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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Governor Pritzker Launches Illinois Cares for Kids Statewide Enrollment Campaign "I Got Love / ¡Siento Amor!"

Governor JB Pritzker announced the launch of "I Got Love/¡Siento Amor!"; the statewide enrollment campaign for childcare and early education services, featuring Illinois artists, musicians, and production partners.

To help increase early childhood and care enrollment statewide, the campaign is investing \$12.7 million in amplifying information about Illinois' one-stop-shop for all things early childhood, the Illinois Cares for Kids website, which has a search engine for local programs, information on childcare subsidy programs, and many other resources on the importance of early learning. Illinois Cares for Kids is a place parents, grandparents, caretakers, teachers, and childcare providers can access all things related to early childhood in Illinois.

"We're making Illinois the best state in the nation to raise a child and it's essential to ensure families have access to affordable early childhood education and care to build a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Illinois Cares for Kids helps Illinois families choose from hundreds of local providers to find the right match for their children."

The "I Got Love/¡Siento Amor!" campaign is available in English and Spanish and features an Illinois-based local artistic collaboration spreading the message that Illinois is full of people who care. The campaign will

target families in need of childcare and early learning supports to showcase the importance of early learning programs and how the state can support families looking to enroll in one. "I Got Love/¡Siento Amor!" was a natural vehicle to musically convey the message. Nat King Cole, the singer of "I Got Love," has roots in Illinois, having gained early fame as a piano player while living in Chicago.

The enrollment campaign is part of Governor Pritzker's Learning Renewal Efforts and is a collaboration between the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Illinois Department of Human Services, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"We want to increase awareness among families that early childhood education programs are consistently open, safe, and serving children. We want Illinois families to feel empowered to quickly and efficiently locate early childhood education educators and resources," said Dr. Jamilah R. Jordan, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

The Illinois Department of Human Services, through the Division of Early Childhood, provided funding for community-based outreach grants. These grants support local community outreach to increase enrollment and are available to all 102



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counties across Illinois. The state identified a need to reach communities and families with timely, accurate information necessary to make informed decisions about the well-being of their children.

"It's important that families feel comfortable with the people taking care of their children," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. "Illinois Cares for Kids shows families the quality of care they can

receive and gives parents and caretakers the tools to make informed decisions about childcare and early learning."

The campaign also includes a statewide Text Messaging Platform, Ready for K, that offers fun facts and tips on children's learning and development, available in multiple languages.

More information on programs is available at www.illinoiscaresforkids.org.

St. Donatus Feast & Carnival

It's that time of year again! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the 117th Annual St. Donatus Feast. Enjoy five days of live music, great food, fun rides, bingo, delicious pizza, beef and sausage, clams, Italian ice, grand raffle and more. Everyone one is welcome to join the fun and visit our Feast and Carnival

from Wednesday, August 3rd thru Sunday, August 7th, 2022. At 1939 Union Street, Blue Island.

We have Mega Pass for \$45 for all 5 days with unlimited rides or \$35 for unlimited rides for a single day pass. Live music Wednesday thru Sunday. For more information call 708-385-2890.

ICash coming to Midlothian Public Library

The Illinois State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division connects state residents with their unclaimed property. The state currently has \$2.5 billion dollars in cash plus contents from Illinois bank safe deposit boxes, which need to be returned to Illinois residents. It's easy for Illinois residents to discover if they have assets waiting for them through the ICash program.

ICash representatives will be at Midlothian Public Library every Tuesday in August and every Wednesday in September from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to help Illinois residents

find and get back money that is theirs.

The process is simple! ICash representatives will enter the Illinois resident's name into their search field. If there is a match, they will assist in getting a claim started. If all the required forms are properly submitted, the unclaimed property should be redeemed in 3 to 4 months.

The program is free, and no registration is required. Anyone can simply drop by the library during the advertised hours. If these hours are not convenient, residents may call the Library's Help Desk at (708) 535-2027 for more information.

National Night Out-Tuesday, August 2nd in Crestwood



Today, more than ever, it is important for our community and police department to have an open relationship. We want the residents of Crestwood to know the police officers that protect and serve the community.

National Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd and will be held at Walker Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Crestwood Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, other local businesses, and the citizens in this area will all come together to enjoy a fun filled family event.

Just as in past years, this event is completely free and we will have a variety of displays, information booths, music and various games for all who attend. Hot Dogs and Burgers as well as many other refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, contact Commander Art Ronan at 708-371-4800 or aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov.

Blue Island Farmers' Market

The Blue Island Farmers' Market returns! Browse a great selection of local food, crafts, plants, and more! On the Northeast corner of Western Avenue and York Street, On Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2022.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Pictured from left: Trustee Richmond, Trustee Budzyn, Trustee Engler, Trustee Metanias, Mayor Fleischer, Trustee Dauphinais, and Trustee Fedora

Your elected officials are pleased to announce Mokena's new Police Department has officially broken ground!

Recently the Village Board, Public Safety Facility Planning Committee, Village staff, and representatives from Studio GC Architects and Henry Bros. Construction gathered to

commence construction of the new police department with a groundbreaking ceremony.

The future site, located at the northwest corner of 191st Street and 104th

Avenue, will be a modernized facility enriched with innovative officer resources and technology intended to enhance the safety of our community for years to come.



Cooling Center in Orland Park

The Orland Park Police Department is the primary cooling center for the Orland Park community. Residents who need relief from the extreme temperatures may go to the station at 15100 South Ravinia Avenue, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please review these simple heat safety tips to help you and your loved ones stay cool and safe:

- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes;

- Limit strenuous outdoor activity, find shade and/or air conditioning, take breaks and stay hydrated;

- Look before you lock: never leave children or pets unattended in hot cars;

- Check on the elderly, individuals with medical conditions and those without air conditioning;

- Know the symptoms of heat stroke and heat exhaustion and seek emergency help by dialing 911 if needed.

Visit the Village's main cooling center, the Orland Park Police Station, at 15100 Ravinia Avenue for safe relief from the summer heat.

Wolf Road bridge over I-80 closed

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has confirmed that the Wolf Road bridge over I-80 will be closed for rehabilitation, and will remain closed until shortly before the end of the 2022.

If you regularly commute on Wolf Road north to Orland Park and points beyond, please plan accordingly and budget extra time for travel.

Village Board meeting highlights

The Tinley Park Village Board met recently for its regular meeting at Village Hall. Highlights include:

Water Award: A representative from the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association presented the Village with the inaugural Water Ambassador Gold Level Award. The Water Ambassador Program is an initiative created to increase public perception, knowledge and consumer education of the water industry.

Village Vixens: The Board recognized Village employees Julie Peterson and Rebecca Sierra, along with coach Allen Lorenzen, who were named Second

Place National Women's Champions at the Hydrant Hysteria Competition in San Antonio. During the competition, participants are timed to assemble a completely dismantled fire hydrant. Named the Village Vixens. **Police Appointments:** The Village conducted swearing-in ceremonies for Sgt. Brian Wood and officers Roberto Frias, Michael Jones, Jake Kelley, Alex Neufeld and Jake Thompson. The Board also approved the appointment of Janet Schmeckpeper to the position of Police Clerk Matron. Congrats to all!

Parish Proclamation: The Board issued a proclamation recognizing Tinley Park

resident Patricia Kmak for her 48 years of dedication to St. Julie Billiart Parish. Patricia led the religious education program at the Parish.

Municipal Treasurers: The Village Board declared August 7 to 14 as Municipal Treasurers Week and extended its appreciation to the members of the Village's Finance Department.

Business Spotlight: The Village Board welcomed a representative from the MiraCare Behavioral Healthcare Center for Children and Adolescents as part of its ongoing Tinley Park Business Spotlight series. Watch the presentation at the link below.

Brewfest Returns to Orland Park

Tickets Include 20 beer tastings, dinner and live entertainment!

Discover your new favorite craft beer at the Village of Orland Park Brewfest on Saturday, September 17 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. This year's event features offerings from local craft breweries, a full dinner spread and live entertainment. The Brewfest will be held at the Village of Orland Park Public Works building located at 15655 S. Ravinia Avenue.

"We are looking forward to hosting another fun summer event for residents and guests of Orland Park," said Mayor Keith Pekau. "This event is a great all-inclusive evening that is quickly becoming a favorite amongst residents and many from surrounding communities."

The Brewfest is sponsored by Mazda of Orland Park and includes numerous sampling stations with over

50 selections of ales from some of the region's favorite craft breweries.

"Our event is unique in that everything is included," said Ray Piattoni, Director of Recreation and Parks. "Ticket holders will have no extra charges for food, drinks or entertainment as they may incur at similar events of this kind."

Tickets are limited and available in advance at www.universe.com/brewfest. The cost is \$40.00 per ticket through August 7th; \$45.00 per ticket from August 8th through September 4th; \$50.00 per ticket from September 5th through September 16th and \$55.00 per ticket at the door. The ticket price includes 20 beer tastings, a full dinner by City BBQ and a souvenir glass. Designated driver tickets are \$20.00 each and include a full dinner, a souvenir glass and non-alcoholic beverages.



Live entertainment will be provided by band Fletcher Rockwell who are widely known for their original songs and clever versions spanning everything from vintage Tom Petty, Paul Simon and Talking Heads to contemporary roots revivalists Chris Stapleton, Dawes and Mumford & Sons.

Attendees are encouraged to utilize a designated driver or a car service to travel to and from the event. For more information, please contact the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at (708) 403-5000.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Governor Pritzker announces grants for local park projects throughout Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker today announced \$30.3 million in grants for local park projects that will help communities acquire open space and develop and improve recreational facilities throughout Illinois.

“Investments in our local parks are investments in our communities,” Gov. Pritzker said. “Park projects don’t just create jobs and boost local economic development, they open the gateway for a healthier, happier Illinois. Every family in our state

deserves nearby access to outdoor public spaces where they can gather with their friends and neighbors, and enjoy some sunshine, too.”

2022 OSRAD grant awards: Cook County Alsip Park District, skate park redevelopment \$203,500; Chicago Park District, Marian R. Byrnes Park \$500,000; Cook County Forest Preserve outdoor recreation amenities \$1,150,000; Lemont Park District, Downtown Linear Park development \$400,000;



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City of Palos Heights, Orchard Park development \$282,100; Tinley Park- Park District, Buedingen Park redevelopment \$311,500; and Worth Park District, Peaks Park improvements \$146,500.

Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) announces Vice President Promotions

Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) CEO/President Jim Garrett announced the promotions of two staffers at the quarterly Board of Directors meeting on July 27.

Kim Kislowski was promoted from Director of Marketing to Vice President of Marketing. The longest tenured CSCVB employee at 32 years, Kislowski has been the architect behind the CSCVB website and all publications including the annual Visitors Guide which is considered the most useful tool for visitors and residents alike looking for things to do, places to see and eat, and where guests can stay in the Chicago Southland. When she’s not helping plan her daughter’s wedding, the recent empty-nester devotes even more time

to CSCVB promotion by posting on social media seven days-a-week.

Mary Patchin was promoted from Director of Sales to Vice President of Sales. Mary has spent her entire 23-year CSCVB career in the sales department. Known for being incredibly active in the CVB World, Mary has served as the former Chair of Meet in Illinois for 8 years, received the Certified Destination Management Executive Designation by Destinations International in 2012, and was recognized by Collaborate magazine (now Connect) as 40 under 40 in the CVB World in 2014. She’s instrumental in coordinating the national sales trade-show schedule and other sales activities to bring group business (meetings, sports, group tours, and



social events) to the region. When she’s not selling the Chicago Southland, Mary enjoys spending time with her husband and pets.

“Both Kim and Mary have been integral members of the CSCVB family and this promotion was certainly earned and frankly, long overdue,” Garrett said beamingly.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination management and marketing organization for Chicago’s 62 south and southwest suburbs. The Chicago Southland CVB nationally markets and sells the Chicago Southland region as a destination for meetings and conventions, group tour, sports events and leisure travel. For more information, go to VisitChicagoSouthland.com.

Honor Wall in Chicago Ridge

Chicago Ridge wants to recognize village residents serving in the military and is asking for help to gather an accurate representation. The village has constructed a glass case to be displayed in the atrium of the Eugene L. Siegel Municipal Complex, 10455 Ridgeland Avenue, to recognize and honor

soldiers from Chicago Ridge on active duty. The case will include photos and information about each soldier.

“They are out there defending and serving our country and they should be recognized,” Tokar said. “We would like to recognize these people with a nice space in the atrium to honor them.”

You can drop off 5 by 7-inch photos of soldiers at Village Hall. Please include the following information:

Soldier’s name
Serving branch of the military

Information about who they are, where they are stationed, and when they are returning home.

National Night Out for the City of Palos Hills

The City of Palos Hills will be hosting its 6th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, from 6:30-8:30pm. Help us celebrate law enforcement. There will be an inflatable, face painting and police vehicles among other things. Program will take place at Town Square Park, 8455 W. 103rd Street.

2022 Fall Tree Planting for Palos Park

The 2022 Fall Tree Program will begin on August. The Public Works Department has jurisdiction of the public rights of way in the Village. The area of the right of ways which are not paved streets may have underground utilities, drainage ditches, and landscaping.

Each year residents are given the opportunity to have ONE tree added to the landscaping in the Village

right of way adjacent to their property. The trees are planted through the Village’s itrees.com Fall Tree Planting Program. There is no cost to the resident for the tree or the planting; however, residents are asked to water the tree until the tree is established (typically during the fall and again the next spring).

Trees will be planted in late October or early November. The 2022 Fall Tree planting program will begin on

August. Please choose the type of tree you would like planted from the 2022 Tree Availability list can be found on our website, www.palos-park.org.

Call the Village Hall 708-671-3700 and request to be placed on the Fall Tree Planting List. You will need to provide the type of tree you have chosen, your name, address, and a phone number where you can be reached.

Chipper Service for City of Palos Heights

The City Palos Heights will commence curbside pickup for brush from now until the last week of October. Collection will be made by the Public Works Department once a week, weather permitting. Residents are instructed to place the trimmings in an organized pile near the edge of the road or behind the curb in front of their property with the stub end facing the street. Patience is requested after heavier storms due to large amount of debris collected.

Brush pickup is for branches only (not entire trees) and for branches cut down by residents and not tree cutting services. If you have a tree cut down, the tree service must remove all branches and logs. The City does not have resources or equipment to pick up logs, stumps, or branches more than 6 inches in diameter.

Chipper Service Rules: All branches must be out at 7:00 am on Monday to accommodate pick-up the same week. Branches should measure between 3’ and 8’ in length and not greater than 4 inches in diameter.

Place all branches in the parkway and not on streets or in ditches, with cut ends facing the street to aid in their removal. Improperly stacked branch piles (cross stacked or bird nest stacked piles) will be passed by and will not be picked up until they are properly restacked.

Piles of branches should be no larger than 4’ high and 10’ in length. Any branches outside of these parameters will not be collected.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Ridgeland School Dist. 122 announces the construction of a new Fine Arts building



By Nancy Havlin
The former Party City building located near Ridgeland and 95th Street has been purchased, utilizing grant funds, by Ridgeland School District 122 and is currently being renovated to become a new Fine Arts building for students. Having the new Fine Arts building will allow the District to accomplish quite a few tasks for the Simmons Middle School community. The current band and art rooms are being moved to the Fine Arts building in order to provide more classroom space for students in the main school.

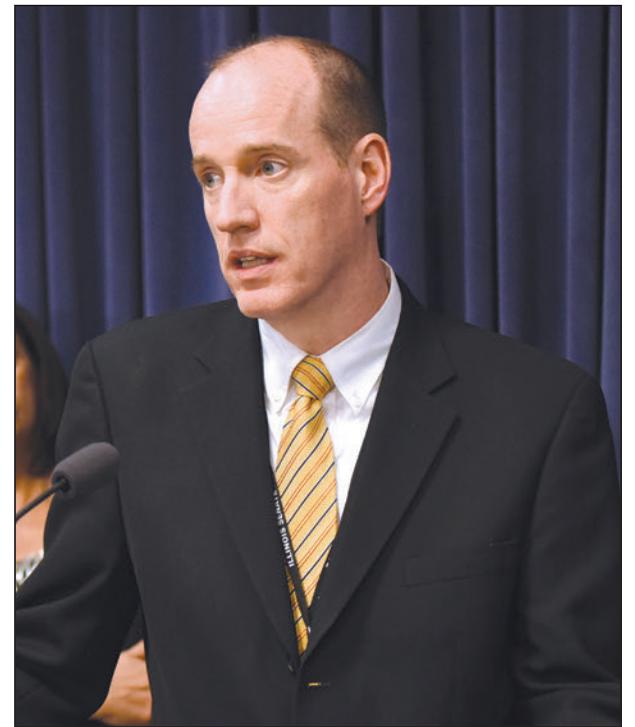
Students will also be able to enjoy additional encore course experiences at the middle school, with the new addition of a Family and Consumer Science classroom, where students will learn basic cooking skills and home economics. A General Music Classroom is also being added. Allowing students, a multitude of opportunities opens up for these adolescents to have exposure to many other options prior to making choices at the high schools. Currently, beyond their core classes, the students at Simmons Middle School have encores in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Communication and Media Arts, Research and

Communications, General Art, and Constitutional Studies for the 7th graders. Ridgeland School District is excited to be able to provide these new learning experiences for the students in the community.

Please join us on Thursday, August 11th for the Grand Opening of the Fine Arts Center at 6440 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, IL, from 6pm to 8pm. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is at 6:15pm. You can tour the building, see interactive demos, and view community art projects. There will be light refreshments served.

For further information call the school at 708-599-5550.

Cunningham announces new school infrastructure funding coming to area



State Senator Bill Cunningham

Thanks to a new round of funding from the Illinois State Board of Education, State Senator Bill Cunningham announced seven area schools will receive a total of \$350,000 in grants for infrastructure improvements.

“Funding school projects helps improve the education experience of our students,” said Cunningham, a Democrat who represents portions of Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. “Prioritizing schools shows we are prioritizing students.”

A total of \$30 million in 2022 School Maintenance Grants was distributed to districts across the state. To be eligible for the grants, applicants were required to match the state funds and commit to completing proposed projects within two years.

Projects made possible thanks to these grants include updates to heating

and cooling, improvements to ventilation, increased accessibility throughout buildings and more.

Projects in Cunningham’s district include the following schools:

Palos Community Consolidated School District 118;

Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123;

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124;

Worth School District 127;

Chicago Ridge School District 127-5;

Orland School District 135;

Oak Lawn Community High School District 229.

“The type of learning environment a student is in can make all the difference,” Cunningham said. “These grants show we see the needs of our students and we are stepping up by investing in their futures.”

A full list of grantees and awards can be viewed on the ISBE website.

Village of Evergreen Park vehicle sticker renewal

Renew your Evergreen Park vehicle sticker online, by mail, or drop it off at village hall at 9418 South Kedzie Ave. The new sticker must be displayed by September 15. To order online visit Evergreen Park V-Pay (green-pay.us).

Palos Heights Classic Car show raises funds for Moraine Valley scholarship

The Moraine Valley Foundation announced Tomas Martinez, of Justice, is the recipient of the 2022 Palos Heights Beautification Committee Automotive Technology Scholarship. The announcement naming the scholarship recipient was made at the Palos Heights Classic Car Event recently.

The Palos Heights Beautification Committee

started this scholarship in 2021 to help support Moraine Valley Community College students who want to pursue a career in the automotive field. The award can be used toward the recipient’s tuition, fees, and/or books. Funds for the scholarship are raised out of proceeds from the annual Palos Heights Classic Car Show, which is one of the

largest shows in the area.

“We are grateful to the Palos Heights Beautification Committee for supporting our Automotive Technology Program with this generous scholarship,” said Patti Mehallick, director of Alumni and Annual Programs for the Moraine Valley Foundation.

Criteria for the scholarship includes current

enrollment in the Moraine Valley Community College Automotive Technology Program, a cumulative 2.0 GPA, a minimum of six credit hours in the semester in which the award is received, financial need and residing in Palos Heights, Palos Park, Palos Hills, Orland Park, Orland Hills, Worth, Alsip, Crestwood, Chicago Ridge, Hickory Hills or Justice.



Dear Worth Township Residents,

Is it just me or does it feel like this summer is flying by? As we plan for the back-to-school season, I want to take a moment to congratulate our counselors for another job well done on our summer youth camp. It is so rewarding to hear camper stories about which camp activity was their

favorite and why.

August is also when property tax bills are due but this year they will be delayed. Be sure to read about the latest information on tax bills from the update by our Worth Township Assessor Shaun C. Murphy.

The Township began its new program with

the Economic Strategies Development Corporation (ESDC). ESDC kicked off the program by offering free professional portrait sessions for job applicants to use for business cards, resumes, LinkedIn profiles, and other platforms. Read on to learn more about this exciting new program to help residents gain job skills and more.

Lastly, I want to thank our Worth Township veterans for once again inviting me to the Annual Korean War Memorial Service, held



Patricia Joan Murphy

at Kennedy Park, in Mt. Greenwood. Watch our Facebook page next month as we share this story and start the "Thank You for Your Service" monthly post.

From the Clerks Corner

A medical accident or surgery can be difficult to cope with on its own. But if you or a loved one also needs a wheelchair, cane, crutches, or a walker, the financial burden can be difficult to handle. And what to do with those medical devices if you no longer need them?

"I'm very proud of the Nurse's Closet which has been quietly helping residents save money for more than twenty years," said Township Clerk Nella Piccolin. "This free service is supported entirely through donations and your donations will be greatly appreciated by the next family in need." The Nurse's Closet is a free library type of service that loans medical equipment to residents for 90 days. Items are available for adults and children and if the item is needed for longer than 90, an extension can be given. So, don't buy call the Nurse's Closet to see if they have what you need.

Frankfort comprise parts of Orland park, Tinley Park, and all of Mokena.

Nella Piccolin, 815-464-3180.

Cook County Property Tax bills delayed

Property Tax Bills: The 2nd installment of the 2021 Cook County Property Tax bills will be delayed according to Worth Township Assessor Shaun C. Murphy. Usually, the 2nd installment tax bills are mailed out July 1st due August 1st, however, this year there will be a delay, and should be mailed out by the end of the year.

Tax Appeal Information: Cook County Assessor Office

assigns each Township dates; we are still currently waiting for the Cook County Assessor Office to assign dates for Worth Township 2022 Appeal dates. You may contact our office at the beginning of each month to see if we have the dates or you may check the Cook County Assessor website under Appeals, Calendar and Deadlines. Visit our website at <https://worthtownship.com/departments/assessors-office>.

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This 26,000 sq. ft. multi-use facility sits atop an ornately landscaped 11.5 acre parcel with 325 on-site parking spots. The elegant event venue which hosted hundreds of thousands of guests over the past 45 years was recently closed due to the ownership retiring. Potential uses include car dealership, event space, restaurant, senior housing, various medical uses, training, office, hotel, business incubator, educational uses, and much more.

**Previously Valued to \$12,500,000
Suggested Opening Bid \$2,500,000**

On-site Inspections noon to 2pm on August 24, 30, and September 8 and by appointment.

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Public Welcome for 2022

The Labor Day Weekend Luau-Block Party & Celebration
Sunday, September 4th, 1-7pm
Live Entertainment by "Five Guys Name Moe" from 3-6pm
We will have Food, Beverages, Bean Bag Tournament & Much More!

Cruise Night is Still Going!
Every Tuesday All Summer from 5pm till dusk
Great Food Menu, Weekly Specials, Tee-Shirts & Beverages

Queen Of Hearts Weekly Drawing Every Wednesday at 7pm
Pot is now approaching over \$17,000

For more information on any of these & other events or to Book our Award Winning Banquet Hall, please contact the Post during business hours Monday thru Sunday

Citizens Police Academy makes donation

Members of the Tinley Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association recently presented the Tinley Park Police Department with K9 first-aid backpacks, Narcan kits and goggles for the department's new K9 dogs, Helmut and Ron.

The Alumni Association accepts donations to help purchase items for the police department. If you'd like to assist, just write a check made payable to "Tinley Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association" and mail it or drop it off to the Tinley Park Police Department, 7850 W. 183rd St.

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Tinley Park

08/16/2022, 06:00 PM
TK Insurance Services
16557 S Oak Park Ave

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08/24/2022, 09:00 AM
CORE Fitness Center
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Oak Lawn

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Painting & Wine Party for adults 21 and over, offered at Worth Township

Come and enjoy a little wine, light appetizers and painting taught by a real artist. Worth Township is hosting a Painting & Wine Party on Monday, Sept. 12,

beginning at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 11601 Pulaski Road in Alsip.

The event will be led by the "bottle & bottega ART

UNCORKED™" company and a real artist will guide participants from a blank canvas to you own personal masterpiece. The cost of the event is \$45 per person

and includes art materials, wine & light appetizers. Registration is non-refundable and those interested need to register by September 1st due to a maximum capacity of 40

participants.

Payment by cash or check only with checks made payable to Town of Worth. Payment must be made in full at time of registration. There is a pay online option

by e-check on our website.

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A Soldier's Play, April 4 to 16, 2023, CIBC Theatre (18 W. Monroe St.).

A Soldier's Play, the 1982 Pulitzer Prize-winning thriller by Charles Fuller, has rocketed back into the spotlight, thanks to this 2020 Tony Award®-winning Best Revival from Roundabout Theatre Company. In 1944, on a Louisiana Army base, two shots ring out. A Black sergeant is murdered. And a series of interrogations triggers a gripping barrage of questions about sacrifice, service, and identity in

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Entertainment announced for Little Italy Festa - Taylor Street

Onesti Entertainment has announced a lineup of 40+ entertainers for their Little Italy Festa - Taylor Street. The festival, running from Thursday, August 11th to Sunday, August 14th, at the intersection of Taylor Street and Ashland Avenue, is returning after a 2-year hiatus. The festival will also feature 20+ Chicagoland restaurants.

Little Italy Festa - Taylor Street will also host over 20 local restaurants and several merchandise vendors that

will line the streets with crowd pleasing favorites including pizza, fried dough, pasta dishes, meatballs, Italian ice, arancini, gelato, and so much more. From drinks to desserts, the festival will have tasty treats for the whole family.

Hours are Thursday and Friday from 5pm to 10pm and Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 10pm. Admission is free, but there will be a \$10 suggested donation at the door. "People need to understand



the costs of putting an event of this magnitude on," said Onesti. "Insurance, tents, labor, entertainer fees, etc., have all skyrocketed. We hope guests will remember that at the door!"

For information, including an entertainment schedule and a list of participating restaurants, can be found at www.oshows.com.

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Getting to know the Irish

By Tina Butler-Leonard

What is Hemochromatosis? It is a hereditary blood disease disproportionately linked to people of Irish heritage. It's caused by a recessive genetic mutation that makes the body absorb too much iron. Resulting, in excess amounts being deposited in vital organs such as: the liver, heart and pancreas. It essentially poisons the organs; it saturates them in iron. Thankfully, only a small number of people with the genetic mutation develop serious problems. If too much iron is being deposited in organs it causes a rusting effect which can result in heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, cirrhosis, and cancer.

It's nicknamed the "Irish Curse", reportedly 1.5 million people in the States have the double gene mutation for the disease that which puts them at high risk. An estimated 32 million are silent carriers meaning they exhibit no symptoms. Symptoms include joint pain, fatigue, general weakness, diabetes. It's claimed that symptoms don't appear until middle age. There is no cure only treatment. The treatment is to give blood on a regular basis. Fortunately, those blood donors' blood can help other people in need of iron.

However, if left untreated it leads to infertility, early menopause and ultimately heart failure. The key is to detect the disease early, it's a simple blood test. Some experts believe that this blood disease originated more

than 40,000 years ago in Ireland when genes mutated allowing the population to over absorb iron to compensate for the poor diet. (Maybe it mutated during famine times, it's amazing how the body tries to adapt, hence this disease strikes Irish people 3x more than other nationalities).

The reason I chose this topic for this month is because I hope that this information can help one person and to spread awareness. I have been thinking of my health a lot lately. A few weeks ago, I woke up and couldn't move my shoulder. I felt excruciating pain in my shoulder blade it was as if I had been shot. I thought of Fred Sanford, from Sanford & Son, I said, I've never had pains like this one, this is the big one. I'm coming to join ya!"

Some famous people affected by this disease include Terence Steven (Steve McQueen) (actor) and the Hemingway's, family from IL. Ernest Hemingway committed suicide, but his medical records showed he had this disease.

Gaelic for the Month:

disease-galar, iron-iarann, blood-fuil, healthy-slaintiuil Seanfhocail.

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If you have any questions or comments please email me at: Molanive@yahoo.com.

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tion's effects, but also make life easier on you and your long-term savings and investments.
 Here's what to look for. Should you be worried? Currently, inflation is happening at a rate of 8.6% year over year, super-heated like it hasn't been in four decades. Some say it's easing, but not by much so far. The "experts" say inflation will average out to about 4.6% this year. We'll see...
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ment. Probably yours, too.
 But what does Wall Street think of inflation? Oddly, inflation tends to bloat companies' bottom lines, and so initially appears good for the stock market. That probably doesn't make you feel good, though, when bread's gone up a dime in one week.
 And yes, inflation can create problems for the average investor like you and me.
 You have less cash on hand to invest, for one, and before long you get the nagging sense that the returns on your investments aren't keeping up with inflation. That can be a worry – especially if the inflation lasts a while.
 What's in your wallet?
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 Different effects
 Let's look at how inflation can impact different kinds of investments.
 As we mentioned, it bites into returns – particularly when producing the real yield. Say a bond has a certain yield that when factored with the inflation rate produces a negative yield. In other words, inflation possibly gives your bonds' yield a haircut to the point where you lose money. (As you can imagine that inflation haircut cuts into the real return on your cash holdings even more.)
 Inflation can impact the stocks, or rather the companies behind the stocks, too. Just take what inflation has done to your budget and magnify it to apply to a complicated set of finances like a company's, where high prices can erode sales. Are you invested in companies that have to borrow a lot at now-higher interest rates? Down go the stocks – and your returns. Or are

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 Responses to inflation, upping interest rates, for instance, which the Federal Reserve just did, can also affect bonds as investments. Bonds don't always do well when interest rates rise, though bonds with shorter maturities are generally less sensitive to changes in interest rates than their longer-term counterparts. Go over your holdings to see how many are tied to higher or lower interest rates. (We can help with this).
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