



Encourage Reading



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I served on an area wide committee with five other Catholic School principals. There were also a few parents from each of these schools. We had been assigned the task that seemed unattainable. That was how we get kids to read actual books, not on Nook or Kindle, at home.

The parents became sort of a jury. While the principals brought up ideas, the parents looked for reasons why they may or may not work. The parents were enthusiastic, but at first seldom contributed ideas. This did not seem to bother anyone. Later, some of the parents felt at ease enough to put some of their own ideas before the group. One of their ideas was using the PTO to donate prizes. Each school decided on that guideline separately depending on how active their PTO was.

I checked my notes on the subject and visited the one principal in our group that has not

retired. She still shows these ideas to her parents and staff. She said that some of the kids even look forward to it and call it Lotto.

Here are the simple guidelines. Of course, if your school decides to do it, your framework might have to be different. 1. Students choose age appropriate books. 2. They can find lists of books on the internet that tell you what grade level it is. 3. Plan time for reading with the parents and students. Time, of course, is variable according to the age of the children. What seemed to be best was a half hour on Saturday and Sunday for 3rd to 5th grades and an hour on Saturday and Sunday for 6th through 8th. 4. Parents arrange the time to be followed as strictly as possible. 5. All electronics are not allowed during that set time. Let their friends know not to call during a certain time. 6. Students should make a list of any unknown words to share in class. 7. Write a short synopsis for each chapter, two to three sentences should be enough. 8. Teachers should post some results of student work, clearly in the hall, if space is available.

The result has been very good. The involvement among most was excellent. Of course, we never got everyone, but we tried. This is parent involvement. We grade and post results but we don't give them back. This prevents future students from copying the synopsis. Most schools seem to have used these for weekends when it is easier to find a schedule for the particular family. Sometimes with working parents, there never seems to be enough time on the weekdays.

Halloween Party At West Lawn Park



West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th will conduct a Halloween Party for ages 3 to 11 on Friday, Oct. 29th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy tricks and treats, games, costume contests and more. Admission is free.

Scarecrow Fest In St. Charles

St. Charles will conduct its 36th annual Scarecrow Festival on Friday, Oct. 8th from noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 9th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 10th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Local businesses offer festival-related window displays, deals, specials and events. A Family Zone in Lincoln Park will include a professional

pumpkin carver performing on Saturday and Sunday, a giant bubble artist and live music. A craft show will be held Saturday and Sunday in Pottawatomie Park. Photo ops will be available.

Families who want to create their own scarecrow can purchase a box on Riverside Avenue which contains panty hose, twine, straw, and outfit and directions.

For more information, visit scarecrowfest.com.

9th Dist. Police Plan Online Talk

The 9th District Office of Community Policing will conduct an online conversation on Wednesday, Oct. 13th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Community input to draft strategic plans for crime enforcement is being sought.

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Art Exhibit At Garfield Park



The Chicago Park District's Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. in partnership with the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance announces the outdoor exhibit to the general public, *Still Life in Real Life: Charles Ethan Porter in the Artist's Garden*. Fruits and flowers picked from Porter's most famed still life paintings will embellish the garden. Visitors will stroll past strawberries, carnations, violets, sunflowers and more. The living wall will pay homage to Porter's painting entitled *Autumn Landscape*, which features grasses and flowers of different textures and colors that inhabit the landscape in this painting.

The exhibit runs through October 17th, and will be remain open while weather permits and plants remain in good condition.

Timed entry reservation is required at www.garfieldconservatory.org/visit. The Artist's Garden is accessible through Horticulture Hall. Reservations are required and are added each day at 10 a.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The Conservatory is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Artist's Garden exhibit is \$5 for adults and free for children. The main indoor and outdoor gardens are free and open to all.

Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting at St. Richard Church hall, enter from 50th & Kenneth parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 13th at 7:30 p.m. An elevator is available for handicapped. Face masks are required.

Residents are urged to bring community concerns for consideration. To reserve a seat, call (773) 843-2232, and leave your name and phone number.

The all-volunteer nonprofit, non political association of homeowners renters, businesses and industry was incorporated in 1938 to protect property values and address any issues which affect the quality of life.

Ongoing projects include fund and organize an Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party in Archer Park for all community children.

Awarding a Junior Citizens Award and a \$100 tribute to a graduate of each of the five grammar schools in the community.

Work with local Boy Scout troops to provide an opportunity to earn Eagle Scout status.

Sponsor of the Archer Manor Little League

Family Fishing At Northerly Island

Learn how to fish Chicago's Lake Front Harbor at Northerly Island Park, 1521 S. Linn White dr. during Family Fishing on Saturdays, Oct. 9th and 16th from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays, Oct. 13th and 20th from 4 to 6 p.m. Perfect for families with children ages 8 years old and up, this 2 hour class includes instruction, on-the-water fishing, equipment and bait. The fee is \$5. Fishing license is required for ages 16 and older. Call Program Manager Carl Vizzone at (312) 859-2395 with questions.

Open Nature Play Day

The Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western will conduct Open Nature Play Day on Wednesdays, Oct. 13th and 27th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will enjoy stories, art and exploration.

For more information, contact (708) 305-2168.

baseball teams. Actively working with the Chicago Police Department CAPS program to combat gang, illegal drug, or any other criminal activity.

Weekly Graffiti Patrol that reports and ensures eradication of such damage to property. Provide community grammar and high school students an opportunity to earn service hours.

Involved in building and zoning issues to protect the neighborhood.

Members receive a monthly newsletter with details on the next meeting and neighborhood events. An application is available at www.AHCivic.org or call (773) 843-2232.

County Treasurer Issues Refunds

Almost 11,500 property owners who overpaid their First Installment taxes will automatically get back \$25.4 million in refunds this month according to Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

Almost 4,000 refunds go to homeowners who are receiving property tax exemptions. The value of those exemptions is applied to the Second Installment tax bill.

Pappas has tried to make homeowners aware of potential exemptions as she attends community events throughout Chicago and suburban Cook County.

To see if you are receiving a portion of the refunds, visit cookcountytreasurer.com, select the purple box labeled "Your Property Overview" and enter your address.

Since July, 2018, 121,000 property owners have received about \$82 million in refunds without having to fill out an application.

Second Installment 2020 property taxes were due Oct. 1st.

SIU Awards 317 Scholarships

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is awarding 317 academically high-achieving students with University Excellence Scholarships for 2021-22.

The scholarships are renewable for three additional years.

Local recipients are Alayna Barba (60632) majoring in Automotive Technology and Maeve Mangan (60609) majoring in Biological Sciences.

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.

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature writing and poetry on Tuesdays, through Nov. 30th and Dec. 7th & 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S. Archer will conduct Stories and Songs for ages 0-5 on Wednesdays, Oct. 20th to Nov. 17th at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate the art of reading this summer by creating and sharing your own reading material! Whether you're interested in poetry or prose, join writer Donna Pecore and the Budlong Woods Branch on Zoom for the Creative Writing Workshop on Fridays through Nov. 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for this workshop, or for further information about the work of this writing group, or inquire about the latest publication, *Love, Death, and Everything in Between*, contact Tom Stark at (312) 742-9590 or tstark@chipublib.org.

The Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer will conduct in person Drawing Prompt Wednesdays through Oct. 27th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for ages 3 & up.

Each week, a different drawing prompt will be completed in the library or to take home. Some weeks you may complete an unfinished picture: some weeks you may pick a card and have to draw what it prompts you to draw; other weeks there may be a list of possible drawing suggestions.

Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer will conduct an in-person Halloween Stories and Craft session for ages 2 to 6 on Saturday, Oct. 30th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children may attend in costume. Register by 11 a.m. on Oct. 30th.

The Thomas Hughes Children's Library staff will conduct a program featuring books, finger plays, movement activities, rhymes and music on Fridays through Oct. 22nd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register by 9 a.m. the day before.

South Chicago's Mr. Chris will perform an English and Spanish story time for kids 3 to 7 on Saturdays, Oct. 9th and 23rd, Nov. 6th and 20th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. This event, takes place on Zoom, register at least 24 hours in advance.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's library will present music and movement for children 0 to 7 on Mondays, Oct. 11th and 25th from 10 to 11 am. This event takes place on Zoom, register by the day before.

Join Ms. Katie from the McKinley Park Branch to read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes geared towards children 0 to 5 on Mondays, through Dec. 20th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register by 12 p.m. the day of the event.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Bird Walks At McKinley Park



McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. conducts Bird Walks on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 7 to 9 a.m.

With over 7 acres of native plantings, it is a oasis for migrating and resident birds. The lagoon is a safe haven for many waterfowl and some shorebirds.

Everyone is welcome, if you have binoculars, bring them. If you do not, there are some to lend.

CDC Recommends Vaccine Boosters

The Illinois Department of Public Health is adopting the CDC recommendation for a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations and a booster dose for those in high risk.

People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings and those aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series.

The following groups may be considered for boosters: those aged 18-

49 years with underlying medical conditions and ages 18-64 years who are at increased risk for exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

Many who are now eligible to receive a booster shot received their initial vaccine early and will benefit from additional protection.

Visit www.vaccines.gov to find a nearby location.

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. Opinions expressed by guest editorials may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

Shakespeare Play At Navy Pier

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier will present "As You Like It", through Nov. 21st. The comedy features 20 songs made popular by the Beatles.

For ticket information, visit chicagosakes.com or call (312) 595-5600.

Halloween Fun At Brookfield Zoo



Photos--credit Jim Schulz/Chicago Zoological Society

Guests of all ages can dress up in their favorite costumes and head to Brookfield Zoo for its annual Boo! at the Zoo celebration. The Halloween-themed event, which takes place on Saturdays and Sundays, October 9th-10th, 16th-17th, and 23rd-24th, features memorable photo opportunities, sweet treats, and the spectacular colors of autumn.

At the new Howl-O-Scenes, located just northwest of Roosevelt Fountain, zoogoers can gather in front of the large inflatable spider on a web for a family snapshot. Or, take selfies amongst an array of cut-out characters, including a ghost, dragon, dinosaur, witch, vampire, and alien creatures. There are also rows of hay bales and pumpkins to pose next to. Throughout the park there are Halloween-themed photo frames, cut outs, and peek boards featuring the likes of a black cat, snake, stacked pumpkins, scarecrow, monster, and more. The photos can be shared on social media with the hashtag #BrookfieldZoo.

Guests can also take a spin on the Creepy

Carousel (additional fee applies) or find their way through the Corn Maze. Zoogoers will encounter giant inflatables, including Frankenstein, a pumpkin wizard, scarecrow, giant pumpkin, witch and Tombstone Grave Yard.

Animal care staff will be giving pumpkins to several animals to play with, eat, and smash. They include: Goats and wallabies at Hamill Family Wild Encounters on Oct. 9th at 10:30 a.m. Polar and brown bears at Great Bear Wilderness on Oct. 10th at 10:30 a.m. Black rhinos on Oct. 16th at 10:30 a.m. Kangaroos on Oct. 17th at 11 a.m. Big cats and sloth bears on Oct. 23rd at 10:30 a.m. and Polar and brown bears at Great Bear Wilderness on Oct. 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Youngsters will receive goodies courtesy of Ferrara exiting the park.

Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15. Full-body costumes that cover faces are not permitted for guests over the age of 13. For more information, visit CZS.org/Events.

Pumpkin Lights Fest At Navy Pier

Navy Pier will host the Pumpkin Lights Pop-Up Experience throughout October. Seven installations displayed across the 50-acre Pier site will feature the Juggernaut of Jack-O-Lanterns, Pumpkin Picasso, Garden of Totems, Grave Dancers, a Haunted Hearse Graveyard, An Audacity of Gargoyles and Cavorting Characters.

Scavenger Hunt guests can follow the clues in the eAtlas app and learn facts about the Pier, Chicago history, local ghost stories, and Lake Michigan shipwrecks.

Through Oct. 30th, during *Slightly Spooky Saturdays*, themed immersive pop-up events for families in the Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion will feature interactive performances from costumed actors, acrobatic feats courtesy of the Actors Gymnasium, free Axe Throwing for guests from Axepllosion, a professional photographer with custom backgrounds and Professional VFX Make-Up Demonstrations from Faces in

Focus.

In addition, each themed Saturday will have their own special one-time only activities, including: Magic & Mystery Day (Oct. 9th), Outer Space & Science Fiction Day (Oct. 16th), Superhero & Cosplay Day (Oct. 23rd) and Halloween Family Day (Oct. 30th).

Other Pier Partners hosting special promotions in October include: Amazing Chicago's Funhouse Maze, Margaritaville family-friendly Halloween events, and Offshore Chicago, Halloween costume party.

For more information, visit navypier.org.

Outdoor Program At Ryan Woods

Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, 87th & Western ave. will conduct an outdoor program by this campfire titled, "Stars, Stories & Smores" on Friday, Nov. 12th from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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Arts and Crafts Show At McKinley Park



McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. will conduct a Day of the Dead Arts and Craft Show indoor on Saturday, Oct. 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors fee is \$10, with a table and chair included. Vendor keeps sale. Admission for guests is free.

Archer Heights Library Plans Virtual Programs

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

Monday: Virtual Adult Graphic Novel BDC each 2nd Monday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11th, *Astro City: Life in the Big City* by Kurt Busiek. Sight Word Bingo for Children, Oct. 18th, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday: Polish American Heritage Month, Oct. 20th, 6:30 p.m. a Virtual Conversation about Polish music, films, books, and cuisine.

Thursday: Reading Buddies Virtual Program, Oct. 7th, 21st and 28th. Kids beginning to read will have a place to practice their skills. Beginners read from 4:30 to 5 p.m. will practice with books like *Ride Otto*, *Ridel* by David Milgrim and *Are You Ready to Play Outside* by Mo Willems. Independent readers read from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and will practice with books like: *Meet Yasmin* by Saadia Faruqi and the *Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo. Online registration is required.

Saturday: Curious Kids Club, Oct. 30th, 3 to 3:45 p.m. We will make something even better than slime - oobleck! Join us to find out what makes this non-Newtonian fluid so unusual. Ages 7 and up. Branch registration is required. Pick up a materials grab and go bag.

The Mad Hatters will conduct a fun filled story time of books, poems, and songs on October 16th from 11 a.m. to noon. Don't forget to wear your silliest hat! The bilingual program is presented in Spanish and English. Online registration is required.

The recommended book for adults is *2084: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity* by John Lennox, Oxford Professor Mathematics.

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

For more information, www.chipublib.org

Fall Festival In Cantigny Park

The Cantigny Fall Festival will be staged outdoors at Cantigny Park, 1s151 Winfield Road, Wheaton on Saturday, Oct. 9th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is \$5, and nominal fees are charged for some activities.

Features are scarecrows in the gardens, live music by Second Hand Soul Band from noon to 4 p.m. a giant juggling scarecrow, comedy juggling show, strolling entertainers, vendors and crafters. Plants for purchase, and a Children's Book Fair.

Activities for families include hay rides, pumpkin decorating and crafts, petting zoo and inflatables. Food trucks will sell refreshments. For more information visit, cantigny.org/event/fall-festival.

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The City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services has scheduled virtual workshops. To request an accommodation, contact DPS Public Affairs at dps.accommodations@city-ofchicago.org.

How to become certified on Wednesday, Oct. 13th from 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 process. Subject matter experts will answer questions about common certification topics.

Procurement fundamentals: doing business with the city on Thursday, Oct. 14th from 2 to 3 p.m. Learn about different procurement methods and the laws which govern the process. Workforce development incentives & programs on Wednesday, Oct. 20th from 2 to 3 p.m. This workshop will cover the Project Area Resident Ordinance and local hiring requirements, apprenticeship utilization and ex-offender bid incentives. The Department of Family and Support Services and Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will also feature programs they offer.

Introduction to eProcurement 101 on Thursday, Oct. 21st from 2 to 3 p.m. watch a demonstration and learn about iSupplier registration, how vendors will submit bids and proposals online, and how to view contracts and payments.

Contracting 101: How to respond to a request for proposal on Wednesday, Oct. 27th from 2 to 3 p.m. Using advice from professionals, you will learn specific details about what evaluators look for and how to avoid common mistakes.

Financial resources for your business on Thursday, Oct. 28th from 2 to 3 p.m. This panel will explore Financial Services key issues and opportunities and share an array of innovative solutions and best practices.

Walking Tour At Morton Arboretum



The ninth annual *Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum* will return to a walking experience with five new lighting features, including a special Human+ Nature display.

From Nov. 20th through Jan. 2nd, guests can explore 50 acres of majestic trees during a spectacle of color, light and sound. The exhibition takes guests on a journey along a one-mile, paved walking path amid festive music and lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees. Along the route, guests can warm up by a crackling fire and roast marshmallows for s'mores, or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage.

New experiences include: A lighting display of Hallow, the iconic sculpture by artist Daniel Popper in the Arboretum's Human+ Nature exhibition.

Enchanted Gateway, a new entry portal of glowing lights leading to Meadow Lake.

Festival of Lanterns, where guests walk under 150 colorful lanterns at the top of Frost Hill.

Golden Glade, a meadow of lights at the top of the Conifer trail.

Winter Radiance, a new path leading back to the Visitor Center featuring colorful reeds.

Returning favorites include Treemagination, Symphony Woods, Woodland Wonder, Ornament Hill, The Champion Tree, Enchanted Forest and Crown of Light. IllumiBrew, a special pre-opening event Nov. 18th and 19th, invites guests 21 and older to be the first to see the 2021 exhibition while enjoying beer tastings along the trail.

The exhibition was custom designed and developed uniquely for The Morton Arboretum in partnership with international media and exhibit designers Lightswitch LLC and features energy-efficient, eco-friendly LED lighting.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$24 per person. Children under age 2 will be admitted free of charge.

Illumination sponsor ComEd is offering a 20% discount for a limited number of non-member *Illumination* tickets on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays using the code COMEDLIGHTS2021 at checkout (see the mortonarb.org website for dates). The offer is valid for up to four tickets per transaction and is subject to availability.

Timed tickets may be purchased online beginning Oct. 1st at mortonarb.org, in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center during operating hours or on-site each night of *Illumination*, as tickets remain available. Questions about the event can be directed to the Ticket Line at (630) 725-2066.

Illumination will open each evening at 4:30 p.m., with last entry at 8:30 p.m. Lights go out at 9:30 p.m. The exhibition is closed Nov. 22nd, 25th (Thanksgiving) and 29th, and December 6th, 13th, 24th (Christmas Eve) and 25th (Christmas Day).

Rabies Vaccine & Microchip Clinics

Cook County Animal and Rabies Control is partnering with local animal organizations to offer low-cost or free 1-year rabies vaccines and microchips through October.

For more information visit: <https://www.cook-countyil.gov/service/low-cost-rabies-clinic>

Virtual Lectures At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit: CZS-Brookfield Zoo

This fall, Brookfield Zoo is offering a virtual lecture series featuring an array of fascinating topics about its animals, conservation programs, and a behind-the-scenes look at the veterinary care the animals receive. Following each presentation, there will be time for a question and answer session. Lectures, which begin at 7 p.m., are free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries. Lectures include:

Caring for Whales and Dolphins in Accredited Zoos and Aquariums on Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Join Dr. Lisa Lauderdale, animal welfare scientist for a discussion on monitoring the welfare of cetaceans as a collaboration among 43 facilities in 7 countries.

Halloween Animals: Bats, Wolves, and Creepy Crawlies on Wednesday, Oct. 27th. Learn fascinating facts and fiction behind some of Brookfield Zoo's resident animals that are associated with the fall holiday. Andre Copeland, interpretative programs manager for the Chicago Zoological Society, will explore these animals' connections to folklore.

Between the Guano and the Sea: Exploring Punta San Juan, Peru on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. A team of on-site biologists and researchers work in collaboration with others around the globe to understand the ecology, behavior, and threats of resident marine species like Humboldt penguins, guanay cormorants, South American sea lions, and Peruvian fur seals.

Tails from the Front: The Extraordinary Veterinary Care of Brookfield Zoo on Tuesday, Nov. 16th. Dr. Mike Adkesson, vice president of clinical medicine for the Chicago Zoological Society, oversees the veterinary team, hospital operations, and medical care of Brookfield Zoo's animals. Whether it is a CT scan and sinus surgery for Layla, a black rhinoceros; a total hip replacement surgery on Malena, an aging Amur tiger; or cataract surgery on a California sea lion, the veterinary team is pushing the boundaries of zoological medicine.

Religious Education At St. Richard

As of July 1st, St. Bruno and St. Richard became one unified parish under the Archdiocese of Chicago and are blessed to offer Religious Education classes this year for parishioners and other youth between 1st and 8th grade who wish to be formed in the Catholic faith.

The faith formation program for the 2021-22 Catechetical Year will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 13th and continue through May 11th. Children will attend classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Richard School, 5025 S. Kenneth. No remote options will be offered this year.

Protocols set forth by the Archdiocese's Office for Catholic Schools include: masking, physical distancing and classroom seating and signing of a Family Pledge.

Registration is now open at www.strichard-parish.org or 773-585-1221.

The administrative offices for the combined parish are located at St. Richard, 5030 S. Kostner. For more information about the unification, visit www.strichardparish.org/renew-my-church.

Opera Theater Schedules Shows

Chicago Opera Theater will present mainstage productions for its 2021-22 session.

The Chicago premiere of the contemporary holiday opera "Becoming Santa Claus," with music and libretto by Mark Adamo, will open at the Studebaker Theatre, 410 S. Michigan Ave., on Dec. 11th, 17th and 19th.

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.

Obituaries

JOSE BRAYAN CLEMENTE passed away suddenly on Monday, Sept. 27th at the age of 25. Born in Veracruz, Mexico, he was the son of Albina Cetera and Agustin Clemente, step son of Raymundo Ledesma; father of Nathan and Jasreal; brother of Isaac, Raymond, Brandon and Leslie. Visitation was held Oct. 1st at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S Mozart.



ZOFIA GASNIENICA (nee Kapusciarz), wife of late Wladyslaw Gasienica; mother of Maria (Jan) Jakubczak, Zofia (George J.) Duszak, late Tadeusz Gasienica and the late Jan (Józefa) Gasienica; grandmother of Alicja (Stanisław) Komorowski, Anna (Marek) Wnęk, Agata (Tomasz) Jaronec, Dorota (Wojtek) Jakubczak Hyrczyk, Sylwia (Paweł) Gasienica Sroka, Magdalena (Marcin) Adamczyk, George Duszak and Paul (fiancée Xiomara) Duszak; great grandmother of Weronika, Adrian, Marcin, Klaudia, Sebastian, Szymon, Marysia, Zosia, Alicja, Bartosz, Martyna and Milena; sister of Aleksandra (Jan) Stasiak, Janina (Jan) Toporkiewicz and ate Franciszek (Zofia) Kapusciarz. Visitation was held Oct. 6th from 4-8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Oct. 7th, 9:30 a.m. at St. Turibius Church. Interment will be Resurrection Cemetery.

Bird Walks In Ryan Woods

Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western ave. will conduct Bird Walks on Wednesdays, Oct. 13th, 20th and 27th at 8 a.m.

Join a naturalist to explore this preserve while looking for migrants and resident birds. A limited supply of binoculars will be available for lending.

For more information, contact (708) 305-2168.

Musical Play At Goodman

The Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn will present "American Mariachi" through Oct. 24th. The musical is set in the 1970s and involves a young woman's wish to create an all-female band.

For ticket information, visit goodmantheatre.org or call (312) 443-3800.

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County Treasurer Plans Tax Sale

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas will conduct the first sale in more than two years of delinquent Cook County property taxes on Nov. 5th, 2021.

About \$163.4 million in unpaid 2018 property taxes (that were to be paid in 2019) is due on 36,000 homes, businesses and land. Less than \$1,000 is owed on 11,744 properties in Chicago and 7,700 properties in suburban Cook County.

Owners of those properties will receive a certified mailing informing them that their unpaid taxes are scheduled to be sold, which would put a lien against their properties. It is the first step in the process that can end with the loss of a property.

Owners can avoid the Tax Sale by paying the delinquent taxes and interest before the sale begins. To see if your taxes

are delinquent - and to make a payment - visit cookcountytreasurer.com and select "Avoid the Tax Sale." You can search by address or by Property Index Number.

Owners may be unaware that the taxes on their properties are headed to the Tax Sale because the U.S. Postal Service has returned bills and subsequent notices on 17,702 properties.

Also, as many as 207 seniors may be missing a senior exemption and 184 seniors may be eligible for a senior freeze - two exemptions that could reduce their tax bill.

Per Illinois law, the annual Tax Sale traditionally is conducted 13 months after the due date but was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pappas plans to conduct the sale for 2019 unpaid taxes in May and for the 2020 taxes in November 2022.

Regular Hours For Nature Museum



The Chicago Academy of Sciences / Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Dr.

The Museum has returned to regular full-time hours of operation 7 days per week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests are welcome to visit their favorite animals and exhibits including the internationally renowned signature Judy Istock

Butterfly Haven, a 2,700-square-foot greenhouse home to more than 1,000 free-flying butterflies.

Weather to Climate: Our Changing World. an interactive experience explains how the two phenomena are connected through engaging, age appropriate and entertaining content.

Information on re-opening guidelines can be found at <https://nature-museum.org/reopening/>.

Career Fair For Financial Service

Chicago City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin will conduct a Financial Services Virtual Career Fair on Thursday, Oct. 14th. Participants will meet and interview with top financial employers in the city.

To register and learn more, visit chicagocitytreasurer.com.

Lottery Debuts Claim Center

The Illinois Lottery has opened a new Chicago-based claim center space in the pedway of the George Dunne Cook County office building, 69 W. Washington st. Appointments are required at IllinoisLottery.com.

Buckingham Fountain Nears Season End



The Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain at Columbus Drive, 301 East and Congress Parkway, 500 South, in Grant Park, runs from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily through mid-October, depending on weather. Display times are subject to change during special events in Grant Park.

The Fountain produces a major water display for 20 minutes every hours. A center jet shoots water to a height of 150 feet displays begin daily at 9 a.m. and continue, every hours on the hour. Beginning at dark, a spectacular light and music display accompanies the major display, beginning every hours on the hour for 20 minutes. Each evening, the final major display begins at 10:35 p.m.

Library Center Marks 30 Years

The Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. opened to the public on Oct. 7th, 1991. The 30th anniversary of the opening of the largest municipal library in the U.S. will be celebrated with a program presented by Patrick Steffes of Docomomo/US Chicago on Thursday, Oct. 7th from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Only six architectural firms including Lohan & Associates, Murphy/Jahn, SOM, ricard Legoretta and Arthur Erickson would enter in one of the highest profile and lucrative global architectural competitions of the 1980s.

In addition to the com-

petition and the winning entry, this presentation will discuss in depth, the drastic changes the South Loop has experienced since the 19th century.

Images of South State Street and the South Loop, showing the current HWLC site will be displayed.

This event will take place live on CPL's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Park District Plans Events

The Garfield Park Conservatory will conduct Yoga Online on Saturdays, Oct. 16th to 30th from 9 to 10 a.m. Reduce stress while improving strength and flexibility through visualization, focused breathing, and yoga postures with modifications for all levels. Registration is required at <https://garfieldconservatory.org/events/>.

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. will observe National Blind Sports Week on Wednesday, Oct. 27th from 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 13 and up who are blind or visually impaired will participate in archery.

Auditorium Theatre To Reopen This Fall

The Auditorium Theatre will reopen this fall along with the 2021-22 arts season.

Chicago's Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater will open the season on Oct. 16th, with live flamenco music and dancing.

The International Dance Series will open with Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez (Feb. 12th - 13th, 2022), followed by Alvin Alley American Dance Theater (March 2nd - 6th, 2022).

Ballet Hispanico will present the Chicago premiere of the life of Eva Peron (March 26th-27th, 2022) and Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg stages a re-imaged version of its "Russian Hamlet" (May 20th-22nd, 2022).

The company's Made in Chicago Dance Series will celebrate the city's dance companies. Deeply Rooted Dance Theater will present a new work

dedicated to Quincy Jones (Oct. 23rd). Trinity Irish Dance Company will focus on powerful woman dancers (Feb. 5th, 2022) and Giordano Dance Chicago will conclude the season (June 11th, 2022).

The Music Series will feature "Too Hot to Handle: The Jazz Gospel Messiah," (Jan. 15th - 16th, 2022).

The "National Geographic Life" speaker series will present photographer and filmmaker Ami Vitale in "Wild Hope" (Jan. 23rd, 2022), paleontologist Nizar Ibrahim in "Spinosaur: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous" (Feb. 27th, 2022) and biologist - turned - photographer Ronan Donovan in "Social by Nature" (April 17th, 2022).

Subscriptions are on sale now. Tickets for individual productions go on sale Aug. 13th and Oct. 27th. For more information, visit www.auditoriumtheatre.org.

Chgo. History Museum Schedules Events



The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. will open the exhibit, "City on Fire: Chicago 1871" on Oct. 8th. Families will learn, explore and discover the impact of the Great Chicago Fire. For more information, visit chicagohistory.org.

City Schedules Cultural Events

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced fall and holiday programming as the arts scene continues to reopen. In-person holiday traditions including the annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony and ice skating will return to Millennium Park; Halloween community events will return city-wide; and four new art exhibitions will open at the Chicago Cultural Center including "Art and Race Matters: The Career of Robert Colescott." "Capture Chicago's Creative Spirit" — a campaign to be launched jointly by DCASE, Choose Chicago and many cultural and community organizations to welcome visitors back to theaters, museums, dance and music venues for live cultural events. For October activities, visit ChicagoCreativeSpirit.com.

In-person holiday traditions return to Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph st., with expanded programming and enhanced décor daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Plan your visit at MillenniumPark.org.

The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st., is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering a robust schedule of new and continuing art exhibitions, building tours and other public programs. Plan your visit at ChicagoCulturalCenter.org.

New exhibitions include "The Great Chicago Fire in Focus" (October 2 – Spring 2022); "Successful Failures: 30 Years of Lumpens, radical media makers and cultural en-

trepreneurs building communities of the future" (October 16 – February 6); "Art and Race Matters: The Career of Robert Colescott" (December 4 – March 13) and "All Together Now: Sound x Design" (November 13 – April 3) across the street at the Design Museum of Chicago at Expo 72 (72 E. Randolph St., DesignChicago.org).

New Statement For Social Security

Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, introduced a new look Social Security Statement, available online through the my Social Security portal at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and by mail. This fresh look will allow millions of people to see their earnings information and estimates of future benefits.

Fall Fest At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. will conduct Fall Fest on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Oct. 8th to 31st and Monday, Oct. 11th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guests can enjoy an Instagram photo contest, pumpkin walk, pumpkin carvers, pumpkin path, patches' Pumpkin Bar & Grill, musical entertainment, animal viewing, learning chats and Lionel Train Adventure rides.

The AT&T Endangered Species Carousel will feature 48 artisan-crafted wooded animals and two chariots. 1 ticket required person.

The trackless 28-passenger Lionel Train Adventure crosses over a quaint country bridge, and winds its way past forest and canyon scenery. 1 ticket required person.

A Pumpkin Walk features a decorated path around the beautiful gar-

dens inside Pritzker Family Children's Zoo. Professional carvers will be on site each Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 9th to 31st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1 ticket required person.

Haunted History Tours will be available on Tuesdays, Oct. 12th to 26th and Wednesdays, Oct. 13th to 27th at 7 and 9 p.m. Adam Selzer, author, podcaster, and host of Mysterious Chicago Tours will lead spine-tingling walkabouts into the zoo's cemetery roots and haunted history.

Too old for trick or treating?, head to Adults Night Out: The Great Pumpkin Glow on Oct. 28th to celebrate the spooky season. Tickets are available for \$15+.

Events like Fall Fest enable Lincoln Park Zoo to remain free and open to all. To learn more, visit lpzoo.org.

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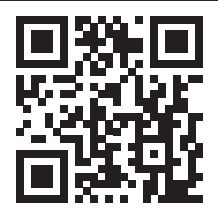
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You may be eligible to get up to 15 months of assistance, or you can check the status of your current application. Visit Chicago.gov/RentHelp

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If you need to seek short-term shelter right away, please call 3-1-1 from anywhere in Chicago for placement.

Scan this QR code for more information.



Financial Aid For College

Governor Pritzker has proclaimed October College Changes Everything Month, as students begin to complete their college and financial aid applications for the 2022-23 school year.

The FAFSA determines eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid.

For an updated list of ISAC-supported events that are open to the public, visit studentportal.isac.org/events.

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