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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Blue Island Police Department implements new structure



Photo L to R: City of Blue Island Mayor, Fred Bilotto, and City of Blue Island Deputy Chief, Jamie Schultz

by Jan Glaz

At a recent City of Blue Island Council Meeting Mayor, Fred Bilotto, announced new appointments to the Blue Island Police Department. Mayor Bilotto stated, "I believe one of our chief responsibilities to the people of Blue Island is to do everything possible to ensure our community is safe, that we effectively combat crime and together work to create a safer Blue Island. We are presenting new structural changes to our Police administrative structure."

Mayor Bilotto named each new appointment:

Deputy Chief Jamie Schultz joined the Blue Island Police Department in 1995 among his many credentials he also served on the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART) and partnered with "Jammer" for four years as the K-9 officer and as a supervisor at the Illinois State Police Academy.

Commander Jason Slattery joined the Blue Island Police Department in 2005. He is the recipient of the 2013 Community Police Award and the 2014 Officer of the Year Award. He will primarily oversee the Bureau of Investigations, Community Engagement, and Internal Affairs departments.

Commander Dennis Sepessy joined the Blue Island Police Department in 2006. He was assigned to the Investigations Division for four years where he was assigned as a member of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

He is also a state certified Firearms and Use of Force Instructor, as well as an Evidence Technician. He will primarily oversee the Patrol Division and Training.

Sergeant Francisco Navarro joined the Blue Island Police Department in 1998. He was assigned as a School Resource Officer for District 130 from 2001 to 2005, and for Eisenhower High School from 2009 to 2011. He also was assigned to the Investigations Division for a number of years and served as both a Field Trainer and Field Trainer Coordinator.

After swearing in the new appointees, Mayor Bilotto said, "I strongly believe each of these men represent the best in our Police Department and will play a vital role in protecting the City of Blue Island. A large round of applause and congratulations followed the Mayors' announcement.

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Free SSC Highway Construction Careers Training Program to begin in April



The Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at South Suburban College (SSC) is gearing up for their next free, short-term program. Registration for this training opportunity is currently open. Orientation and assessment testing will take place between March 15, 2022 and March 17, 2022. The application process begins at the mandatory one-hour informational orientation followed directly by assessment testing.

The HCCTP has been offered at SSC since 2014. Completers of the 12-week

program are equipped with various skills that can lead to employment in the trades with high income potential. Career opportunities for those who complete the program include but are not limited to: iron worker, electrician, pipefitter, carpenter, laborer and equipment operator.

A goal of the SSC HCCTP is to increase the number of minorities, women and disadvantaged individuals working in Illinois highway construction. The HCCTP is funded through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), thus allowing the program to be free. While enrolled, students will be paid a stipend for each full hour of training completed.

The program will begin

on April 4, 2022 and will run daily, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or GED, an interest in working in the trades, and successfully pass a drug screening (including THC). They are also required to provide a valid driver's license.

For more information, or to register, visit www.ssc.edu/hcctp or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 3219. All orientation and assessment testing will be held at SSC's Oak Forest Center, located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois. Temperature checks, masks and social distancing are required on campus. Para información en Español, llame (708) 210-5740.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Tinley Park adopts plan to increase water fees



Tinley Park Village Engineer,
Arlan Schattke

by Jan Glaz

On February 15th the Village of Tinley Park Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance approving a five-year schedule of water meter and tap-on fees. Trustee Dennis Mahoney opened a discussion prior to acceptance of the plan. Mahoney stated, "Tap-on fees cover the cost of installing a new water

service for a residential home or commercial/industrial business connecting to the Village's water system.

"The overall tap-on fee charge includes the tap-on fee in addition to the water meter cost. The Village plan is a five-year plan with a 2.5% annual cost increase for tap-on fees and water meter costs from 2022-2026. Annual cost increases shall occur on January 1st of each year."

In other board meeting news: Trustees agreed to appoint Arlan Schattke to the position of Village Engineer effective March 3, 2022. Village President, Michael Glotz, reported that Arlan has over ten years of related experience in the engineering consulting field and in municipal govern-

ment holding various traffic, transportation, civil/municipal, and staff engineering roles.

Arlan Schattke holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and has been a Licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois since 2016. He is recognized for managing and implementing roadway maintenance programs, overseeing and coordinating capital improvement projects, construction administration and management, and delivering full design engineering plans. In addition, in 2021, Arlan served as past president of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter Southwest Branch. He continues to be heavily involved with the APWA.

Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos honors IBEW with a resolution for their 130th Anniversary



Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos was honored to have the opportunity to present Don Finn the Business Manager of IBEW Local 134 with a reso-

lution for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for their 130th Anniversary.

"I am proud to honor our friends in labor by sponsoring this resolution. IBEW and the MWRD have a well-respected partnership that has continued to thrive over the years. We have worked together for more than 100 years and look forward to many more," said Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos.

"Safe jobs are critical to preserving and improving our quality of life, and our goal has been, and must continue to be, the greatest possible protection for all members of the IBEW," said Business Manager Don Finn

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is an award-winning special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management.

Oak Forest Fleadh returns on March 5

The Oak Forest-Crestwood Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Oak Forest will host the 13th Annual Oak Forest

Fleadh on Saturday, March 5. The community event includes the CNB Fleadh 5K race at 8:30 a.m. and the family parade on Central

Avenue at 11 a.m.

For event details e-mail kim@oc-chamber.org, visit the Fleadh webpage, or follow us on Facebook.



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady with 2021
Scholarship Recipient Alexis Krueger

Local students graduating high school in 2022 and heading to college are encouraged to apply for an Orland Township Scholarship Foundation award. This program, launched in 1998, has since awarded 333 scholarships to Township students totaling \$274,000.

The Orland Township Scholarship Foundation award scholarships based on a combination of the applicant's leadership skills, dedication to community service, academic focus, participation in extracurricular activities, recommendations from school representatives, volunteer supervisors or employers,

an assigned essay question response and any other pertinent information requested within the application.

Students faced with hardships will be given strong consideration. Applicants must be residents of Orland Township, high school seniors graduating in 2022 and enroll as a full-time student at a college, university, trade, or vocational school.

"The Orland Township Scholarship Foundation is dedicated to recognizing and supporting of all our youth," said Paul O'Grady, Orland Township Supervisor and Scholarship Foundation President. "I

Orland Township offering scholarships to local high school seniors

look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of members of the Class of 2022 as we send them off to the next chapter in their lives."

Applications for Orland Township Scholarships are available at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, and on the Township website: orlandtownship.org/scholarship-foundation. Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered to Orland Township by Thursday, March 31, 2022.

For more information on programs, services, and events being held at Orland Township, visit the website, orlandtownship.org, or call (708) 403-4222. Be sure to like the Orland Township Facebook page for more updates.

Irish Parade returns to Tinley Park March 6



After a year off, the Tinley Park Irish Parade has returned to put the spring back in your step! Come out at 1 p.m. Sunday,

March 6 to watch dozens of floats, performances, walk-ing groups and more march north down Oak Park Avenue from Central Middle School to 171st Street in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Kevin Byrne, Consul General of Ireland Chicago (pictured), will be the parade's Grand Marshal. Byrne was appointed Consul General in September 2020. He joined the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs in 2010 and has

served in EU Division, Corporate Services and in Ireland's Consulate in San Francisco.

Be sure to check out an interactive virtual map for details on many of the events going on that day, including all the delicious Irish fare and fun at the many Downtown Tinley res-taurants. Visit the Village website <http://www.tinleypark.org/> for more information on this and other upcoming special events.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Palos Heights invites residents to public hearing



City of Palos Heights
3rd Ward Alderman,
Brent Lewandowski

by Jan Glaz

During the February 15th City of Palos Heights city council meeting, 3rd Ward Alderman, Brent Lewandowski, announced that a Public Hearing will take place on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Orchard Room at the Palos Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street. Allowing Video Gaming on a limited basis in the City

of Palos Heights will be the subject of the hearing.

Alderman Lewandowski stated, "This is a reconsideration of the referendum that was voted on November 6, 2018. It is imperative to seek as much community input as possible on this issue and the first step to do that is to hold a Public Hearing. If you cannot attend, please feel free to email me, your city Aldermen, or the city's general email. Email addresses are located on the City of Palos Heights website: <https://palosheights.org>" Palos Heights Mayor, Robert Straz, concluded, "I think it's important to give residents a chance to air any information they may have or any thoughts on the issue of video gaming before the

city council takes a vote."

In other official business: Aldermen approved a Cook County IGA Grant whereas Cook County will pay half of the projected cost up to \$60,000.00 for the concrete sidewalk that will be extended on Ridgeland Avenue from Route 83 heading north to the Cal-Sag Channel.

A low bid from Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$129,170.79, for the Ridgeland Avenue Median Maintenance Project, met with council approval. Aldermen also approved a new 5-year lease of new fitness center equipment from NCL Government Capital supplied by 'Direct Fitness Solutions' in the amount of \$98,738.00.



Building on Illinois' COVID-19 emergency housing assistance response, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced today applications for homeowners financially impacted by the pandemic will be accepted beginning in April through the Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) program. ILHAF will provide up to \$30,000 in free assistance per homeowner paid directly to the servicer, taxing body or other approved entity on behalf of Illinois homeowners impacted by COVID-19 to prevent mortgage delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures to keep families safe and secure while they regain their financial footing. Program information and updates can be found at illinoishousinghelp.org.

"My administration worked more quickly than any other state in the country to distribute over \$1 billion to prevent renters and home-

Pritzker's Administration announces up to \$30,000 in housing relief per eligible homeowners

owners from losing their housing in the pandemic, and this next phase will provide hundreds of millions more in 2022," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Come April, residents struggling to keep a roof over their heads will be able to access up to \$30,000 in mortgage relief. This funding marks another step forward in our work to ensure all our residents have what they need for themselves and their families."

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Homeowners may apply for ILHAF assistance even if they received emergency mortgage assistance in the past through IHDA. However, if a homeowner received emergency mortgage assistance to cover mortgage payments in 2020, they may only receive ILHAF assistance for costs incurred in 2021.

Palos Heights Garden Club news



Palos Heights Garden Club's March 28th program will have a guest speaker, Margaret Burns-Westmeyer presenting Body Smart Gardening.

PHGC meets at the Brigid O'Malley Auditorium at Lake Katherine in Palos Heights. Program runs 7 to

8pm. Guest fee is \$5. Masks and social distancing are required.

If you are not feeling well, please do not attend. PHGC has a website/FB page. If you have any questions, contact Julie Pietrzak at jmpietrzak@sbcglobal.net. Looking forward to seeing you!



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Evergreen Park granted a liquor license



Village of Evergreen Park, Police Chief, Michael Saunders

by Jan Glaz

The Village Board of Trustees in Evergreen Park granted a request from Brinker International, Inc. for a Class B Liquor License for the new Chili's Grill & Bar, 2401 West 95th Street,

at the first regular board of trustees meeting held in February.

Brinker International was founded by Norman Brinker in Dallas Texas, around 1973. Brinker owns, operates or franchises over 1,600 restaurants in 29 countries. Familiar name brands include Maggiano's Little Italy; Just Wings; and Maggiano's Italian Classics.

The Class 'B' Liquor License will authorize Chili's Grill & Bar the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption in an enclosed building only. The Class B Liquor License does not permit entertainment on the premises, tasting or sampling on the premises of the facility.

Trustees gave board approval for the following

items: Authorization for a request from Police Chief Michael Saunders to hire one individual for the duty of 'Probationary Patrol Officer' due to the retirement of a patrol officer, from the police eligibility list. Police Chief Michael Saunders requested, and the board approved an expense of \$32,890.00 to replace a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

Trustees agreed to an advance deposit of \$32,725.00 to execute the 'Preliminary Engineering Agreement' between the Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of CXS Transportation, and the Village of Evergreen Park, Illinois.



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Grace Point Place appoints executive director



Dashira Contreras has been named executive

director for Oak Lawn memory care community Grace Point Place, overseeing all daily care, programming and operations.

Contreras previously was director of resident care services at The Carrington at Lincolnwood in Lincolnwood, Illinois. She has also served as director of memory care for The Carrington. She brings over 10 years

of senior living experience to this position. She earned a medical assistant degree from Lincoln College of Technology in Melrose Park, Illinois. In addition, Contreras is a certified dementia practitioner and a Montessori dementia care professional.

Grace Point Place is located at 5701 W. 101st Street, Oak Lawn. It is operated by Anthem Memory Care.

Burke praises grant funds going to local libraries

Following an influx of federal recovery dollars in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, is praising the award of nearly \$6 million in recovery grants going to libraries across Illinois.

"For long stretches of the pandemic-related economic slowdown, libraries fulfilled an essential role in our community and communities across Illinois, and I am pleased to announce that they are receiving the financial assistance they deserve," Burke said. "Having free spaces to relax and learn is

very significant. I would like to thank Secretary of State Jesse White for awarding these much-needed grants."

Secretary White awarded nearly \$6 million dollars to 211 academic, school, special-needs and public libraries across the state in response to pandemic-related financial challenges they are facing. The funding largely comes from the American Rescue Plan Act, a federal initiative to provide financial relief as states across America face unexpected challenges to their economies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The libraries in Burke's district that will be receiving funding are the Chicago Public Library, \$1,014,926; and the Evergreen Park Public Library, \$9,615.

"This funding will generate jobs by allowing libraries to hire more staff, modernize library services by expanding digital inclusion and prioritize health and safety measures; all priorities which need to be addressed," Burke said. "Too often, libraries get overlooked when funding is handed down, and it is good to see that's not happening in this case."

Evergreen Park Library is having panel discussion

Evergreen Park Public Library assembled five young professionals from a variety of fields to share their career stories in a panel discussion on Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30 pm. Each panelist will

present their bio to registered attendees, in-Library and via Zoom, followed by a Q & A session.

About the panelists: Darvell Jones, singer, songwriter, producer, performer, and business



owner Tobi Oladejo, visual artist, educator, and creative strategist, and Innovation Program Coordinator for Illinois Science and Technology Coalition.

Emily Burke, B2B product manager at Klover, a financial services startup Krystle Harte, permanent makeup artist for her thriving business Krystle

Harte, LLC Madeline Jankowski, a cardiac sonographer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital Together, the Library and

the panelists aim to inform and empower job seekers in the community. Register at evergreenparklibrary.org. The Library is located at 9400 S. Troy Ave.

Governor Pritzker's fiscal year 2023 proposed budget puts families first



As we enter year three of the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation rises, families face challenges navigating childcare, employment, and healthcare. These uncertainties and difficulties make it an especially

important time to pay attention to the state's budget and its impact on Illinoisans. Recently Governor J.B. Pritzker delivered his fourth proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget, which begins on July 1, 2022. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago applauds Governor Pritzker and his staff for laying out a budget that centers families and supports their needs.

To understand the FY23

proposed budget's potential impact on Illinois families, it is helpful to understand how the state budget works, as well as identify highlights from the budget proposal. Key parts of the proposed budget center families and underserved communities, including increased funding for the Early Childhood Block Grant and using cannabis revenue dollars to support communities harmed by violence.

FY 23 Proposed Budget Categories	Estimated FY 2022	Projected FY 2023
State Sources: Revenues		
Net Individual Income Taxes	21,512	22,401
Net Corporate Income Taxes	4,698	4,446
Net Sales Taxes	10,036	9,909
All Other Sources	3,161	3,119
Total State Sources: Revenues	39,407	39,875
State Sources: Transfers In		
Lottery	826	754
Gaming	158	157
Adult-Use Cannabis	109	142
Other Transfers	1,007	860
Total State Sources	41,507	41,788
Federal Sources	4,786	4,045
Subtotal, Resources	46,293	45,833
ARPA Reimbursement for Essential Government Services	1,500	-
Total Resources	47,793	45,833

Click here <https://ywca-chicago.org/governor-pritzkers-fiscal-year-2023> to read the full post on YWCA Metropolitan

Chicago's Still Standing Blog. The post highlights Governor Pritzker's Fiscal Year 2023 spending priorities and explains what the

Illinois General Assembly must do to pass a budget before the legislative session adjourns on May 31, 2022.

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Jesse White encourages motorists to renew their license plate stickers online

Law allows motorists to print receipt of purchase for soon-to-expire stickers

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding customers with license plate stickers expiring at the end of the month that they can renew online at ilsos.gov, print their receipt and keep that receipt in their vehicle to comply with Illinois law.

"This is a consumer-friendly initiative that encourages online transac-

tions with my office," said White. "Many customers visit our Driver Services facilities to buy their stickers the week before they are set to expire. I am reminding the public that they can make the same transaction online and use their receipt as proof of up-to-date registration and compliance."

Motorists are allowed to drive without an up-to-date vehicle renewal sticker on their license plate as long

as they have the receipt from the Secretary of State showing that they bought the sticker before expiration. The receipt is valid for up to 30 days from the expiration of the previous registration sticker's date.

Last year, 209,844 customers purchased license plate renewal stickers during the last seven days in February. Of this total, 87,520 purchased their license plate sticker online.

Workplace rights attorney Jane Flanagan to serve as acting director of Illinois Department of Labor



Governor JB Pritzker announced labor and employment attorney Jane Flanagan will serve as the new Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Labor, effective March 2, 2022. Former Director Michael Kleinik retired last month after decades in public service.

"Jane Flanagan has built a career in public service dedicated first and foremost to uplifting and protecting the rights of working people," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Most recently, she has designed and implemented COVID-19 workplace safety protocols throughout state government, building on her advocacy for workers in the implementation of Illinois Works and the crafting of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. I'm proud to appoint Jane Flanagan as the Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Labor."

"I am honored to be appointed Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Labor to continue building on the strong foundation laid by former Director Kleinik," said Jane

Flanagan. "I look forward to continuing to work alongside Governor Pritzker to advance policies that uplift working people and make Illinois the best state in the nation for employers and employees."

Jane previously served as Deputy General Counsel and Deputy Chief Compliance Officer in the Office of Governor JB Pritzker. While serving in this role, she spearheaded several priority initiatives, including implementation of disability access planning across state agencies, drafting pay transparency amendments to the state Equal Pay Act, and the development of the Governor's Commission on Workforce Equity & Access. Prior to that role,

she spent six years in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General where she held the role of Labor Counsel and Assistant Attorney General before founding the Workplace Rights Bureau and serving as its first chief.

The mission of the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) is to promote and protect the rights, wages, welfare, working conditions, safety and health of Illinois workers, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, color or sexual orientation. This is done through enforcement of state labor laws to safeguard the public. In addition, the Department regulates amusement rides and ensures compliance with all other labor standards.

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Lincoln Park Zoo is excited to share the arrival of a flipped addition! On January 26, grey seal Jersey gave birth to a healthy male pup. Unfortunately, Jersey did not display appropriate maternal instincts to care

for or protect the pup and human intervention was deemed necessary.

The new arrival will remain behind the scenes as he grows in size and strength. In memory of the late Dr. Lester E. Fisher, in tribute to the zoo's dedicated veterinarians providing excellent care to the pup, and as a nod to seals' diets, he has been named Fisher.

To learn more about the Seals visit lpzoo.org

Record collectors show coming

Thousands of vinyl records are your ticket to great memories from the Orland Park Record Collectors Show being held at the Quality Inn - Georgio's Banquet Center at 8800 W. 159th Street on Saturday, March 12th. Show hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors will be offering posters, cassettes, magazines, archival storage supplies, CD's, Lp's-45's and

78 rpm records. They will also showcase the sounds of Country, Rap, Pop, Blues, Classical, Rock, Hip Hop, Folk, Jazz, Metal and Comedy too.

This show has a \$3.00 general admission charge but no charge for children 12 & under. A preview hour admission is \$10 and starts at 8 a.m. For information about the show call 773-585-6254

St Laurence High School March events

Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance



Our annual Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dances are back! Join us on March 18th and 19th for each dance. This year's theme is country!

Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, March 18th 7:00 pm | Eventbrite-Mother/Son Dance on Saturday, March 19.

Ash Wednesday Deacon Ed Sajdak will be at the north entrance from 7:30-8:20 am, on Ash Wednesday (March 2) handing out ashes. Please feel free to stop and get ashes as you drop off your child and be patient with the

traffic that morning.

Spring Sports Registration, Try-outs, and Orientation Night

Spring sports are starting soon! All students must be registered on 8 to 18 prior to try-outs. Save the date for the Spring Sports Orientation Night on Thu, March 10th at 7 pm.

Winter Sports Awards Night

Please save the date for the Winter Sports Awards Night on Sunday, March 20th at 5 pm in the gym. More information to come.

Mothers' Club Bingo

Registration is open for Mothers' Club Bingo on March 6 at 2 pm! Pull tabs, Split the Pot and lotto raffles will be available. If you are interested in purchasing tickets visit our website at www.stlaurence.com. St. Laurence High School | 5556 W. 77th St., Burbank, IL 60459.

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Presented by the Evergreen Park Senior Council.

Everyone is welcome to come to our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 11:00am Community Center at 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park, Illinois.

VFW has annual Lenten fish fry

Our Annual "Lenten Fish Fry" is back, starting on Friday March 4th, 2022 from 4 to 7pm. We will be selling plated meals for \$12 and you have a choice of Chipotle' Lime Tilapia, Corona Battered Cod, Breaded Ocean Perch or Chicken Nuggets. Each order comes

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We recommend that you do Pickup and Carryout as we have limited seating and if no space available you will have to take it with you. We are located at 17147 So. Oak Park Ave and or call 708-532-2333.



Join Bingo fest

Bingo Fest BINGO! Join Orland Township as they host their biggest Bingo event yet! Get ready to compete in

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Come Rock the Block and join us for the inaugural Shamrock'n the Block on parade day

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With questions contact Honor Lorenzini at honorl@oldstpats.org.



students based on academic achievement and community service.

Elements Conference Center, 16235 S La Grange Rd, Orland Park on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fee: \$30. For tickets go to https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=63Y9DYJ2CUN96.

Bremen Township in partnership with AgeOptions

Bremen Township has been serving the Senior Community of Bremen Township with a Hot Lunch Program, in partnership with AgeOptions, since 2012.

Although our Senior Café in Oak Forest is temporarily closed due to Covid-19, we are happy to offer hot meals To-Go on certain days to people age 60+ who complete a Client Registration form, as required by our Area Agency on Aging.

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There is no guarantee for these meals at this time, it is

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Danú St. Patrick's Day celebration comes to the Mac March 13

Danú, one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles, brings their St. Patrick's Day Celebration to the McAninch Arts Center (MAC) at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 13, 2022. Winner of numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music Magazine, Danú takes audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memorable concert experience filled with jigs, reels, songs and more in advance of St. Patrick's Day. Dancers from the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance will perform one-half hour prior to the show in the MAC lobby.

For more than two decades, Danú's virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki, and vocals (Irish and English) have delighted audiences worldwide. Hailing from County Waterford, Kerry, Dublin and Donegal in Ireland, Danú is one of the leading traditional Irish musical groups today. Their standing-room-only concerts throughout Ireland are mesmerizing shows often featuring a mix of ancient Irish music and new work from their repertoire. The Washington Post hails them as, "a vibrant mix of virtuosity, energy and empathy."

The musicians of Danú are Nell Ni Chróinín (Lead



Photo by John D. Kelly

Vocals, Flute & Whistles), Benny McCarthy (Button Accordion, Melodeon), Oisín McAuley (Fiddle, Backing Vocals), Éamon Doorley (Irish bouzouki, backing vocals), Ivan Goff (Uilleann Pipes, Flute and Whistles), Tony Byrne (Guitar, Backing Vocals) and Billy Sutton (Bodhran [Irish Drum] and Mandolin).

Based in the city of Waterford, Ireland and named for the ancient Celtic goddess of fertility and wisdom, Danú has released nine CD albums and a DVD since forming in 1994. Danú's honors and awards include being voted Best Overall Traditional Act by Dublin's magazine Irish Music and twice voted Best Traditional Group in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Danú has toured throughout Europe and North America with stops at The Hollywood

Bowl in Los Angeles and Symphony Space in New York City. Their live performances have been broadcast on NPR, the CBC, and the BBC.

Danú St. Patrick's Day Celebration comes to McAninch Arts Center, located at 425 Fawell Blvd. on the campus of College of DuPage, for a performance at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13. Dancers from the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance will perform one-half hour prior to the show in the MAC lobby. Tickets for Danú's performance are \$50-\$60. For tickets or more information, visit AtTheMAC.org or call the MAC Box Office at 630.942.4000. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 6 p.m. and one hour prior to performance. For the latest COVID-19 Policy, visit AtTheMAC.org/covid-19-update

Chicago high school students to compete in the 13th annual August Wilson Monologue and Design Competitions

The August Wilson Monologue Competition, celebrating its 13th year, announces details for 2022, including the return of "Designing August," the scenic and costume design arm of the competition, for its second year. The free competition serves more than 300 high school students annually with competition, master classes and college scholarships. After two preliminary rounds, twenty finalists in the monologue category will be invited to compete at the Goodman Theatre on May 2, 2022 at 6pm. The "Designing August" winners will also be announced at the finals.

The August Wilson Monologue Competition is free for participants. Details about competition are available at <https://chicagoplays.com/august-wilson-mono->

logue-competition/.

The August Wilson Monologue Competition is presented by Derrick Sanders and Goodman Theatre, in collaboration with the League of Chicago Theatres.

The 2022 competition schedule is as follows:

Now to March 4: School applications due for teachers and administrators to apply for their students online.

Now through March 15: Student Applications for acting and design deadline

March 21: Final designs due

March 21-March 23: Monologue Preliminary Auditions at Roosevelt University and Logan Center for the Arts

April 18: Semi-Final Monologue Auditions at Victory Gardens Theater

April 23: Masterclass,

coaching for finalists

May 2 at 6pm: Final Monologue and Design Competition at Goodman Theatre

Open to Chicago area high school students, the competition gives students an opportunity to explore and share the richness of August Wilson's Century Cycle and to expose a new generation of creative minds to the life's work and artistic legacy of this seminal American playwright.

In December 2020, Netflix released Giving Voice, a full-length documentary about the national August Wilson Monologue Competition. The film's trailer is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAR5OuuGB48>.

For more information visit: <https://chicagoplays.com/august-wilson-monologue-competition>.



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Daylight Savings Time begins March 13th

will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Why join us at the Caring Crew Gathering?

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Boys swim avenges early losses for second-place finish in SSC Red



Fritz, Hartmann, Siert, Meza

Written by Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer

"The boys swam with a ton of heart and were dropping times all over the place," head coach Derek Maciaga said. "It was amazing to see all of their hard work throughout the season pay off with conference medals and new personal records. We hope to keep the momentum going into the Illinois High School Association Sectional meet this Saturday at Lyons Township."

Senior captain Luke Fritz led the charge for Oak Lawn by winning a conference championship in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of :22.20 and taking second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 49.92. Both of those performances now stand as new school

records. Standout Jeremy Gravelle repeated as conference champion in diving and finished in the Top 6 in the 100 freestyle as well.

Siert finished in third in the 100 butterfly with a new personal best time of 56.91, and Hartmann took third in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 breaststroke. Both of those swims for Hartmann were also personal best times. The relay combination of Vladimir Meza, Hartmann, Siert, and Fritz took second in the 400 freestyle and third in the 200 medley relays.

On the junior varsity level, senior Efrain Alvarez was conference champion in diving, Zach Francis took third in diving, and Billy McNichols took second in the 100 butterfly.

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Spartan Speech Team advances to state



Written by Jennifer Jepsen, OLSHS Staff Writer

The OakLawn Community High School Speech Team finished in first place at Sectionals recently and advanced in six events. The Performance in the Round also snared first place. The Spartans head to the IHSA state competition in Peoria.

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This super regional event is sanctioned by the AAU, where youth volley-

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March 26 is the deadline to enter boys and girls teams 13u-18u and there is both a men's and women's

Performances in the Round champions include Max Cipriani, Mikey Mills, Elijah Rangel, Fotis Patrianakos, Ryan Infante, Maggie Sheehan, Francesca Crosby, Samantha Martinez, Joyce Reising, Kathryn

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