStart Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center will conduct webinars, conferences, and training across the early childhood field. View all upcoming events and register today.

Gads Hill Center has job opportunities for grant writer, youth worker, children's services mental health clinician, family support specialist - partner network, intake worker, teacher assistant - early head start and teacher - early head start.

Noble is providing meals to any child 18 years and younger free of charge, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will receive 3 days of hot breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For more information, visit [gadshillcenter.org](http://gadshillcenter.org).

## Community Impact Award Recipient

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago conducted its Annual Awards Program for Transformative Impact, virtually on March 11th. Maricela Garcia, Chief Executive Officer of Gads Hill Center earned the Community Impact Award for her work creating opportunities for children and their families to build a better life through education, access to resources, and community engagement.

Other honorees were also recognized for their impactful work: King Harris from the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Raul Hernandez & Raul Raymundo from The Resurrection Project.

Watch this event at <https://youtu.be/2437zu6gvjTk>.



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### Library Announces Spring Concerts

The Library of Congress will continue its season of Concerts with an offering of virtual concerts, interviews and conversations with artists and composers, lectures, curator talks and educational programs. The spring series Scottish pianist Steven Osborne on March 19th and the Dudok Quartet Amsterdam on March 26th.

All events will be made available at 7 p.m. on the scheduled premiere date on [loc.gov/concerts](http://loc.gov/concerts), the Library's YouTube channel and the Performing Arts at the Library of Congress Facebook page.

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## 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@cookcountyl.gov or (312) 415-2970.

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 experiments will be conducted virtually to better understand how they work. Contact (708) 839-6897 or littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.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 future may hold. Registration is required at (847) 381-6592 or Crabtree.NatureCenter@cookcountyl.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 sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyl.gov.

Facebook Live from Little Red Schoolhouse will explain the ecology of native frogs and why vernal pools are so important for their life cycles on Saturday, March 27th at 1:30

p.m. Contact: (708) 839-6897 or littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyl.gov.

### Park District Seeks Lifeguards

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

The position pays \$15.57 an hour.

Applicants must meet the following requirements: Be a resident of the City of Chicago. Proof of residency must be presented at the test.

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

Have a Chicago Park District Lifeguarding Card, valid through 2021 (given after passing the lifeguard test).

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

Learn more about lifeguarding training at [chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguard-application-process](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguard-application-process).

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



**LORRAINE I. DRYJA** (nee Biskoski), age 96, of Garfield Ridge. She was the wife of late John; mother of Patricia (Les) Podlasek; grandmother of Michael (Mary) Podlasek; daughter of late Elizabeth (nee Stefanski) & late Joseph Biskoski; sister of late Bernard (late Dorothy) & late Daniel (Anne) Biskoski; sister-in-law of late Cecelia (late Frank) Fary, Celeste Lisak, late Mary (late Stanley) Kroll, late Julie (late Tony) Kienlen, late Ann (late Edward) Piwowarski, late Joseph (late Lydia) & late Stanley Dryja. Family and friends are invited to meet Thursday, March 18th at 10:45 am at St. Bruno Church for 11 a.m. Funeral Mass. Attendees must register. Private Entombment will be at Resurrection Garden Mausoleum.



**JAN FINDURA**, of Archer Heights, passed away suddenly on Feb. 25th at the age of 50. He was the son of Maria (nee Wadowska) and Andrzej Findura; brother of Elzbieta Findura, Anna (Jan) Wadowska, Jozef (Joanna) Findura and late Andrzej Findura; nephew of Franciszek Wadowski, Helena Segenova, Anna Findura and late Pawel Findura. Burial took place in Poland. Arrangement were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels.

### CBA Offers Legal Service

As consumer and employment complaints relating to the Coronavirus are surging, the Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone. The lawyer referral fee will be waived in the wake of the public health pandemic.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, March 20th from 9 a.m. to noon, the public can call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on the CBA's website at [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org).

## Obituaries

**SAUL GARCIA**, age 46, son of Rafael & Maria Garcia; father of 7 year old Carina; brother of Noel, Myra and Cythia. Visitation was held March 11th and prayer service on March 12th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**CIRO C. MONTOYA**, passed away on March 8th at the age of 92. Arrangements, visitation and Chapel Service was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



**LILLIAN ROSE PALUCH**, (nee Zieselskiewski); age 93, wife of late Leonard T. Paluch; mother of Ilona (James) Alwin, Cynthia (Thomas) Summers, Michelle Paluch, Kevin (Erlinda) Paluch, Camille (Michael) Monaco and the late Lisa Paluch; grandmother of John, Christopher, Shane, Ryan, Joseph, Lauren, Ashley, Dustin, Amber, Michael & Matthew; great grandmother of Madilyn, Ryder, Wyatt, Diem, Oakley, Layla, Liam, Callum, Luke, Ella & Vance; sister of late Walter, late Edwin, late Leonard, late Steve, late Larry & late Wanda. Visitation will be held Friday, March 19th, 3-7 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Saturday, March 20, 2021, 9 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of Sacred Heart. Mass 10 a.m. Inurnment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Lillian was a lifelong nurse at the Santa Fe Railroad, Little Company of Mary, Loretto & Christ Hospitals, Continental Can Co., Clearing Clinic and Fisher Body.



**GERTRUDE C. ROSENTRATER** (nee Chekala), passed away on March 6th. She was the wife of late Fred W. Rosentrater; stepmother of Dianne Grubb (nee Rosentrater), and grandmother of Kristina Grubb; daughter of late Clementine Czerniak Chekala and sister of late twins Thomas and Rose Chekala. Member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America 1560. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bruno Catholic Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



**ADAN JESUS SANSININEA**, son of late Santiago Sansininea Rojas and late Dolores Solario de Sansininea; brother of Clara Sansininea, Agustina (Javier) Alvarado, Eva (Benjamin) Delgado, Alma Sansininea, late Marcelino, late Santiago and late Guillermo Sansininea. Funeral services were held March 6th at St. Rita Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels.



**OANN Z. STARHA**, (nee Zakar); wife of 57 years to James G. Starha; mother of David (Susan) Starha and late Daniel Starha; sister of Diane (Don) Myrns and late Gail (late Leo) Price. JoAnn was past President of St. James Altar and Rosary Society, past President of Friends of I&M Canalers, Member of Trails and Rails. Funeral services were held March 5th at St. James at the Sag Bridge Mission Church. Interment was at Lithuanian National Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels.

### Community Pantry At Kelly High

The Kelly College Prep Student Voice Committee is operating a Brighton Park Community Pantry which is open 7 days a week. Drop off donations Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Kelly High School (Archer parking lot/door #10).

## A-G Raoul Issues Tax File Guidance

Tax season is underway, and Attorney General Kwame Raoul issued guidance and urged Illinois residents to take precautions before hiring a tax preparation business and avoid expensive tax refund anticipation products.

Raoul is warning that scammers and fake tax preparers are targeting consumers, and urges people to recognize the signs of fraud. Raoul's office has received complaints from consumers whose tax preparers either refused or failed to provide copies of completed tax return forms and filings. Consumers should be wary of tax preparers who charge unexplained fees or do not provide copies of documents.

Additionally, Raoul is warning people to avoid costly refund anticipation products and to protect their electronic signatures when they exchange documents online.

Consumers should avoid preparers who: Fail or refuse to provide access to their electronic documents. Ask you to sign a blank or incomplete tax form. Offer to e-file a tax return using a pay stub instead of a federal W-2 form.

Base preparation fees on a percentage of the tax refund. Guarantee bigger refunds than their competition. Require payments in cash only and do not provide a receipt.

Direct refunds into the preparer's bank accounts. Mark returns as "self-prepared," or affix a business label rather than sign the form by name. Refuse or fail to provide a Preparer Tax Identification Number. Visit the IRS' online directory of federal tax return preparers to verify credentials.

Consumers should be aware of the high costs associated with tax refund anticipation products. Tax preparers may market these advances as being "interest free," but in reality they are short-term loans with high interest rates and additional fees.

The tax filing deadline is April 15th. Raoul encourages consumers who need a tax preparer to seek assistance from reputable sources such as the IRS' Taxpayer Advocate Service. Additionally, the IRS offers access to free tax filing services to qualified consumers. Taxpayers also can search online for free, in-person tax preparation assistance.

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced the launch of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program which provides long-term, fixed-rate funding to private building owners for energy efficiency projects to be installed in existing and new commercial properties.

C-PACE offers commercial property owners a financial tool to spread energy and water project costs over a term of up to 20 years and repay them through an assessment on their property tax bill with no upfront capital outlay.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY  
DIVISION  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS  
INDENTURED TRUSTEE FOR ANGEL  
OAK MORTGAGE TRUST I, LLC 2018-PB1  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
MURHEAD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY,  
JILL ANDREW MASON  
Defendants  
2020 CH 06106  
7734 S. ADA STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60620  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 4, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 13, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 7734 S. ADA STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620  
Property Index No. 20-29-314-024-0000  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$161,390.00.  
Sale terms: 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The amount owed also includes 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 \$300. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. 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(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RE-MAIN 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.

For information, examine the court file, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., Plaintiffs Attorneys, 150 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 216-8828. Please refer to file number L2003417.

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Attorney ARDC No. 6283033  
Attorney Code. 49848  
Case Number: 2020 CH 06106  
TJSC#: 41-291  
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### Ill. Supreme Court Issues Amendments

The Illinois Supreme Court announced two amendments in Order M.R. 30370 regarding remote proceedings in adult criminal cases. The Illinois Judicial Conference's Court Operations During COVID-19 Task Force recommended these amendments to avoid any ambiguity and to simplify logistical issues regarding the waivers.

The Orders are available on the Court website [illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Announce/default.asp](http://illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Announce/default.asp).

The first amendment is to the Title and Preamble of the order to clarify that the order does not apply to juvenile cases.

The second amendment is to section II(C) and strikes Section II(B) to state that whether the waiver by a defendant to hold remote proceedings is made orally or in writing is within the discretion of the trial court, but the oral waiver must be stated on the record.

The Court and the Illinois Judicial Conference created the Task Force in June 2020 to serve as a rapid response unit to address ongoing challenges to court operations caused by the pandemic. The Chair of the Task Force is J. Timothy Eaton, partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP and the Vice Chair is chief Judge Doherty of the 17th Circuit.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY  
DIVISION  
CITIZENS BANK NA  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY,  
AS TRUSTEE U/I/A DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 AKA TRUST NO. 8002369206,  
AQUA FINANCE, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants  
2019CH14189  
814 SOUTH JUSTINE STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60620  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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 Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 13, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 8147 SOUTH 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. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds (wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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(g-1).

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Attorney File No. 14-19-11492  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Attorney Code. 21762  
Case Number: 2019CH14189  
TJSC#: 41-112  
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### Vaccine Call Ctr. For Appointments

The Illinois Department of Public Health launched the Vaccine Appointment Call Center at 833-621-1284 to assist people who do not have access to or who have difficulty navigating online services in making appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The call center is open seven days a week from 6 am to midnight.

Call agents will help individuals who do have access to online services navigate the various registration sites. However, if the individual does not have access to online services or is unable to navigate the site, the agent will make an appointment on their behalf. Individuals will need to provide their name, address, email (if available), mobile phone number, date of birth, and eligibility.

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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY  
DIVISION  
PATCH OF LAND, LLC #201500001  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
SELECTIVE REAL ESTATE ACQUISITIONS, INC., STEVEE RAYMOND  
Defendants  
19 CH 14968  
7108 SOUTH EMERALD AVE.  
CHICAGO, IL 60621  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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Commonly known as 7108 SOUTH EMERALD AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60621  
Property Index No. 20-28-100-022-0000  
The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$159,719.37.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds (wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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(g-1).

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For information, Noah Weininger, THE WEININGER LAW FIRM LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 2 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 795-8650.

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TJSC#: 41-292  
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### 1,997 New Cases Of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 1,997 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including 19 additional deaths.

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

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 1,212,110 cases, including 20,973 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 51,240 specimens for a total of 19,221,483. 1,152 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with 250 patients were in the ICU and 124 on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from March 9th-15th is 2.3%.

## Assistance With Tax Preparation

Low-to-moderate income families and older Illinoisans needing assistance 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 qualified individuals. How taxpayer assistance is 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 disabilities, 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](http://tax.illinois.gov). Additional assistance is also being offered through the IRS-sponsored Ladder Up Virtual Tax Assistance Program, which also provides free basic tax return preparation for low-to-moderate income and elderly taxpayers.

## Flower Show At Garfield Conservatory



The Garfield Park Conservatory and Gardens, 300 N. Central park 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.

All 60-minute visits must be pre-booked at visitors@garfieldpark.org or (773) 638-1766.

### 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.us/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, texting "HELP" to 833234, or visiting: [www.helplineIL.org](http://www.helplineIL.org).

payers.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free tax assistance to taxpayers over the age of 50 or who have low-to-moderate 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.

Get the latest news and updates from the Illinois Department on Aging by following the department on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, or by calling the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or by email [aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov](mailto:aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov).

## Brookfield Zoo Has Reopened



Brookfield Zoo has reopened to the public with restrictions. There will be limited animal viewing during your visits. Indoor spaces, except restrooms, are closed. All attractions, including Motor Safari, are closed. Public access to buildings is subject to change.

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

Consider making a donation that will support animal care and welfare programs, as well as other critical operations of the Chicago Zoological Society.

Over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are bigger and badder than ever before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos Everywhere features the largest—argentinosaurs—that was estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. Through Sept. 6th, zoogoers will be able to search for these amazing life-like animals.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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## Planetarium Offers Virtual Field Trips



Adler Planetarium, has launched its innovative, 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 students, 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 standard class period, and aligns with middle school 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/>

## 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](http://chipublib.org) the day before each program.

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](http://chipublib.org/Kids) CitywideEvents.

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

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

Citywide Sunday Discovery takes a closer look

at STEAM topics with hands-on activities. Bi-weekly Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Books Discussion Club will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

## Reopening Plan For Park District

Chicago Park District Superintendent & CEO Michael Kelly announced plans to reopen the city's lakefront, playgrounds and indoor aquatics programming as metrics allow the city to ease COVID-19 regulations.

As clean up from recent storms continue along the lakefront, park, crews will begin opening public access points to parkland east of Lake Shore Drive. Lakefront parks will be open during normal operating hours. Regulations on lakefront parking will also be lifted. Parking fees will be required and enforced. Masks are mandatory. Large gatherings are prohibited.

All 500+ outdoor playgrounds and nature play space will reopen, expanding outdoor recreation opportunities for children, ages 12 and under. These high traffic areas are not sanitized but can be enjoyed safely by following the guidance on the signage installed at each location.

Indoor swimming pools will offer limited aquatics programming from April 5th through June 13th.

Visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or contact the Chicago Park District at (312) 742-PLAY. Follow [facebook.com/chicagoparkdistrict](https://facebook.com/chicagoparkdistrict) on Instagram/[twitter.com/chicagoparks](https://twitter.com/chicagoparks) and on Twitter @chicagoparks.

## Marvel Super Heroes At Science Museum



The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore drive, will feature the interactive exhibition **Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes**, March 7th 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.

### DPS Promotes Assist Agencies

City of Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit organizations that represent the

interests of small, local, minority, women, veteran, and disadvantaged-owned businesses as well as the diverse workforce. These organizations offer many resources to help jobseekers as well as connect prime contractors committed to diversifying their workforce.

Chicago Women in Trades ensures that all women who want to work with their hands and earn a good living have equal access to information, training, and employment opportunities in the industry.

Revolution Workshop is a nonprofit social enterprise that builds skills, hope, and resilience in underserved communities through pre-apprenticeship construction job training and job creation. Learn more at [www.revolutionworkshop.org](http://www.revolutionworkshop.org) or employers

Reference the content of all workshops, as well as information about programs, from the Department of Procurement Services events and outreach page [www.chicago.gov/dpsevents](http://www.chicago.gov/dpsevents).

## COVID-19 Vaccine In Brighton Park



Brighton Park senior citizens took advantage of the COVID-19 Vaccine provided by Saint Anthony Hospital at 4177 S. Archer on March 14th.

## IDNR Launches New Platform

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced the launch of a new licensing, registration and reservation platform for outdoor enthusiasts interested in hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling and camping.

Visitors to <https://ExploreMoreILL.com> and <https://Camp.ExploreMoreILL.com> will discover solutions for hunting and fishing licensing and permitting; watercraft and snowmobile titling, registration and renewals; as well as campground reservations on any device.

Prior users will simply need to log in as they've done in the past with existing credentials. All profile, license and past purchase information, as well as active campground reservations, have been loaded into the new system. New users can easily create a username and password.

IDNR partnered with

digital government solutions firm NIC Inc., to develop and manage the new licensing, registration and reservation platform. NIC has 20 years of experience in outdoor licensing solutions across 12 states, including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Alabama, Maine and South Carolina, in addition to extensive expertise in managing digital government services and payment processing solutions.

For customers who prefer to purchase hunting and fishing licenses in person, the system is available at over 700 issuing agent locations, including bait shops, convenience stores, sporting goods retailers, Walmart stores and Illinois Natural Department of Resources locations and over the phone at (866) 716-6550.

### Vaccinations Totals For Area Residents

The Chicago Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 cumulative vaccinations for March 15th.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative - 268,561 doses, 10% of population; 1st dose - cumulative 488,992 doses, 18.2 percent population.

60632: 1st dose cumulative 16,649 total, 18.5% population. Complete vaccine series 6,523 total, 7.3% population.

60608: 1st dose cumulative 10,321 total, 17.6% population. Complete vaccine series 5,804 total, 9.9% population.

60609: 1st dose cumulative 8,283 total, 13.6% population. Complete vaccine series 4,161 total, 6.8% population.

Resource: [chicago.gov/covidvax](http://chicago.gov/covidvax)

## State Promotes "Get Hired" Website

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

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

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

The new portal blends

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

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

## Free 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/>

### 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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Location, Location, Location: Don't be Surprised	Scenarios: Be Aware	Safety Tips: Think Ahead
<p>Certain areas make it easier for carjackers to engage with you. Drivers should be aware of the following frequent carjacking locations;</p> <p><b>Anywhere a driver slows down or stops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential driveways (getting in and out of the vehicle)</li><li>Parking lots and garages</li><li>Gas stations</li><li>ATMs</li><li>Intersections with stop lights</li></ul>	<p><b>Bump and Run</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You are rear ended. A passenger from the vehicle that bumps you jumps into your driver seat when you go to assess the damage and exchange driver information. Note their description and call 911.</li></ul> <p><b>Stranded Motorist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Do Not Stop</b> for apparently stranded strangers along the road. Note their location and call 911.</li></ul>	<p>Always be aware of your surroundings. Make it a habit to enter your car, lock your doors immediately and drive away. Look around for suspicious persons sitting in vehicles or loitering in the area before entering your vehicle. Always;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Park in well-lit, visible areas</li><li>Keep your windows up and doors locked</li><li>Equip your vehicle with anti-theft/GPS</li><li>Give yourself room to maneuver around stopped traffic. Don't get "boxed" in.</li><li>Keep your cell phone in your pocket</li><li><b>Trust your instincts</b></li></ul> <p>Create a Smart 911 profile and include your vehicle information.</p>

**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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### Free Program For Finances

The Chicago Department 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](http://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.

### 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 campus tours, talks with industry experts and informational seniors.

Registration is required at [TribPubCollegeFair.com](http://TribPubCollegeFair.com).

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