



Our Feelings Change As Our Outlooks Do



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The war in the Ukraine has developed a deeper sense of patriotism among many of our immigrant neighbors. I have met with several small groups that at one point left their former homes and land because it was simply better for their people to live here in the USA than any other place in the world. This, of course, is not true for many people who were born with the proverbial silver spoon in their mouths. I don't know many of those people.

I've met several people who never thought much of the old world. Though political ramifications have changed their opinions in many cases. These people seldom talked of back in Europe because they had fought sometimes on the wrong side in WWII.

That was where they were born, you joined the military or went to jail. But now, in that part of the world you either ran away or fought the Russians. It is not always easy deciding what is best for your family. I talked with a young couple that, by their standards, was a mixed marriage. She was from Ukraine and he was from Poland.

Many reading this article would not think that is a big deal. But in the 40's, they were on the opposite side in WWII. I was told that the cousins all get along because they feel American. While some have deeper feelings usually because of some death in the family, luckily this generation sees each other as Americans.

They now have small flags in their house from many countries because most of the youngsters that came here after WWII intermarried with all nationalities. You can be proud of your heritage or what your distant relatives are doing now to protect their country.

When this war is over, through the grace of God, we will return to one nation under God and realize that we all feel differently at different points in our lives, but be grateful that our ancestors had the ability to come thousands of miles and make a new home here. Don't think it's wrong if they have a flag alongside the American flag. We have many in our household.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging in-person, hybrid and virtual programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Adult Book Discussion group will meet on Friday, June 17th at 10:30 a.m. for a hybrid discussion of *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles. Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on the first Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Stop by to meet your beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions. The Community Policing Office will share crime statistics, teach crime fighting strategies and listen to issues in the community. No registration is required and attendees are encouraged to bring a friend to improve community safety.

Preschool in person Storytime on Wednesdays, June 22nd and 29th, from 11-11:45 a.m. Featuring music, books and fun. After the story time, stick around for a craft. Recommended for ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

Graphic Novel and Manga Club on Thursday, June 16th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This month's selections are 1984: the Graphic Novel by Fido Nesti, and Death Note, Volume 6, Give-and-Take by Tsugumi Oba. The group will be discussing Death Note as a series over the course

of the year with a volume being discussed each month.

Teen Craft: Pride Stickers and Buttons! on Friday, June 17th from 3 to 4 p.m. ages 13-18 will use vinyl cutter and button maker to design their own festive accessories.

Father's Day Stories & Crafts on Saturday, June 18th from 2 to 3 p.m. For children and families ages 3 & up. STEAM with University of Illinois on Thursdays, June 30th, July 7th and 14th from 1-2 p.m. Join Maria for 4 stations of learning. Including fun science experiments, projects for the community, learning to code and making self-care packages. Ages 10 and up.

June 27th marks the first day of summer at the library. Adults will enjoy coloring from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Materials will be provided.

Family Story time is available on Tuesdays, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. City of Stories Kick-Off Program is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Auditions For TIP Fest

Teen singers, rappers, dancers, performers and poets, ages 14-24 are welcome to audition to perform at TIP Fest 2022 which will be held Oct. 1st at Maggie Daley Park. Performers must register in advance at chicagoparkdistrict.com.

The first audition will be staged at Columbus Park, 500 S. Central ave. on Saturday, June 25th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The final audition will be at Calumet Park, 9801 S. Ave. G on Saturday, July 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applications received after June 20th will be scheduled to audition at Calumet Park on July 9th.

The five teens chosen from each audition will move on to compete at TIP Fest on Oct. 1st for the follow prizes: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$250 and 3rd place \$150. Audience members will decide who advances to the finals stage.

B.S.A. O /A Iron Horse Chapter Picnic



Members of the Order of the Arrow of the Iron Horse Chapter Takhone Lodge of the Pathway to Adventure Council B.S.A. held their annual picnic on the grounds of St. Rene Church. Everyone enjoyed touch football, grilled foods, drinks, snacks and deserts. The highlight of the day was election of new officers for the Iron Horse Chapter, with candidates for Chapter Chief, Vice Chief and Scribe were elected, Chairman for Unit Elections and Camp Promotions will be selected in the fall. Any boy ages 11 to 17 from any school who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for further information.

Outdoor Concert At Bethany Baptist



Bethany Baptist Church, 3532 S. Hoyne will present a free outdoor concert by the EMA Band (Ensuela de Musica de Ashburn) on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7 p.m. Music of Latin America will be featured and Elotes will be served. For more information, visit bethanychicago.org.

Miller on USS Jackson



GULF OF THAILAND (May 25) Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class David Miller, directs a Royal Thai Navy Sikorsky S-76B helicopter on the flight deck aboard the Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Jackson (LCS 6) during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training. The series comprises exercises, designed to enhance U.S. and allied navies' abilities to operate together in response to maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Joel Maldonado)

Summer Activities For CPS Students

Chicago Public Schools Chief Executive Officer Pedro Martinez announced the end of a successful school year and the beginning of summer, filled with education, enrichment, career training, and job opportunities to keep young people engaged, safe and connected.

CPS has worked with the City of Chicago to promote One Summer Chicago, a program with a My Chi. My Future. app that connects young persons to engaging experiences. The program has received more than 25,300 applications from students at 602 schools.

The District expects to spend up to \$50 million to support summer programming for approximately 90,000 students.

The CPS Office of Career and Technical Education is hosting "Summer Camps" to expose students to various career paths.

The camps, which will take place at 23 high schools between July 5th and Aug. 11th, aim to expose sixth to ninth-grade students to program offerings and skills sets at campsites such as Al Raby High School (Culinary Arts and Pre-Law), Roberto Clemente Community Academy (Broadcast Technology), Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School (Automotive Technology), Uplift Community High

BPNC Plans Photo Exhibit

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will present a photo exhibit titled "Faces of Homelessness" with Jeffrey A. Wolin on Friday, June 24th at 6 p.m. A panel discussion on housing instability will follow. Guests who make a \$5 commitment will be eligible for tacos, beverages and grand prize raffle entry.

Reservations are requested at bpncchicago.org.

Gonzalez Honored

Hannah Gonzalez, Class of 2023 at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean's list for the 2022 spring semester, achieving Dean's High Honors. She is a Government major.

Early Voting For Primary Election

Early Voting in Chicago for the 2022 Primary Election is open through June 28th, Election Day. Hours are: Weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Election Day, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 28th.

A voter may choose to vote at any site, no matter where they live within Chicago. Secure drop boxes for Vote By Mail ballots and registration services are available. Two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address, are needed to register for the first time or to file a name change or address update.

Locations are 12th Ward, McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., 14th Ward, Archer Heights Branch, 5055 S. Archer ave; 15th Ward, Gage Park Branch, 2411 W. 55th st. and 23rd Ward, Clearing Branch, 6423 W. 63rd pl.

Questions? Call (312) 269-7900 or visit, chicagoelections.gov.

Pilot Program For Crime Victims

Attorney General Kwame Raoul unveiled a pilot program focused on reducing the long-lasting effects of violence by assisting victims in obtaining sustainable employment. The Rebound to Work program brings together community and corporate partners to provide substantive, in-depth and individualized assistance.

Participants first engage in a series of webinars created by human resources representatives from Rebound to Work's corporate partners. The webinars focus on areas of job readiness, and training topics include preparing a resume, sharpening interviewing skills, securing references and more.

Candidates will have the opportunity to review positions that match their skills, qualifications, scheduling needs, commute times and aspirations for advancement.

For more information, visit illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims.

Sheriff's Police Seek Information

Cook County Sheriff's Police investigators are seeking information from the public to help identify one of the juveniles that vandalized the Homewood Acres Fire Station in Homewood.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on May 30th, Sheriff's Police responded to a burglary call at the Homewood Acres Fire Department. Upon arrival, officers found extensive damage throughout the station including broken toilets, windows, TVs, computers, and cabinets. No offenders were located inside at the time.

On May 28th, security cameras captured images of two white male juveniles smashing the walls with hammers and causing extensive property damage between 8:14 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. The boys briefly left the property, changed their appearance, and returned.

On June 2nd, one of the boys was arrested and charged with burglary.

Anyone with information, or if they recognize the other juvenile, is asked to contact Sheriff's Police detectives at (708) 865-4896 or (847) 635-1188.

Dean's List At UW-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester with a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements. Most call the honor "dean's list", but some grant the "Dean's Honor List" and "Dean's High Honor List."

Local scholars are: Abigail Chavez, School of Education, Dean's List; Judy Chen, School of Nursing, Dean's Honor List; Sarah Czynszczon, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List; Ana Gallardo, School of Education, Dean's List; Brenda Gomez, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List; Cecilia Huang, School of Business, Dean's List; Valerie Mei, School of Human Ecology, Dean's Honor List; Braulio Puente, College of Agricultural & Life Science, Dean's List and Angie Rincon Reyes, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List.

Eat Fresh At Farmer's Markets

Enjoy farm fresh produce and more at weekly farmer's markets: Garfield Ridge, 6072 S. Archer, Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m.; Back of the Yards, 940 W. 50th pl., Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Plant Chicago, 4430 S. Marshfield, Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Judicial Candidate

Steve Demitro, a son of immigrant parents who did not speak English and lifelong resident of McKinley Park is



S. DEMITRO

Dean's List At Bradley University

Bradley University of Peoria, Illinois has named more than 1,700 students to the Dean's List for Spring 2022. Honorees must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Local scholars and their major are: Mary Allen (60609), Nursing; Genesis Bahena (60632), Psychology; Joanna Burdzy (60638), Chemistry Business; Elena Cerero (60608), English Education (9-12); Dylan Gazda (60638), Computer Information Systems; Melissa Martin (60638), English Education (9-12); Jill McManus (60609), Nursing and Aneta Soltys (60638), Business Exploration.

a candidate for the 14th Judicial Subcircuit on June 28th. He is the only candidate currently running for Judge in Illinois and maybe the United States who was a high school dropout. "Qualified" or "Recommend" ratings from all participating Bar Associations have been received.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

Tuesdays

STEM class for age 5-13 will be conducted on July 12th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Explore "life-size" tinker sets, LEGOs, robots and other electronics at Project Syncere's mobile tinker lab.

Craft Drop-In Class for ages 5 & up is scheduled for July 19th through Aug. 9th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Juggling Funny Stories with Chuck Fascione will delight all ages on Aug. 2nd from 2 to 3 p.m. Full of energy, humor, imagination, acting, storytelling and juggling.

Wednesdays

Zine Making Workshop for ages 10 to 13 will be on Aug. 10th from 2 to 3 p.m. Learn how to make a journal or zine through olding, sewing and decorating.

Book Discussion Club meets in-person from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 22nd, topic is *The Hold-out* by Graham Moore. The July 27th topic is "The Other Americans" by Lalant Laila followed by "Fifty Words for Rain" by Asha Lemmie on Aug. 24th.

The Polish Book Discussion Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Join us outside at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn, next to the playground for a fun-filled early literacy story time for ages 2 - 5 on Thursdays, June 23rd to Aug. 11th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your blanket for stories and songs. Weather permitting.

Fridays

An Art Institute Field trip for families with kids ages 5-12 will be held on Friday, July 15th from 1-

3 p.m. Our guide will lead an interactive gallery experience followed by a hands-on art activity in the Artist's Studio. Stay and enjoy the museum at your own pace.

Saturdays

Pocket Circus will perform a Magic Show, "Abrakadabra" for all ages on July 16th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Young Ambassadors Story Time is July 23rd from 2 to 3 p.m.

Curious Kids Club for ages 7 & up is a place to think, learn and have fun on July 9th and Aug. 6th from 1-2 p.m. Explore the neighborhood and create a journey stick. In July learn about the science of taste with a food tasting and in August, look at your family's history through your genealogy.

Talk Time for all ages is available on Wednesday, July 13th to Aug. 10th from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, July 14th to Aug. 11th from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, July 16th to Aug. 6th from 12 to 2 p.m. Stop by to tell a librarian all the fun things you are reading and doing. Plus you can win prizes! Kids build language and emotional skills while they are chatting.

The Spanish Book Discussion Club meets on the 1st Saturday of each month. Books are available at the circulation desk.

A discussion group for experienced or hopeful travelers to share their experiences and information in an informal setting will meet on June 25th and Sept. 24th from 3 - 4 p.m.

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

For information and register for programs, visit, www.chipublib.org

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.

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Tennis Squad At McKinley Park



The Tennis Squad plays weekdays between 3 and 6 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. There are about 30 players in the group ages 30-78 and are always looking for more players.

CPS Celebrates Class of 2022

Thousands of Chicago Public School seniors will participate in graduation ceremonies through Thursday, June 16th. The Class of 2022 reflects the city's rich diversity and resilience of students who have endured through a global pandemic.

With high school diplomas - and often college credits already attained - CPS graduates are moving on to attend higher education powerhouses like Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Morehouse and Dartmouth. Some will stay closer to home with plans to attend City Colleges of Chicago, DePaul or Loyola University, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, or the University of Illinois at Chicago. Others will continue their training and apprenticeship programs in the culinary arts, cosmetology, automotive, construction, and other skilled trades.

The number of CPS graduates won't be final

Screening For Prostate Cancer

In recognition of National Men's Health Month, Governor JB Pritzker signed legislation requiring health insurance and managed care plans to allow for prostate cancer screenings without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement. This legislation is effective Jan. 1, 2024.

About 1 man in 8 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime, with an average diagnosis age of 66. Roughly 6 cases in 10 are diagnosed in men who are 65 or older, although diagnosis is rare in men under 40. In 2022 alone, there have been roughly 268,000 new cases of prostate cancer, with 34,500 deaths.



Father's Day Memories


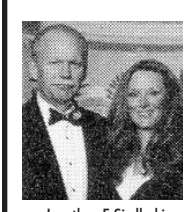
He knew everything there was to know. Daddy, what makes thunder? Why don't ducks catch cold? How can the sky be blue if the air isn't? And Daddy, is Grandpa in Heaven now?

He could always make things better. He was your very first pal, the first person you played catch with. And when your wild pitch toppled the living room lamp, he took the blame so Mom wouldn't scold you.

You always felt safe with him. When you learned to ride your first bike, he ran alongside supporting you, and you knew he wouldn't let you fall. But then, before you realized it, you were pedaling along all by yourself, leaving Dad behind cheering you on.

And one day, we leave our fathers behind forever.

This Father's Day, our funeral home staff joins you in remembering our fathers, grandfathers, and their fathers, and the legacy of knowledge and history they've given us. May your thoughts this Father's Day recall time of warmth, security and love.



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Obituaries



CARL BEDNARA, age 74 of Palos Park, father of Richard (Sara) Bednara, Monica Bednara (Michael Ahrens) and Caroline Bednara; grandfather of Sabrina, Rosie, Halie and Ayla; son of late Zofia Paduch & late Stanislaw Bednara; brother of Adam Bednara; partner of Helena Majchrzak. Visitation and chapel service was held June 10th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



JOEL RODRIGUEZ-GOMEZ passed away on June 1st at the age of 47. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Owner/Director.



YAHVE MARTINEZ passed away from cancer at the age of 12. Born in Glendale Heights, he was the son of Pasqual Martinez and Teresa Zagal and brother of Abril. Visitation will be held Friday, June 17th from 3 to 8 p.m. at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.



VICTORIA ROSE OGDRODNY, passed away on June 13th at the age of 3. She is the daughter of Jennifer Ogrodny of Oak Lawn; sister of Lucas Natour; granddaughter of Janet Ogrodny and Slawomir Ogrodny; great granddaughter of John (late Mary) Doran and Zofia (Jozef) Ogrodny; niece of Jonathan. Visitation will be on Friday, June 17th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. 10 a.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, June 19th at St. Gerald Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



WIESŁAW TADEUSZ CHODOROWSKI age 93, husband of Anna (nee Sobocka); father of Beata (Keith) Niebrugge, Izabella (Johann) Stefnis, Joanna Chodorowska and Jolanta (Derek) Oliver; grandfather and dziadek of Alex-andra (Matthew) Behan, Paulina Niebrugge, Natalia Niebrugge, Jacob Niebrugge, Sofia Oliver and Justin Oliver; brother of late Lucyna Chodorowska-Siostra Sebastiana. Visitation will be held Friday, June 17th from 10-11 a.m. at St. Hyacinth Basilica, 3636 W. Wolfmar. Funeral Mass will follow. Inurnment will be at Mary Hill Cemetery.



RAYMOND J. OSTROWSKI, formerly of Archer Heights, United States Army Korean War Veteran. He was the husband of late Mary T. Ostrowski (nee Ciesla); father of Theresa (Robert) Tucker, Andrew Joseph (Christine) Ostrowski, Barbara (Kevin) Richardson, Dolores Ostrowski, Robert (Cyndi) Ostrowski, Carol (Robby) Lena; grandfather & great grandfather of many; son of late Bernice (nee Ryzar) & late Thelesphore R. Ostrowski; brother of Anthony (Tony) Ostrowski, Andrew Ostrowski, Anne Marie Ostrowski & late Mitchell Thelesphore Ostrowski. He devoted his time to various organizations, including serving many years as an usher for St. Bruno Catholic Church & was a member of various organizations including the Archer-Highland Post #698, American Legion. Visitation will be held Friday, June 17th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer. 10 a.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, June 18th at St. Bruno Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



ALLAN J. CITTA, of Manhattan, formerly of Tinley Park, passed away on June 12th at the age of 73. He was the husband of Annie (nee Majkrzak); father of Casey (Jennifer) Komosa and Alexa (Casey) Tietz; grandfather of Logan, Trevor and Meredith; son of late Wanda (nee Makarek) & late James Citta; brother of Sandy (Steve) Hoeft; son-in-law of late Rozalia (nee Kenick) and late Stanislaw Majkrzak; brother-in-law of Casimir, Tad (Anne) Majkrzak, Stanley Jr. (Agnes) Majkrzak, Lottie (Leonard) Rakus, John (Cindy) Majkrzak and late Mary (late Bobby) Potoniec. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 16th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer ave., Willow Springs. 10 a.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, June 17th at St. Patricia Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Summer Events At Chicago Riverwalk



The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announces summer arts and recreational programming for the Chicago Riverwalk, the award-winning, pedestrian friendly Riverwalk that stretches 1.25 miles from Lake Michigan to Lake Street offering restaurants, wineries and bars, live music and performances, public art and urban recreation.

Highlights of programming include Sounds of

Visit ChicagoRiverwalk.us.

Ridge Library Schedules Programs

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

Stories and Songs from ages 2-5 will be available on Wednesdays, June 29th, July 6th through Aug. 10th at 10:30 a.m. Come early to build a puzzle.

The Summer Learning Challenge will run from June 27th to Aug. 14th. A special pre-registration event is scheduled for June 25th.

The Crochet 101 Series is conducted in-person on Friday, June 24th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

What's Your Story? Writing Program for ages 6 to 13 will be conducted on Thursday, June 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. Each registered child will receive a blank book to take home to write in and illustrate. Create a comic book, a poetry book or original story. Then, save the date for 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21st for Author's Night to reveal your books. Families are welcome to attend.

Children ages 5 to 13 will learn the basics of playing the game of chess on Thursdays, June 30th to July 19th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. More experienced players can play matches against other opponents as well as help beginners navigate the game. Checkers will also be available.

Children ages 4 to 8 will create a pinch pot out of soft clay and be able to decorate it with paint or markers on Thursday, June 30th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Each one will be unique and showcase your child's creativity and personality.

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Exhibit Opening At Nature Museum



Award-winning photographer, explorer, and activist David Thoreson, the first American sailor to cross the Northwest Passage and back, will share his tales of adventure and discoveries of a changing planet during a visit to the Chicago Academy of Sciences / Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum on Saturday, June 18th.

Thoreson, who chronicled his adventures in the autobiographical photo journal, *Over the Horizon: Exploring the Edges of a Changing Planet*, became an eyewitness to the rapidly-changing environment of the Arctic Ocean, leading him to become an advocate for ocean and wilderness protection.

Thoreson's will share details of his exploits during guided gallery tours of his new exhibit, *An Explorer's Journey into a Changing Climate*. The first guided tour will be given to Museum members at 9:30am, before doors open to the general public. Thoreson will then give tours to museum guests at 10:30am and noon.

Guests will follow Thoreson's Arctic voyages by examining his photography and personal artifacts, such as journals and exploration equipment. The exhibit will be featured in a new installation space in the second floor South Gallery, which boasts floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook North Pond.

In addition to guided

gallery tours during the opening, Thoreson will come back to the Museum throughout the exhibit's run to lead interactive, speaking events. More information can be found at www.naturemuseum.org.

Open Data For County Assessor

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi recently published millions of rows of data on the Open Data Portal.

Datasets can be viewed and downloaded online at cook-countyassessor.com/open-data. The data for each property contains the following:

- Assessed values from 1999-2021;
- Transaction/sales data;
- Location data, such as which school districts the property is in, and distances to amenities and Characteristics of homes and condos.

Users can filter by Property Index Number, export information, create visualizations, and connect to the data using an API. These datasets will automatically update periodically with new information as it is entered into iasWorld, the assessment system of record.

Previously published public data includes the valuation model available on Gitlab, valuation reports for reassessed townships, and, most recently, the Chicago reassessment data dashboard.

Expand Use of Expressway Cameras

Governor JB Pritzker signed two pieces of legislation that allow for the expanded use of expressway cameras, empowering law enforcement agencies to investigate criminal activities along expressways and State highways.

House Bill 260 allows for the use of expressway cameras along Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive. This gives law enforcement agencies the ability to use images from expressway cameras to investigate vehicular hijacking and other criminal activities, detect highway conditions and facilitate highway safety and incident management services.

The Illinois State Police, working with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Chicago Department of Transportation, has installed more than 150 Automated License Plate Readers on Chicago expressways with plans to install approximately 150 more. These devices cover the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90), I-90, I-290, I-55, and I-57.

In February of 2021, ISP received a \$12.5 million grant to cover the costs of engineering, per-

mitting, and labor associated with the purchase and installation of readers, controllers, servers/software, electrical power, and communications equipment required to install ALPR systems.

In the first phase, ALPRs were installed on the Dan Ryan expressway during the summer and fall of 2021. The second phase was just completed for a total of 150 ALPRs on numerous expressways. For the final phase, ISP is currently installing 150 more ALPRs for a total of 300 under this initial grant.

As of June 2nd, 69 expressway shootings on Cook County area expressways have been reported; 32 shootings resulted in injuries and one fatality. During the same time period in 2021, there were a total of 90 expressway shootings; including 45 resulting in injuries and 8 fatalities.

In 2021, there was a total of 264 reported expressway shootings which includes 114 with injuries, 22 with fatalities, and 148 gunshot victims. In 2020, there was a total of 128 expressway shootings, including 49 with injuries, 7 with fatalities, and 72 gunshot victims.

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In 2021, there was a total of 264 reported expressway shootings which includes 114 with injuries, 22 with fatalities, and 148 gunshot victims. In 2020, there was a total of 128 expressway shootings, including 49 with injuries, 7 with fatalities, and 72 gunshot victims.



New Flag For Cook County

The Cook County Board of Commissioners met on Flag Day in the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee to vote for "I Will" as its new flag.

The flag was designed by Glenbrook South H.S. High School student Andrew Duffy and mentored by Cook County Bureau of Administration Graphic Designer Martin Burciga.

It utilizes blue to symbolize the County's waterways, green for preserved lands and riverbanks, red for social change, and the blank canvas of white for the innovation to come. The central "Y" shape highlights the regional rivers joining at Wolf Point while harkening back to the original Municipal Device of Chicago.

The six stars represent foundational moments of Cook County.

To learn more about the flag redesign process, competition, participants, and designs, visit: www.anewflagforcook-county.com

Helpline For Opioid Abuse

MAR NOW (Medication Assisted Recovery) is a new hotline that allows people to start medications that treat opioid use disorder, reduce the risk of overdose and withdrawal symptoms.

Call the Illinois Helpline at (833) 234-6343 to talk with a treatment provider and receive a prescription over the phone, or get a same-day appointment.

All Chicagoans are eligible, regardless of insurance status, documentation or ability to pay.

City Schedules Music Festivals

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events celebrate the return of free summer music festivals.

Millennium Park Summer Music Series through Aug. 18th, offered Mondays and Thursdays, returns with a variety of music from established and emerging artists. Highlights include DakhaBrakha, a Ukrainian folk quartet that combines avant-garde, traditional and contemporary sounds; Charles Stepney: Out of the Shadows, a full ensemble tribute to Nigerian Afrobeat saxophonist, composer and activist Femi Kuti; and Jeff Tweedy, founder of Wilco with special opening act from Chicago's The People's Music School. MillenniumPark.org #MillenniumParkMusicSeries

Admission is free. Save the dates for three more DCASE music

festivals later this summer and fall:

Chicago Jazz Festival (citywide and in Millennium Park including Jay Pritzker Pavilion): Thursday – Sunday, Sept. 1st–4th, MillenniumPark.org and ChicagoJazzFestival.us

Chicago House Music Festival and Conference (Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park): Friday, Sept. 16th plus ancillary community events. MillenniumPark.org and ChicagoHouseMusicFestival.us

World Music Festival (citywide) Friday, Sept. 30th - Sunday, Oct. 9th WorldMusicFestivalChicago.org

For more information about City-funded "Chicago Presents" community events and other City-permitted neighborhood festivals and special events, visit Chicago.gov/DCASE. (For Grant Park Music Festival information, visit GPMF.org.)

CDOT Offers Bicycling Classes

The Chicago Department of Transportation is expanding its Learn to Ride program and is now open to residents for free registration at six locations.

The SAFE Ambassadors' free bicycle-riding classes are two hours long and designed for age 16 or older, based on their experience level.

Beginner Learn to Ride classes will be conducted on Tuesdays at La Villita Park, 2800 S. Sacramento: June 21, 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursdays at 500 N. Sacramento blvd. next to the Greater West Town Training Partnership: June 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. (meet at the Divvy Station).

Saturdays at the parking lot of CAN TV, 1309 S. Wood: July 2 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at Piotrowski Park, 4247 W. 31st st.: July 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturdays at Harmony Community Church, 908 S. Millard: July 9, 16, 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Skill-Builder Learn to Ride will be offered Wednesdays at La Villita

Park, 2800 S. Sacramento: June 22 and July 6, 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Road Ride will be featured on Saturdays at Seward Park, 375 W. Elm st.: July 9 and 23; August 6 and 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Free use of a Divvy bike is offered to participants or use your own. Reservations are required at email 312SAFEbike@gmail.com, or text or call (773) 312-3283.

Adult participants who have pre-registered will receive a free helmet. The classes are open to children with a parent or guardian if space is available; however, any child under age 16 must bring their own bike.

Awareness For Elder Abuse

The Illinois Department on Aging is highlighting the warning signs of adult abuse.

Illinois' Adult Protective Services program aims to prevent and resolves instances of abuse against older adults and persons with disabilities aged 18-59. The program is coordinated through 39 local provider agencies, whose trained caseworkers investigate allegations of abuse and connect victims with appropriate resources.

For information on the warning signs of adult abuse, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/Engage/Pages/default.aspx>. To report suspected abuse, exploitation or neglect of an older adult or person with a disability, call 1-866-800-1409.

IdOA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life. For information, visit www2.illinois.gov/aging/programs or contact (800) 252-8966, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dragon Boat Race



The Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy in Chinatown will be staged at Ping Tom Memorial Park, 300 W. 19th st. on Saturday, June 25th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce at chicago.chinatown.org.

Aboard USS Tripoli



PACIFIC OCEAN (May 27, 2022) Retail Services Specialist 1st Class Mario Quintana, checks a self-contained breathing apparatus locker during a general quarters drill aboard amphibious assault ship USS Tripoli (LHA 7). Tripoli is underway conducting routine operations in U.S. 7th Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Malcolm Kelley)

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Small Repairs For Seniors

The Department of Housing's Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors Program provides small repairs that increase home safety, security, and accessibility for seniors who are 60+ years of age and earn no more than 80% of the area medium income. One subset of this program has been Ramp Up, which provides free ramp installations on the exterior of the home.

DOH partnered with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to allow for vertical platform lift installation for homes that cannot accommodate code-compliant ramps.

Residents looking to sign-up for the first time can contact the Department of Housing at (312) 744-3653.