



## Be Thankful



By Dr. R. Pletsch

This week is Thanksgiving. A day set aside to remember those things you are thankful for. Being thankful changes from person to person according to your age and upbringing. It all starts when your family teaches what many consider essentials of life. That little phrase, please and thank you. A few examples of things that some of you would be thankful for, others won't. The Chicago Public Schools have this week off. Many students and teachers are thankful for this break and time off. But I'm not sure that is true of the parents.

Some think of what did not happen. For example your family is

having success against Covid 19 or you did not have to live through a hurricane that left many homeless in Florida. I personally know a relative that came to America before his first birthday. The family was told a couple years later that had he not moved to the United States, he probably would not have seen his second birthday. The child needed medication and nutrients not available in his home country.

You can think of a thousand different things, but it means more to the kids when they think of this on their own. I had a strange experience when a 6th grade girl wrote in a story that she would be very grateful if her father was dead. Yes, some of our kids are living through a lot. Teachers, if you use something like this be prepared and pre-read. Don't promise they can all read them.

I had a student write that her family was thankful because her Pre-K brother had won a turkey in our school. Otherwise, they would have only had string beans on Thanksgiving. We can truly understand how thankful that family was and will probably remember it and somewhere down the road help some other family. My hope is this will help you think and make Thanksgiving more meaningful.

## Remember Brookfield Zoo On Giving Tuesday - Nov. 29

On Nov. 29th, Giving Tuesday, the Chicago Zoological Society hopes everyone will consider making a charitable gift to Brookfield Zoo on that day.

It costs about \$41,000 a day to provide for the more than 2,500 animals, including purchasing and preparing food, quality testing, daily habitat cleaning, training to assist in daily care, and veterinary care. Those who make a donation will be helping the institution's continuing efforts to take a cutting-edge role in animal care and conservation of the natural world.

Contributors will also have the chance to win exciting prizes. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST, a winner will be selected at random from the pool of donors who contributed at least \$10 during each specific hour. Prizes being given away are: 9-10 a.m.—a set of 2022 Molds-A-Rama holiday figures. 10-11 a.m. - a Penguin Encounter for four people. 11 a.m.-12 p.m.—a Penguin Feeding Adventure for two people. 12-1 p.m.—meet and greet one of the zoo's animal ambassadors for four people. 1-2 p.m.—two complimentary VIP tickets to HOWL (the Chicago Zoological Society's Associates' annual Helping Our Wildlife—an evening of music, food, and small bites. 2-3 p.m.—an Animal Adoption and Animal

Care staff chat.

3-4 p.m.—a pair of animal paintings and bios of the artists. 4-5 p.m.—two complimentary tickets to the annual Wines in the Wild hosted by the Chicago Zoological Society's Women's Board.

Donors can give as often as they like but entries will reset with each hour. All donations are welcome, but only those who give \$10 or more will be included in the drawings. Winners will be notified privately as well as on the zoo's social media channels. Brookfield Zoo experience prizes do not include transportation to or from the zoo or accommodations.

For more information, visit CZS.org/Giving Tuesday.

## Parking Ban Begins Dec. 1st

The Department of Streets and Sanitation reminds motorists that the winter overnight parking ban begins on Thursday, Dec. 1st and is in effect through April 1st. The parking ban is enforced regardless of snow on 107 miles of main streets during the hours of 3 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Signage is permanently posted along the affected routes.

During a snowfall, a build-up of snow and ice next to parked vehicles on these routes further reduces traffic flow and can cause unsafe conditions. DSS works to clear the City's main streets and Lake Shore Drive first to ensure that roads are safe and passable for motorists, buses, and emergency vehicles.

Cars left parked on these designated roadways obstruct the path of snowplows and prevent routes from being fully plowed and salted when it snows. Violators of the parking ban will be towed and face a towing fee, ticket, and storage fee. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be towed to Pounds 2 (10301 S. Doty Ave.) or 6 (701 N. Sacramento).

Residents can visit [chicagoshovels.org](http://chicagoshovels.org) or a map of streets impacted by the ban and to view the City's snow plows in real-time during a storm. Motorists can also visit [chicagoshovels.org](http://chicagoshovels.org) or call 311 to find out if their vehicle was towed due to the ban.

## Tutor Training At Aquinas Literacy Center



Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. trained 10 new volunteer English Literacy tutors to help address the need of adult education in English as a Second Language on Nov. 12th. All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Tutoring can be in-person, online over Zoom or a hybrid of both. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. For more information or to be put on the contact list, contact Sabrina Poulin, Volunteer Coordinator, at (773) 927-0512 or email her at [Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org). Pictured in front row are Brianna Franco-Mata, Zoe Williams, Harry Irizarry and Kristine Kulp. Back row: Karen Grace, Sally Greenwood, Samuel Robertson, Raymond Zanger, Algis Tamosiunas and Brandon Hawkins, Sr. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer English Literacy tutor, the next tutor training workshop will be held in-person at the center on Saturday, Jan. 28th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Light Festival At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo by Lincoln Park Zoo - Christopher Bijalba

Lincoln Park Zoo kicks off their one-of-a-kind holiday experience this weekend with the opening of ZooLights Presented by ComEd and Invesco QQQ.

Visitors will enjoy the festive lights radiating among the Chicago Skyline and spectacular animal habitats. The event runs most nights through Jan. 1, 2023.

Additional attractions and festive activities include live ice carving on Saturdays and Sundays, visits with Santa, a Ferris wheel offering a birds-eye view of the lights, an all-new 165-foot light tunnel, a new Chicago skyline light display, and a holiday pop-up bar.

ZooLights runs from 4:30 to 10 p.m. with special ticketed rides and attractions such as the Light Maze Presented by Invesco QQQ, Lionel Train Adventure, AT&T Endangered Species Carousel, and more. ZooLights tickets are now available for purchase for \$5 person (guests of all ages, including infants, require a ticket). ZooLights will also be free to enter on Mondays, which still require tickets for all guests. All ticket sales support the zoo's world-class animal care, global conservation efforts, and innovative learning programs.

To buy tickets and review the ZooLights calendar visit [lpzoo.org/](http://lpzoo.org/) zoo-

lights.

Upcoming ZooLights special events in 2022 include: BrewLights Presented by Louis Glunz Beer, Inc.: On Dec. 1, hosted by the zoo's Auxiliary Board of Lincoln Park Zoo, BrewLights returns for another year of holiday cheer and specialty brews.

The Chris White Trio Tribute to "A Charlie Brown Christmas": On Dec. 11th, the trio is back for an encore at Café Brauer. The showtimes are at 5 and 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$35 and include a complimentary beverage.

Adults NightOut: Holiday: On Dec. 15th, guests ages 18 years and older can enjoy sparkling lights and seasonal drinks while enjoying access to all the ZooLights amenities... without the kids. This event includes a DJ, animal chats, unlimited access to the carousel, Ferris wheel, and Light Maze Presented by Invesco QQQ! Tickets start at \$15 and the event begins at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink are available for purchase.

Zoo Year's Eve: On Dec. 31st, at this adults-only (ages 21+) event, guests can countdown to 2023 with a DJ, games, giveaways, special animal enrichment, and much more. The event begins at 9 p.m. and tickets start at \$20.

## A-H Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled limited programs due to staff shortages.

A CircEsteem Workshop for ages 6 to 16 will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 2 to 3 p.m. Two performing circus artists will demonstrate tight wire walking, juggling, plate spinning, acrobatics and more.

The Book Discussion Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28th will feature "The Authenticity Project" by Clare Pooley.

The Polish Book Discussion Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The topic is Kaja: biografia by K. Marczak on Dec. 21st, Listonosz by Charles Bukowski on Jan. 18th and Porot z gwiazd by Stanislaw Lem

on Feb. 15th.

Library Hours are Monday and Wednesday 12 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

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

## Toys For Tots Run On Dec. 4th

The Toys for Tots 45th Annual Chicago Motorcycle Parade will be staged on Western ave. on Sunday, Dec. 4th. Departure will be north from Dan Ryan Woods, 83rd and Western at 9:30 a.m.

New toy donations are accepted at (708) 598-4909. For more information, visit [www.chicago.landttf.org](http://www.chicago.landttf.org).

## Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

Time for Tots for ages 18 to 36 months will be held on Mondays, Nov. 28th to Dec. 12th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlers will listen to stories, sing songs, learn rhymes and make a craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, play and build puzzles.

Senior Saturday on Dec. 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will include board games, crafts, refreshments, conversation and a door prize drawing.

Evening Story Time for ages 2 to 6 will be performed on Tuesday, Dec. 6th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Grab your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy a short story time and a craft.

The Graphic Novel Book Club for ages 8 to 12 will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 13th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. The featured novel is "Pawcasso" by Remy Lai. Preschool programs will feature Stories and Songs for ages 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6 to 13 may play Bingo to win prizes on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Games People Play will be available on Thursday, Dec. 1st and 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. Adults will have access to Scrabble, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, playing cards or bring your own games. No registration is required.

Crochet 101 Series for beginners and non-beginners will be available on Fridays, Dec. 2nd and 16th 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Kids' Christmas Crafts for ages 5 to 9 will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 7th from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Make a Christmas card or ornament for the holidays or color a picture for the library Art Wall.

An Adult Book Discussion of "The

Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8th from 6 to 7 p.m. A young boy in New York City, Theo Decker, miraculously survives an accident that takes the life of his mother. Alone and abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by a friend's family and struggles to make sense of his new life.

Meet local resident and child's book author Dana Storino on Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children ages 8 to 13 will listen to Ms. Storino read the first chapter of her debut book, *The Golden Bee*, and have the opportunity to ask questions about the writing process and how she got published. One lucky winner will win a copy of the book. Limited supplies of blank books will be passed out to children wanting to write a short story over winter break. A children's author's night will be announced in January with Ms. Storino joining in the fun.

Wineglass Snowman Craft will be conducted on Thursday, Dec. 15th from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All materials will be provided. Hot cocoa and cookies will follow.

Senior Saturdays: Christmas Edition on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature live music by Bud and Marge. Wear something red or holiday themed, enjoy cake, pastries, coffee and enter a raffle. For more information, call (312) 747-6094.

A Thank You Card Workshop for ages 5 to 13 is available Tuesday, Dec. 27th from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Paper and templates will be provided.

Story Time with the Mad Hatters for ages 3 to 7 on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. feature stories, songs and skits.

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

## Illinois EPA Plans Contests

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is inviting fifth and sixth grade writers and artists from to participate in this year's Poster, Poetry, and Prose Contest. The contest theme for the 2023 awards is "Environmental Justice: A Healthy Environment for All!"

Illinois EPA has launched its first annual High School Poster, Poetry, and Essay Contest. The theme for the 2023 high school program is "Environmental Justice: A Healthy Community for All - Uplifting Community Voices!"

Educators are encouraged to introduce Environmental Justice, how some communities are impacted by pollution, and why it is important that their voices are heard. Informational resources have been shared by the Illinois EPA on the contest pages. Students are asked to create posters or written

works for the contests related to the theme's focus.

Teachers may then display the submissions for voting and submit final entries to the Illinois EPA for further judging. Teachers may submit up to eight entries per school by February 1, 2023. Awards for both programs will be announced in April 2023.

Additional information for elementary students can be found at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/elementary/Pages/default.aspx>. Information for the High School Contest can be found at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/high-school/Pages/default.aspx>.

Other questions can be directed to Kristi Morris, Environmental Education Coordinator for the EPA, at (217) 558-7198, or by email at [Kristi.Morris@illinois.gov](mailto:Kristi.Morris@illinois.gov).

## Light Up The Lake At Navy Pier



Navy Pier will kick off the holiday season with the spectacular, all ages experience, Light Up The Lake, Nov. 25th through Jan. 7th.

Single tickets start at \$15 for a child, \$27 for an adult, depending on the day. Every ticket comes with a free ride on the Centennial Wheel, Access to the Roseaux interactive art installation, stomp light activity, reflecting pond, birch tree forest, light sculptures, ice skating, skate rentals and visits with Santa. To purchase tickets, discover new deals, and get more information on group sales, visit [navypier.org/light-up-the-lake/](http://navypier.org/light-up-the-lake/).

New experiences include: Stomp Light Activity, Light Memory Game, Reflecting Pond, Birch Tree Forest, Roseaux and Magic Wands.

Returning this year are: Light Sculptures - the area's largest indoor light show, boasting more than 600,000 lights, will feature oversized sculptures with holiday and toy box themes, including a giant Teddy Bear, a deer soaring 25 feet, 60-ft. light tunnel and a more than 40 ft. tree. An oversized rubber duckie will greet skaters near the ice rink.

Guest are invited to take a spin on the alpine ice rink. Guests can bring their own skates, but skates and locker will be available at no extra

charge, pending availability.

Santa's Village - Kids and adults can jump on the Holiday Train for a ride. After they can share their holiday wish with Santa Claus, guests are encouraged to visit the Jolly Olde Post office where they can send a letter to Santa.

Each ticket includes a ride on the iconic 200-ft. Centennial Wheel, offering 360-degree views of the city and Lake Michigan. The ticket, an \$18 value is valid through 2023.

Several party packages will be available for corporate, social and other groups.

## Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

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, Dec. 17th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the public may call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

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

## Cookies with Santa At Vittum Park

Vittum Park, 5010 W. 50th st. will conduct Cookies with Santa for ages 3 to 6 on Thursday, Dec. 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

## 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](mailto: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.



The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park operates until March 5th (weather permitting). Admission will be free but online tickets will be required at [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org). Free skating lessons will be available, made possible by the McDonald's Active Lifestyles Endowment managed by the Millennium Park Foundation.

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## Chicago Scholars Accepting Applications



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Youth nonprofit, Chicago Scholars is accepting applications to join their 2028 college graduating class program. The organization encourages all high school juniors to apply by Feb. 8th, 2023. The organization's seven-year college access, success, and leadership development program provides the resources, training, and opportunities to transition into a professional career. The newest class of Scholars will receive support throughout the application process, including the opportunity to attend the Onsite College and Leadership Forum, a one-day event that results in offers of admission and merit aid. Once enrolled in a four-year college, Scholars will receive leadership development and supportive relationships towards their individual needs. For more information, visit: <https://chicagoscholars.org/apply>. Professional Chicagoans to serve as mentors to this incoming class may visit: <https://chicagoscholars.org>.

### Arts Opportunity For 12th Graders

Submissions for the 2023 All-City Senior Portfolio Exhibition are open until Nov. 28th. 12th grade students from any CPS school (including charter, contract, and options schools) are encouraged to submit their artwork for a chance to exhibit their work and gain exposure among selected college admission representatives.

Review the 2022-23 Senior Portfolio Submission Guidelines before submitting artwork.

Artwork selected for the Senior Portfolio Exhibition or chosen as an Honorable Mention will be considered for inclusion in the Art on the MART exhibition. For more information, visit [allcity-arts@cps.edu](mailto:allcity-arts@cps.edu).

## 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 Graphic Novel and Manga Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come for the books, stay for the conversations that can be anything from details of the books of the month to the latest happenings in comic book culture. The club will be reading *Death Note* by Tsugumi Oba and *Ten Days in a Madhouse* by Brad Ricca.

The Adult Book Discussion group will meet on Friday, Dec. 16th at 10:30 a.m. In person at the branch and virtually on Zoom.

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.

Family Story time is available on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 6:30 p.m. Families with children of all ages will enjoy picture books, stories, songs and a paper craft.

Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30

to 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime for children 2-6 with caregiver is offered Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 11 a.m. This program is designed around a theme and includes picture books, songs, action activities, flannel board stories and a simple craft.

Gaming Wednesdays for teens in high school is available on Wednesdays after-school, 3 to 5 p.m. featuring Super Smash Brothers & Mario Kart on new Nintendo Switch and cart with many board games.

A Family Film Screening of "Elf" (2003) is available on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 2 to 4 p.m. After accidentally falling into Santa Claus' gift sack, a human baby is raised at the North Pole, growing up to believe he is an elf. Due to his large size, the "elf" causes chaos in Santa's workshop, forcing Kris Kringle to send him on a mission to find his human roots.

A Film Screening of "Hope" (2022) is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The residents of a lonely gulch in inland California bear witness to an uncanny and chilling discovery.

A Family Film Screening of "Rumble" (2001) will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. An aspiring, wrestling coach, Winnie takes on the challenge of coaching Rayburn, an inexperienced wrestler and underdog. Winnie and Rayburn aim to take down the monster wrestling world champion, Tentacular. The movie is based on Rob Harrell's graphic novel, "Monster on the Hill."

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Color of Air" by Gail Tsukiyama will be conducted on Friday, Dec. 16th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Chicago-based doctor Daniel Abe if returning to Hawaii, where his Uncle Koji anticipates revealing the truth about Daniel's father and mother, Manko, Koji's secret love. But Daniel's return coincides with the 1935 eruption of the Mauna Loa volcano.

Visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org) to register.

### Programs At Symphony Center

Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan ave. has scheduled an exciting lineup of performances to welcome the fall season.

The Princess Bride in Concert, Nov. 25th - 27th. The Brubeck Brothers Quartet celebrates Dave Brubeck with special guests Catherine Russell & Camille Thurman, Dec. 2nd. Once Upon a Symphony: Stone Soup Dec. 3rd. Stravinsky, Beethoven & Sibelius 2, Dec. 1st to 6th.

Itzhak Pearlman: In the Fiddler's House, Dec. 4th; A Chanticleer Christmas Fourth Presbyterian Church, Dec. 6th & 7th; The Sorcerer's Apprentice & Saint-Saens Organ Symphony, Dec. 15th to 18th; Merry, Merry Chicago! CCO & Chorus, Dec. 16th to 23rd; Chicago Symphony Orchestra Brass, Dec. 18th; Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in Concert, Jan. 12th to 14th.

For ticket information visit [CSO.org](http://CSO.org) or call (312) 294-3000.

### English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. needs volunteers to help adult immigrants learn English. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English for 90 minutes per week.

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 28th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Associate Director at [sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org) or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

## Obituaries

**MANUEL CHAVEZ-CASA** passed away on Oct. 31st at the age of 55. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Owner/Director. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Agnes of Bohemia Catholic Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.



**RICHARD B. DUDEK** age 59 of Brighton Park; son of late Josephine (nee Grajda) and late Anthony Dudek; brother of Chester (late Josephine) Dudek, Genevieve (James) Cappello, John (late Pamela) Dudek, Frank (Patricia) Dudek and Anna (Phillip) Sparacino. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 10:30 a.m. at Five Holy Martyrs Church. Inurnment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



**JESUS M. ESPINOSA** passed away on Nov. 13th at the age of 88. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, Owner. Funeral Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.

**ANDRES FERNANDEZ-ALVAREZ** passed away on Nov. 19th at the age of 87. He was the son of late Baltazar Fernandez and late Incarnacion Alvarez; husband of Maria Diaz Guzman; father of Nicolas, (Eliazar), Margarita, (Sarafin), Sara, (Enrique), Jose Concepcion, (Raque), Josefina, (Martin), Reynalda, (David), Maria Amparo, (Jesus), Teresa, (Martin), Mercedes, and (Jaime); brother of Maria and Leonardo; grandfather of 30 and great grandfather of 18. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 25th from 3 to 8 p.m. at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment will be at Michoacan, Mexico.



**YOLANDA KRZY-SIAK (nee Orlof)** age 55, wife of John Krzysiak; mother of Daniel and Vanessa Krzysiak; daughter of late Magdalena (nee Sowizral) and late Jozef Orlof; sister-in-law of Tadeusz Krzysiak and Karol (Bernadette) Krzysiak. Visitation was held Nov. 18th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 19th at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

### Beat Meetings For 8th District CAPS

8th District Police CAPS Beats 815 and 821 will meet at the Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 7 p.m.

Boundaries for Beat 815 are 38th st., 55th st., Pulaski to Cicero. Boundaries for Beat 821 are 38th st., 51st st., Pulaski to Kedzie.

For more information, contact the 8th District Community Policing office at (312) 747-8724.

Rather than calling 911, you may call 311 to complete a report for theft, criminal damage to property, lost property and other non-emergency situations.

## Ice Rink At McKinley Park



Photo by Chicago Park District

**McKinley Park Ice Rink, 2210 W. Pershing rd. will open on Friday, Nov. 25th. Registration is required at (312) 747-5992 on a rolling basis at noon on Mondays for sessions that run two weeks later.**

## 2,000 Vacant Lots Available For Purchase

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced that 2,000 vacant City lots are available for purchase and redevelopment by private buyers through a new land sale portal at [Chicago.gov/BlockBuilder](http://Chicago.gov/BlockBuilder). This effort is part of an improvement plan to replace the City's land sale programs with a universal application process. The "ChiBlockBuilder" online portal includes an interactive map of available properties, pricing information, and a digital submission process that will foster infill development and open space projects within local neighborhoods.

The land is for sale for specific uses: side yards for adjacent neighbors, community open spaces such as gardens or plazas, housing developments, and commercial developments. The lots have established market value and environmental clearance.

Applicants that are owner/occupants of adjacent properties or community organizations creating open space are eligible to purchase lots at

10% of their market values. Applicants can also use ChiBlockBuilder to apply for lots to develop as affordable housing through the Chicago Department of Housing's City Lots for Working Families program.

The 2,000 lots are among approximately 10,000 owned by the City, most of which were acquired through foreclosures and demolition liens dating as far back as the 1950s. Almost 90% of the lots available for purchase are located in the 10 community areas participating in INVEST South/West revitalization strategy.

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 3rd, 2023. DPD will host three online webinars for potential purchasers this winter to answer questions about the process. Priority consideration will be given to adjacent property owners and applicants proposing to build new housing or other improvements that benefit the neighborhood.

For more information, visit [Chicago.gov/BlockBuilder](http://Chicago.gov/BlockBuilder).

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**St. Barbara: 312-842-7979 St. Therese: 312-842-6777 School 312-326-2837**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTAR BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- DIANNE R SMITH A/K/A DI-ANNE SMITH, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 17 CH 17031 9318 SOUTH MAY 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 April 17, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 28, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9318 SOUTH MAY STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Property Index No. 25-05-413-027-0000 The real estate is improved with a tan brick, one story single family home, detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipally 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 or 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 agreement 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 purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the Internal Revenue Laws, the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701(k)), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will 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 info of the property. 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 REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602, Tel No. (312) 346-9088. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 20-051291L\_614498 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Attorney Code: 61256 Case Number: 17 CH 17031 TJSCH# 42-591 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 17 CH 17031 I3207098

## Ice Skating Ribbon At Maggie Daley Park



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Maggie Daley Ice Ribbon skating season runs through March 13th (weather permitting). The facility at 337 E. Randolph st. is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations are required to skate whether you bring your own skates or rent them. To make reservations and learn more, visit [maggiedaleypark.com](http://maggiedaleypark.com).

### Letter Writing To Veterans

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs launched the 2022 "Operation Rising Spirit," campaign encouraging service organizations, schools, communities, and individuals to write letters of appreciation and support to veterans residing at the state veterans' homes in Anna, Chicago, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy. Notes may be sent directly to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Central Office, 833 South Spring Street, P.O. Box 19432, Springfield, IL 62794-9432. Letters will be disseminated equally to the five homes. Notes may also be sent

directly through the IDVA website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/services%20benefits/homes/Pages/send-a-note.aspx>

### 9th Dist. Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District Police Beat 921 will meet at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7 p.m. Residents may meet their beat officers to discuss problems. For more information, contact (312) 747-3501.

## Holiday Programs At Art Institute



The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan ave. will adorn its lions with holiday wreaths to kick off the holiday season on Friday, Nov. 25th at 9 a.m. For more information on featured exhibits and hours, visit [artic.edu](http://artic.edu).

### ISAC Names 2023-24 State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the state's college access and financial aid agency, announces the 2023-24 State Scholars. These high-achieving students are selected annually based on their ACT or SAT exams and sixth semester class rank and are recognized for their exceptional academic achievement. The scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of graduates from Illinois high schools. More than 16,770 students from 690 high schools were selected for this prestigious honor.

The designation is a non-monetary award. Each State Scholar will receive a congratulatory letter and Certificate of Achievement. Awardees can download an official Program badge to display on their online profiles, social media platforms, and share with their high school counselors, colleges, employers and family members. In deference to the variability of policies among high schools regarding publishing student information online, ISAC will not post the names of finalists on its website.

ISAC encourages all high school students to complete the 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or for eligible undocumented students, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application). The FAFSA is the application used by students and families to apply for federal and most state and institutional financial aid for any type of postsecondary education, including career and technical education, certificates, and two- or four-year degree programs. The Alternative Application offers a pathway to state financial aid for eligible undocumented students who are not eligible for federal student aid.

Students can utilize [isac.org](http://isac.org) for free tools and resources to search for colleges and scholarships, explore careers, find internships and summer jobs, apply for financial aid programs, get tips about college planning and financial aid, connect with First Generation Scholars Network mentors, and more.

### Virtual Tour Of Gunsaulus Academy

Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy, 4420 S. Sacramento will conduct a virtual Prospective Parent Tour on Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Principal Kim will provide a welcome and overview.

The application window for Magnet Elementary Schools will close on Dec. 2nd. To apply online, visit [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu). For further information, contact the main office at (773) 535-7215 or visit [gunsaulus.org](http://gunsaulus.org).

### Applications For TIF Grants

The 35th /Halsted TIF District announces its November 2022 Rollout with \$150,000 grants available for commercial businesses and \$250,000 grants for industrial businesses.

Applications are due Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 5 p.m.

District boundaries are roughly the Stevenson Expressway on the north, Pershing road on the south, Halsted on the east and Damen on the west. Learn more and register at [chicago.gov/sbif](http://chicago.gov/sbif).

### Sledding & Boarding At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will offer sledding and snowboarding at Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western on Sundays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The ground must be frozen and covered with at least three inches of snow. Call (773) 233-3766 for a status report.

## McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct Little Learners Story Time with Ms. Katie featuring songs and stories for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Fridays, Dec. 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Join Ms. Katie for an online Nightfall Story Time to read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes geared towards children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Mondays through Dec. 19th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. When you register, you will be added to the email list and do not need to register for future story times. You are welcome to attend or skip story times based on your schedule and can stop receiving these emails at any time.

The Early Readers Book Club will meet on

Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. New and beginning readers are invited to build their early literacy skills by reading a story together and discussing.

LEGO at Library for ages 5 and up will be conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 29th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Take on a variety of LEGO challenges or free build.

Host Miguel de Leon will conduct WTTW Kids Learn & Play for ages 3 to 5 on Wednesday, Dec. 21st from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Attendees will participate in fun, guided learning while developing skills in social-emotional development, math and language and literacy. This event will be presented in English and Spanish.

Visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org) to register.

## Light Displays At Morton Arboretum



Photo Provided by Morton Arboretum

New light displays will celebrate Morton Arboretum's centennial year and a special late night event series will highlight the 10th anniversary of Illumination: Tree Lights.

Through Jan. 7th, guests will explore 18 features along a tree-lined one-mile walking trail immersed in color, light and sound. Within this array, six new exhibits will join returning favorites such as Treemagination and Hug-a-Tree, including a spectacular finale in the Grand Garden.

Electric Illumination, an 18 and older late night event, 9:30 to 11 p.m., Dec. 16th, 23rd and 30th will feature a DJ-curated mix of Trance and Progressive House music synchronized to the light displays.

Warm concession tents will offer beverages and snacks such as s'mores kits to enjoy by bonfires along the route.

A traditional favorite, Meadow Lake Magic, will be reimagined to include 15-foot-high mirrored towers floating in the water with light beams shooting into the sky. Among the interactive features will be Shadow Play, a new touch-free wall where guests can express themselves while casting colorful shadows. Two of artist Daniel Popper's Human+Nature exhibition sculptures will be featured.

Returning Illumination favorites include The Champion Tree, Crown of Light, Enchanted Forest, Enchanted Gateway, Festival of Lanterns, Golden Glade, Hug-a-Tree, Ornament Hill, Symphony Woods, Treemagination and Woodland Wonder.

Illumination tickets are on sale at

### Lyric Opera Schedules Shows

The Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N. Wacker Drive has scheduled a wide range of opera and musical theater. Offerings include: Don Carlos through Nov. 25th; La Comie Ory, Nov. 13th - 26th; Hansel and Gretel, Jan. 25th - Feb. 5th; The Factotum, Feb. 3rd-12th; Carmen, March 11th - April 7th; Proximity, March 24 to April 8th and West Side Story, June 2nd-25th.

For ticket information, visit [lyricopera.org](http://lyricopera.org).

### Fall Classes At Newberry Library

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton st. is offering in-person and virtual fall classes for life-long learners. For more information, visit [newberry.org](http://newberry.org).

## MSI Readies 80th Holiday Tradition



Photo Credit: Heidi Peters/Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago

The Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore drive is ringing in the holiday season with the 80th anniversary of *Christmas Around the World*. The exhibit allows guests to connect with their heritage as they explore dozens of trees and displays decorated with hand-crafted ornaments, all while learning about traditions that are celebrated across the globe.

The annual holiday tradition began with a single tree in 1942, which was newly decorated every day for 12 days to represent the countries fighting alongside America during World War II. Today, the exhibit features more than 50 trees decorated by volunteers to represent the holiday traditions from cultures around the globe.

Families can explore Holidays of Light, which offers vitrines that contain symbolic objects that showcase celebrations

honoring light and enlightenment, including Chinese New Year, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Visakha Puja Day and St. Lucia Day. Holidays of Light is located among the trees throughout the Museum's Main Floor.

*Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* will take place through Jan. 8th and are included in Museum entry. For more information, visit [msichicago.org/holidays](http://msichicago.org/holidays).

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