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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Paratransit vehicle grants available through IDOT



Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Traffic Safety

Local agencies, nonprofits urged to apply, awards chosen this summer

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that applications are now being accepted for grants to provide public transportation providers with paratransit vehicles. Municipalities and local governments, as well as nonprofit agencies providing specialized transportation to seniors or individuals with disabilities, are encouraged to apply.

“Public transportation is an essential service throughout the state in rural, suburban and urban communities,” said Illinois

Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “These grants, and the paratransit vehicles they provide, are an important part of our continued efforts to ensure everyone has safe, equitable access to the transportation they depend on.” The deadline to apply is May 2.

Through its Consolidated Vehicle Procurement program, IDOT purchases accessible paratransit vehicles on behalf of eligible recipients using various federal funding sources. Applications should be submitted online through IDOT’s transit grant management system at ildot.blackcattransit.com.

Applications from agen-

cies that receive Section 5307 or Section 5311 funds for operation of public transportation will be approved as long as the information submitted is complete and accurate. Vehicles will be awarded equitably among eligible applicants.

IDOT will evaluate all other applications based on the following criteria:

Level of existing service. Equipment utilization, Asset maintenance, and Management capacity.

Coordination efforts (notification to other transportation providers, participation in local public transit, human service transportation efforts). Awards will be announced this summer.

Meeting dates for Board of Commissioners

Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, the MWRD will hold its Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thurs., April 7 and Thurs., April 21.

Public comments may be made in person at 100 E. Erie Street during the Public Comment period. Everyone is required to wear a face mask, and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

All individuals attending the meeting are required to provide a government issued photo ID and proof that (1) they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or (2)



they have tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of the start of the meeting.

To view the meeting, visit our website at <https://mwrld>.

legistar.com/calendar.aspx. Click the “In Progress” link under the Video Column. This link will be active when there is a meeting in session.

Discounted Rain Barrels for sale



Discounted 55-gallon rain barrels are once again available to Cook County residents. Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure that capture rainwater

from your roof and save it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, the barrels can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding. You can

use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium. Since this water is runoff from your roof, do not drink it!

Purchase rain barrels through the MWRD website at <https://mwrld.org/rain-barrels>. Rain barrel deliveries can take up to 30 days from the day an order is placed. If you have questions regarding an order, please contact the vendor at (844) 4-BARREL.

Famous Fish Fry is back for the 52nd year!

St. Mary Magdalene Parish’s St. Benedict’s Famous Fish Fry is back on April 8th. Lunch will be served 11 am to 1 pm and dinner from 4 pm to 7 pm. Adults are \$12; kids (12 and

under), \$3; fries only (they are quite good) \$2. Dinners include fried or baked fish, coleslaw, French fries and beets. Beverages are available. Curbside and carry-out is available.



*Karen Callaway,
Chicago Catholic*

Fish Fry is at St. Mary Magdalene-St. Benedict, York and Gregory Streets, Blue Island, Illinois.

Midlothian Vehicle stickers will not be sold at Village Hall



Stickers can be purchased online or via mail. A sticker and a receipt will be mailed to you. If you have not received your renewal application by May 31, please come to the Village Hall with your vehicle information or contact the Village Hall 708-389-0200 option 5.

Applications will be mailed to residents at the end of April and stickers will be available for

purchase the first business day in May. Stickers can be purchased through June 30. A Midlothian vehicle sticker must be obtained and displayed within thirty (30) days of purchase of said vehicle by a Midlothian resident or within thirty (30) days after a new resident moves into the Village of Midlothian. Resident must come to the Village to register the first time.

If a new or additional vehicle is purchased, you will need to bring your registration information to the Village within 30 days.

Fee Structure: motorcycles / mopeds – \$25, passenger auto, including passenger vans – \$30, trucks less than 8,000 lbs. – \$40, trucks more than 8,000 lbs. – call for fee

Seniors age 65 and up – \$5 Each senior, aged 65 or older as of July 1, is eligible to receive one (1) discounted sticker for a vehicle registered in senior’s name.

Mail payments along with the renewal application to: Village of Midlothian, Dept. #22, P.O. Box 88565, Carol Stream, IL 60188-0565

Easter Egg Hunt at Blue Island Memorial Park

Hop on over to Blue Island Park District’s Memorial Park for some Easter fun on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 10am. Cost is \$8.00 for children ages 11 and under. The Easter Bunny hides colorful

eggs with surprises inside around the Football Field at Memorial Park at 12804 South Highland Ave.

Register online at <https://blueislandparks.org/easter-egg-hunt>.





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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Business Breakfast returns May 4th

The Tinley Park Business Breakfast returns after a two-year hiatus on Wednesday, May 4 at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

Speakers will include Tinley Park Mayor Michael Glotz and Laurence Msall,

President of the Civic Federation, who will discuss Illinois budget and fiscal challenges, Illinois credit ratings, COVID-19's impact on state and local governments, recent federal relief packages and more. Save the date!

Moraine Valley will hold virtual information session for prospective students

Moraine Valley Community College will hold a virtual information session on Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m., to provide details on how prospective students can enroll at the college.

Representatives from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices will provide general admission information, including tuition cost, available programs of study, financial aid and steps to apply. A question-and-

answer period will conclude the hour-long session.

"The virtual information session gives people an opportunity to explore Moraine Valley from the comfort of their own homes. Potential students and parents will learn about the college, our programs, admission steps and the financial aid process," said Andy Sarata, director of Admissions and Recruitment. "This is a great time to learn about Moraine



Valley and have your questions answered on how to get started."

To RSVP and get the link for the virtual information session, visit www.moraine-valley.edu/virtualinfosession.

Utility assistance is available

Families in need can apply for utility bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families Program. All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive utility bill assistance for natural gas, propane and electricity through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

Program (LIHEAP).

Families should visit www.helpillinoisfamilies.com to apply or call the hotline for real-time assistance in more than 30 languages at (833) 711-0374.

In addition to benefits that are available each year, the \$150 million in available funding includes an additional \$80 million for

the Utility Disconnection Avoidance Program (UDAP) for LIHEAP recipients who are in imminent threat of utility shut-off. This expanded safety net through UDAP is expected to support more than 50,000 additional resident accounts currently on ICC utilities disconnect lists across the state.



The Village of Tinley Park

Photos with the Bunny returns April 10!

will host its free Photos with the Bunny event from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at the Oak Park Avenue train station, 6700 South St., Tinley Park.

Attendees will be able to visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny himself!

Don't forget to bring your camera!

For more information on this and other events occurring in Downtown Tinley this year, please visit the Special Events page on the Village website at <https://www.tinleypark.org/>.

Join us to observe Lent and celebrate Easter!

Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10:00 am.

Maundy Thursday on April 14 at 7:00 pm.

Palm Sunday Service and

Sunday School at 10:00 am.

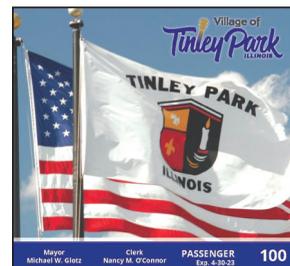
Easter Sunday at April 17 at 7:30 am. & 10:00 am.

Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 Wolf



Road, Orland Park, IL 60467, (708) 448-8142

Website: <http://pcorland-park.org>, preschurchop@comcast.net.



Purchase your 2022-23 Tinley Park vehicle sticker from the comfort of home through the Village's online Payment Center!

Visit www.TinleyPark.org/PaymentCenter to fill out the application and place your order. Then just wait

Get your vehicle sticker online

for your sticker to arrive in the mail. It's that easy!

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply online, visit TinleyPark.org/VehicleStickerVideo and watch a short video. For a written step-by-step guide, or for other vehicle sticker-related information, visit the Village website at TinleyPark.org/VehicleStickers.

You can still purchase vehicle stickers in person from 8 am to 5 pm weekdays at Tinley Park Village Hall,

16250 Oak Park Ave., or 24 hours a day at the Tinley Park Police Department, 7850 W. 183rd Street.

The 2022-23 Tinley Park vehicle sticker, which features the Village and American flags flying side-by-side on a beautiful summer day, is required to be displayed on your vehicle by July 1. This year's stickers are valid through April 30, 2023.

For more information on the Village, visit TinleyPark.org/StayInformed.

Orland Park Village Vehicle Sticker on sale

Vehicle stickers must be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield (passenger side) by June 30, 2021. All motor vehicles registered to a Village address must display a current vehicle sticker. Vehicle sticker fees vary based on the type of vehicle. After June 30th, a late fee will be assessed.

Go to www.orlandpark.org, click on "I Want To...", choose "Purchase Village Vehicle Sticker". Other renewal options include, by mail or in person at the Village Hall, Monday

through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Extended hours are available on June 7th, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and June 21st, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please allow 5 to 7 business days for delivery of vehicle stickers purchased online or by mail. Please contact the Cashier's Office at cashiers@orland-park.org or (708) 403-6170 with additional questions.

First-Time Seniors: Senior citizens who are 65 years of age prior to June 30, 2023 are eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at a reduced rate. Two senior citizen vehicle stickers per household may

be purchased if there are two household drivers age 65 or older. Vehicle stickers for first-time seniors may be purchased in person at the Village Hall, as a current driver's license is required at the time of purchase.

Replacement Vehicles: Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a 2021-2023 vehicle sticker should remove the sticker from the current vehicle and bring it to the Cashier's Office with the bill of sale for the new vehicle. A new sticker will be issued for a transfer fee of \$1.

April 30th is Monarch Butterfly Day!



The Mayor will proclaim April 30, 2022 as Monarch Butterfly Day in the Village

of Orland Park. We ask the community to support efforts to protect the monarch butterfly and promote their well-being for the benefit of present and future generations. Every citizen of Orland Park can make a difference for the monarch butterfly by

planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide a habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn and play. With everyone's help, the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra presents *All Brahms*



Jacob Hanegan

Illinois Philharmonic concertmaster Azusa Tashiro and principal cellist Jacob Hanegan step out from the orchestra as soloists for Brahms' *Double Concerto*.

Concert also features Brahms' *Hungarian Dances 5 & 6* and *Symphony No. 2*.

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) is excited to present a concert featuring three works by the Romantic era master Johannes Brahms. Conducted by IPO Music Director Stilian Kirov, *All Brahms* will take

place on Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 pm at the stunning 1,100 seat Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. Tickets range from \$10-67 and are available at ipomusic.org or call 708-481-7774.

Two of IPO's principal players will step out as soloists for the last piece Brahms ever composed for full orchestra, the *Double Concerto in A minor, Op. 102*. Concert master and violinist Azusa Tashiro and principal cellist Jacob Hanegan will perform the work originally premiered in 1887 by famous musicians Joseph Joachim (violin) and Robert Hausmann (cello).

"We are thrilled to feature two of IPO's incredibly dynamic members of our orchestra as soloists for Brahms' *Double Concerto*," said Illinois Philharmonic Executive Director Christina Salerno,



Azusa Tashiro

recently named 2022 Executive Director of the Year by the Illinois Council of Orchestras.

In addition to the *Double Concerto*, IPO will present two of Brahms' *Hungarian Dances, Nos. 5 & 6*, and the composer's *Symphony No. 2*, notable for its uplifting and pastoral nature. Brahms' most popular pieces during his lifetime and today, his *Hungarian Dances*, utilize music for Hungarian folk styles of dance like the *csárdás*. Brahms composed only four symphonies during his career.

Worth Public Library District goes fine free

At recent meeting, the Worth Public Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously to make the Library fine free as of April 1st. For many years, libraries used fines to encourage patrons to return borrowed items on time. Research shows fines have the exact opposite effect and prevent the timely return of library materials. These charges can cause long-term feelings of shame, and disproportionately impact a library's young, elderly, and/or financially disadvantaged patrons. The goal of the Board of Trustees, administration, and staff at the Worth Public Library District is to remove barriers for use and increase access to the Library, going fine free will make an immediate and impactful difference for

our community.

As of April 1st, any item checked out at the Worth Public Library District will not accumulate fines if it is overdue, regardless of where the item is returned. The only item to continue accruing fines will be our Hot Spots.

If materials are not returned or renewed by their due date, at 14 days overdue a patron's account will be placed on hold and they will be unable to check out materials, place holds, or utilize online resources. Once overdue materials are returned, the hold is automatically removed and good standing status is restored. Lost or damaged materials will still need to be paid for. Materials that are 42 days overdue are assumed lost and the



Library will bill for the replacement cost.

We welcome back all patrons who stayed away due to fines. Additionally, existing overdue fines will be removed from all patron accounts, as long as the materials have been returned. Lost or damaged items still require payment.

We join our neighbor libraries of Green Hills, Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Midlothian, and Palos Heights in becoming fine free and will continue to work to make our Library open to all and a place of refuge for many.

For additional information, visit the Worth Public Library's website at www.worthlibrary.com.

From the desk of Robert E. Maloney Palos Township Assessor

We wish to inform the residents of Palos Township that the time period to file a Board of Review tax appeal application at the Palos Township location will be from, Now through Thursday, April 21, 2022 (Cook County deadline is Tuesday April 26, 2022.)

Palos Township is located at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL. The hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 am. to 4:30 pm.

The cutoff date for the appeal is Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the township due to preparing and entering all documentation before

the April 26th deadline at the Cook County Board of Review.

If you want to file an appeal after the Palos Township location deadline (between April 22 and April 26), you are able to file an appeal yourself online at cookcountyboardofreview.com.

Spring college fair set at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College will host a college fair on April 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. The fair will be in the Health, Fitness & Recreation Center (Building H) on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, in Palos Hills.

High school students and their parents, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about many four-year colleges and universities can attend the free fair. Over 100 colleges and universities from Illinois and across the country will be on

hand to answer questions about their programs and facilities. Representatives from Moraine Valley also will be on hand to share information.

View the list of attending schools at morainevalley.edu/collegefair.



Palos Park Public Library Pysanky Workshop

from 10am to noon.

Celebrate spring by learning the intricate art of Pysanky, or egg decorating. This folk art is practiced by many Central and Eastern European ethnic groups. On Saturday, April 9, 2022

The registration fee is \$10 per person to cover the cost of stylus and wax. Each person is asked to bring 3-4 hardboiled eggs. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by a

parent or guardian for the entire workshop.

The registration fee will be collected before the program. Registration is at <https://palosparklibrary.evanced.info/signup>

Only cash is accepted.

IDOT Southwest Hwy improvements begin

The Illinois Department of Transportation will begin a project to improve drainage on Southwest Highway (Illinois 7), from 131st Street, in Palos Park, to 135th Street, in Orland Park, will begin, weather permitting, on Monday, April 4.

The project involves constructing new drainage crossings and a storm water overflow area, helping to

eliminate area flooding. Motorists can expect shoulder closures with occasional brief lane closures. Access to residences and businesses within the work zone will be maintained throughout construction, which is anticipated to be completed in June.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged

to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment. This is an Illinois Department of Transportation project. To learn more about IDOT projects, visit Featured Projects (illinois.gov) Visit orlandpark.org/eps for up to date into regarding Village roadways and projects.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Burke passes new property tax reform legislation



State Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, who has made property tax reform a priority, congratulates local school districts that received property tax relief grants from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). This is coming on the heels of a major legislative victory to give local institutions more property tax flexibility.

“For decades, schools throughout our community, and across Illinois, have been dealing with property taxes that are far too high,” Burke said. “However, the legislature recognized the need for relief and took action to create the Property Tax Relief grant program several years ago. It has been funded at \$50 million per year.”

The Property Tax Relief grant program dispenses critical property tax relief to school districts throughout Illinois. School districts in Burke’s community that received a grant are: Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 received \$1,331,522; Worth School District 127 received \$889,169; Community High School District 218 received

\$4,050,116; and Evergreen Park Community High School District 231 received \$740,000.

Burke also recently secured a major legislative victory by helping pass House Bill 448, which gives school, park, community college and library districts more flexibility when setting property tax rates.

“I am strongly committed to easing the major financial burden that Illinois institutions and hard-working families are bearing due to property taxes,” Burke said. “Seeing these grants go to schools so deserving of assistance, as well as securing a major legislative victory in this fight, makes me hopeful that coming months and years will see more progress.”



Yusra Abdelrahman

Yusra Abdelrahman selected as National Merit finalist

one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2022 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 362,000

other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

Calculus teacher Lisa Sampson said, “Yusra is an incredible independent learner, high self-motivated, and has the ability to understand abstract concepts in simple terms. She asks questions that are always one step ahead of the material, showing an innate ability to predict connections to future topics. She is committed to excellence and thrives when being challenged.”

Congratulations, Yusra!

Evergreen Park Library presents Spring Book Sale

Discover a treasure trove of hardcover and paperback books for all ages, magazines, DVDs, VHS tapes,

CDs, audiobooks, and more at bargain prices, April 7 to April 10! Proceeds benefit the EP Library Foundation.

Volunteers are needed. <https://evergreenparklibrary.librarymarket.com/> to register to volunteer.



L to R: Ronnie Malley, Debra Baker, Michael Duran and Terry Vorderer, Village President of Oak Lawn

Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame inductees named

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation announced the 2022 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. This year’s inductees are Debra Baker, ’84; Michael Duran, ’86; Ronnie Malley, ’97; and Terry Vorderer, ’77.

“We are proud of all of our Alumni Hall of Fame members, and we welcome these new inductees to join this distinguished group as we honor them for their professional and personal successes,” said Patti Friend Mehallick, director of Alumni and Annual Programs for the Foundation.

Baker, a financial advisor, family wealth director and portfolio management director with Morgan Stanley at the Orland Park branch, provides financial advice to individuals and businesses. She earned her associate degree at Moraine Valley and her Bachelor of Science degree in economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has worked in the financial industry for over 35 years. Baker has been involved with Rotary International and the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce for several years, and she is the philanthropic chair

for Morgan Stanley Orland Park.

Duran is the senior vice president and chief ethics and compliance officer at 3M Company. In addition to his associate degree, Duran holds a bachelor’s degree from DePaul University in finance, a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law and a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from Indiana University. He serves on the advisory board for the Organizational Ethics and Compliance Program at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and is a guest lecturer there and at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

Malley, who also was named the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus, completed his general studies at Moraine Valley before earning a bachelor’s degree in global music studies from DePaul University. He is the executive director of Intercultural Music Production, a cultural arts organization that collaborates with schools and organizations to promote a global community through performance and education. He has had a prolific career, culmi-

nating in his experience as an actor, musician and Arabic dialect coach for the Broadway show “The Band’s Visit,” which won 10 Tony Awards and a Grammy. His film and theater credits are extensive, and he has traveled across the globe with numerous musical groups.

Vorderer was elected village president of Oak Lawn in April 2021 and will serve a four-year term. Becoming Oak Lawn’s mayor extends a life of service, which began when Vorderer served in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam. After the war, he worked for the Oak Lawn Police Department for 34 years, ending his law enforcement career as the chief of patrol. After retiring from the police department, Vorderer served on the Oak Lawn Park District board and as a village trustee before running for mayor. He was president of the Northern Illinois Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and has been a longtime member of the Oak Lawn VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge.

For information about the Alumni Hall of Fame, contact Friend Mehallick at (708) 974-5551 or friendp5@morainevalley.edu.



Pappas-Certified Notice out on 45,000 properties with unpaid taxes in Cook County

begins.

To see if your taxes are delinquent and to make a payment, visit cookcountytreasurer.com and select "Avoid the Tax Sales." You can search by address or by Property Index Number.

About \$219 million in unpaid 2019 property taxes is due on 44,741 homes, businesses and land.

"Unpaid taxes are found in all communities, but almost 79% of the taxes offered for sale are for properties in Black and

Latino communities," Pappas said.

"Property owners should visit cookcountytreasurer.com to see if they are receiving all possible exemptions to pay only what they owe," Pappas said.

Tax buyers interested in participating in the sale should visit cooktaxsale.com to register for the sale or purchase a list of properties with delinquent taxes. Registration will be open from March 25 to May 2, 2022.



Pritzker announces \$309 million assistance for homeowners impacted by COVID-19

help homeowners avoid mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, and help prevent displacement of households experiencing financial hardships. This technical assistance is provided at no cost. Homeowners who need help preparing for their application can visit www.illinois-housinghelp.org or call 866-454-3571 to connect with a ILHAF program partner.

To qualify for ILHAF, Illinois homeowners must have experienced a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19, on or after Jan. 21, 2020. They must also currently own and occupy their home in Illinois as their primary residence, be at least 30 days late on their mortgage or other homeowner expenses and have a household income at or below 150% of the area median income.

A certificate from a HUD-certified housing counselor or a letter from a mortgage servicer detailing effort to resolve the delinquency is required to apply for ILHAF assistance.

In preparation for

applying for ILHAF assistance, homeowners should also have the following documentation ready:

Proof of identification, including but not limited to a driver's license, state ID, permanent residency card or other form of ID.

Proof of household income, including but not limited to tax returns, pay stubs, or other documentation.

Proof of occupancy, including but not limited to a bank statement, cell phone bill, credit/debit card statement, or other documentation.

Proof of ownership, including but not limited to a property tax bill, property deed, or other documentation.

Delinquency statement, including but not limited to a mortgage statement, property tax statement, insurance statement, or HOA/Condo Association statement.

More information on the application process, a complete list of required documents, and a list of participating housing counselors can be found at www.illinoishousinghelp.org.

On May 12, 2022, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas will begin the sale of unpaid 2019 property taxes that were originally due in 2020.

Property owners can avoid the Annual Tax Sale by paying the delinquent taxes and interest before the sale



Track repair coming April 20 in Tinley Park

starting April 20 and lasting through April 29. Metra will place detour signs in the area for drivers. The north lot at the 80th

Avenue train station will remain open for parking. Visit Metra's website at www.Metra.com for more information.

Metra will be closing the railroad crossing at 80th Avenue for repairs

Ladder Up, helps Chicagoans help themselves with free tax services

Struggling to understand tax forms but can't afford an accountant? You're not alone and Ladder Up is here to help. Just in time for the April 18th tax deadline, the Chicago-based nonprofit is offering FREE assistance in filing state and federal forms to Illinois residents who earn up to \$32,000 as an individual or \$58,000 as a household.

"This year marks our 28th tax season, and with patience and attention to

detail, we will make it our best one yet," says Ladder Up Executive Director, Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek.

That's right, Ladder Up has been taking the stress out of tax season and generating the biggest tax refunds many have ever received in the process, keeping more of people's hard-earned money in their pockets for nearly 30 years.

Recently 378 volunteers have spent a total of 13,964.5

hours helping 8,310 individuals and households file 6,670 tax returns, delivering \$14,282,726 in total refunds processed and with an average refund of \$2,144.

If you're as impressed as we are, we'd love to connect you with Cavallone-Jurek, who can discuss this year's unique challenges and shed light on Ladder Up's new pandemic assistance program.

More info: www.prnews-wire.com/news-releases.



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Hosted by the Internet Archive.
Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

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www.palosareachamber.org |

Oak Forest Spring Cleanup Week is April 25-29

Residents of single-family homes may dispose of multiple bulk items during Cleanup Week. Simply leave unwanted household items (except electronics and hazardous materials) at the curb on your regular

pickup day. Bulk items include: mattress and box spring, furniture, flat glass, construction debris, carpet, pool liners, pool tables, hot tubs, and basketball hoops. If disposing of an appliance, please take the doors off before setting it at the curb.

Public Works chipping crews will be following Homewood Disposal's pickup schedule. Please leave your branches at the curb by 7 a.m. on your

pickup day. Branches must be less than four inches in diameter and four feet in length and stacked in piles no higher than three feet tall. Larger branches must be cut up into logs (no longer than 24 inches) and stacked in a separate pile at the curb. Stumps, root balls, and roots must be free of dirt.

For more information, contact Homewood Disposal at 708-798-1004 or visit their website.

Sheriff Dart, Mayor Glotz to host carjacking seminar April 7

With carjacking's on the rise, it's never been more important to stay alert and informed. Join Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and Tinley Park Mayor Michael Glotz for a Carjacking Seminar at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at the Tinley Park Convention

Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive.

Attendees will learn how local law enforcement is addressing carjacking's, the importance of vehicle tracking, carjacking trends and how to avoid becoming a victim. Knowledge is the best way to fight back!

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Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner

The Evergreen Park Senior Council will be having a Spaghetti Dinner, on Thursday, April 21 at 11am at the Community Center in Evergreen Park.
The speaker will be Virginia

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The afternoon will feature two Chicago soloists, Dana Campbell, soprano, and Brad

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Operatic performances include Beethoven's Fidelio with the Shippensburg Music Festival conducted by Robert Trevino, Bizet's Carmen with Michigan's Soo Opera Theater and in the Peter Brooks' adaptation, La tragédie de Carmen, for

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New Philharmonic celebrates Bernstein and Sondheim with West Side Story in Concert



New Philharmonic, conducted by Maestro Kirk Muspratt, concludes its 2021-2022 season with "West Side Story in Concert," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10. Four guest artists – Brooklyn Snow (soprano), Matthew Greenblatt (tenor), Kate Tombaugh (mezzo-soprano) and Evan Bravos (baritone) and a chorus of eight singers join the musi-

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Chicago loves Oscar

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Night, Oscar appears now through April 24, 2022.

Tickets (\$25 - \$112, subject to change) are now available at GoodmanTheatre.org/Oscar or by phone at 312-443-3800. The Goodman is grateful for the support of JP Morgan Chase & Co. (Lead Corporate Sponsor) and Winston & Strawn LLP (Corporate Sponsor Partner); in addition, Good Night, Oscar is the recipient of an Edgerton Foundation New Play Award.

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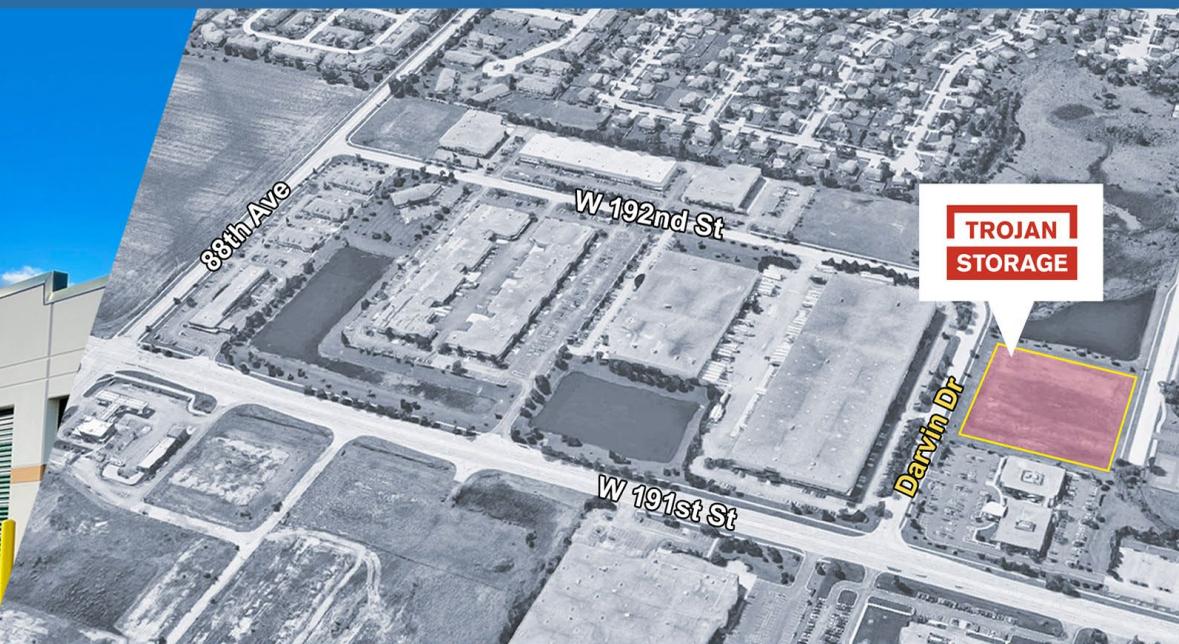
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