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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Alsip Resident Appointed as Planning & Zoning Commissioner

by Jan Glaz

At the first regularly scheduled Village of Alsip Board of Trustees Meeting, held on January 3, 2022, Alsip President, John Ryan, administered the Oath of Office to Alsip resident, William Love. William Love is the village's new Planning & Zoning Commissioner appointed by President Ryan with the consent of the Board of Trustees. Congratulations and a round of applause followed the swearing in ceremony.



Standing left to right: Village of Alsip Planning & Zoning Commissioner, William Love, and Village of Alsip President, John Ryan

Alsip Trustee, Monica Juarez, requested and the board of trustees agreed to approve an amendment to the business license

for 'Quality Pressure Wash' located at 12530 S. Springfield Avenue, to

include designating a single bay (door to door) to repair trucks. This amended designation will represent 75% truck/pressure wash and 25% truck repair service, with no tire storage.

The Village of Alsip Planning Commission reported that they will be reviewing an application for an 'Industrial Special Use Permit' for the operation of a landscaping business to be located at 5959 West 115th Street, in Alsip.

Noteworthy: The Village of Alsip reported that for anyone who does not have health insurance and resides in Illinois, Covid-19 testing will be covered by

the Illinois Department of Public Health regardless of citizenship or immigration status through free community-based testing sites. For locations and information in regard to Covid-19 testing the website address is: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/testing>.

To locate a convenient vaccine location or to arrange a free ride to and from a vaccine appointment please call: "Destination Vaccine" at 833-308-1988. In addition, a wealth of information in regard to Covid-19 vaccine can be found at the website: <https://www.vaccines.gov>.

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Moraine Valley Foundation Employees Giving Campaign Raises \$90,000

Moraine Valley Community College employees donated a record \$90,000 to the Moraine Valley Foundation during its recent Employee Giving Campaign. Over 80% of the college's full-time faculty and staff contributed to help provide student emergency funds and support scholarships. This year's campaign, entitled Dreams Made Possible in an Impossible Year, raised the largest amount of money since the campaign

began over 11 years ago. "Employee giving has increased dramatically over the past few years," said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Moraine Valley Foundation. "We are thrilled so many employees supported students when it was most needed due to the challenges brought on by the pandemic. It clearly demonstrates their commitment to student success."

The successful Employee Giving Campaign helped

provide needed funds to the Foundation since some of its biggest fundraising events had to be downsized or cancelled due to COVID-19.

This year, the Foundation awarded more than 200 scholarships. In addition, it provided financial assistance to approximately 100 students for help paying critical bills through its Student Emergency Assistance Program and distributed \$47,000 to over 180 students to help them

purchase textbooks and lab kits.

"We are grateful to all the Moraine Valley employees who donated as a part of the annual Employee Giving Campaign. Their support makes a huge difference as we provide needed assistance to deserving students," McGreal said.

For information on donating to the Moraine Valley Foundation, contact McGreal at mcgrealc2@morainevalley.edu.

Blue Cap Celebrates 55 Years of Providing Quality Services

The 55th Anniversary of Blue Cap opening its doors in 1967. Twenty eight students were in the first class, five of which are still supported in our Life Enrichment Program. These five students are Barb, Deanna, John B., John H. and Peter, we call

"The Blue Cap Fabulous 5" (pictured below yearbook photos from 1967 to now).

They have transitioned throughout the years along with Blue Cap's services.

This monumental anniversary brings back fond memories for many as

we look back on how far Blue Cap has come and how much we have to look forward to for the future. We are continuing to grow with the people we serve to support, encourage and educate people to enjoy quality life experiences and

be valued in the community.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Blue Cap throughout the past 55 years: board members, donors, community members, staff and volunteers. We look forward to continuing to provide quality services for



55 more years and beyond!
Blue Cap, 2155 Broadway,
Blue Island, Illinois.

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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Tinley Park Implements Electronic Ticketing

by Jan Glaz

On January 4th, at the Village of Tinley Park Board of Trustees Meeting, trustees voted to adopt a resolution to approve a contract for electronic ticketing and online payment with Dacra Tech, LLC and Violation Payment. Com, LLC in the amount of \$39,000.00. Currently, police handwrite moving violation tickets. A copy is provided to the violator and a copy to the police records staff. The staff then manually enters in the violation information into the village court system. Payments for all violations require physically visiting a village facility. This process is susceptible to human error, inconvenient for customers and cannot be governed by strict data standards.

Dacra Tech allows officers to enter violation data on their laptop and print the information in an in-car printer. The new process will significantly reduce work from the police records staff. Violators can either pay in person at



Village of Tinley Park
Trustee, William Brady

the village facility or use Violations Payment.Com, LLC for payment. There is an implementation cost of \$15,000 that includes staff training. The ongoing cost is \$2,000 per month that includes an allowance for 600 citations, maintenance costs and hosting fees. The cost for each ticket above 600 is \$3.00 per citation.

In addition, with the implementation of electronic ticketing through Dacra Tech, LLC, the village entered into an agreement with Municipal Collection Services, LLC, 10275 West Higgins Road, Rosemont,

IL to collect unpaid fines for municipal violations. The agreement will allow Municipal Collection Services to electronically receive information from e-ticketing. There is no cost to the village to enter into the contract. Municipal Collection Services receives 28% of the balance of the amount collected on each debt. The term of the contract is 36 months.

Meeting endnote: Trustee William Brady requested, and the board approved a resolution to purchase computers and software for police department vehicles from Heartland Business Systems and Central Square. The purchase is for (20) laptops, a five-year bumper to bumper warranty; (20) vehicle docking stations; and (10) units of 911 dispatch software, for a total price of \$113,352.40. In addition, a purchase for police in-vehicle printers from CDS Office Technologies, in the amount of \$54,892.50, met with approval.

Deputy Fire Chief Dan Riordan Retires

The Tinley Park Fire Department recently held a walk-out ceremony for Deputy Fire Chief Dan Riordan, who retired after 40 years of dedicated service to Tinley Park.

Dan began his career with the Tinley Park Fire Department in 1981, quickly rising through the ranks. He began working in the Fire Prevention Bureau in December 2001 and was promoted to Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention in 2015.

Received an Associates in Applied Science, Fire Science Technology degree in 2005. He's a Certified Plan Examiner, Fire Code Official, Building Official



and Fire Marshal, and recently received his NICET II certifications.

Dan strove to set high standards for the Fire Prevention Bureau. With his leadership, dedication, commitment and tireless efforts, the Bureau became

the first accredited municipality by the International Accreditation Service in 2012. The Bureau has since been reaccredited in 2016 and 2020.

During his career, Dan spearheaded seven Run for Your Life Safety 5K Run/Walks, raising more than \$116,000.00 for the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and their prevention programs. Over the years, he also has campaigned for fire sprinklers in commercial and residential buildings. He has reviewed many plans, revised many codes and has kept firefighters safe, as well as making Tinley Park a fire-safe community.

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Elf in the Window Winners

The Village recently announced the winners of its annual Elf in the Window contest, which asked players to visit 11 participating Downtown Tinley businesses during the holidays and answer a series of questions related to the elves hanging out in each storefront window. Winners were randomly drawn from those who answered each question correctly and included: Ben Cristobal, of New Lenox
Angelina Milazzo, of

Tinley Park

Shea Lally, of Tinley Park

Kevin Beckman, of Tinley Park

Charlotte Johnson, of Oak Forest

Jeff Miller, of Tinley Park

Charles Beyer, of Oak Forest

Heather and Tyler Seger, of Tinley Park

Gianna Santoyo, of Tinley Park

Mark Overland, of Tinley Park

Each winner will receive

a Village swag bag and gift cards from Ed and Joe's and the Scoop. Many thanks to this year's participating businesses, including SIP Wine Bar, the Painted Turtle, Vogt Visual Arts Center, Popus Gourmet Popcorn, Cavallini's in the Park, Ed and Joe's Restaurant, the Scoop, Wyman and Co., the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce, Jim Fuentes State Farm and Durbin's. Congrats to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who played!



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Village of Worth Initiates No Cash Bid Program

by Jan Glaz

At a recent Village of Worth Board of Trustees Meeting, Trustee Rich Dziedzic, requested and the board approved a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Worth to apply to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for a Certificate of Purchase. The village is interested in purchasing real estate located at 7117 W. 111th Street, Worth, IL 60482, through the 2021-2022 Cook County No Cash Bid Program.



7117 W. 111th Street, Worth, IL 60482

The Cook County Board created the No-Cash Bid Program back in 1991 to assist municipalities and taxing bodies in acquiring title to tax delinquent property in order to transform parcels, through privately funded redevelopment and public works programs.

By the process of acquiring Certificates of Purchase, Cook County Government is able to revive areas with new housing and business ventures designed to generate new property tax

and sales tax from parcels that have been a drain on municipal resources. Over half of the 135 municipalities in Cook County have participated in this program. In addition, Cook County's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) works with communities to build affordable housing on land acquired through the No Cash Bid Program.

Board meeting end-notes: The board granted a 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the Village of Worth and Officer Michael Cozzi for an

expenditure of \$41,294.00 to purchase a 2022 Ford Expedition XL from Currie Commercial Center for the Police Department and an additional \$9,000.00 for outfitting the vehicle; and \$35,941.00 to purchase a 2022 Ford Mustang GT Fastback from Joe Rizza Ford for the Police Department and \$9000.00 for outfitting. Trustees also approved a business license for applicant Rudni Hathwa to open Steak & Chicken, Inc. d/b/a Steak & Chicken, located at 6611 W. 111th Street.

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Natalie Djordjevic, Head of Youth Services, oversaw the digitization project that was curated by former Youth Librarian Nada Abdelrahim. Reflecting on how the project began and its intended outcomes, Djordjevic stated "During the COVID-19 pandemic, many patrons gained an interest in learning our rich local history. To help facilitate this new enthusiasm, we decided it was time to digitize our history archives. Nada's archival background was a vital asset to this project, and

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Evergreen Park Police Chief Renews NIRCL Membership

by Jan Glaz

At the first January 2022 regularly scheduled Village of Evergreen Park Board of Trustees Meeting, Police Chief, Michael Saunders, requested the Village Board of Trustees to approve his renewal membership assessment and maintenance agreement with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory (NIRCL) and the board agreed.



Village of Evergreen Park Police Chief, Michael Saunders

The NIRCL, located in Vernon Hills, provides forensic services to 59-member law enforcement agencies which govern and fund the laboratory's operations in the field of forensic services for suburbs and the collar communities of Chicago. It has an estimated population of approximately 1.6 million citizens and employs more than a dozen forensic scientists to meet its objectives.

The NIRCL is credited in DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms/Tool marks, Controlled Substances and Toxicology analysis. Their other services also include drug and firearm destruction, community outreach in the form of educational presentations and training for user agencies.

The Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory website is: <http://nircl.org>.

Noteworthy: The Office of Citizens' Services (OCS) in Evergreen Park acts as a liaison to village administration. The OCS responds to the needs of all residents, organizes programs to promote a healthy mind and body, and helps older adults enabling them to live independently with dignity. The force behind the OCS is its community-oriented volunteers.

The OCS works with the Senior Citizens' Council to advocate for seniors and maintain the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center. The council meets at 9547 South Homan Avenue on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Informative programs and lunch follow the meeting. All residents are welcome.

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- HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION
Annual auto-renewal
- SENIOR EXEMPTION
Annual auto-renewal
- SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPTION
2021 auto-renewal
- PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
2021 auto-renewal
- VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES
2021 auto-renewal

EXEMPTIONS REFLECTED ON 2ND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILL
 WWW.COOKCOUNTYASSESSOR.COM/EXEMPTIONS

EP Is A Tree City USA Member

The Village of Evergreen Park was recognized as a Tree City USA Community member, an organization which can provide villages with the financial help to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also gives members an avenue to celebrate their work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that they are committed to the mission of

environmental change.

Gavin Yeaman, Assistant Director of Evergreen Park Public Works, is also a certified arborist. "We are very excited for this recognition, as we have worked very diligently in meeting their four overarching standards; we have a strong forestry division, we have ordinances in our books outlining tree care, we invest heavily in new

trees throughout the village and we celebrate Arbor Day in many different fashions."

Covid has stalled the Village's more public celebrations; for many years, Yeaman coordinated an Arbor Day Art and Essay competition through the local schools. In the autumn of 2021, the Village planted over one hundred trees on residential parkways and

more in the parks.

Mayor Kelly Burke plans for at least one hundred more for 2022, prioritizing areas of the Village where the emerald ash borer infestation resulted in the biggest loss of trees.

Additionally, new trees get planted on Arbor Day at various village locations, including the schools, to celebrate the day.



Office of the Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas

Changes to 2022 Scavenger Sale to Benefit Bidders and Communities

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas' 2022 Scavenger Sale will look different as the Treasurer's Office takes steps to help small developers, homeowners and investors rebuild neighborhoods and create generational wealth.

Under Illinois law, the Treasurer's Office is required to conduct a Scavenger Sale every two years, offering at auction the taxes on properties with three or more years of delinquent taxes. The Sale is scheduled to take place February 14 – March 2.

How the Scavenger Sale works

A property's unpaid taxes are sold for cash bids. The minimum bid is \$250.

The amounts bid typically are significantly less than the total amount of delinquent taxes and interest due. The highest bidder wins a lien on the property. If the current property owner does not redeem (pay) the delinquent taxes within a certain time period (typically 2½ years for residential properties and six months for commercial properties and vacant lots), the tax buyer can petition the Circuit Court of Cook County for a deed to take ownership of the property.

Tax buyers do not pay delinquent taxes on a property. However, after the sale but prior to getting a deed,

the buyer must pay whatever taxes went unpaid after the Scavenger Sale.

Bidder registration for the sale will take place January 14, 2022 – February 4, 2022.

What's included in the Scavenger Sale

The 2022 Scavenger Sale includes 31,209 property index numbers, or PINs, with 14,598 of them in the City of Chicago and 16,611 in suburban Cook County. The unpaid taxes on those properties totals almost \$1.15 billion countywide, including \$254.9 million just in Chicago, and adds to the financial challenges many communities face.

More than half of the PINs are vacant lots and many are on the same block, creating opportunities for meaningful development. The list includes thousands of properties in Chicago and suburban Cook County that were originally offered at previous Scavenger Sales but were not sold.

What's new for the 2022 Scavenger Sale

Changes to the 2022 Cook County Scavenger Sale are intended to remove potential barriers for bidders, increase transparency and make the Scavenger Sale more successful. The changes include:

The list is now free. The Treasurer's Office has

removed the \$250 fee required to obtain a list of all Property Index Numbers (PINs) scheduled to be offered during the sale.

The list is downloadable. The entire list is available at cookcountytreasurer.com to view and/or download.

There is a searchable map.

A new interactive map will allow anyone to view all properties on the Sale list, see how many are in a certain community and block and learn the characteristics of each property to be offered.

Why the changes matter

A 2020 Treasurer's Office study of seven Scavenger Sales conducted from 2007 to 2019 found the process, created in 1939 by the General Assembly, no longer is an effective tool in returning properties to productive use and the tax rolls. Out of 51,320 unique properties offered over 13 years at the Scavenger Sale, just 3,655 were purchased by private buyers.

Pappas said her changes to the 2022 Scavenger Sale are incremental improvements that may increase the Sale's success while her office formulates more improvements.

"By making the list free, putting it online and making an easily searchable map, I hope we see more potential bidders intent on improving

their communities. A vacant lot could become a side yard, helping a homeowner build generational wealth. A cluster of parcels could attract a local developer interested in adding new houses to a block," Pappas said.

How communities can benefit from the Scavenger Sale

One participant at several previous Scavenger Sales was Noble Development Associates, headed by Louis Williams and Yolanda Davis. With roots in the community, Williams and Davis decided to focus on the area near Garfield Boulevard and Shields Avenue in the northeast corner of Englewood.

Since winning bids, Noble has gone through the court process to obtain the deeds to dozens of vacant lots in the neighborhood. Now it plans to partner with developers to build homes. "We have a significant investment in the neighborhood," Williams said.

"Throughout Cook County, there are groups and individuals working hard to better the lives of the people around them," Pappas added. "The Scavenger Sale can be an effective tool to obtain a deed to a property that no longer has delinquent taxes attached to it."

For more information, visit cookcountytreasurer.com.

	Number of PINs To Offer	Also Offered at the Last Scavenger Sale	Also Offered at the Last 2 Scavenger Sales	Also Offered at the Last 3 Scavenger Sales
ALL CLASSIFICATIONS				
COUNTYWIDE	31,209	20,382	13,728	11,730
CHICAGO	14,598	9,200	5,000	4,068
SUBURBS	16,611	11,182	8,728	7,662
RESIDENTIAL ONLY				
COUNTYWIDE	10,866	5,293	3,294	2,409
CHICAGO	3,798	1,603	836	519
SUBURBS	7,068	3,690	2,458	1,890
COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL ONLY				
COUNTYWIDE	2,041	824	256	158
CHICAGO	550	222	47	24
SUBURBS	1,491	602	209	134
VACANT LOTS ONLY				
COUNTYWIDE	18,302	14,265	10,178	9,163
CHICAGO	10,250	7,375	4,117	3,525
SUBURBS	8,052	6,890	6,061	5,638

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Crisis Program for Water and Wastewater.

Customers may receive a benefit of up to \$1,500 total for:

- Reconnection Assistance
 - Disconnection Prevention
 - Past Due Balance
 - Disconnection or Late Fees
 - LIHEAP Weatherization
- and CSBG customers may

be income eligible for LIHWAP.

Apply by calling us or visiting our website. CEDAorg.net/sites or call 800-571-2332.

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Oak Lawn Village View Newspaper Archive

Explore digitized microfilm from the Oak Lawn Village View. Papers range from 1973 to 2013 and are hosted by the Internet Archive. Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

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Message from the Village of Evergreen Park



Mayor Burke and Cook County Commissioner Stan Moore are providing Covid vaccines and boosters. The PCR test will be available, and your results will be

emailed to you. Covid vaccines and boosters will be available at the Community Center on Thursday, January 20 from 9am to 12 noon. Call 708-422-8776 for more information.

Check out our website at www.vvnew.com

Lake Katherine Nature Center

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Invite your friends and family for a creative and relaxing evening at Lake Katherine. Gather inspiration from native plant prints to paint beautiful flowers and grasses of your choice on a piece of reclaimed wood. Sip on two glasses of wine, or a non-alcoholic beverage while you unwind. January 19, 2021 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\$20 or \$35 (two drinks included).

Animal Sleuths

January 20, 11:30 a.m. or 3:30 a.m.

Investigate the grounds

of Lake Katherine for clues of animal presence like scat and tracks. Make your own track craft.

Winter Birds

January 25, 11:00 a.m.
January 27, 11:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Not all birds leave during the wintertime! Learn about common birds you can find in winter. Make a winter treat for our feathered friends.

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Holiday Fitness Survival Guide: Make A Plan To Improve Your Core Body Fitness

(NAPS)-During this season of family, friends and food-lots of food-now can be a great time to consider changing up your home fitness regimen and workout plans. One consideration is to incorporate exercises and workouts that strengthen and tone your core muscles. The good news is that a strong core can offer numerous health benefits whether you lead an active or a leisurely lifestyle.



good health and improved strength and stamina. From baby boomers concerned about flexibility to millennials and Gen-Xers who simply can't make it to the gym, exercising your core muscles can play a critical role in your overall health and fitness.

#2 - Low Impact: Low-impact exercises such as planks can deliver a plethora of health benefits, including tightening and strengthening your abs, improving upper body strength, building stronger back muscles and helping your heart by boosting blood flow.

#3 - Back Pain: Stretching and strengthening your back while building core strength

creates balance between your lower back and abdominal muscles. Regular exercise can help prevent and lessen common back pain by targeting the spine and its supporting muscles.

#4 - Sculpting and Toning: Regular exercise can aid in weight loss due to increased activity and it can help you achieve a more sculpted, toned physique. Exercises such as bridges, squats and kicks targeting your glutes, hamstrings, calves and inner thighs can help take your legs to the next level for an improved look and added strength.

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Core Issues

GOLO, the pioneering wellness solutions company and creator of the Aero-Trainer exercise platform, cites several reasons to consider exercises that target your core muscles:

#1 - It's Not Just for Professional Athletes: While professional and amateur athletes alike benefit from core muscle workouts, regular core exercise regimens can help just about anyone interested in

13th Annual Oak Forest Fleadh

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is open to current Chamber members, community organizations and youth groups <https://www.oak-forest.org/FormCenter/Oak-Forest-3/13th-Annual-Oak-Forest-Fleadh-2022-Famil-91>.

Volunteers

We are looking for assistance on March 5th, from 7:30-10:00a as course marshals. It takes a village to put this event on! Please let me know if you, or a family member, or a group of co-workers can assist. Community service opportunities, too, for your

teens.

Feeling Lucky?

Enter our Pot of Gold raffle, and win \$1500, \$500 or \$250. Tickets are \$25, and are available at the Chamber office, or from one of our Chamber directors.

The Oak Forest Fleadh showcases our community spirit, promotes local businesses and brings new people to our area. It has become our signature event. Please help us promote by sharing the event on your marquee and on social media.

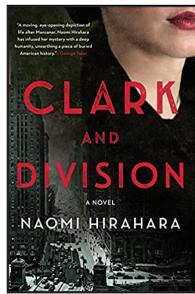


Naomi Hirahara, **Clark and Division** (SOHO Books 2021).

Google "Clark and Division" and you're as wont to find a current chronology of shootings, strong-arms, and sex crimes as you are critical praise for the latest book by Naomi Hirahara, a mystery writer celebrated by the Trib and the Times and honored with myriad international prizes.

Hirahara sets her story on the still-seedy side of this Northside neighborhood, where thousands of select young Japanese "the best Nisei specimens, the ones with broad white smiles and spotless suits and dresses" were recruited to relocate to cities far from the west coast, where, supposedly, they could not threaten Americans' safety.

Rose Ito, beautiful, charming, brave, and confident enough to wear red lipstick and yellow dresses, was among those granted leave from the concentration camps in remote spots from Idaho to Arkansas to which they and their families were forced by FDR after Pearl Harbor. Chicago was already home to about 400 Japanese people, but the nearly 20,000 who ended up here after the camps (among the largest relocations in the United States) included criminals and born-again Christians; seasoned flower-growers and scions of pearl-dealers; gamblers and gunners for the U.S. Army; and many young men and women who, like Rose, worked in the Curtiss Candy Company making Baby Ruths or in the 6-million-square-foot



Dodge-Chicago plant, making B-29s.

Rose was the trail-blazer for the Ito family, who planned to follow her to Chicago. But tragically, one day before their arrival, Rose was found dead on the subway tracks at Clark and Division, her arm severed and her body ravaged from a botched abortion. Was it murder? Suicide? An accident? A hate crime? Who got her pregnant? Who knew what?

Aki Ito, the shy yet unflappable, hard-working, and devoted younger sister would get to the bottom of her sister's demise. And Rose, it turns out, was not the only victim.

Part family saga, part historical commentary, and part thriller, **Clark and Division** the book and the neighborhood harbors serial rapists, extortionist cops, misguided patriots, crude racists and dangerous misogynists.

There are Black librarians and Polish beauty operators, transsexuals and Buddhist monks; Greek restaurateurs and German Turners; prostitutes and preachers; enemies and friends and newly-arrived young citizens who share the fear and excitement of trying to make it in what seems like a foreign land.

Like Rose and Aki, who weathered and tried to redress discrimination, Hirahara doesn't "make any speeches about racial equality or anything like that." **Clark and Division** is a mystery with a fascinating context, not a polemic. Ride the Red Line and check it out.

Lorraine Schmall, Dearborn Park, January 2022

Oak Forest Lunch & Bingo

Oak Forest Senior Commission is having a Lunch and Bingo featuring musician by Edizon Dayao, on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Park Place at Central at 15601 Central Avenue Oak

Forest, Illinois. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Tickets are available at Oak Forest City Hall for only \$5.00.

Covid guidelines apply. Proof of vaccination, ID and Mask are required.

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The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is now accepting nominations for the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame, open to adults age 65 and older who excel in the categories of community service, education, performance and/or graphic arts, and the labor force.

“Older residents enrich our communities on a daily basis with their wide range of experiences and achievements,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Especially as we continue to navigate challenging times, the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame is a great program to spotlight older adults for

their successes and bring them some well-deserved recognition.”

The Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame was established by the General Assembly in 1994 to honor older adults’ accomplishments and contributions to their communities. Each year, four Illinoisans age 65 or older are inducted into the Hall of Fame for their work in community service, education, arts or the labor force. Nominations for 2022 inductees must be submitted by June 1. For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/HallofFame>.

gov/aging/HallofFame.

“Most of us can think of an older friend or neighbor who has made an impact in our life and nominating that person for the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame is a wonderful way to show your appreciation,” said IDoA Director Paula Basta. “Encourage everyone to help the Department on Aging recognize older adults with a long history of helping and inspiring others.”

IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence,



dignity, and quality of life. For information about the Department’s programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/programs> or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

U.S. Postal Service Offers Tips To Stop Dog Attacks

Thursday, June 11, 2020 (NAPS)—Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course, you couldn’t, but it happened 5,803 times last year across the nation.

Dearborn, MI, Letter Carrier Tameka Toliver recalls being pinned on a porch by a dog that bit her above her knee. “It happened so fast, even with all my training, I barely had time to react,” Toliver told co-workers at an event at the Dearborn Post Office. “I’m still scared when I get close to that house because I remember the attack so vividly. It takes a long time to get over the fear.”

When a dog attacks a letter



carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours, replacement of the uniform and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a

top priority and dedicates a week each year to Dog Bite Awareness. (about.usps.com/what/corporate-social-responsibility/activities/dog-bite-awareness.htm)

Here are four simple tips to prevent dog bite injuries that should be enforced all year round:

Door Delivery: If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners should keep the family pet secured. Parents should remind their children and other family

members not to take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the person handing mail to a family member as a threatening gesture.

Electronic Fencing: Carriers may assume, when they see no physical fence around a property, the property is animal-free. This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog from wandering, it does not protect your Postal Service carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes

with curbside mailboxes may have oversized packages or signature-needed items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic fence. This poses a serious risk to carrier safety.

Dog in Yard: Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash away from where your mail carrier is delivering the mail. Mail delivery service can be interrupted at an address or neighborhood the carrier deems unsafe because of an unrestrained dog. When service is interrupted at an address or neighborhood, all parties involved will have to pick up mail at their local Post Office. Service will be

restored once assurance has been given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

Tracking: Dog owners who have access to postal notification features such as Informed Delivery (informedelivery.usps.com) for letter mail and package tracking are urged to use this as a way to gauge when the carrier is on the way and to ensure the dog is properly restrained. Expecting a postal package delivery on Sunday? Postal officials urge dog owners to restrain their animals on Sundays as well, as more residences are receiving deliveries throughout the weekend.

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to be sold. If you purchase 8 tickets at a time & you can reserve a table in your name.

We are having a wonderful dinner from Little Joe’s Catering Including: Italian Beef, Sausage & Potato Giambotta, Meatballs, Chicken Milano, Mostaccioli with Marinara Sauce, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, & Rolls,

Bakery plus Coffee & Tea.

We will have raffles with prizes and much more! We will also have a great cash bar menu available. Tickets can be purchased at the Post with cash only. For more info Contact us at 708-532-2333. VFW Post 2791 is located at 17147 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park, IL.

CPR Classes

The Mokena Fire Protection District offers monthly CPR classes for the public. Fee covers books, materials, and instructor fees (non-refundable).

Cost is \$40 for community CPR, and \$50 for healthcare CPR. Certification will be

from the American Safety & Health Institute.

Students are instructed in adult, child, & infant CPR and AED. A CPR card is issued to all those who successfully complete the course. The card is valid for 2 years.

Location: Mokena Fire

Station #1, 19853 S. Wolf Rd.

Class Time: 6:00 - 9:30 PM (Monday nights)

To register: online at www.mokenafire.org at Station # 1 Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Please note, all students are required to wear a facemask or face covering.



Theatre



Broadway In Chicago is delighted to announce the opening of **Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA!** The critically acclaimed, Tony Award-winning production of **Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA!** will play Broadway In Chicago's CIBC Theatre (18 W. Monroe St.) for a limited engagement. Tickets are on sale for performances through January 23 at www.BroadwayInChicago.com. **OKLAHOMA!** tells a

story of a community banding together against an outsider, and the frontier life that shaped America. Upending the sunny romance of a farmer and a cowpoke, this production "lets us experience Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatness anew." Without changing a word of text, this visionary production allows the classic musical, and our country, to be seen in a whole new light.

Performance Schedule
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30pm
 Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 2:00pm & 7:30pm
 Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:30pm



Barbara Walsh and Patrick Clanton in the national tour of Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! – Matthew Murphy and Evan Zimmerman for MurphyMade

Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30pm
 Saturday, Jan. 22 at 2:00pm & 8:00pm
 Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2:00pm
Ticket Information

Individual tickets for range from \$27 to \$98 with a select number of premium tickets available. Tickets are available now for groups of 10 or more by calling Broadway

In Chicago Group Sales at (312) 977-1710 or emailing GroupSales@BroadwayInChicago.com. For more information, visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

COVID-19 Protocol: Audience members are required to be masked and show proof that they are fully vaccinated.

Statement from Lyric Opera

Anthony Freud, Lyric Opera of Chicago's general director, president & CEO, announced today that the company's production of Missy Mazzoli and Royce Vavrek's chamber opera *Proving Up*, planned for January 22-30, 2022 at the Goodman's Owen Theatre, has been postponed.

"This difficult decision is based on our current understanding of the ever-changing public health situation, with the goal of keeping the safety of our company, our audiences, and our artists as our overriding priority," said Freud. "As always, we have benefited enormously from the advice of Dr. Emily Landon, the epidemiologist providing ongoing consultation to Lyric throughout this pandemic period." Rehearsals for *Proving Up*

were set to begin this week. Lyric plans to reschedule *Proving Up* in a future season. Ticket holders are being contacted directly and may keep the value of their tickets on account, donate the value, or request a full refund.

Lyric's 2021/22 season is set to continue at the Lyric Opera House in early February. At that time, the company will require that all audience members be both fully vaccinated, and when eligible, to have received their vaccine booster shot, in order to attend any performance. Vaccinated children, ages five and up, are also now welcome to join their adults for performances at Lyric.

More information about Lyric's 2021/22 season is available <https://www.LyricOpera.org/shows>.

Evita at Drury Lane Theatre

Based on true events, *Evita* tells the story of Eva Perón's rags-to-riches life as she goes from poor provincial child to First Lady of Argentina. A champion of the working-class descamisados, she uses popularity and politics to serve her people, and herself. Featuring some of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's most iconic songs, including "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," this musical masterpiece won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Original Score. The 1996 film adaptation was nominated for five Academy Awards, winning



Sean MacLaughlin and Michelle Aravena

for Best Original Song. Show is from January 28 through March 20, 2022, through Ticketmaster. Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Box office phone number is 630-530-0111 for more information. Or visit our website at <https://DruryLaneTheatre.com/Evita>.

The Play that Goes Wrong

The producers of the international hit comedy *The Play that Goes Wrong* are pleased to announce the Chicago production, featuring a cast of local Chicago actors, will extend its limited engagement by nine weeks through April 3, 2022 at Broadway In Chicago's Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place (175 E. Chestnut St.) to a total run of 16 weeks. Tickets for the added performances will go on sale at 10 AM CST today at www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

"I'm thrilled this cast of talented Chicago actors is bringing so much laughter and delight to our audience members," said Broadway



Ernisja Curry as Annie

In Chicago President Lou Raizin. "Extending the run gives more Chicagoans a chance to enjoy this hilarious show and others a chance to see it again and again!"

For more information, visit www.BroadwayGoesWrong.com or follow *The Play that Goes Wrong* on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram: @BwayGoesWrong.

Bachelor: The Unauthorized Parody Musical

It's time to put your best foot forward and earn the first impression rose when Bachelor: The Unauthorized Parody Musical premieres in the "most romantic city in the world." With more drama than a group date, more surprises than a rose ceremony, and more musical numbers than any season of the show, Bachelor: The Unauthorized Parody Musical is written by Richelle Meiss (Bookwriter, Lyricist) with music by Sam Johnides & Tony Gonzalez (Composer, Music Supervisor, Music Director). Presented by Right Angle Entertainment, this journey to find love runs January 13 through February 13, 2022 at Apollo Theater Chicago, located at 2550 N Lincoln Avenue, Chicago.

Bachelor: The Unauthorized Parody Musical is the most dramatic unauthorized musical parody of "The Bachelor" yet! With songs like "Sob Story," "Two-On-One Tango," and "The Date Card is a Riddle," this uproarious parody is packed with romance, competition, and contestants who may or may not be here for The Right Reasons. Whether you love

The Bachelor, only watch The Bachelor with your girlfriend, or have never seen "The Bachelor," get ready to fall in love with this musical. Who will get the final rose? Who will go home heartbroken? And how many Bachelor jokes can they cram into a 75-minute musical? You'll just have to come pick up your rose and find out!

The cast of Bachelor: The Unauthorized Parody Musical features Chelsie Cravens (Lauren M. and Others), Ann Delaney (Lauren R. and Others), Jake Elkins (Jesse Palmer), Cecilia Iole (Lauren P.), Nina Jayashankar (Jayshia and Others), Alexandria Neyhart (Lauren T.) and Christopher Wayland (Bachelor). Understudies for the company are Alexandra Jaymes, Alanna Lovely, Jesi Mullins, Austin Nelson, Jr, and Dylan Obrochta.

Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, by calling (773) 935-6100, or by visiting the box office at Apollo Theater Chicago.

Bachelor: The Unauthorized Parody Musical is recommended for ages 13+ www.bachelorthemusical.com.

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voices singing memorable music including "I Say a Little Prayer," "I Will Survive" and "Respect." On January 28th to March 6th, 2022.

This concert recognizes the struggles and triumphs these women went through to reach the pinnacle of their success. This is a once-in-a-lifetime musical masterpiece that you will want to experience over and over again!

COVID Protocol: For the safety and comfort of our patrons and staff,

Mercury Theater Chicago will be requiring audience members to provide proof of vaccination either with a physical copy of the vaccination card or on a smartphone. In addition to proof of vaccination, all guests 18 years and older must present a government-issued ID, such as driver's license or passport. Guests under 18 may also use a school photo ID. Children under 12 and people with a medical condition that prevent vaccination, guests

may provide proof of a COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 6 hours of the performance start time. All patrons will have to wear a mask throughout the performance when not actively eating or drinking regardless of vaccination status.

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Spartans Roll to SSC Red Conference Bowling Championship

by Brian Frangella, OLCBS Staff Writer



Last Saturday at the South Suburban Conference Red boys bowling meet, Oak Lawn Community High School was consistent and on fire all day long. It was this consistency that helped the Spartans average 1,060 per game and eventually led to an SSC Red championship. In all they scored a 6,360.

Ramiro Garcia led the way finishing third overall. In fact, in the fifth game, Garcia hit eleven strikes in a row and was just two pins away from recording a perfect 300 game, finishing with a 298. Steven Hebel finished fifth overall, and Logan Wendt was sixth. All three of them were named as All-Conference Bowlers.

Domas Rasyamas, Sam Bergamo, Brandon Mariano and Julian Amador also bowled well for the Spartans. It was truly a strong performance by the entire team.

“Consistency and picking up spares are what made the difference,” said head coach Kevin Walery. “If we continue to bowl like this next week [at the regional], we should be in good shape to get to the Illinois High School Association Sectional.”

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The Spartans will roll against Richards, Evergreen Park, Eisenhower, Shepard, Stagg, Brother Rice, Marist, and Chicago Christian at Skyway Bowl this Saturday in the IHSA Regional. Oak Lawn certainly has its sights set on qualifying for the sectional.

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Treehouse is a nonprofit committed to youth in foster care achieving a degree or other career credential, living-wage job and stable housing. The organization partners with thousands of youth to provide access to childhood experiences and critical resources as they plan for the future. Learn how you can get involved during the holidays at www.treehouseforkids.org.

Outdoor learning experiences, stewardship of green spaces, and care for all living



landscapes, is the aim of the TurfMutt Foundation, according to Kris Kiser, the Foundation's President and President & CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). Learn more at www.TurfMutt.com.

Approximately 23 million women balance caring for an aging parent with going to work and, often, raising children of their own. When businesses support these working daughters, it's good for them, their parents and the companies themselves. Learn more at www.workingdaughter.com.

Choosing a Medicare plan can seem complicated but help is available, in person and online. For example, you can check out www.myHealthpolicy.com,

a new online health insurance marketplace, to help potential beneficiaries learn about and enroll in Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans.

You can get text messages with up-to-date information about Social Security's Ticket to Work program that supports career development for people who get Social Security disability benefits and want to work. Learn more at choosework.ssa.gov or call 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY).

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For 20 years, the Ticket Program has helped thousands of people find their path to a better future. Explore your employment options with the Ticket to Work Help Line 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) and choosework.ssa.gov.

Peanuts are good for your health, tasty and can be enjoyed in a variety of delicious dishes that are easy enough to make any day but special enough for the holidays. For recipes and more from the experts at The Peanut Institute, visit <https://peanut-institute.com/recipes/>.

Did You Know?

Sunday, March 28, 2021

(NAPS)—Many children thrive in traditional public schools. Yet, public magnet schools, public charter schools, private schools, online schools, and home-schooling bring out the full potential of other children and help them find happiness, say the experts at National School Choice



Week. Learn more at www.schoolchoiceweek.com.

Taking care of their kids and their parents can keep

many in the Sandwich Generation from saving for their own future—but financial professionals can help, explains Dylan Huang, Head of Re-tail Annuities, Investment Solutions and Wealth Planning, New York Life. Learn more at www.newyorklife.com.

There's a new book of poetry that can help heal the hearts of people who have suffered losses. Called

“Words for the Unbearable: A Journey Through Loss” (IngramSpark), it was written by psychologist Dr. Enid Sanders. Learn more or order it from www.wordsfortheunbearable.com.

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**Spartan Girls
Bowler Strang
Starts Strong
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by Brian Frangella,
OLCHS Staff Writer



Cheyene Strang

The OakLawn Community High School girls bowling team enters tournaments all season long, and especially early on in the year, to get a feel for where the team stands in terms of area competition. Senior Cheyene Strang is using

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these tournaments to show that she fits right in the mix for success with some of the area's best bowlers.

She had a tenth-place overall finish in the Bremen Holiday Tournament, and she rolled the tenth highest game at the Reavis Rock N Roll Tournament with a 219. However, Strang has been proving she belongs among some of the best in dual meets all season long. She helped lead the Spartans to a tie against South Suburban Evergreen Park and a victory against conference rival Richards. She also scored a record high 251 against Hillcrest on the way to a team win.

"Cheyene is having a great start to her senior season of bowling," said head coach Jen Faro. "We can't wait to see what she does with the rest of the season."

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Funeral was January 12, 2022; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther, 5344 S. Francisco, Chicago, IL. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther appreciated. Arrangement entrusted to Kosary Funeral Home 708-499-3223 or KosaryFuneralHome.com.

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Hazelgrove will tell the incredible unknown story

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The link to join the Zoom meeting may be obtained by visiting midlothianlibrary.org

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