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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Congratulations Best of Blue Island Award Winners!

Community Spirit Residential Category: Reyna Alvarado; Man of the Year: Tony Gustin, Van's Chavez Residence, 2236 Maplewood Inn; Woman of the Year: Jennifer Erfft-Brown, Rock Island Public House; Business of the Year: Jennifer Erfft-Brown, Rock Island Public House; Healthcare Professional of the Year: Gabriela Delgado, Duly Health and Care; Educator of the Year: Lisa Agner, St. Walter - St. Benedict School; Non-Profit of the Year: St. Walter - St. Benedict HASA; Volunteer of the Year: Xania Oliva, Eisenhower High School.

Huge thank you to: The Lyric Theater; Beggars Pizza; DMasti Catering; Barton Pest Control; Old National Bank; Fay's Point



Marina; Sportfields; Flowers By Cathe; 360 Degrees Jazz Band; Browntown Communications; Ron & Kim Gunaka; Tom & Sandy Miller; Karen Warrick; Jackie Barton; J. Patrick Tueth and Matt White.



11th Annual Midlothian Beautification Garden Walk

Spring is in the air and while you're waiting for spring flowers to appear take time out to sign up for the

11th Annual Midlothian Beautification Garden Walk. The walk will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm Rain or Shine. Garden Walk tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchase at the Village Green Gazebo located at 147th & Springfield. Maps of the homes will be provided. Registration forms are available at the Village Hall or on line at: www.villageofmidlothian.net. Sign up and showcase your yard in the garden walk this year!

2023 Summer Youth Camp registration begins

Summer Youth Camp registration will begin on April 3rd for residents of Worth Township looking to enroll their children in the popular annual program.

The township's Summer Camp begins on June 26th and runs through August 4th. The camp is held rain or shine with plenty of activities indoors and out. Planned field trips, swimming, arts & crafts, recreational sports and organized activities

are all held in a supervised setting which includes adult counselors. Registration will run from April 3rd through June 1st online at www.worhtownship.com or in person, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Payment by cash, check or credit card. Make checks payable to Township of Worth. Payment must be made in full at time of registration. For your convenience, the township has

also added a pay online option by e-check or credit card on our website www.worhtownship.com.

Participation is on a first come, first serve basis (75 campers max), so sign up early to ensure participation in the program. For more information, please call the Youth Commission at their direct line 708-972-7837 or contact them by email: youthcommission@worhtownship.com.

Midlothian Library hosts Kiwanis "April Food Day" collection

Starting April 1, Kiwanis Club of the Oak Forest and Crestwood Area will be collecting for United Way of Metro Chicago's annual "April Food Day" event. Midlothian Public Library, located at 14701 Kenton Avenue, will serve as a drop-off site for non-perishable food items and other household goods through April 25. A bin for these items will be located near the Checkout Desk.

Kiwanis Club volunteers will deliver the donations to the April Food Day event on April 27 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. According to United Way of Metro Chicago, the purpose of April Food Day is "to come together to promote food security and recognize our community leaders advancing equity in the south-southwest suburbs, a region facing high levels of poverty and systemic education, health, and wealth inequities."

Year-round, community members can help out their neighbors in need by donating food and personal hygiene items to the Midlothian Library micro pantry located in the library's café area.

For more information about the Kiwanis April Food Day collection, the library micro pantry, or any other library events or services, call (708) 535-2027.

Best in Blue Island Awards

St. Walter-St. Benedict School is proud to congratulate our winners and nominees for the Best in Blue Island Awards, held recently at the Lyric Theater. We are thankful to the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce and voters for acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our staff and parent volunteers. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful school community. Registration for enrollment is open now on our website at www.stwstb.org/Admissions.



Griselda Ramos, Anna Finn, Mariela Esparza, Mayra Gonzalez

Educator of the Year 2023: Winner: Ms. Lisa Agner, Preschool Teacher; Runner Up: Ms. Rachel Allen, Gr. 8 Teacher and Nominee: Ms. Shannon Allen, Gr. 7 Teacher/Sub.

Non-Profit Organization 2023: Winner: St. Walter-St. Benedict School H.A.S.A. Home and School Association.





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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Oak Forest City Clerk appointed

Oak Forest resident Nicole Tormey was appointed city clerk by Mayor Hank Kuspa at the City Council. Tormey, a paralegal for a law firm in Chicago previously served as deputy city clerk. In her new role, Tormey is responsible for attending meetings of the City Council, keeping a record of its proceedings, and publishing approved resolutions, ordinances, agendas, and minutes.



Mayor Henry L. Kuspa and City Clerk Nicole Tormey

Parkway Tree Program

To preserve the community's investment in its "soft" infrastructure, protect the environment, and enhance the value of residential and commercial real estate, the Village of Mokena maintains a program to remove and replace existing public parkway trees that have died from natural causes or have been severely damaged or destroyed by storms. This service is provided at no cost to residents living within Mokena's corporate limits.

If you have a tree located in a parkway adjacent to your property that fits into one of the above categories,

please call (708) 479-3900 to request an inspection of the tree. Upon Village staff verification of need for replacement of the tree, the tree will be removed, its stump ground out, and a standard parkway tree planted in its place. Replacement can generally be expected to take place from mid-May through the end of June, or from late September through mid-November, depending on timing of removal, contractor schedules, and available budgetary resources.

To further encourage the planting of trees in the community's parkways,

the Village of Mokena additionally offers a cost-sharing program for residents wishing to plant new trees in parkways adjacent to their property.

The 2023 Parkway Tree Program is now open. This program is focused on those wishing to plant new trees in parkways adjacent to their property where trees have not previously existed.

Under this program, the resident pays 50% of the cost for a nursery contractor to supply, deliver, plant, and mulch a new parkway tree. The Village of Mokena pays the other 50%.

Citizens Fire Academy returns

The Tinley Park Fire Department will once again host its Citizens Fire Academy to teach residents what it's like to be a firefighter. Topics will include fire suppression, fire prevention, operations, fire equipment and CPR.

Classes will be held on Mondays and will run

from Aug. 21 to Sept. 25. Graduation for the class will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Fire Prevention Week Open House.

All applicants must be at least 21 years old, and attendance is mandatory for 75% of the classes in order to receive a completion certificate. All applicants must work

or reside within the Village of Tinley Park, and the Village will conduct a background check on each applicant.

Tinley Park Fire Department, Attn: Citizens Fire Academy
17355 S. 68th Court,
2nd Floor, Tinley Park.
Applications for this year's academy are due on April 24.

TP Village Board meeting highlights

The Tinley Park Village Board met Tuesday in the Council Chambers at Village Hall. Highlights include:

Harmony Square: The Village Board approved agreements with the Lakota Group, R.C. Wegman, Robinson Engineering and Christopher B. Burke Engineering related to the construction of Harmony Square, a new multi-use plaza that will be located at the corner of Oak Park Avenue and North Street in Downtown Tinley. Learn more about Harmony Square at TinleyPark.org/HarmonySquare.

911 Dispatcher: The Board approved the appointment of Melanie Hudson to the position of 911 Dispatcher. Melanie has served as a telecommunicator for eight years, where her responsibilities included dispatching police, fire and EMS units in both emergency and non-emergency situations. Welcome aboard, Melanie!

Bulk Fuel: The Village Board approved a contract with Al Warren Oil Company for a bulk fuel purchase for both gasoline and diesel fuel.

Landscape Mowing: The Board approved a contract with City Escape Garden and Design, LLC for landscape maintenance mowing.

Business Spotlight: The Village Board welcomed representatives from Together We Cope and Porter Place Memory Care as part of its ongoing Tinley Park Business Spotlight series. Watch videos of each presentation at the links below.

Watch the meeting in its entirety on the Village's YouTube page or by watching Tinley Park Television on Comcast Channel 4 and U-verse Channel 99.



Oak Forest Police roll out audio detection system on trial basis

The Oak Forest Police Department is rolling out an audio detection system in an area equivalent to one-square mile along the city's main corridors. The system will be able to detect gunshots, glass breakage and squealing tires. In total, 64 units will be installed at no cost to the police department as

part of a one-year, trial program offered by Flock Safety, a public safety operating system that helps law enforcement agencies in thousands of communities work together to stop crime.

"We are always looking for ways to use the latest technology to fight crime and ensure the safety of our residents," said Deputy Chief Scott Durano. "Combining this technology with the license plate readers, will enable us to respond more quickly, preserve critical evidence, and clear more cases."

In February, the police department installed 17 Flock Safety automated license plate reading cameras in specific areas of town. By utilizing both systems, police officers will be able to direct their efforts near the source of these audio signatures to identify potential suspects more efficiently as well as identify vehicles that have been involved with criminal activity.

Hometown Hero Banner program

Mayor Fleischer and the Board of Trustees are proud to offer the Hometown Hero Banner program here in Mokena, honoring current and former residents of the community who have served or are currently serving our country in any branch of the military.

The fee for sponsoring your Hometown Hero's banner is \$200. This fee includes the cost of the banner as well as placement, removal, and storage over the two year sponsorship period. Please submit a completed application along with: A photograph of the honored Veteran in military uniform. *Photos in military uniform are preferred but not required.

A check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to the Village of Mokena. For questions & inquiries, please contact Greg Anderson, Assistant Village Administrator, at 708-479-3900 or administraton@mokena.org





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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights

League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland April meeting Gun Violence, It's Complicated



Presented by James McGrath.

James McGrath lives by the motto democracy is not a spectator sport. He is a precinct captain, election judge, and community organizer. He works to educate people about the impact of money in politics. After Sandy Hook and Parkland, James McGrath helped to start a chapter of Moms Demand Action in Barrington, Illinois.

Saturday, April 15, Coffee at 9:30 am, Meeting at 10 am. The public is welcome to attend. Palos Heights Public Library, 12501 S. 71st Avenue, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463.

Unpaid Illinois Tollway toll invoices will result in violation notices



After an overwhelmingly successful amnesty program, a broad expansion of the I-PASS Assist program and completion of complex technological changes required to restructure the Illinois Tollway's violation enforcement program, the Illinois Tollway reminds customers that unpaid tolls may result in the issuance of violation notices.

Starting in April, customers who have received multiple invoices and reminders for the same unpaid tolls will receive a notice of violation that, if ignored, will result in a \$20 fine assessed on each unpaid toll. These fines will

be in addition to any previously assessed invoice fees.

As the Tollway begins reinstating violation notices, customers with outstanding initial toll invoices issued between June 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022, will have a six-month hold placed on notices and will be eligible for a discount of up to 50 percent off fees on paid invoices.

Customers with outstanding initial toll invoices issued on or after October 1, 2022, will be issued a Notice of Violation, which may result in an additional \$20 fine per toll. However, customers will have an

opportunity to dispute violations including via a hearing.

In addition, income-eligible customers who qualify for I-PASS Assist and establish an I-PASS account may have their fees dismissed.

Since unpaid toll invoicing began in 2020 along with the agency's transition to cashless tolling, the Illinois Tollway estimates that more than 6 million invoices have gone unpaid, with a troubling trend of repeat non-compliance in a growing number of customers. This includes more than \$110 million in unpaid tolls over the past three years.



Village of Chicago Ridge Oak Park Avenue sewer rehabilitation

This spring the Village of Chicago Ridge is scheduled to begin work outside residences. The limits of construction is anticipated to be: 1. Oak Park Avenue (107th Street to Southwest Highway); 2. 104th Place (Oak Park Avenue to end); 3. 105th Street (Oak Park Avenue to end); 4. 106th Street (Oak Park Avenue to end); 5. 106th Place (Oak Park Avenue to end); 6. Brooks Lane (near 105th Street) and 7. Intersection near 103rd Street and Ridgeland Avenue.

Portions of the existing sanitary sewer will be removed and replaced with new sanitary sewer pipe along Oak Park Avenue, the side streets along Oak Park Avenue and near Brooks Lane. New storm sewer will be installed near the intersection of 103rd Street and Ridgeland Avenue. Construction activities for the installation of new sanitary sewer and storm sewer are typically expected from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with possible Saturday work. Construction is antic-

ipated to start in early April and continue through late May 2023.

This construction work requires that we restrict the streets to be No Parking on both sides while the sewer work is ongoing on your block. Temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted where needed and we ask for your cooperation to park elsewhere. The permanent restoration of your street will begin after the sewer work is complete (under a separate contract). Updates and additional notices will be provided as the project progresses.

Residents will be allowed to park their vehicles on the street overnight but must be moved by 7:00 a.m.

The streets will generally be open to traffic during construction. During working hours, access will be limited to local traffic only. If you need your vehicle for frequent trips during the day, we recommend that you move your vehicle prior to 7:00 a.m. and park on an adjacent street with available on-street parking. Access will

be restored at the end of each workday.

Please do not remove the construction stakes or utility located flags placed along the roadway. They serve an important purpose during the sewer rehabilitation. If these are removed, the construction progress could be delayed as they will need to be replaced.

Refuse, Recycling, and Mail service should not be impacted during construction.

The General Contractor performing the work will be Suburban General Construction (LaGrange Park, IL).

If you have any questions during the project, please contact the Resident Engineer for the project: Kyle Provost Mobile: 224-301-4576 Email: kprovost@cbbel.com

The Village of Chicago Ridge and Christopher B. Burke Engineering are committed to minimizing any inconveniences that may arise and we look forward to successful completion of this project.



Moraine Valley Community
College program
coordinator and assistant
professor of Nursing,
Leslie Moyar.

Moraine Valley professor awarded nurse educator fellowship

Moraine Valley Community College program coordinator and assistant professor of Nursing, Leslie Moyar, was awarded one of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Nurse Educator Fellowships. Only around 20 individuals earn this honor across Illinois.

Moyar has been a nurse for 10 years after a career change from being an accountant for 20 years. She has taught at Moraine Valley for the past six years and still works in the clinical setting as a nurse practitioner.

"We are honored to have one of our full-time nursing faculty selected as a recipient of this year's IBHE Nurse Educator Fellowship award. This is a great accomplishment, as only a select few are chosen for this prestigious honor," said Dr. LoShay Willis, dean of Career Programs. "This award will allow Leslie to enhance and expand nursing simulations education, which will better prepare students for their live clinical experiences, leading to better outcomes and student success."

"We use a lot of patient simulation scenarios to help students experience what it is like to be in a patient care situation. We implemented the virtual reality patient simulation software at Moraine Valley last year. I want to expand my knowledge about how to use simulation as a teaching tool, and the conference will help me to do that," Moyar explained. "The award will ultimately help me bring new ideas back to Moraine Valley, which I can share with other faculty. Students will benefit from the new material as well."

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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Burbank, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Justice, Oak Lawn

Overnight closures scheduled

Over the next two weeks on Roberts Road and 87th Street to accommodate mainline bridge beam placement on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. Up to two weeks of closures will be needed to complete the work.

The temporary closures are necessary to safely to complete placement of bridge beams on I-294 over Roberts Road and 87th Street. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to each of the closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather dependent.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway is continuing work on southern section of the Central Tri-State Project between I-55 and 95th Street, which includes rebuilding and widening the roadway to five lanes in both directions, including construction of new I-294 bridges over I-55, Flagg Creek, 87th Street and Roberts Road, as well as reconstructing shoulders including adding Flex Lanes. This mainline work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2023.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.



The Gaelic Park Players presents its upcoming fall production *Family Secrets*



by A. J. Stanley.

Family Secrets, a comedy by Mullingar playwright, A. J. Stanley, is the sequel to *Troubled Bachelors*. In the earlier work, three "confirmed" bachelors—Peter Carmody, Tom Kirby and Jack Whelan, were forced to wed in order to keep their counsel cottages (a situation that was actually taking

place in Ireland around the time the play was written in the 1940's). Family Secrets takes up with the three men and their respective spouses, Mary Carmody, Daisy Kirby and Molly Whelan, five years later, still living in the adjacent cottages, on the eve of World War II. A dubious American entrepreneur arrives in town proposing

a get-rich-quick scheme to Tom and Jack: millions can be made if they'll just increase the production of turf for heating fuel in Ireland to offset the loss of British coal that will likely go toward the war effort. The comedy, the conflicts, the secrets ensue, and the boys are as "troubled" as ever!

Thursday, April 20 at 8:00 pm; Fridays, April 14 and 21 at 8:00 pm; Saturdays, April 15 and 22 at 8:00 pm and Sundays, April 16 and 23 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00, for reservations call: 708-687-9323. Gaelic Park is located at 6119 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60542. www.GaelicParkPlayers.org.

Family Secrets is presented by special arrangement with Drama League of Ireland.

Message from the Mayor of Justice

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Is winter over? That is a good question. The flowers are cautiously poking out of the ground and trees seem to be awakening, but in my opinion, Mother Nature may still surprise us.

The Village is ready for Spring. We are cleaning culverts and sewers, so the April showers won't cause our village to have problems.

We also started flood projects. The 90th Street Improvement Project went for bids and the winning bid came in less than the engineering estimate which is very good. The walls of the ditch will be stabilized with steel plates to prevent street erosion which is the problem now. We will then repave and preserve the street.

The 75th Street and Cork Avenue Project by Brodnicki School has entered Phase I Engineering. The plans for Marion Drive are also in the engineering phase. Slowly we are making progress in

alleviating the worst flood issues.

We finished our budget and we again are in a good financial position. We are carefully spending your tax dollars for the benefit of our residents. When finished, the budget and appropriations will be published so you are all aware of how we manage the funds available.

Our Police Chief, Kraig McDermott, decided to retire this spring. He served this village with honor and dedication since he began as a young patrolman. We are very grateful for his service. It's never easy to lose a good leader but we knew that eventually it would happen, so we took steps early to keep the department running smoothly. We chose one of our own officers, Sgt. Michael McNamara as our next Police Chief. Sgt. McNamara has proven himself as a leader and is dedicated to the safety of our Police Department and

Residents. The changeover will be smooth and without disruptions so the safety of our residents will not be affected.

Our economic development is progressing apace. More and more businesses are interested in moving to Justice. The Compass Trucking site was assessed environmentally, and we expect that the owner will be coming with proposals for that site.

The Hotel project will be starting this Spring, as all necessary permits are in place and, weather permitting, the groundbreaking will begin. We expect this project to be finished within 2 years.

Hopefully, some unexpected weather event won't throw a monkey wrench in the projects we are starting as we have high hopes for many accomplishments in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,
Kris Wasowicz, Mayor/
Village President

Easter backpacks for youngsters prepared



L to R: Matthew Malloy, Ashira Martinez and Ryan Kinnerk, all seventh graders at Queen of Martyrs School

Mercy Circle residents and Queen of Martyrs seventh grade students fill

colorful backpacks with friendship bracelets with beads spelling each young-

ster's name made by the students as well as toys and books, journals and pens, personal gifts, Easter candy and practical items including toothpaste and toothbrushes. Organized by 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea, this is the fifth year children of families served by Margaret's Village enjoy a Happy Easter during this season of hope. The goal of this program is for people, who do not even know the families at Margaret's Village, to express that others care about them.

Happy Easter from the Village View Publications Inc.



Church Services

Faith Lutheran Church

9701 S. Melvina Ave.
Oak Lawn

Holy Week Services will be held on

Maudy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm, and on Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00pm and 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday Service on April 9 at 9:00am.
All are welcome!

For more information, call the church office at **(708) 424-1059**



Easter Week Services

(in person worship and livestreamed via paloschurch.org)

Good Friday Service - April 7, 7:00pm with Lord's Supper
Easter Morning Services - April 9, 7:00am & 9:30am

Breakfast will be served after the 7:00am service and refreshments/coffee being served after the 9:30am service

(Childcare is available at all services except the 7:00am Easter morning services)

Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church

7059 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights

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www.blueislandchamber.org

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce
www.burbankchamber.com

Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.visitchicagosouthland.com

Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce
www.evergreenparkchamber.org

The Hills Chamber of Commerce
www.thehillschamber.org

Justice Chamber of Commerce
www.villageofjustice.org

Oak Forest-Crestwood Area Chamber - The OC Chamber of Commerce
www.oc-chamber.org

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce
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Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce
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B2B Grant program opens April 5

Governor J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) recently announced \$175 million in

available grant funding through the Back to Business (B2B) program for restaurants, hotels and creative arts businesses and organizations.

Applications will open April 5 and will be due May 10. Visit the DCEO website to learn more about eligibility and program information.

Senior citizen law enforcement academy presented

Seniors will learn how to protect themselves from crime; communicate with law enforcement; guard against con games and scams; and understand the functions of the Cook County Jail and Courts by participating in the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy presented by Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart and 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea. The series of six sessions will be held free of charge at Smith Village, 2320 West 113th Place, from 10 am to noon, on Tuesdays April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9 and 16. Participants, who attend at least three of the six sessions, will be honored at a graduation ceremony and reception on Tuesday, May 16.

Smith Village will host the series of sessions. "We are honored to be a part of this important program," says Smith Village executive director Marti Jatis. "Smith Village is committed to doing our part to improve the health and safety of the community and the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy offers terrific tools that older adults can put to use."

In addition to free valet parking, refreshments will be served. To register, please visit 19thwardmobile.com or call the 19th Ward service office at 773-238-8766 or the Cook County Sheriff's Office at 708-865-7341.

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Canteen Hours Noon to Close Daily
Public Welcome for 2023
Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Every Friday thru April 7th, 4-7pm
Eat-In or Carryout & Take Home
Dinners \$15 • Shrimp Boats \$8 • Children 6 & Under \$8
Includes 3 kinds of Fish or Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw & Condiments

Cinco De Mayo Dinner Dance is Back!
Thursday, May 4th • Cocktails 5pm, Dinner 6pm *Plus Dancing*
25 Per Ticket only 150 available - Food from Canton Regio'
Including Steak/Chicken/Pork, Beans & Rice Salsa Chips & More!

VFW Auxiliary's Spring Fling Crafters-Vendors Show
Sunday April 30th, 11am to 4pm Crafts & Exhibitors
Plus Food Bakery Goods & Raffles
More information is available in the Canteen during normal business hours

Easter Buffet at Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn in the Grand Ballroom

Make The Most of Easter Sunday!

Our Easter Buffet Sunday

April 9th, 2023

10:30am-2:30pm

Adults \$38.95 | Seniors (62+ years) \$30.00

Children (6-12 years) \$17.00 | Children (0-5) FREE

Special Guest Appearance by the Easter Bunny!



Hilton

CHICAGO/OAK LAWN

9333 South Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn

For Reservations Please Call

708-229-8850

Breakfast Selection

Breakfast Pastries & Croissants
Scrambled Eggs
Crisp Smoked Bacon
Country Sausage Links
Banana Foster French Toast
Potatoes O'Brien
Yogurt & Toasted Granola Parfaits

Salad Bar with 12 selections

Seasonal Fresh Fruits &
Berries with Mint
Caprese Pasta Salad
Potato Salad
Dinner Rolls

Entrées & Accompaniments

Seared Lemon Picatta Chicken
Braised Pot Roast
Rice Pilaf & Orzo
Whipped Sour Cream Potatoes
Salmon Bruere Blanc
Three-Cheese Ravioli

Carving

Roasted Turkey Breast
with Gravy
Glazed Ham

Seafood Bar

Peel & Eat Shrimp
Smoked Salmon Display
with Bagels & Spreads

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Chicken Tenders
Tater Tots
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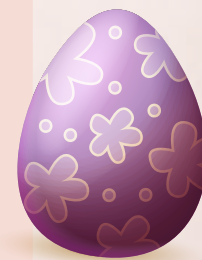
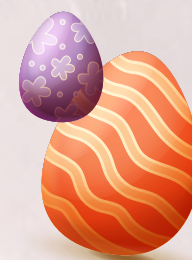
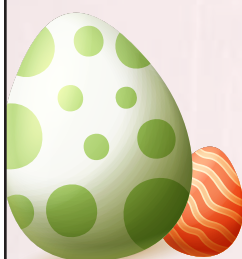
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Please join us for our annual Saturday of Lazarus Retreat (April 8th) for the Family Night Ministry children, ages Pre-School through 5th grade. We will begin with Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. The retreat will begin around 10:45 a.m., starting with a Lenten breakfast. We will then move into a 4-session rotation,

consisting of 20 minutes each. We will have music, crafts, lesson, and palm cross making.

We also welcome GOYAns and families to also participate and help us with palm cross making.

*Parents are asked to stay for the duration of the retreat to assist with making palm crosses to be

given out on Palm Sunday. The retreat will end with an egg hunt around 1:00 pm.

Whether or not you have been part of Family Night, please join us!

Please click on the link below to register. Looking forward to seeing many of our families there!

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We also thank the PTA of Saint Spyridon for their generosity to host this event for our community!

Family Night Committee
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/60b0c4faa82ca4f85-saturday2>

Fun Easter Activities

Evergreen Park Youth Department at 3450 West 97th Street, Room 105 will be having Fun April activities for Easter. Open to grades 5 through 12.

Dye and Easter Egg: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2023 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 4 pm to 4:30 pm. For Questions call 708-229-3377.

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New Field Museum exhibition explores rise of power in ancient Europe



Photo by Annette Dixon

First Kings of Europe includes jewelry, weapons, and armor from 11 countries shown together for the first time.

First Kings of Europe explores how ancient farming villages led to the earliest tribal kingdoms in Europe. The countries represented in the exhibition include Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia, with various lending institutions working together to make the show happen.

“One of the most unique and special things about this exhibit is the international collaboration occurring to create First Kings of Europe,” says Bill Parkinson, curator at the Field Museum and of First Kings of Europe. “The exhibition was made in partnership with 11 countries, plus the United States and Canada, and 26 different museums. Many of the cultural items have never been on display outside of the countries of their origin, and some have never been

on display - ever! First Kings of Europe is a unique opportunity to see these cultural items side by side.” The more than 700 cultural items in the exhibition date back to the Neolithic, Copper, Bronze, and Iron ages. Highlights include some of the oldest gold treasures in the world from the cemetery of Varna, the gold crown of a Thracian prince, masterpieces of sword making and armor, weapons, jewelry, and more.

The exhibition is broken down into different chapters that focus on different chronological eras. For example, the Bronze Age section explores the emergence of the warrior class and features weapons, helmets, and shields. Visitors will also see an

ancient bronze breastplate (1200-1100 BC) that was found at the bottom of the Danube River. This section also includes the armor and weapons that warriors would use in Southeast Europe when the warrior class was emerging.

First Kings of Europe opens on March 31, 2023. More information on the First Kings of Europe can be found First Kings of Europe Field Museum, at 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.



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Adler Planetarium announces arrival of Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of The Moon"

The Adler Planetarium is excited to announce it has licensed legendary rock band Pink Floyd's new full dome planetarium show, "The Dark Side of The Moon." In honor of the 50th anniversary of the album by the same name, and distributed in partnership with the International Planetarium Society (IPS), "The Dark Side of The Moon" will take guests on a visual journey through space against the backdrop of one of the bestselling albums of all time. "The Dark Side of The Moon" began playing at the Adler March 31, and will be in rotation for one year. Tickets are available online now, and must be purchased in advance.



"The Dark Side of The Moon" will play as the last show of the day in the Adler's Grainger Sky Theater at 3:15 pm Friday- Monday, and at 9:10 pm on Wednesday evenings during Adler at Night. Tickets are \$20, and must be purchased ala cart in addition to museum entry packages. The show is included for Adler Star Pass ticket holders, our all access, all-inclusive access pass for one year.

Show run time is approx. 43 minutes, and viewer discretion is advised due to the explicit nature of some lyrics.

Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605.

"Harry Potter: Magic at Play" Interactive Experience



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Wizards and witches of all ages will now have even more opportunities to experience and celebrate the Wizarding World as Harry Potter: Magic at Play has released a new block of tickets to its world premiere run at Chicago's iconic Water Tower Place (835 N Michigan Ave.) through May 14, 2023. Created by Warner Bros. Discovery Global Themed Entertainment and Original X Productions (OGX), and co-presented by Fever, the first-of-its-kind experience allows fans of all ages to engage with the Wizarding World like never before through 30,000 square feet of hands-on magical interactivity including games, exploration, sensory activations and more that celebrate Harry's own journey in discovering the wizarding world.

Guests are welcome to explore the Dursley's living room; step onto a boat and prepare to cross the Great Lake to Hogwarts; imagine attending some of Hogwarts' most beloved classes, mastering "Wingardium Leviosa" and levitating a feather in Charms, or the Potions dungeon with all senses and fending off a swarm of Cornish Pixies in Defense Against the Dark Arts. For more information, please visit www.HarryPotterMagicAtPlay.com.

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Broadway in Chicago presents, The Book of Mormon



The Book of Mormon is playing at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, March 28 through April 16, 2023.

The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." The Washington Post says, "it is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals" And Entertainment Weekly says, "Grade A,

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