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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Moraine Valley student earns automotive scholarship

Daniel Padilla, of Chicago, is the first Moraine Valley Community College student selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the TechForce Foundation.

Padilla has been taking classes since fall 2019 and is enrolled in the college's Nissan/Infiniti Technician Training Academy. He has tinkered with cars for years and is working toward an Automotive Technology associate degree and certificate. He aims to graduate in spring 2023.

"I'm pretty excited and happy to get this scholarship. It surprised me because I usually don't think I can



win anything," Padilla said. "It'll help with school and the tools I'll need."

Ira Siegel, Moraine Valley professor and program coordinator of Automotive Technology, informed several students about the scholarship opportunity. To qualify, students must be in the Nissan/Infiniti Technician Training Academy, working at a dealership and in good academic standing at the college.

"We're very fortunate to have a partnership with

Nissan because it's provided us this opportunity and others for students," Siegel said. "I can't tell you how exciting it is to help a student get money to learn to do what he loves."

TechForce Foundation works to champion students in their education and into careers within the transportation industry. It creates awareness for the profession and provides resources, mentorship and career development opportunities for students.

South Suburban College to host Virtual Trades Thursday event

The Office of Enrollment Services at South Suburban College (SSC) welcomes the community to "Trades Thursday" on April 21, 2022 from 2 to 3 p.m. This virtual open house will be accessible via Zoom.

SSC offers options to learn various aspects of the trades. Eugene Damiani, Engineering and Technology Instructor will show equipment offered at SSC and explain the hands-on experience in the Building Construction Technology Program and Welding Program.

Desmond Campbell, Manager of the SouthWorks Maker Lab, and instructor in the Electronic Engineering Technology Program and



Computer-Aided Design Program, will discuss how electronics are tied to the trades and the advantages of having access to equipment in the Maker Lab. "Our program is a heavy hands-on approach to engineering. We give students the experience and fundamentals to complete projects," said Campbell. "At SSC, you won't be a number. Instructors and staff will teach you how and why you use certain methods of problem solving."

For more information

about "Trades Thursday," call Christina Gutierrez, Manager of Onboarding and Outreach, at (708) 596-2000 ext. 2023. The Main Campus of South Suburban College is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

Summer registration is open at SSC with convenient classes beginning on Monday, June 6, 2022. Future SSC students can take their first step toward success by accessing the following link: <https://www.ssc.edu/admissions-registration>.

"It's Spring at the Museum" exhibit at 1950s Park Forest House Museum

The 1950s Park Forest House Museum, at 227 Monee Road (inside St. Mary's Catholic Church), Park Forest, Illinois, invites you to "It's Spring at the Museum," from Now to April 30, 2022, open Wednesday and Saturday, 1 to 3:30 p.m.; other times by appointment. One room represents a classroom in Forest Boulevard School, which was set up in a row of townhomes. The museum is decorated with vintage Easter decorations and baskets, including die-cuts, books and honeycombs. There is also a Passover display including accomplishments of some of Park Forest's leading Jewish residents. Admission is Adults \$5; children 12 and under free. Parking is in the small

lot. Knock on the second classroom door from the end. A guide will tell village history, and social and fashion trends of the era.

Special tours can be arranged by calling Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252. Information on the society and museum, and email contact is at www.parkforesthistor.org.

Operated by the Park Forest Historical Society, the museum represents an original rental townhome, furnished as it might have been from 1948-1953. Park Forest is the first fully-planned, post-World War II suburb, built to give preference to World War II veterans.

The museum is a great way to get acquainted with



Park Forest Illinois' unique history. It is a nostalgic trip down Memory Lane for anyone who lived in the 1950s or 1960s. Contents of the house, furnished for a young veteran and his family, include dolls, toys, dollhouses, books, dishes, furniture and clothing from the period. When is the last time you said "Hello" to Howdy Doody?

The Park Forest Historical Society is looking for more members and for more volunteers to show the museum and to work on the Park Forest Local History Collection and Archive.

Volunteers to help us mulch paths

No experience is necessary! Volunteers will help us mulch paths at a new park site at the Alsip Boat Launch at Alsip Boat Ramp, 5399 West Plattner Drive, Alsip. On Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9:30am to 12:30 pm.

Please bring a mask, long pants, closed toe shoes, a (full) water bottle and sunscreen. We will take care of everything else!

Note that masks may need to be worn for the duration of the project. We will limit group size and maintain



social distancing as needed for participants' health and safety.

Please fill out the event waiver form online: <https://forms.gle/zUdEQRSJcx-ygf1sB9> and include your

phone number in case of last-minute schedule changes due to weather!

We look forward to making a difference in this community and hope that you will join us!

Free Music with your AMPL card

With your Alsip-Merrionette Park Library card, you can stream three hours of music per day, and download 5 songs per week. The Freegal app is available

through the app store on most devices.

For details freegalmusic.com at the Freegal FAQ. If you prefer to listen to music through your computer,

Freegal is available at alsiplibrary.info under the Downloads/eBooks tab. For additional assistance, contact the Adult Services Dept. at 708.926.7024.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Planner Paul Ruane, Mayor Hank Kuspa, Building Commissioner Mike Forbes,
and Community Development Director Ed Cage

City of Oak Forest earns SolSmart bronze

The City of Oak Forest has received a bronze designation from the national SolSmart program for making it faster, easier, and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar. This designation recognizes Oak Forest for taking bold steps to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to solar development. For companies looking to expand, a SolSmart bronze designation is a signal that Oak Forest is “open for solar business.”

SolSmart is led by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council and the International City/County Management Association and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar

Energy Technologies Office. More than 450 cities, counties, and small towns have achieved SolSmart designation since the program launched in 2016.

“Our SolSmart designation is an accurate reflection on how we perceive solar energy for the community now and in the future,” said Mayor Hank Kuspa. “This designation reflects well on our staff from the Community and Economic Development Department, Building Department and Communications Director, who all assisted in meeting the requirements for this designation.”

As a SolSmart designee, Oak Forest is helping solar companies reduce the cost of

installations and pass those savings on to consumers. This allows even more local homes and businesses to obtain affordable, clean, and reliable electricity through solar. The actions Oak Forest has taken will help encourage solar companies to do business in the area, driving economic development, and creating local jobs.

As part of the SolSmart program, a team of national experts provides no-cost technical assistance to help communities achieve designation. SolSmart designees are now in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Interested communities can learn more at solsmart.org.

Sertoma Centre to mark the official opening of its new Multi-Family Supportive Residence

This is the next step in providing more housing opportunities for the disabled in the South Suburbs.

On Tuesday, April 19 at 10 a.m., Sertoma Centre, Inc. will officially mark the opening of the new supportive housing unit, Union Avenue Apartments (UAA), located at 14205 S. Union, Orland Park, IL. Joining Sertoma staff, Board members, and residents for the opening will be local officials and representatives from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, and The Housing Authority of Cook County. Union Avenue Apartments supports the state’s efforts to remove obstacles to safe and affordable housing to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

The need for permanent supportive housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities is high. In September 2021, when the site-based waitlist opened, the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) received over 500 applica-



tions for the Union Avenue Apartment’s 16 units. To be eligible, tenants must be disabled and need support services to live independently and qualify for the HACC’s Housing Choice Voucher Program. Like the supportive housing development Sertoma opened in Homewood, IL, in 2016, residents will receive social support and counseling, job training and placement, and assistance with grocery shopping and bill management through Sertoma Centre’s programs.

“Sertoma is committed to the personal success of the residents. Being able to offer on-site support services in an environment conducive to independent living is advantageous,” said Gus van den Brink, executive director of Sertoma Centre.

The apartment-style

complex features 13 one-bedroom and three two-bedroom units, each with its own kitchen, bathroom, and living space. The building includes a community outdoor patio area, laundry room, and secure entry. Many of the units are fully accessible or adaptable to allow the facility to evolve with the changing needs of the residents. Designed by WJW Architects, Union Avenue Apartments achieved the National Green Building Standard (NGBS) Bronze Certification.

Founded in 1971, Sertoma Centre, Inc. is a nationally accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and those living with mental illness. Learn more at www.sertomacentre.org.

Tinley Park Village Board recently voted on amendments and appointees

The Village Board voted to approve the sale of the 72-acre property at the southwest corner of 191st Street and Harlem Avenue to GSP Development of Des Plaines for \$1.7 million. The Village recently bought the property from Lincoln-Way High School District 210 for \$1.5 million.

Amanda Gaus was appointed as the Village’s new Special Events Specialist. Amanda has more than 15 years of experience in marketing, programming and special events management. She will start on Monday, April 18.

Orlando Pimentel was appointed 911 dispatcher.

Orlando has more than 26 years of experience in dispatching emergency and non-emergency services.

Timothy O’Hagan and William Murray were appointed to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Tim began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter in 1983 and has served the Tinley

Park community for more than 38 years. Bill joined the Tinley Park Fire Department in 2001 and rose through the ranks, serving most recently as Captain of Station 48.

Sandra Young was appointed as Application Support Analyst. Sandra has more than 24 years of experience in information tech-



nology, holding various front-end user and back-end development roles supporting the technology needs for a large organization.

Ricci Del Priore was appointed as the new Fire Department Chaplain.

Ricci is a pastor at Parkview Christian Church and has nearly 11 years of experience.

The Village Board profiled the Barketplace and VCI Med Spa as part of its ongoing Tinley Park Business Spotlight series.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Bid on Gala silent auction items before April 23rd



The Moraine Valley Foundation Fundraising Gala's "Mask-erade Night" is just days away. The annual event that raises funds for scholarships, student emergencies and innovation projects take place on Friday, April 22, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Moraine Business Conference Center on campus.

One of the most exciting parts of the Gala is the silent auction, where Gala attendees and those who are not able

to attend may bid on a wide variety of items, food, trips and experiences. The auction item shown in the photo above is a trip to French Lick Indiana, with complete golf package, and it is just one of the many items bidders could win. A sampling of auction items is shown below, in the link. Click on the photo for more information on each item.

A live auction also is planned that evening and includes a Chicago Staycation;

a beautiful handmade wine cabinet; a trip to Cabo; dining at Girl and the Goat and more! If you aren't able to attend the event for the live auction, you can submit your bids prior to the event, and we'll have a proxy bidder available for you in the room.

Bids may be placed on silent auction items now through April 23 with the auction closing at noon. Tickets are still available for the dinner, as well as raffle tickets to win two round-trip domestic airline tickets and other great prizes.

Bid at Gala Fundraising Dinner "Mask-erade Night" (aesbid.com) or at morainevalley.edu/gala.



Doranita Tyler elected to Crisis Center board

was a survivor and received services through the Crisis Center. "I freely share my story with women in similar circumstances as a means to encourage them to seek help and have hope," said Tyler, who reconnected with the agency as a donor in 2015.

Jennifer Kanacki, Crisis Center Board President said, "Doranita's skillset, energy and community outreach experience is exactly what we look for when exploring new additions to our Board."

For the past few years, Tyler has served on the organization's annual gala committee and participated as an ad hoc member of the Development Committee, which focuses on community engagement, fund-

raising and marketing. She has also been instrumental in securing funding for Crisis Center programs, including several large grants from American Dreams Foundation, the philanthropic arm of American Family Insurance.

"It is a blessing to serve on the Crisis Center Board and have a greater impact in helping survivors of domestic violence find the courage to live their dreams," said Tyler.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides emergency shelter, housing, counseling, advocacy, prevention and education to victims of domestic violence. For more information, visit www.crisisctr.org.

Speaker Ken Kasza will be at the Palos Heights Garden Club



Palos Heights Garden Club's May 23rd program

will be member, Ken Kasza speaking on Woodland Flowers.

PHGC meets at the Brigid O'Malley Auditorium at Lake Katherine. Program runs 7-8 p.m. Guest fee is \$5.00. Seating arrangements will continue from a social distancing handling.

Wearing of a mask is encouraged, though not 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!

Moraine Valley Foundation announces new scholarships

The Moraine Valley Foundation announced nearly 25 new scholarships were created during the past year. Various individuals and organizations donated to the Foundation to start the scholarships, which provided thousands of additional funds for the Foundation to distribute to students as they pursue their education.

"People start scholarships for a variety of reasons," said Patti Friend Mehallick, Moraine Valley Foundation's

director of alumni and programs. "They may want to remember a loved one, support a specific type of student, or area of study, or they simply want to help students who are struggling to pay their tuition."

Jodi Marneris, an alumna and retiree of the college, started several scholarships over the years with her husband, Rick, to help relieve the financial burden many students face.

Marneris and Farooqui

hope others will consider supporting the Foundation. "Whether you want to form your own scholarship or give to ones that already exist, you can make a profound difference," Farooqui said. Marneris added, "I wholeheartedly encourage people to give whatever they can."

For information on starting a Moraine Valley Foundation scholarship, contact Friend Mehallick at (708) 974-5551 or friendp5@morainevalley.edu.

MWRD tax abatement yields savings



Property owners will receive savings on future property taxes thanks to a pair of ordinances approved by the MWRD Board of Commissioners.

The ordinances will direct the Cook County Clerk to abate property taxes by more than a combined \$67 million. A portion of these tax reductions will be reflected in the second installment of 2021 real estate tax bills that will be mailed to homeowners later this year and will provide

additional savings in future tax levies.

The first abatement ordinance of more than \$11.2 million will reduce the tax for homeowners for the 2021 final tax levy for the stormwater capital project debt service requirement. This amount is no longer needed to pay the annual debt service related to the 2014, 2016, and 2021 stormwater alternate revenue bond issues and two stormwater loans with the IEPA because they will be fully funded by

the MWRD's Stormwater Tax Levy. A similar abatement ordinance was passed each of the last seven years and will be requested each year while the MWRD's bonds are outstanding. The life of these bonds is 30 years.

In January 2021, the MWRD completed the early redemption of five state revolving fund loans using funds accumulated by the MWRD for debt service restructuring. As a result, Commissioners also approved a second abatement that will provide for several future tax year levies in the MWRD's Bond and Interest Fund in an amount of more than \$56 million. The interest savings resulting from these pre-payments is nearly \$12.7 million. Read more. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (www.mwrdd.org).



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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



OLCHS Art Teacher Jen Clark and Student Artists

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce recognizes artists and winners

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce recognized both the student artists whose illustrations were included in the 2021 Fire & Safety Coloring Book and the winners of the annual Fire and Public Safety Coloring Book contest on April 12, 2022. Talented artists led by Art Teacher Jen Clark at Oak Lawn Community High School contributed the drawings that were showcased in the Coloring Book. They were honored with certificates at the April Chamber Member Luncheon.

Those artists include Elliot Flores, Breanna

Buttney, Hedaya Hasan, Madison Martin, Kathryn Paternostro, Abigail Rudea, Esmeralda Serna, Stefania Valle Aguilera, Tianna Villanueva, Ashari Williams, Vanessa Cruz, Neila Pirkl, and Anna Pohlmeier.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce again donated \$200 towards the OLCHS Art Program. The 1st place winners received a family membership to The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn plus a \$25 gift certificate to the museum. All winners received a \$25 gift certificate to the Children's Museum.

Fire Safety Coloring

Contest, (Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Fire Department): 1st Place: Giovanni Heredia, 3rd Grade, Harnew Elementary School; 2nd Place: Maryam Karimova, 3rd Grade, Kolb Elementary School; 3rd Place: Ivan Covarrubias, 3rd Grade, St. Germaine School.

Public Safety Coloring Contest, (Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Police Department): 1st Place: Niso Amriddinzoda, 4th Grade, Kolb Elementary School; 2nd Place: Samuel Hogue, 3rd Grade, Southwest Chicago Christian School; 3rd Place: Maeve Curley, 3rd Grade, St. Catherine School.

Art Department at EPCHS gets \$1,000 grant from Credit Union

The art department at Evergreen Park Community High School will benefit from winning the 2022 grant award from the Evergreen Park Schools Federal Credit Union.

The \$1,000 grant will allow two EPCHS art classes to provide students with the opportunity to go above and beyond the basics in the art curriculum.

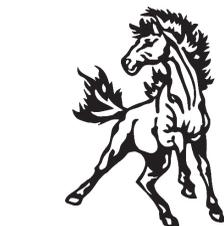
Art teachers Libby McArthur and Thomas Minarik plan to split the grant money between two

projects: one for the school's "Ceramics, Sculpture and Jewelry" class (CSJ) and the other for the Digital Photography course.

The purchases will allow EPCHS to "provide the special materials needed for the incorporation of glass as a unit," the art teachers wrote in their grant application.

"Many (school) districts don't have a jewelry component, especially a glass unit, because of the materials needed to do so."

In Digital Photography,



students will be able to "paint with light" using slow shutter speeds and light wands.

"The students will learn the function of the shutter speed in photography," the grant application states.

McArthur said "We are always looking for ways to enrich our students' experience and expand our program, and this opportunity will definitely help," she said.

EPCHS senior wins A. Franklin Pilchard Scholarship

An Evergreen Park Community High School senior has been awarded the A. Franklin Pilchard Scholarship, which recognizes students with exceptional academic talent and community service experience, among other attributes.

Adam Gradilla, who consistently holds a 4.0 grade point average, said he had to write a short essay and fill out an application in order to be considered for the scholarship.

"It was pretty simple because our counselors emailed me with everything I had to do and made it

a very smooth process," said Gradilla, who will attend college at DePaul University in Chicago this fall.

The scholarship awards Gradilla \$8,000 a year in tuition and room and board assistance for four years. Gradilla said he will be majoring in Finance at DePaul.

In addition to Gradilla's academic success at EPCHS, he has been a member of the school's marching band and concert band all four years.

Having band in Block 0 (an hour before most students start school) since he was a freshman has



helped Gradilla reach his academic success.

"I used to hate it as a freshman, but it has turned out to be pretty helpful," he said. "By the time 1st period comes I'm not in zombie mode, I'm ready to go."

Oak Lawn Park District receives \$1,000 PowerPlay! grant

Grade at School District's 122 and 123 with fun, structured, age-appropriate activities, arts & crafts, free play, an opportunity to do homework before and after school. Oak Lawn Park District staff provides the supervision, lead activities, and assist with homework.

"We were happy to be selected again as a grant recipient," said Cate Coyle, community pavilion general manager. "It shows how hard our staff works to bring such a quality, much-needed program to our community."

Oak Lawn Park District staff submitted the grant

back in February and were awarded the grant based on the quality of the program, staff training and development, safe and adequate facilities, consistent and defined program management, sustainability, transportation, program evaluation, along with ensuring the program meets guidelines regarding health, nutrition, and fitness for kids ages 5-13.

To help fund the grant program for future years, you can purchase a Park District Youth License Plate by visiting https://www.ilparks.org/page/pd_license_plate.

Senior citizens and 7th graders delivered gift of hope

Queen of Martyrs seventh graders join a team of volunteers to create custom Easter backpacks for 35 children from newborns

to 15-year-olds, who are living in homeless shelters sponsored by Margaret's Village on Chicago's south side.



Mercy Circle resident, Sister June Anselme and

Jesse White announces 18th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced today that entry forms are available for the 18th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award.

“We created the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition to promote creative writing and provide an outlet for talented writers,” White said. “Great poems have the ability to enrich and enhance our lives, and I am looking forward to celebrating talented poets with this year’s competition.”

The competition is

named in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, and is co-sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book and Illinois Poet Laureate Angela Jackson.

The competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2022. Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$500), second (\$300) and third place (\$100). Winning poems will be submitted for possible publication in the “Ninth Letter” literary arts journal, “Quiddity International Literary



Journal and Public Radio Program” and “RHINO Poetry” magazine.

Winners of the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition have gone on to achieve other great accomplishments, including winning other prestigious competitions, writing screenplays and publishing books.

Entry forms can be found at ilsos.gov/departments/library/center_for_the_book/emerging-writers.html. For more information, contact Illinois Center for the Book Coordinator Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.gov.

Illinois EPA announces \$750,000 in grants for low-income residential projects

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Director John J. Kim has announced that the Office of Energy has awarded \$789,398 in grant funding to three low-income residential properties in Illinois. The funded projects will reduce energy costs and improve thermal comfort in residences.

“The cost of energy is a substantial burden for many families in Illinois. This investment in low-income individual and multi-family residences will make a meaningful impact to conserve energy and lower utility costs,” said Director Kim. “The Illinois EPA looks forward to tracking the progress of these projects and improving the building performance of Illinois’ affordable housing inventory.”

In October 2021, Illinois EPA announced the

Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency Program, offering funding to public housing authorities, units of local government (municipalities, counties, or townships), or non-profit organizations that were customers of a municipally owned electric utility or an electric cooperative. Grant applications were ranked by multiple factors including the energy savings per dollar funded and geographic location within an Illinois EPA designated Environmental Justice Area of Concern. A total of \$789,398 in grant funding will be leveraged by \$67,767.60 in matching funds from the grantees. The grantees are:

1. Effingham County Public Housing Authority (Altamont public housing) \$464,730
2. Illinois Independent Living Center (Naperville multi-family building)



\$221,498

3. Keyhole to Opportunity NFP (Cairo affordable housing) \$103,170

The performance period for the grants will end in December 2022. These awards will collectively save the grantees 362,692 kWhs of energy annually. Implementation of weatherization best practices, window replacement, heating and cooling equipment retrofits, and lighting upgrades are examples of funded projects.

The grant program invests funding from the State of Illinois Energy Efficiency Trust Fund (20 ILCS 687/6-6). The Energy Efficiency Trust Fund was established to benefit residential electric customers through projects determined to reduce energy demand.

Water Division achieves Gold Level status

The Tinley Park Public Works Department’s Water Division recently achieved Gold Level status in the American Waterworks Association Illinois Sector’s

Water Ambassador Program, which strives to elevate public perception, knowledge and consumer education of the water industry by presenting a new communication platform

of educational and promotional content in a manner that is relevant, engaging and consistent. The Village met all requirements of the program to reach the highest level.

Homeowner Assistance Fund is available



be able to apply for as much as \$30,000 in free assistance to pay past-due mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance and delinquent homeowner and/or condo association fees.

The Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) has opened recently to help homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments and related housing expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible households will

Homeowners in need of assistance can find more information on program eligibility and how they can prepare to apply at www.IllinoisHousingHelp.org. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, May 31.

National Small Business week is in May

The Small Business Administration (SBA) will host National Small Business Week (NSBW) from May 1 to 7 to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Small businesses are the backbone of the Tinley Park economy and are vital to the community. Small businesses can use NSBW as an opportunity to help their business in many ways. During the week,

the Village will be sharing ways small businesses can raise brand awareness, recognize their employees and promote customer loyalty.

If you have any ideas you would like to share to help



promote National Small Business Week, please reach out to Carolyn Mitera at cmitera@tinleypark.org.

City of Hickory Hills is hosting a workshop April 19th

The City of Hickory Hills is hosting the first community workshop of the comprehensive planning process Tuesday April 19th, 6-8pm

at City Hall, 8652 W. 95th Street.

The workshop will include a series of informative engagement stations to give

the community an opportunity to learn more about the planning process and findings from the Existing Conditions Report. Visit the

project website to learn more and spread the word to family and friends. <https://engage.cmap.illinois.gov/hickory-hills-comprehensive-plan>.

Police warn of new phone scam

The Tinley Park Police Department would like to make the public aware of a new phone scam in which callers contact residents and request bond payments for family members who were in police custody.

Scammers research their victims’ information and have intimate details regarding victims’ families, which they use as part of the scam. Please keep in mind that law enforcement agencies will never ask for cash money or money orders over the phone.

Residents with elderly relatives are asked to inform



their family members of this scam.

Residents should contact the Tinley Park Police Department at (708) 532-9111 and verify all information if they believe the telephone calls are legitimate. These scammers are not local and obtain information from websites.

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Naturally boost your immunity year-round with Vitamin C-rich frozen strawberries

(NAPS)—As greater importance is placed on building strong immune systems these days, nutrients such as vitamin C are gaining in popularity. According to the Office of Dietary Supplements, fruits and vegetables are the best source of vitamin C. Getting your vitamin C from food helps the body absorb the vitamin better and minimizes any risk of toxicity.

A serving of 8 large strawberries has a full day's worth of vitamin C, about the same as a large navel orange.

Strawberries' vitamin C may work in synergy with their fiber, flavonoids and other compounds to

promote health beyond the immune system. In June 2020, six different universities presented research on the potential health benefits of strawberries at a top nutrition conference.

Frozen strawberries provide the same nutritional benefits as the fresh ones. They're harvested at their peak nutrition and frozen immediately. Science shows no significant differences in vitamins, minerals, fiber or antioxidants between fresh and frozen strawberries. People can feel good about having affordable, nutritious frozen strawberries with a longer shelf-life all year long. When peak



Add a sweet bit of nutrition to your breakfast with California strawberry waffles

season ends, freezing strawberries can be a great option. It's easy to do. Simply rinse strawberries under cool, running water and gently pat dry. After removing the stems, place strawberries on a parchment-lined cookie sheet and freeze for 24 hours. Then transfer the strawberries to a plastic freezer bag. Strawberries can stay in the freezer for several months.

Here's a nutritious recipe using frozen strawberries

in waffles: Strawberry Oat Waffles; Time: 15 minutes; Yield: 6 mini/3 regular waffles; 1 cup oat flour; 1/2 cup plant-based milk; 3 Tbsp oil; 1 egg; 1 tsp vanilla extract; 1 tsp baking powder; 1/2 cup chopped frozen California strawberries; and cooking spray.

Optional Toppings: maple syrup, fresh California strawberries.

Preheat a waffle maker. Whisk together flour, milk, oil, egg, vanilla, and baking powder until smooth. Gently fold strawberries into the mixture. Grease the waffle iron with cooking spray and pour in 1/2 cup batter. Cook until golden brown on both sides for about 2-3 minutes. Repeat until all batter is cooked.

Nutrition for this recipe is available at www.CaliforniaStrawberries.com/strawberry-oat-waffles.



Evergreen Park's Barn at 50 Acre Park wins grant

The Village of Evergreen Park today announced the Barn at 50 Acre Park has won a \$350 CookFresh Community Urban Garden Grant from the Cook County Farm Bureau.

"This grant will allow us to partner with Northeast School in Evergreen Park on a 30-day garden project," said Mary Kay Nielsen, Barn Manager. "We will be working with the students on a salad garden from planting through consumption." The grant will be used

for plantings, seeds, garden supplies and materials.

The 30-day garden project will expose students to urban agriculture. They will learn where their food comes from and how it grows, and hopefully inspire them to eat more vegetables. With their own garden space to tend to, participants will feel ownership and get satisfaction from seeing the results of their hard work. The garden project will begin later this spring.



Evergreen Park's annual Farmers Market opening soon

Evergreen Park Farmers Market is open on Thursdays, from May 5th to October 27, 2022. Market

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Exploring long term support options – what's the best choice for you?

Older and disabled adults and their family members and friends who support them are often not aware of all the services and supports that are available. Options counseling focuses on exploring these long term support options to help older and disabled adults and their families make the best choices for themselves.

Long term support options may include figuring out how to remain in the adults or a family member's home, learning about community options for support, or exploring placement options.

An options counselor can help you develop your own

personal long-term care plan and connect you to options and supports that help you remain in the community. Stickney Township Office on Aging's Options Counselor is trained to work with you, and/or family members to connect you to vital resources and services that fit your current situation.

Who do we serve? Seniors age 60 and over; persons with disabilities; and family members and caregivers.

Examples of service: information about long-term services; assistance with referrals; follow up and planning next steps; and counseling when you need it.

Please call 708-636-8850 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



Ollie celebrates 2nd birthday

dents at Smith Crossing once a week.

"For residents and staff, a visit with Ollie always brings a smile, even for those who may have trouble communicating verbally," says Amanda Mauceri, executive director at Smith Crossing. "We see everyone's face light up when Ollie visits." The community celebrated Ollie's birthday with cake, balloons, treats, and party favors.

For more information about Smith Crossing, please visit SmithCrossing.org or call 708-326-2300.

As a therapy dog, Ollie brings joy to residents at Smith Crossing, a life plan community in Orland Park. So, residents were thrilled to reflect back that love by honoring Ollie with a celebration of his second birthday. The golden retriever lives with Tammy Carmody in Orland Park and visits resi-

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Tinley Park Community Band's spring concert is Sunday May 1st

The Tinley Park Community Concert Band, directed by Barbara Abarro, presents their annual free Spring Concert on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 3:00 pm, in the Art Beckmann Performing Arts Center (enter door no. 3) at Central Middle School, 18146 Oak

Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477. Musical selections include rousing marches and uplifting spring music. The Concert Band was established in 1987. Members come from all over Chicagoland. Musicians age 14 and older are invited to join. There are no auditions

or residency requirements. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7 - 9 p.m. at Tinley Park Community Church, 7939 167th Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477. For more information, visit www.tinleyband.org. E-mail: tinleyband@gmail.com, phone: 708-620-7701.

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Chicago Philharmonic presents *Aretha Rising*

The Chicago Philharmonic Society proudly presents *Aretha Rising*, on May 29, 2022, Memorial Day Weekend at Harris Theater for Music and Dance (205 E Randolph, Chicago). Led by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Scott Speck, this family-friendly concert features Aretha Franklin's greatest pop, soul, and gospel songs, plus more by Stevie Wonder, James Brown, and Sam Cooke. Single tickets ranging from \$10-\$75 are now available

at harristheaterchicago.org. "This concert will be a musical journey for the listener," said Maestro Speck. "We'll be paying homage to Aretha's background in gospel with *Amazing Grace* and *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, and then we fast forward to later in her career with *A Natural Woman* and *Respect*, and we even dip into her *Blues Brothers*' single. What's especially impressive is that our vocalists really live up to the challenge of singing these iconic

songs, and of course, their 'backup band' is one of the world's great orchestras, the Chicago Philharmonic, which continues to amaze me with its virtuosity and versatility."

For the safety of patrons and musicians, all audience members, musicians, and staff are required to show proof of vaccination or a recent negative test to enter the Harris Theater. Masks will be worn by all throughout the performance.



Sex Tips for straight women from a gay man

Voted Best Comedy for Couples, *Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man* has been sharing its interactive, upbeat brand of comedy with theater audiences all across America for nearly a decade! Showing now through Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Following smash-hit runs in Las Vegas and New York City where it became Off-Broadway's longest-running comedy, this "uproariously funny" show is finally bringing its "big laughs

and naughty fun" to Chicago's Greenhouse Theater Center in the heart of Lincoln Park. *Sex Tips* has recently been showcased on television in three different reality series whose stars performed in the show, including Kendra On Top, *Real Housewives of New York*, and *Shahs of Sunset*. The popularity of this production is no surprise given its source material is the international best-selling book of the same title, which has been published in over 50 different countries and translated into 17 different languages.

Performing every Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday at 8pm, *Sex Tips* promises to be the only interactive show in Chicago aimed at making the entire planet a funnier and sexier place to live, one tip at a time!

For more information, including photos and videos of the show, visit SexTipsPlay.com

For tickets or more information, call the Greenhouse box office at 773-404-7336. Tickets are \$49.95. \$64.95 with a free drink \$79.95

All guests must provide proof of vaccination and wear a mask to enter the Greenhouse Theater Center 2257 N Lincoln Ave Chicago, IL 60614.

Joffrey presents world premiere '*Of Mice and Men*'

The Joffrey Ballet proudly presents a spring program featuring the world-premiere adaptation of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* by choreographer Cathy Marston, set to a score by Academy Award-nominated composer Thomas Newman. The program will be presented during the Joffrey's inaugural season at the historic Lyric Opera House in downtown Chicago at 20 North Upper

Wacker Drive, in ten performances only, April 27-May 8, 2022.

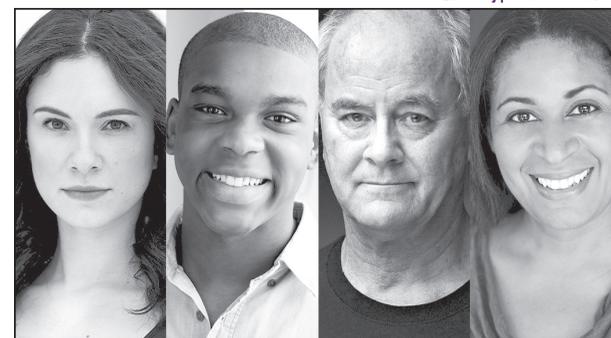
The dance story follows George Milton and Lennie Small, two drifters looking for work on the golden farms of Depression-era California. When tragedy strikes, George and Lennie face difficult choices that test the nature of their friendship. Marston goes from page-to-stage with Steinbeck's tender tale of friendship,

perseverance, and sacrifice, with an original score by multiple Academy Award-nominated composer Thomas Newman.

The Joffrey Ballet performs its spring program April 27 through May 8, 2022. The full performance schedule and tickets, priced from \$35 to \$199, are available for purchase at The Joffrey Ballet's official Box Office or online at joffrey.org.

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reached at 312-595-5600, Tuesday-Saturday 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Director Shana Cooper's striking productions have been celebrated on stages across the country, from off Broadway to Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Her visceral approach to story-

telling infuses movement and music, providing a perfect complement to Shakespeare's poetic language.

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Broadway in Chicago presents *SIX the Musical*



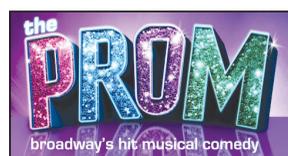
new original musical is the global Critic's Pick and The Washington Post hails *SIX* as "Exactly the kind of energizing, inspirational illumination this town aches for!"

Playing at CBIC Theatre, now through July 3, 2022. Eighty minutes no intermission. Tickets are \$25 ticket lottery for *SIX the Musical*. This is a digital lottery with a limited number of \$25 seats. For more details go to <https://lottery.broadwaydirect.com/show/six-chicago>.

After taking Broadway by storm, *SIX* has made a triumphant return to Chicago. From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the *SIX* wives of

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by Tony Award winner Casey Nicholaw and a book by Tony Award winner Bob Martin and Chad Beguelin, music by Tony Award nominee Matthew Sklar and lyrics by Tony Award nominee Chad Beguelin.

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All patrons, regardless of age must have a ticket. Recommended for ages 12

or older. Tickets through Ticketmaster.com or BroadwayinChicago.com. Or try your luck for \$25 ticket lottery for *The Prom*. This is a digital lottery with a limited number of \$25 seats. For more details go to <https://lottery.broadwaydirect.com/show/prom-chicago>.

Broadway In Chicago presents the *Moulin Rouge the Musical*



Conor Ryan as Christian

The musical began performances at Chicago's James M. Nederlander Theatre on March 19 through May

14, 2022. Directed by Tony winner Alex Timbers, the production features Tony-winning choreography by Sonya Tayeh.

Courtney Reed and Conor Ryan lead the company as Satine and Christian, respectively. Joining them are Austin Durant as Harold Zidler, André Ward as Toulouse-Lautrec, David Harris as The Duke of Monroth, Gabe Martínez as Santiago and

Libby Lloyd as Nini. *Moulin Rouge!* The Musical is based on Baz Luhrmann's hit 2001 film of the same name. The show won 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Tickets are \$25 ticket lottery for *Moulin Rouge*. This is a digital lottery with a limited number of \$25 seats. For more details go to <https://lottery.broadwaydirect.com/show/mr-chicago>.



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Oak Lawn's Collins powers up for big week on diamond



Written by Brian Frangella, OLCCHS Staff Writer

For a sophomore pitcher hitting in the middle of the lineup on the Oak Lawn Community High School baseball team, there is a lot

of pressure to deliver at the plate and on the mound. Last week, Ethan Collins met those expectations and more. And now he deserves a bit of the spotlight.

The left-hander threw a no-hitter and blasted a home run in a victory over South Suburban Conference Red opponent Argo. He followed that performance with another homer later in the week as the Spartans completed the season sweep of the Argonauts. Finally, he

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capped off his huge week with an RBI in a win against nonconference foe Morton. The Spartans have opened the conference season with a 4-0 record.

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Oak Forest High School organized Wheelchair Basketball Showdown fundraiser

A team of employees from the City of Oak Forest participated in the Wheelchair Basketball Showdown, a community fundraiser for the Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) organized by Oak Forest High School. After a brief warmup, the city's team played the first 10-minute quarter against the LWSRA

Hawks, who only allowed two baskets by Police Chief Jason Reid and Fire Chief Gary Kasper. The Hawks also faced Oak Forest High School faculty and staff, members of the girl's softball and basketball teams, and members of the boy's basketball team. The fundraiser included fun activities, such as a hula hoop contest and half-court chal-

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