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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood



The 34th Annual Blue Island House Walk

On Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 12:00 {noon} to 4:00 pm we are having our 34th Annual Blue Island House Walk.

Explore the architecture, history, and stories that make our city, and its homes, so special. The event begins at the Albee House at 13018 Maple Ave, Blue Island, IL. at noon.

Ticket and sponsorship information is at bihistoricalcso.org or tickets available at the door on event day.

Hosted by Blue Island Historical Society and Sponsored by the Blue Island Library.

Open House at the Midlothian Park District

The Village of Midlothian in partnership with the Village of Crestwood and the City of Oak Forest will host an open house on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Midlothian Park District (14500 S. Kostner Avenue) to inform the public about the proposed Natalie Creek Trail, a 12-mile, multi-purpose path and bicycle route.

The Natalie Creek Trail phase I planning study is funded by an Invest in Cook transportation grant from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways and the communities of Midlothian, Crestwood, and Oak Forest. The 12-mile route travels through parts of Blue Island, Crestwood, Midlothian, Robbins, and Oak Forest and connects two major regional trails – the Cal-Sag Trail and the Tinley Creek Trail.

A grant has been awarded to Midlothian to fund the phase II engineering plans as the next stage in this exciting regional project.

For more information, please visit the Village of Midlothian's website or contact Fransworth Group Project Planning Consultant Ken Chastain at kchastain@f-w.com.

14th Annual Rose Walk for Blue Cap

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 at 9:00 am, Blue Cap Family & Friends Association will host the 14th Annual Rose Walk here at Blue Cap's 1962 Broadway, Blue Island location.

The proceeds from the Rose Walk go into a restricted Activity Fund which allows people to experience vibrant and meaningful community activities based on personal interests. The Rose Walk makes this a reality!

The day will include activities for walkers and non-walkers. Join us for a walk along the scenic Cal-Sag Trail, children's entertainment, raffles, a DJ and a hot dog lunch. Register here: <https://www.blue-cap.org/special-events>.

South Suburban College Literacy Tutoring Program

South Suburban College (SSC) is seeking participants for the Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program. The program is structured to train volunteers to become one-on-one tutors for adults in need of basic literacy skills. Residents are welcome to volunteer as tutors and encourage others to take advantage of this free opportunity.

Tutor training will take place at the South Suburban College South Holland Campus, located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 6 through Sept. 22, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Oct. 4 through Oct. 20, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This 12-hour program culminates with literacy training certification. Tutors will continue to receive free professional development services throughout this program. Tutors are also eligible for letters of support or recommendation for jobs, scholarships, educational opportunities, and more. For additional information, or to register, contact David Stephens, Adult Literacy Grants Manager, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2558, or email DStephens@ssc.edu.



MWRD Commissioner Chakena D. Perry and Executive Director Brian A. Perkovich joined U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District Commander Col. Paul Culberson, Robbins Mayor Darren E. Bryant, village trustees and partners to signal the beginning of construction on the Robbins Stormwater Park and Midlothian Creek Restoration Project.

Groundbreaking ceremony held for Robbins stormwater project

After many years of community engagement, partner development and planning, the MWRD, Village of Robbins, and other local, state, and federal officials put shovels into the ground to begin the journey that will help mitigate local flooding, restore Midlothian Creek and create opportunities to strengthen and revitalize Robbins, Illinois.

MWRD and Village were joined by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, OAI and other partners to mark the occasion. Read and watch the ceremony at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1en85gho0VM>.

To address a history of severe flooding, the District will install new drainage and

stormwater infrastructure to mitigate local overbank flooding from Midlothian Creek. The project will be completed in two phases and includes the construction of a diversion channel and stormwater pond and restoration of 2,200 linear feet of the creek through streambank stabilization and erosion control. Through the creation of a naturalized wetland detention area, the District will create a park-like setting in central Robbins designed to increase stormwater protection and enhance the community. The project is expected to be completed by late 2024.

"This project is just the latest example of the important work that MWRD is doing all around our region to help address flooding in historically underserved communities," Senator

Durbin said. "Beyond providing critical drainage for the area, it also will promote green infrastructure, improve local water quality, and improve the quality of life for residents of Robbins by adding hiking and biking trails and open park space. This project will make Robbins a better place to raise a family and attract further housing and economic development. I'm glad to have played a part in helping ensure MWRD has the funding it needs to begin this project by pushing the Army Corps of Engineers to provide \$12 million in federal reimbursed funds to MWRD. And I will continue working with MWRD, the project partners, and the Illinois delegation to ensure that more reimbursed funds come back to MWRD to complete this important project."

Village of Midlothian's 1st Annual Oktoberfest

Join us for some Adult Beverages, Food, Vendors, Bags & Boards & DJ! The Village of Midlothian is hosting its First Annual Oktoberfest. Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Metra Lot, behind the Village Green at 147th & Waverly. This event is sponsored by the Village Event's Committee.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Tinley Park Village Board meeting highlights

The Tinley Park Village Board met Tuesday in the Council Chambers at Village Hall for its regular meeting. Highlights include:

Ritter Appointed: The Village Board Appointed Planning Manager Daniel Ritter (pictured) as Interim Community Development Director following the resignation of former director Kimberly Clarke. Ritter will fill the role until a permanent Community Development Director is

appointed.

911 Appointments: The Board appointed Erin Bohn-Pace and Jaclyn Padalino as 911 dispatchers. Erin has 10 years of experience in dispatching both emergency and non-emergency calls working for local communities and in call centers, and Jaclyn has six years of experience in various behavioral roles providing inpatient behavioral services, mental health counseling and emergency



crisis counseling services. Congrats to both!

Village Proclamations: The Village Board issued proclamations recognizing September 5 to 11 as Buddy Poppy Week and September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week in the Village of Tinley Park.

Orland Park area Chamber of Commerce's Arts & Drafts



The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host our Arts & Drafts event in partnership with Orland Park Crossing on Saturday, October 8th from 11am to 9pm. Admission is free! Arts & Drafts gathers one-of-a-kind art, the best "drafts" from select local breweries, live entertainment, and good eats for a memorable experience. As you savor culinary favorites, sip specialty brews, and view the collections of exceptional local artists,

you might also enjoy an afternoon shopping among specialty shops. There will be 10 beer tastings + souvenir glass for \$25. Wine will also be available by the glass for \$7. Arts & Drafts will be held on the grounds of Orland Park Crossing located on the NE corner of 143d Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park, IL. Traffic attendance is expected over one thousand people.

We are proud to announce that MAXIM Maintenance is our Presenting Sponsor! MAXIM Maintenance was established in 2004 and is a family-owned professional cleaning business rich in Polish heritage with over forty years of cleaning experience.

Our IPA Level Sponsors include DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen and Joe Rizza Ford Lincoln Porsche.

Live entertainment will include a performance from Ballet 5:8 at 11 am to 12 pm, House of Music from 1 to 5 pm, and our headliner will be Semple Band from 7 to 9 pm. Semple Band is a Chicago based band with styles ranging from the 70's Rock to modern pop songs and everything in between.

Limited sponsorship opportunities are available NOW. For more information, please contact the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce at 708-349-2972 or go to our website at www.orlandparkchamber.org.

Contract Awarded for street maintenance in Mokena

Your Mokena Village Board approved a contract August 8 in the amount of \$1,582,172.77 with Austin Tyler Construction of Elwood to complete work included within the scope of the Village's fiscal year 2023 street maintenance program.

Mokena's annual street maintenance program consists of milling, patching, longitudinal joint sealing, resurfacing, and ancillary

repairs at various locations across the Mokena community. The focus of this year's program will be The Oaks subdivision, Willow Lane from 88th Avenue east to the boundary of unincorporated Arbury Hills, and the Corporate Corridors subdivision, including Darvin Drive, portions of 88th Avenue, and 192nd Street, covering approximately 2.7 miles of streets and roadways.

In conjunction with the contract, the Board additionally approved an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 with Mokena-based engineering consulting firm Baxter & Woodman to provide paving inspection and coordination services for the program.

Work on the street maintenance program is expected to get underway later this year.

Customer Service Focus of Appointments in Mokena

Mokena's focus on customer service was readily apparent recently as the Village Board formally ratified the appointments of Myriam Taylor and Kym O'Neill to Customer Service Representative (CSR) positions at Village Hall.

Ms. Taylor and Ms. O'Neill were recommended for appointment by a Village staff committee following a rigorous round of interviews.

As the initial point of contact for phone calls and personal inquiries, CSRs are a foundation of Mokena's commitment to providing you with the best public service possible. Trained and equipped to answer most of your questions without the need to transfer you to another staff member,



the folks in these positions are pivotal in disseminating information, expediting your monthly utility transactions, and meeting other public service needs you may have.

Both Ms. Taylor and Ms. O'Neill joined Mokena's

customer service team August

You're encouraged to drop by Village Hall, meet them, and introduce yourself, or simply call them at (708) 479-3900. They look forward to meeting and serving you!

Village smoke-testing sewers through Oct. 1

The Tinley Park Public Works Department is conducting routine sewer smoke testing activities now through Oct. 1 from 171st to 175th streets between 88th Avenue west to 94th Avenue; and between 159th and 167th streets from Oak Park Avenue to a few blocks west of Harlem Avenue.



During smoke testing, field crews blow air and smoke into the sanitary sewer system in the street and monitor where smoke escapes in an effort of find and repair breaks in the line. The smoke is non-toxic and should not enter homes unless there is an issue with your private sewer service. There is no need for the field crews performing the work to enter homes.

For more information, or call Public Works at (708) 444-5500.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Hurley highlights millions in new infrastructure funds

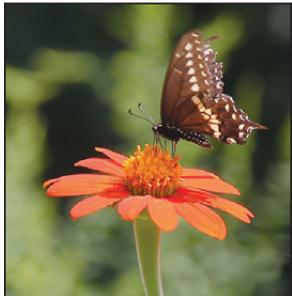
State Rep. Fran Hurley, Chicago, has secured millions in new Illinois Department of Transportation funds to rebuild, repair and revitalize highways, transitways and other infrastructure projects in the communities she represents.

The funds are a part of Hurley's Rebuild Illinois Program, which invested hundreds of millions of dollars in new infrastructure in the coming years. State and local highways in Hurley's district are receiving \$20 million and \$35 million over this time period, respectively. The program identifies projects that help bolster road safety as well as traffic control modernization across the state. A Palos Park segment of Route 7 between 131st and 135th St will receive road repayment improvements as part of the first improvements.

"Our community uses our roads and bridges on a daily basis, and they should never be concerned about their safety because of infrastructure that has been worn down," Hurley said. "These funds are desperately needed."



It's that Time of year again—Fall Foliage



By Tina Butler-Leonard
Every Autumn my husband and I choose a scenic route to check all the vibrant colors on the trees, how they change from 50 shades of green to maple red, yellow poplar and various oranges. Our drive could be to Galena, IL, Lake Geneva or Starved Rock. Einstein said, "Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better." My favorite season is fall I adore everything pumpkin. I love all flavors of pie and apple picking is fun too.

I was pondering the famous nature areas in America such as Grand Canyon in Arizona, it covers over a million acres, I've seen it once. We also have Yosemite in California that stretches along the Sierra

Nevada mountains with it's 750,000 acres not to be confused with Yosemite National Park in Wyoming another beautiful spot and there is Denali National Park in Alaska, six million acres of raw beauty. America boasts an abundance of beautiful natural places, but I want to highlight two places, a little closer to home, Swallow Cliff in Palos Park and Lake Katherine in Palos Heights.

The Cliff's is an 800-acre nature preserve in Palos Park built in 1930 by the civilian conservation corps and operated by the Cook county forest preserve. One of the main attractions is the 100 foot bluffs and 125 stairs of varying heights. Our dear friend Michelle treks those stairs every Sunday. I hit the stairs maybe once or twice a year I can't do more than that! The stairs once led to a toboggan slide however the slide closed almost 20 years ago. The steps remain and are popular for hikers and health enthusiasts.

At the Cliffs you can hear beautiful bird songs and once at the top it is a view

to appreciate. The Stairs on the East side will be temporarily closed 9/6-9/12 due to construction but the West stairs will remain open.

There is also Lake Katherine, a Nature Center and Botanic Garden in Palos Heights. It offers a venue for outdoor weddings, nature walks, & youth programs. It is about 85 acres, you will see a cascading 30-foot waterfall, just lovely when you need a little peace and quiet on a busy day. There are over 80 bird species, deer, coyotes, squirrels, snakes, turtles' frogs and of course the gorgeous swans in the pond. Lake Katherine has a Monarch Butterfly Festival on September 15. They also offer stories for children on the first Thursday of the month at 4pm. (Free)

Go on short journey and look at the trees and the vibrant variety of colors, I hope it will inspire you in some way. "Colors are the smiles of nature". Leigh Hunt

If you have any questions, you can email me: Molanive@yahoo.com.

Field of Honor event to be held at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College will be the site of a Field of Honor event Sept. 10 through 13. Field of Honor events, which feature a display of U.S. flags representing individuals being recognized or remembered, are held nationwide in conjunction with the Colonial Flag Foundation and local nonprofit organizations to honor the sacrifice of service men and women or to bring attention to people who have suffered a tragedy.

The Healing Field program began as a way to commemorate those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, and has expanded to help raise money and awareness of various causes while providing a moving experience for those who visit the patriotic display.

The local project was started by Mike Lebarre, a Palos Hills alderman and member of the Hills Kiwanis Club, who read that Kiwanis clubs throughout the country were hosting Field of Honor events, and he thought it would be a worthwhile endeavor to bring to the community. The committee organizing it later asked Moraine Valley if the event could be held on the campus.



The flags will be placed by volunteers from the sponsoring organizations, Hills Kiwanis Club, Palos Lions Club and the Hickory-Palos Sertoma Club, as well as other local community groups. They anticipate installing approximately 200 flags that each represent someone who served or is currently serving in the military.

An opening ceremony will be held on Moraine Valley's campus on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m., between the college's main entrance and the tennis courts located along 111th Street. It will feature a welcome address by Palos Hills mayor, Gerald Bennett, a keynote address by Lieutenant Colonel Dale Carver, patriotic music and a reading of the names of those commemorated by a Field of Honor flag. An Honor Walk through the rows of flags will follow the ceremony. The event is free,

and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Lebarre and co-chair Alderman Donna O'Connell expressed their gratitude for the support his committee received from Moraine Valley to provide a convenient location for the event.

"Moraine Valley has been so involved in helping us make this successful," he said.

Rick Hendricks, Moraine Valley's vice president of Administrative Services, noted that the college was glad to offer assistance for the project. "We acknowledge the sacrifices our military men and women and veterans made for our freedom, and we're happy to show our pride in their efforts," he said.

Details about the event and the Field of Honor project can be found at healingfield.org/event/paloshillsil22/ or by contacting Lebarre at lebarremike@gmail.com.

2022 Cook County Assessor appeals

From the desk of Robert E. Maloney Township Assessor

We wish to inform the residents of Palos Township that the time period to file a 2022 Cook County Assessor Appeal application at the Palos Township location will be from Tuesday, September 6, 2022, through Thursday, September 29, 2022. Palos Township is located at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL. The hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am. to 4:30 pm

Forms will be available in the township lobby to fill out and then comparable properties will be found, and the appeal will be filed on your behalf. The cutoff date for the appeal is Thursday, September 29, 2022 at the township due to preparing and entering all documentation before the October 3, 2022 deadline at the Cook County Assessor's Office.

If you want to file an appeal after the Palos Township location deadline (between September 29 and October 3), you can file it yourself online at cookcountyassessor.com. If you need comparable properties, please call Heather at 708-598-4449 and they will be made available to you.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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



Congratulations to the Trophy Winners for the 2022 Independence Day Parade in Evergreen Park

Congratulations to our Independence Day Parade award winners. Many were on hand during the recent Board of Trustees meeting to receive their trophies.

Special Honoree/Grand Marshal: Abbey Murphy; Color Guard/Professional: Evergreen Park American Legion; Color Guard/Student: Evergreen Park Community High School; Marching Band: Evergreen Park Community High School District

231 Marching Mustangs Band; Professional Float & Professional Band Sponsorship: OSF Little Company of Mary Hospital; Professional Float with Walkers: Queen of Martyrs/Saint Bernadette Parish; Unique Vehicle/Motorcycle: Father Benedykt; Semi-Professional Float with Marching Band: Open Outcry Brewing; Drill Team with Decorated Automobile: Twirling Bears and Bearettes; Marching

Group: Queen of Martyrs Cub Scout Pack #3637; Marching Unit: Lepar Animal Hospital; Walking/Dance Group: 40 Plus Double Dutch; Decorated Automobile with Marchers: Evergreen Park Stallions; Specialty Units: Medinah Units- Medinah Car Club, Southwest Side Shrine Club Mini-T's Evergreen Park Firefighters (Sponsor) and Tumbling Team: Jesse White Tumblers United Homeowners (Sponsor).

Philip O'Rourke has been named the new Principal of St. Germaine School in Oak Lawn

Throughout the 2022 school year, Philip served as the Assistant Principal while simultaneously teaching Social Emotional Learning classes and coaching the 8th-grade girls' basketball team. Philip is currently pursuing his Educational Doctorate in Administration & Leadership at Loyola University and holds a Master's degree in Education. Born in New Orleans and raised in Lexington Kentucky, he is the son of two educators and the only one of his siblings, all of whom are twins, to follow in his parents' footsteps.

"Being in education has always felt right. My passion stems from helping students grow and I'm inspired and motivated by our faculty. If I can support our teachers and allow them to better focus on their instruction, I've done my job correctly." When asked about his biggest challenge this past

year, Philip talked about the pandemic and the importance of sticking together. "The importance of community has really been highlighted by the challenges we have experienced with Covid-19 over the past few years. Ensuring a sense of belonging and connectedness is more crucial than ever, for our teachers, parents, and students." - Philip O'Rourke

Using the pandemic as a springboard for growth, and with the help of generous donations from various individuals and school organizations, St. Germaine has made great strides to further invest in the school by developing plans to create a brand new Innovation Lab and a completely refurbished gym floor. The school has also installed a state-of-the-art fire alarm system, brand new roofs over the church and activity center, and has plans for new clubs and extracur-



ricular activities for student participation.

Philip's excitement and passion for Germaine is palpable, and as he puts it, "St. Germaine is eagerly moving forward as one parish and community."

St. Germaine School in Oak Lawn, IL provides an outstanding educational experience for students from 3-year-old pre-school to eighth grade. If you would like more information about the programs at St. Germaine Catholic School, please give us a call (708-425-6063) or visit our website www.stgermaineschool.com or follow us on Facebook @StGermaineCatholicSchool.

EPCHS Wins Exemplary School Library Award from AISLE

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) at Evergreen Park Community High School has been recognized as one of just six school library programs that have earned the Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) Exemplary School Library Award.

Specifically, the award mentioned EPCHS Librarian Dr. Tina Ward and Assistant Superintendent/Principal Bill Sanderson. Ward and Sanderson applied for the award on EPCHS' behalf.

AISLE established the award in 2018 to recognize school libraries throughout Illinois that exemplify the standards set forth in the "Linking for Learning: The Illinois School Library Standards" book.

The award is a recognition for three years, meaning EPCHS will hold the exemplary school library award until at least 2025.

In addition to EPCHS, AISLE recognized the school libraries at High Point School in Orland Park, Oak Lawn Community High School, Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, South Park Elementary School in Deerfield and Vernon Hills High School with the award.

EPCHS will receive a banner and a pair of certificates at an upcoming board meeting and the annual AISLE conference that will be held in Tinley Park this year.



Dr. Tina Ward

Evergreen Park Chamber Golf Outing

The Evergreen Park Chamber is grateful to every business and individual who contributed to our Golf Outing's success. We enjoyed a beautiful day on the links, thanks to your support.

Congratulations to the foursome winner, team OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center! Shown above, they are (from left) Joe Lampasona, Elizabeth Lawler, Charlie Stevenson, and Bill Heisterman.

Sponsors, donors, and golfers, your contributions made for a memorable day and a successful



Team OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center, (from left) Joe Lampasona, Elizabeth Lawler, Charlie Stevenson, and Bill Heisterman

fundraiser! Huge thanks to the dedicated Chamber members who helped plan and execute the event. We're beyond grateful to our Golf Outing sponsors, especially

our Major Sponsor, Culver's of Evergreen Park. Proceeds from our annual golf outing will fund the Chamber's programming throughout the year.

Gov. Pritzker announces \$300 Million in funding for energy bill assistance



Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) are encouraging families in need to apply for \$300 million in available funding for energy bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families program. All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive bill assistance for natural gas, propane, and electricity through the Low-Income Home

Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

“Every Illinoisan deserves access to reliable energy regardless of their economic status,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Thanks to LIHEAP, we are making natural gas, propane, and electricity assistance accessible for our state’s family that are feeling the squeeze from rising costs of living. My administration has always been and will always be committed to making sure that every resident has access to the services they need to keep the lights on.”

Beginning September 2022, families can apply by visiting helpillinois-families.com or by visiting their local agency (a list of partners throughout the State at Community Action Agencies/Local

Administering Agencies Community Action Agencies (illinois.gov)). Families can also call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

LIHEAP provides one-time payments directly to energy service providers on behalf of recipients. While the amount of support varies based on the needs of individual families, last year’s LIHEAP recipi-

ents received an average of \$1,330 per household. All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support until funding is exhausted. A chart with eligible income thresholds can be found below:

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Stickney Township offers options for seniors

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

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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.

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

Back to School Ice Cream Social

The Youth Department invites 5th to 12th grade students to join them for a Back to School Ice Cream Social at the Youth Department at 3450 W 97th Street, Evergreen Park, on Friday, September 9 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. For more information call, 708-229-3377.



Palos Township medical supply loan closet

Palos Township offers a medical supply loan closet with medical supplies that can be borrowed for a

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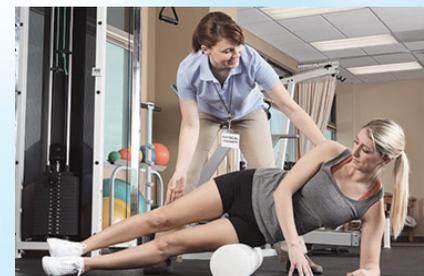
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Black Ensemble Theater's Founder and CEO Jackie Taylor continues the 2022 Season of Excellence: The Season of Healing and Joy with the world premiere of *My Brother Langston*, written and directed by Rueben D. Echoles, the production runs Now through September 18, 2022.

The cast features Chris Taylor (Langston Hughes), Reneisha Jenkins (Carrie/Billie/dance captain), André Teamer (Jim Hughes/Countee Cullen/Ensemble), De'Jah Jerval (Ensemble), Nolan Robinson (Gwyn/Ensemble).

Tickets are available at www.blackensemble.org, (773) 769-4451 and at the Black Ensemble Theater Box Office, 4450 N. Clark Street in Chicago. Performances are Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.



Chris Taylor as Langston Hughes
Photo Credit - Alan Davis

Ghostbusters Live in Concert

The Chicago Philharmonic Society and the Auditorium Theatre present *Ghostbusters Live in Concert* on October 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Auditorium Theatre 50 E Ida B Wells Dr. The full *Ghostbusters* film will play on screen while the orchestra performs Elmer Bernstein's movie score under the

direction of Bernstein's son, conductor Peter Bernstein. Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased at chicagophilharmonic.org.

In addition to the full movie screening with live orchestra, the concert will include a pre-concert Halloween experience, with trick-or-treating for concert-goers of all ages,



a Halloween costume contest, a red carpet with photographers, and visitors from *Ghostbuster* cosplay groups the Windy City *Ghostbusters* and Circle City *Ghostbusters*.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater Executive Director Criss Henderson to step down

Criss Henderson has steered Chicago Shakespeare Theater from a fledgling start-up theater in 1990 through 33 years of expansive growth, award-winning productions, and nationally recognized education and community engagement programming, has announced that he will be stepping down from his executive director role at the end of 2022.

"The extraordinary evolution of Chicago Shakespeare was the result of many, many partnerships—with Barbara, artists, educators, program and administrative staff, board members, and most importantly, the people of Chicago. I have had the pleasure to work alongside so many talented and committed people over the years—I know I leave this theater that I love in a very strong place, ready to embrace an exciting and vibrant future."

Auditorium Theatre proudly presents Kyiv City Ballet of Ukraine

The Auditorium Theatre (Chicago's landmark stage at 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive) proudly launches its 2022-23 Season with the Chicago debut of the Kyiv City Ballet of Ukraine two powerful performances only, Saturday September 24 at 7:30pm and Sunday, September 25 at 3pm.

"We are proud to support Ukraine's most distinguished dance ambassadors for peace, Kyiv City Ballet. The company was forced to flee war-torn Ukraine and have been without a home since then. We knew we had to work with management to schedule an engagement in Chicago; fortunately, it spawned a larger U.S. tour," said Auditorium Theatre CEO Rich Regan.

Under the direction of Kyiv City Ballet Artistic Director Ivan Kozlov, formerly of The Ballet at Mariinsky Theatre and the St. Petersburg Eifman Ballet, Chicago audiences can expect to be dazzled by the company's mixed reper-



Photos, courtesy of Kyiv City Ballet: Kristina Kadashevych

toire program, featuring two of the top prima ballerinas of Ukraine: Kristina Kadashevych and Oksana Bondarenko, along with the company's principal dancer Vsevolod Maevskiy, a former soloist of The Ballet at Mariinsky Theatre and Kozlov's former student. Kyiv City Ballet will perform a mixed rep trio in Chicago:

Tickets start at \$40.00 (inclusive of all fees)

and are now available at AuditoriumTheatre.org, by calling 312.341.2300, or at the Box Office at 50 E Ida B Wells Drive in Chicago, Illinois. Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more people are available. The Auditorium Theatre offers \$20 student rush tickets to full-time college students and \$5 tickets to young people ages 13-19 with Urban Gateways' Teen Arts Pass program.



Criss Henderson, courtesy of Chicago Shakespeare Theater

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Oak Lawn Football continues momentum under Pattison

Written by Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer

When the Oak Lawn Community High School lost in Week 9 last season and narrowly missed the Illinois High School Association playoffs, it was very disappointing for a hungry team that improved throughout the year. That hunger lasted through the summer, and the Spartans returned to the gridiron this year under the direction of second-year head coach Ryan Pattison with a desire to build on last season.

The 21-7, season-opening victory over Tinley Park recently on the road showed that they mean business. It was just the type of start to the season the Spartans needed to believe in what they were doing all last year.

The Spartans were led by their seniors, and the ground game was a big part of the success. They ran for a total of 253 yards. Rakan Eid led the attack 142 yards rushing and a 34-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Ayham Salah kept it himself as well for 48 yards on the ground. Junior TJ Vrabel had 21 yards rushing, and fellow junior Omar Najmeh had 26 yards.

Salah also found success through the air as he hit senior wide receiver Eduardo Chiquito for a pair of TDs. One of those was a 36-yard touchdown completion, and the other was from nine yards out. Oak Lawn has its first home game of the season Friday night as it hosts Staggs at 6 p.m.

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The Don Ferchau Mustang Defensive Player of the Year Award will be open to any varsity defensive player on the Mustang football team. Students must be academically eligible and have no behavioral infractions during the entire school year to be eligible for the award.

The football award is in memory of Don Ferchau, Mizaur's Varsity Football coach during his years at Evergreen Park. It's the reinstatement of a Defensive Player of the Year award that Mizaur himself won in 1984.

“In the early 1980s, Head Varsity Football Coach Don Ferchau had introduced the award to be

given annually to the best defensive player at the fall awards ceremony. Coach Ferchau stated at that time that he funded the award with his own money. Coach Ferchau died in September of 2019. His passing made me think about this award, how I could reinstate it, and provide something for the player who earned it,” Mizaur said.

The Kladis-George Mustang Wrestler of the Year Award will be given to one varsity wrestler a year, Mizaur said, with the same academic and behavioral requirements for eligibility as the football award. Mike Kladis, Mizaur's former Mustang wrestling coach and John George, a former Mustang athletic director and wrestling mentor to Mizaur, share the name-sake honor.

Both awards will be associated with display trophies that will have the winners' names engraved on them every year. The scholarship awards will be in the amount of \$1,000 each, with the Evergreen Park Community High School Foundation managing the scholarship funds and sending them to the college or trade school of the winning student's choice.

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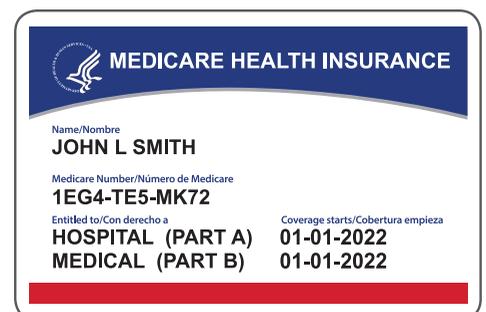
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