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## B-MAC EDITION

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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood



L to R: John Clinnin, VP Wight & Co., State Rep. Bob Rita, Illinois Toll Hwy Authority Kevin Donahue, and Rajiv Iyanger, Project Mgr for Wight & Co.

### Full Opening of I-57/I-294 Interchange a dream come true for the south suburbs

Before the first plans were drawn, the first measurements made, the first concrete poured, State Rep. Bob Rita believed this day would come. Now it's a dream come true as a critical interchange of highways is fully open and serving the Southland.

Rita, D-Blue Island, joined officials with the Illinois Toll Highway Authority on Friday, Sept. 9, to celebrate the opening of the final connection between Interstate 57 and Interstate 294, providing the pathway for commerce and travel the south suburbs worked on for decades. The interchange officially fully opened over this past weekend.

Rita served as Chairman of the Illinois House Tollway Oversight Committee during the years that proved essential to turning the long-discussed project into a reality. He brought together local mayors with the Illinois Department

of Transportation and the Tollway to work through coordination and logistical challenges. He held public hearings to discuss project details and hold officials accountable to working through problems and meeting deadlines.

The two interstates crossing each other south of Blue Island slowed progress and economic development in the Southland for decades because travelers could not easily connect between them. That started to change in 2014, when Rita joined state and local officials to announce the first phase of the \$700 million I-57 and 294 connection project was finally opening.

The value of the newly connected interstates became clear almost immediately, with Amazon locating major warehouses and other facilities not far from the interchange and other business growth on the way throughout the region.

In the latest phase that

opened over the weekend, new ramps are open to allow travelers to cleanly move in both north and south directions in both directions from 57 and 294 along with new ramps connecting the Tri-State Tollway to 147th Street. The project was finished ahead of its originally scheduled timeframe of next year. Construction originally began on the interchange in 2012.

Rita said he could not be prouder to see the result of such a major project for the region.

"We worked tirelessly for years to bring people together, because we knew the potential for connecting these roadways would change the region for the better," Rita said. "This is our Field of Dreams moment, where if we build it, they will come. Every time we drive these interstates and cross the interchange, we will know the connections we have made are worth the years and hard work it took to get here."

### Street resurfacing of more than 50 city blocks in Blue Island



The City of Blue Island and Mayor Fred Bilotto are proud to announce the initial phase of resurfacing more than 50 city blocks will begin on September 2022. The first streets to be addressed are Artesian, Cochran, and Fairview. A map of all streets included in the first phase of work is available.

This is the first phase of Blue Island's multi-year approach to repairing City streets most in need. This initial phase follows a City-wide pavement analysis that was recently completed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) as well as engineering studies to assist in prioritizing streets based on multiple considerations including pavement condition, drainage needs and emergency vehicle access.

Phase One of the Street Resurfacing Program is scheduled to be completed by November 30, 2022. Phase Two is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2023.

### Moraine Valley offers free sign language classes for families with Deaf or hard-of-hearing children

Moraine Valley Community College is offering free family sign language classes for families who have Deaf or hard-of-hearing children ages birth through high school. The classes are taught by Deaf instructors in sign language and written English.

The Level 1 class will be for beginners. Sessions will run on Tuesdays, through Oct. 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a choice of attending

in person or virtually via Zoom. Another session for beginners will only be available via Zoom. It will run on Thursdays from Sept. through Oct. 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

People with some sign skills can attend one of the Level 2 classes that begin in October. The Tuesday class will run from Oct. 11 through Nov. 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a choice of attending in person

or via Zoom. A Zoom-only session will run on Thursdays from Oct. 13 through Nov. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Immediate and extended family members are welcome to take the classes.

All participants are required to fill out an intake form for data purposes. To learn more and to request an intake form, email [asl@morainevalley.edu](mailto:asl@morainevalley.edu). Space is limited.

### Free home repairs for Blue Island residents

Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is thrilled to partner with Mayor Bilotto and the City of Blue Island to provide free painting, electrical repairs, carpentry work and other home repairs.

Applicants will be considered for all current programming including: Safe at Home-grab bar installation & safety repairs (Spring 2023); Veterans Repair Services (Fall 2022 through Summer 2024); Warm the Metro-furnace maintenance and repair (Fall 2022 and Fall 2023) and National Rebuilding Day, April 29, 2023-interior home repairs.

Qualification for free home repair is based on a completed application, financial eligibility, and a review of the work needed. If selected, you will be asked to provide proof of your household income and homeownership. Priority is given to seniors and disabled residents, but all Blue Island Homeowners are encouraged to apply.

You can download an application at <http://www.blueisland.org/2022/08/23/free-home-repairs-for-blue-island-residents/> or find printed applications at the City Clerk's Office and Building Department: at 13051 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Island, IL 60406

Mail completed applications to: Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, P.O. Box 180016, Chicago, IL 60618



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## FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



### Join Tinley Park Community Band

The Tinley Park Community Band, directed by Barbara Abarro, is in its 35th year of making music. Musicians are invited to join. All instruments are welcome.

The Tinley Park Community Band and Jazz Band are active year-round sharing their talents and bringing the sound of live concert band and jazz music to Tinley Park and surrounding communities. The band was established in 1987 and performs throughout the Chicagoland area. Many of these concerts are free or have a very low admission fee, making an afternoon or evening of live music affordable and family friendly. The band performs a wide-ranging repertoire, including marches, show tunes, popular songs, contemporary compositions and classical band literature. Members come from all over the Chicagoland suburbs.

The band also represents the Village of Tinley Park. It has made successful tours to Germany in 1994 and 2000 as part of the Tinley Park-Büdingen Sister Cities cultural exchange program. In 2004, the band represented the State of Illinois at ceremonies surrounding the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

Musicians age 14 and older are invited to join. There are no auditions or residency requirements. There's a \$50 yearly participation fee which is payable in two installments of \$25 each. Try out the band before paying the fee that's due October 1st. For more information, visit our website at [www.tinleyband.org](http://www.tinleyband.org). E-mail: [tinleyband@gmail.com](mailto:tinleyband@gmail.com) Phone: 708-620-7701 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tinleyband](http://www.facebook.com/tinleyband) Tinley Park Community Band, 7939 167th Street Tinley Park, IL 60477.

Musicians come from all over Chicagoland.

### Homewood Disposal rate increase coming Oct. 1 for Tinley Park residents

Homewood Disposal Service will be enacting a scheduled 3.5% rate increase for residential solid waste collections in the Village of Tinley Park on Oct. 1.

The new rates, along with their corresponding services, will be as follows: Residential Refuse Service \$27.16 per

unit; Senior Citizen \$25.66 per unit; 100% Veteran Free collection; Dumpster Service (Upon Request) \$221.75 delivery/pick-up (55.44/ton) and Village Townhomes and Condominiums (Optional).

Individually invoiced: \$24.95 per unit and HOA-direct Invoiced: \$23.29

per unit.

Please note that all veteran and senior applicants must be participating in the Village Collection program and paying contractual collection rates to be eligible for the discounts. Please visit the <https://mydisposal.com/> for more information.

### Mokena Fire District & Mokena Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Join the Mokena Fire District & Mokena Lions Club at the Wolf Road Fire House Station #1 (19853 S. Wolf Road) on Sunday, October 2 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm for some of the best pancakes in Mokena, served by Lions and Firefighters!

There also will be, Fire Safety, Fire Demonstration's, Vehicle Rescue, Vehicle and Equipment on display,

There are no tickets or set price - all donations are greatly appreciated! Funds raised to stay local to help those in need in our community. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We are also collecting food donations pantry for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

### The Great Pumpkin Party returns to Centennial Park

The Village of Orland Park will kick off the fall season with the highly anticipated Great Pumpkin Party on Saturday, October 1 at the Centennial Park Warming House, located within Centennial Park at 15600 West Avenue in Orland Park. The outdoor event is offered in two sessions. The first session will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the second session from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at this great, family-friendly event marking the beginning of the fall season," said Orland Park Mayor Keith Pekau.

The on-site activities include pony rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, barrel train car rides, a pumpkin patch, a haunted house, a maze, obstacle course, music, games, donut bobbing, a costume contest, a kids play zone and a petting zoo. The event also includes a fire pit for marshmallow roasting. All activities at the Great Pumpkin Party are included in the ticket price.

The children's costume contest is an Orland Park favorite each year. Children are invited to dress up as



their favorite characters and creatures. Each costume contest participant will receive a giveaway prize and prizes will be awarded for best overall costume as well as for the most creative costume. Children must be between the ages of 1 to 9-years-old to enter. Not to be left out, leashed pets are welcome on site and can be part of the fun as they participate in the pet costume parade. To enter the costume contest, please meet at the candy guess tent at 10:30 a.m. for the morning session or 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

This event is made possible, in part, due to the generosity of the following sponsors: Brannigan Chiropractic Center, ComEd, Duly Health and Care, Dave & Busters, Keller

William Elite, Leaf Guard, Premiere Suburban Medical Group.

In order to participate in the event, all participants (adults and children) must register. Cost to attend is \$5 for each resident and \$8 for each non-resident. Every child in attendance will receive one pie-sized pumpkin which is included in the registration fee.

Register online for the morning session (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) at <https://bit.ly/Pumpkin10a> and at <https://bit.ly/Pumpkin1p> for the afternoon (1 p.m.-3p.m.) session.

For more information regarding the event, please visit [orlandpark.org](http://orlandpark.org) or contact the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department directly at (708) 403-5000.

### Parkway tree cost-sharing program reminder in Mokena

To protect the environment and enhance the value of residential real estate, the Village of Mokena offers a 50/50 cost-sharing program to further encourage the planting of trees in the community's public parkways.

Under the program, the resident pays 50% of the cost for a nursery contractor

to supply, deliver, plant, and mulch a new parkway tree. The Village pays the other 50%.

The 50/50 cost-sharing program is focused on those wishing to plant new trees in parkways adjacent to their property where trees have not previously existed. Consistent with previous policy, the Village

will remove and replace at no cost existing public parkway trees that have died from natural causes or have been severely damaged or destroyed by storms.

For more information on Mokena's parkway tree program and an application form for the 50/50 cost-sharing program, call Village Hall at (708) 479-3900.



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## SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

### Hurley highlights early childhood educator scholarship opportunity

State Rep. Fran Hurley is encouraging those who work in early childhood education and want to pursue additional credentials or earn a degree in early childhood education to apply for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program.

“This scholarship program exists to address the shortage of qualified early childhood educators,” Hurley said. “If you are interested in developing additional skills to help provide the best education possible for our youngest, we can use your talents here in Illinois. Right now, money is still available for this scholarship, but those interested should apply as soon as they can.”

While the initial deadline for the 2022-23 scholarship has passed, money for the ECACE remains and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is encouraging residents to still apply. After other financial aid received, the ECACE can cover up to the total cost of an awardee’s attendance at participating schools – including tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies. Recipients of the scholarship are expected to continue or return to teaching early childhood care and education in Illinois after their study is completed.

For more information on the program, eligibility details and online application links, please visit <https://www.isac.org/ECACEscholarship>.



State Rep. Fran Hurley

### Lake Katherine Events

**Monarch Celebration:** Join us for the Migration of the Monarch Butterfly on Saturday, Sept. 24th and Sunday, Sept. 25th from 10 am to 5pm.

Entrance fee is \$10 (children under 3 are free) includes 15 minutes in the butterfly tent, a visit with animal guests, a crafting area, and a hayride around the grounds. Release a butterfly into the tent for an extra \$5. Butterfly release can be added on payment page. \*Must be 5 years or older to release a butterfly.



**October Evening Kayak Tour:** Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm and 5:45 pm to 7 pm, sign ups, \$15 person pre-registration is required.

Enjoy a guided kayak or canoe tour of Lake Katherine with our naturalists at dusk.

**Fishing Days:** October 15,

2022, 8 am to 10 am, for \$15 per person, pre-registration is required. Catch & release, fish will not be weighed and measured, and prizes will not be awarded.

Lake Katherine is at 7402 West Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights. Call to pre-register at 708-361-1873.



Anne Marie Tirpak

### De La Salle Institute installs Anne Marie Tirpak as new president

Chicago was in attendance, including leaders from the Archdiocese, the city, non-profit sector, local businesses, and other faith-based organizations.

Installation of Anne Marie Tirpak as the fourth President.

For more information, contact David Terry, Director of Marketing, 312-842-7355, [terryd@dls.org](mailto:terryd@dls.org).

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De La Salle Institute, Parente Field, 3434 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616.



the ninth annual Halloween 5K run/walk and Kid’s Dash on Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m., at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

Participants can walk or run the officially timed 5K (3.1 mile) path throughout campus. The Kid’s Dash will start at 10:15 a.m. for children 3 to 12 years old. All pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Costumes are encouraged.

Runners/walkers can sign their children up for the Little Pumpkin’s Patch, a free area open during and after the race that includes pumpkin decorating and various Halloween activities.

Registration is \$35 for community members/alumni and \$25. The price will increase by \$5 more on Oct. 1. Registration on Oct. 31 is \$50 for community members and \$40 for Moraine Valley students/employees. The Kid’s Dash is \$15. Anyone who wants to register their child for the Pumpkin’s Patch must be signed up for the race.

Event sponsorship is available between \$100 and \$1,500. Proceeds from the event will go to the Moraine Valley Foundation, which provides scholarships to students. For additional information or to register, visit [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

### Ninth annual Halloween 5K run/walk, family activities at Moraine Valley

Pull out the costume, grab the kids and head to

### Police Department Permeable Paver Parking Lot Project

The Village of Chicago Ridge will be undertaking a Capital Improvement Project to reconstruct a portion of the existing Police Department parking lot along with the

adjacent commuter lot. The parking lots will be reconstructed using permeable pavers. This is a water quality improvement project that is being partially funded

through a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Green Infrastructure Grant. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2022

and be completed by late November 2022.

A portion of the Police Department parking lot and the entire commuter lot will not be available for

parking. While the parking lots are closed, visitors will be allowed to park in the Village Hall visitors parking lot and in the additional parking lot east of Village Hall along

Oxford Avenue.

For more info: [www.chicagoridge.org/DocumentCenter/View/1292/Temporary-Parking-Exhibit-PD-Pavers](http://www.chicagoridge.org/DocumentCenter/View/1292/Temporary-Parking-Exhibit-PD-Pavers).



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## SUBURBAN EDITION

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

### Burke announces \$20 million in community highway improvements

State Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, is announcing that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be constructing more than \$20 million in improvements to her community's highway infrastructure over the next six years.

"The good-paying jobs and safer, smoother transportation these highway projects bring will be transformative for many people and small businesses in our community," Burke said. "We depend on modern, stable infrastructure, especially highways, as the foundation that our economy works on. I'm confident that projects such as these will help overcome the impacts that high inflation has had on many of our working families."

Burke's Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan funds a six-year \$24.6 billion investment plan for construction and repair of roads and bridges across Illinois. Roughly \$20 million will go to projects on state and local highways in Burke's district, such as improving road lighting, fixing cracked joints and supports, building new bridges and other developments.

Burke voted in favor of the original capital bill in 2019, as well as budgets funding this plan every year she has been in office.

"While this work is a major economic victory, it also is a great step forward for public safety," Burke said. "New, safer roads and bridges, adequate lighting for night driving, new pedestrian routes; all of these measures cut down on traffic accidents. Fewer accidents on our roads means fewer trips to the hospital for unlucky drivers, and that's something I will always support."



State Rep. Kelly Burke

### Keith Bilski has been busy this Summer!

July 23rd, 2022 Keith Won a Silver Medal in Bowling competition in Addison. On July 30th, Keith Won a Gold Medal in Baseball Skills Competition! On September 10th, 2022 Keith placed Third for a Bronze Medal in The State Baseball Skills Competition in Springfield Illinois!



### Sunday Concerts on the Green

Gather your friends and family and head to the Village Green at 9446 S. Raymond Ave. this summer for good music and fun! The Oak Lawn Park District and Village of Oak Lawn invite you to attend Oak Lawn's Annual Sunday Concert series. All shows are free and will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Village Green is located at 9446 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL.

The concert line-up is as follows: September 25: Gotham Ramblers - 6:30 pm, and October 2: Electric Land - 6:30 pm.

### The Illinois Art Education Assoc. selected Ailysh Cooper as 2022 Art Educator of the Year

Ailysh Cooper is the 2022 IAEA Art Educator of the Year. Ms. Ailysh Cooper this is her fifth-year of teaching art at Oak Lawn Community High School.

Annually, the IAEA recognizes the top art, design, and media educators for their excellence and service to the field. The IAEA awards and scholarship committee found Ms. Ailysh Cooper's

professional performance, service, and leadership to be exemplary in every regard and selected her for this recognition.

Please join the Illinois Art Education Association in honoring and elevating Ailysh for this recognition.

development provider for art, design, and media educators in Illinois. The organization serves thou-



sands of teachers state-wide through a wide range of programs and services. Learn more at [ilaea.org](http://ilaea.org). Congratulations again to Ailysh for her excellence!

### Student scholarships & contests announced

The Johnson-Phelps VFW and Auxiliary Post #5220 in Oak Lawn, IL, are excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW & Auxiliary's annual scholarships & contests for Elementary, Middle School, and High School students who can compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes, at the National, Department (State), District and Local VFW and Auxiliary levels.

This audio-essay program provides high school

students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in a patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 25,000 9-12 grade students enter to win their share of more than \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to their American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholar-

ships range from \$1,000-\$16,000 and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000.

Applications must be turned in to Gayle Bukowski, [rbukowskig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbukowskig@sbcglobal.net) Johnson Phelps VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453, 708-423-5220 by midnight, Oct. 31, 2022. For more information and to download an entry form visit [www.vfw.org/community/youthandeducation/youthscholarships](http://www.vfw.org/community/youthandeducation/youthscholarships).

### Martyrs Fest 2022

Queen of Martyrs & St. Bernadette Parish presents Martyrs Fest 2022 on Friday, September 23rd from 5pm to Midnight, Saturday, September 24th from Noon to Midnight and Sunday, September 25th from 12 to 9pm.

The food vendors are Barraco's, Freddie's, Boy Scout #637, Tones Capone's Taco's, Gyro Grill, 101 BBQ.

We also will have Carnival Rides in the St. Louis parking lot. The carnival closes at



11pm. The entertainment is Friday: David's Bazaar at 6pm -8:45pm, Saturday: Charlie & Company 2pm-5-45pm, Shannon Baker 6pm- 8:45pm and The Liam Durkin Band 9pm-Midnight, Sunday: Sole Survivor 2:45 pm-5:45pm and The Ron Burgundy's

5:45pm-9pm. Mega Passes can be purchased Online at [qmstbparish.org](http://qmstbparish.org).

The Grand Raffle is \$10,000 first prize, plus 9 other prizes. Also Split the Pot, pull tabs. Sunday, there is Beer tent, and Bingo. After Sunday mass there is continental breakfast.

## Hurley reminds residents of LIHEAP enrollment opening



Rep. Fran Hurley

As cooler temperatures near, state Rep. Fran Hurley is encouraging residents in need of heat, electricity and gas assistance to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

“We don’t want anyone to be forced to choose between putting food on the table or turning on the heat on a cold day,” Hurley said. “Help is available, but some families may not realize it. LIHEAP is a critically important program that helps families cover the cost of energy, and right now new applications are being accepted.”

Applications for the program opened up in September, which accepts new enrollees until May 31, 2022 or when funding is exhausted. To qualify, households must have a combined income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level in the 30 days prior to application. Renters may also be eligible

to receive assistance.

Application information, frequently asked questions and other resources are available on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity’s (DCEO) website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/UtilityBillAssistance/Pages/HowtoApply.aspx>.

“Even though this program has a lengthy application period, funding can be exhausted,” Hurley said. “I encourage residents to apply as soon as they are able to. My office is also open and available to help residents access state services at [RepFranHurley@gmail.com](mailto:RepFranHurley@gmail.com) or 773-445-8128.”

## Letter to Editor,

I went to get my mail the other day, it was DRIPPING WET. I have complained to Post office several times but again this is happening. The MAIL PEOPLE do not close my mailbox. They can open the mailbox, why can’t they close it. There has been severe snowstorms here in ILL., and the mail never got wet. The newspapers I ordered and paid for, are garbage now. My important mail and other items are not readable. Again, every piece of mail was dripping wet. I try to dry out some, it took over 2 days to dry out. This is not the first time that it has happen.

We have called the Post Office and talked to Mangers; they guarantee the problem would be fixed.

HABA still have the problem. I looked down the street at other mailboxes they are closed, why is my mailbox open still. I don’t bother no one. I didn’t complain when the post lady dropped all her mail out of her bag on my lawn. I didn’t complain when the same post lady came over to me a 1/2 hour later and said here is your check {envelope was not open}. How did she know it was a check? So why is my small problems not solve.

This is the U.S. POST OFFICE that handles our mail. I want my mail just like anyone else, DRY.

Thank you for publishing this letter.

Linda Steiner

## Illinois Tollway welcomes Cassandra Rouse as Executive Director



The Illinois Tollway announced the promotion of Cassandra Rouse to Executive Director. Rouse is a longtime veteran of the agency, most recently serving as the agency’s Chief Operating Officer.

“I’m pleased to announce that Cassandra Rouse will be serving as the Tollway’s Executive Director,” said Illinois Tollway Board Chair Dorothy Abreu. “Cassandra’s prior experience in audit and compliance, as well as her long-standing experience in other leadership roles at the Illinois Tollway, will allow her to hit the ground running as Executive Director. “I also want to thank Lanyea Griffin for her long-standing Tollway service, especially during this time of transition.”

Rouse has over a decade of experience at the Illinois Tollway, focusing on the execution and monitoring of agency objectives, policies, guidelines and programs while ensuring that the goals and objectives of the agency are addressed. She previously served as the Illinois Tollway’s Chief Strategy and Implementation Officer, where she led efforts to develop new ways to drive innovation to successfully prepare the agency for the future.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to help drive the continued success of the agency as Executive Director and continuing to work with the dedicated

and professional team of transportation personnel who everyday push the agency to excel,” said Rouse. “The Tollway is in a unique position, delivering some of the largest infrastructure investments in our region, and I’m committed to continuing to help the agency achieve its goals.”

Rouse has also served as the Tollway’s Chief of Administration, responsible for the development and implementation of administrative policies and procedures and employee compliance, and as Chief of Internal Audit, overseeing the design and execution of organizational audit strategies, engaging in direct communications with senior management on risk mitigation activities and internal controls.

Rouse was one of the co-founding members of the Government Advisory Committee to the IIA Board and in 2016 was the recipient of the IIA’s William C. Anderson Award recognizing an individual who has made the most outstanding contribution to the chapter that year.

She is a member of the South Suburban Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc., a national organization of mothers dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the oldest Greek-letter organization established in American by African American college women.

## Poll Workers needed in Suburban Cook County Gubernatorial General Election

Suburban voters can do their part for local democracy and earn some cash in the process by registering to serve as an Election Judge for the Cook County Clerk’s Office in the November 8, 2022, Gubernatorial General Election.

Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough is encouraging all residents to serve as an Election Judge or Polling Place Technician and to work on Election Day. The Clerk’s Office has precincts at 782 polling locations that will require staffing with poll workers throughout all communities in suburban Cook County. Election Judges are paid \$200 and Polling Place Technicians \$365 – and the Clerk’s Office provides training for both positions.

The Clerk’s Office is also putting out a call to encourage high school and college students to consider serving as judges. The Clerk’s Office was lucky enough to employ around 300 student judges who helped voters and their fellow Election Judges at the polls run a safe and secure Election Day.

The two poll worker posi-

tions available include:

**Election Judge:** These judges greet voters, sign them in, and work together to ensure the polling place is running smoothly and voters are properly served. This position earns \$200.

**Polling Place Technician:** Technicians work with Election Judges to check supplies and equipment and assist with the setup, maintenance, and breakdown of election equipment. Due to the additional equipment responsibilities, Polling Place Technicians receive additional training and earn \$365.

Election Judges must be a registered Cook County voter or an eligible college or high school student (16 or older).

The Clerk’s Office is also in need of bilingual Election Judges in many precincts with high concentrations of Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Gujarati, Urdu, and Arabic-speaking voters who are not proficient in English and may need special assistance at the polls.

Apply online at [cook-countyclerk.com/work](http://cook-countyclerk.com/work).

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

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## Seniors roll up sleeves to give back to others

Suds were flying at a recent Oak Lawn car wash, but the one's squirting the hoses weren't your typical carwash volunteers. Residents at Grace Point Place, an Anthem Memory

Care community, recently did their part to help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. The seniors soaped up cars and held a lemonade stand during the event.



Grace Point Place Residents Petra Flores, Sandra McAlpine, Thomas Nelson and Jeanne Matlock pour fresh lemonade.

"Many of our residents have volunteered all of their lives. Just because they have dementia doesn't mean they have to give up their commitment to community service," said Shannon Dahlman, community relations director for Grace Point Place. "They really jumped at the chance to

feel productive and help others."

The Number of those in Illinois with Alzheimer's is expected to reach 260,000 by 2025, a 13 % increase, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Grace Point Place is located at 5701 W. 101st St., Oak Lawn.

## Frontera Grill at Brookfield Zoo on October 7!

Experience the iconic Mexican flavors of Frontera Grill at Brookfield Zoo for a once-in-a-lifetime, family-style charity dinner! This special event takes place from 6-10:30 p.m. on Friday, October 7 at Brookfield Zoo (entrance is at South Gate).



Chef Rick Bayless

General admission tickets cost \$325 and include cocktails and appetizers, a special family-style outdoor dinner, full bars and up-close animal experiences. VIP ticket-holders (\$500) will have access to a live cooking demo and meet-and-greet with Rick Bayless, plus a signed cookbook and private up-close animal experience.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Chicago Zoological Society's animal conservation efforts, as well as the nonprofit Frontera Farmer Foundation, which awards capital development grants to small family farms in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan.

Tickets are only available by e-mailing [brookfieldevent-sales@thessagroup.com](mailto:brookfieldevent-sales@thessagroup.com). Reserve yours today!



Grace Point Place resident Sandra McAlpine, Carla Patterson, caregiver and resident Thomas Nelson pitch in for Alzheimer's.

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Join us on Saturday, October 15th, for our paper shredding event here at Pilgrim Faith Church at 9411 S 51st Ave., Oak Lawn. Bring all your old documents (think insurance policies, financial records, etc.) that you wish to get rid of but weren't sure how to do so in a confidential manner.

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## Discover treats at the Smith Village Farmers' Market

Neighbors can count on Smith Village Farmers' Market for a variety of local treats on Friday, September 23, from 10am to 2pm, rain or shine, in the parking lot along 113th Place East of South Western Avenue.

In addition to Smith Village's lemonade and popcorn stands to benefit Emilie's Fund, which provides for residents who outlive their means, highlights include Misericordia Hearts & Flour Bakery, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences' recently harvested pumpkins, and a variety of mums and fall plants from Schaefer's Greenhouse. Additionally, neighbors can purchase honey from Nisse Farms, pie from Pierre's Bakery and iced coffee brewed by Elara Caring. Proceeds from the Elara Caring coffee sales will also benefit Emilie's Fund.

Visitors can enjoy their treats at umbrella tables and relax with the music of saxophonist Gerald Holden from 11am to 1pm or take their purchases to go.

For more information about Smith Village, 2320 West 113th Place in Chicago, call 773-474-7300 or visit [SmithVillage.org](http://SmithVillage.org).

## CEJA: How it can help you save money and go greener

The Sauk-Calumet Group of the Sierra Club will be having a program on "Climate and Equitable Jobs Act" on October 10th, 2022 at 7:15 pm on the Zoom online platform. CEJA is Illinois' new law (passed last year) that is transitioning the state to renewable energy and leading in the fight against climate change. Learn more

about how CEJA can directly benefit you, your business, and your community while cutting carbon emissions and creating a greener future. Illinois Sierra Club's own CEJA Ambassadors and a Citizens Utility Board (CUB) representative will be there to answer all your questions.

To join the program please RSVP to Lois Lauer at 708-

923-1550, or [lois.lauer@illinois.sierraclub.org](mailto:lois.lauer@illinois.sierraclub.org), or Ann Baskerville at [ann.baskerville@sierraclub.org](mailto:ann.baskerville@sierraclub.org). Please RSVP by Friday, October 7, 2022. Lois or Ann will send you a link to join the Zoom meeting.

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## Celebrate Oktoberfest at Brookfield Zoo

Toss on your best lederhosen, it's time to celebrate Oktoberfest at Brookfield Zoo, sponsored by Leinenkugel's. Seasonal food, beer, and live Polka music await guests on Saturday, September 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guests, who are at least 21 years old, can say "Prost!" (Cheers!) at the Beer Garden on the zoo's East Mall while enjoying refreshing cool Oktoberfest beer available for purchase. Additionally, mouthwatering fall favorites featured on the menu include bratwurst, sausages, pretzels with beer



cheese, and more.

Zoogoers of all ages can join in on the fun and dance to live Polka music on the East Mall. Bratwurst Brothers will entertain guests beginning at 11 a.m., and following a short break, Keith Stras & Polka Confetti will take the stage from 2:15 to 5 p.m. Also, be on the lookout for the Leinie's PolkaPedi that will

be making its way around the park between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. offering complimentary memorabilia.

Brookfield Zoo's Oktoberfest is free with general admission of \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3 to 11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15. For additional information, visit [CZS.org/Oktoberfest](http://CZS.org/Oktoberfest).

## Stickney Township office on aging to host community fair

A variety of health, safety, and caregiver information for the community will be available at the Community Fair sponsored by Stickney Township Office on Aging. The fair will be held on Friday, September 23, 2022 from 9:30 to 12:00p.m. at the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington Ave. in Burbank, IL.

Local organizations and businesses will be available to answer questions and distribute information about many health, caregiver and safety topics, including healthy eating, immunizations, Medicare, senior services, and crime prevention. Some of the different organizations that are participating include Stickney Township Office on Aging, Stickney Public Health District nursing, environmental and behavioral health departments, home care agencies, Pace Suburban Bus, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Office of Comptroller, the Cook County Sheriff's Department and many other services of value to the community.

Various screenings will also be offered at the event including blood pressure checks, cholesterol and diabetic screenings. Refreshments will also be available during the event.

For more information about the Community Fair, contact Stickney Township Office on Aging at (708) 636-8850. Learn more at [www.townshipofstickney.org](http://www.townshipofstickney.org).



# Theatre

## Southern Gothic at the Windy City Playhouse

This play is not like any play you have seen before. In the Windy City Playhouse there was a house built. Not a stage, a real house built, with rooms and working kitchen. House was built in 1961 and audience with cocktails and can walk around to each room, because different rooms will have scenes at the same time.

It's 1961, Ashford, Georgia. Tom Collins is the drink of choice. Dean Martin's on bound to be revealed... Content warning: please note that Southern Gothic portrays domestic violence and racial slurs. With just 45 audience members per performance, this immersive production welcomes you to wander about the "set" at your own leisure. You'll act as a fly on the wall, overseeing all the juicy drama unfold up close. With Southern Gothic, we welcome you to choose your own



HRH Prince Nikolaos

## Prince Nikolaos' exhibition explores Greece's relationship with environmental preservation

The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) in Chicago's Greektown neighborhood celebrates its grand public reopening in September with the world premiere of a major photography exhibition, Resilience by HRH Prince Nikolaos, September through December 30, 2022.

An accomplished photographer who has exhibited his work internationally since 2015, Prince Nikolaos will present 19 new works as part of the NHM exhibition, exploring Greece's strong relationship with nature including the olive tree, grapevines and the sea. The exhibition will also feature the North American premiere of Together, an immersive scene of life-size illuminated, embracing olive trees accompanied by sounds of Greek nature, which first premiered at the London Design Biennale in 2021.

The Resilience exhibition is sponsored by NHM Trustee John S. Koudounis.

Resilience by HRH Prince Nikolaos will be exhibited at the National Hellenic Museum (333 S. Halsted Street, Chicago) from September through December 30, 2022. Museum hours are Thursday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets to the museum are \$10 and include admission to all exhibits. Discounts are available for seniors, students and children. For more information, visit [nationalhellenicmuseum.org](http://nationalhellenicmuseum.org) or call 312-655-1234.



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## Fiddler on the Roof at the Lyric

Lyric Opera of Chicago presents the North American premiere of a bold new production of the classic musical Fiddler on the Roof, September through October 7, 2022.

This widely celebrated production by director Barrie Kosky is supported by a massive ensemble of nearly 100 musical and dramatic artists, paving the way for audiences to enjoy another daringly unique musical theater experience that has become a Lyric signature. The Lyric Opera Orchestra is conducted by acclaimed conductor Kimberly Grigsby, and leading the cast are Broadway stalwarts Steven Skybell and Debbie Gravitte as Tevye and Golde.

While Fiddler on the Roof has always explored themes of tradition, family, and love, Kosky's direction offers an even closer look into how communities like Anatevka are still struggling in today's world.

Performance dates for Fiddler on the Roof are September 22, 23, 24, 28 matinee, 29 matinee, 30, and October 2 matinee, 6, and 7, 2022. All performances take place at the Lyric Opera House, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Fiddler on the Roof is performed in English. For tickets and information, 312.827.5600 or go to [lyricopera.org/fiddler](http://lyricopera.org/fiddler).

the radio. Everyone's driving a Cadillac, and Suzanne Wellington is about to turn 40. Four couples gather to celebrate the big day -old college buddies who've known one another for decades. But even best friends keep secrets and over the course of this evening's party, a few of those are adventure.

All performance of Southern Gothic is held at the Windy City Playhouse at Petterino's located at 150 North Dearborn, Chicago. The entrance to theater is on Randolph. For tickets go to <https://windycityplayhouse.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events>.

## Cabaret Zazou's production Luminaire debuts



Frank Ferrante  
Photo by LaRae Lobdell

Randolph Entertainment LLC is thrilled to announce Cabaret Zazou's premiere production, Luminaire. The new, groundbreaking, immersive variety dinner show is making its worldwide debut in a vintage Spiegel tent on the 14th floor of the Cambria Hotel in the heart of Chicago's Theatre District. Luminaire is directed by Dreya Weber,

and stars critically acclaimed performers Frank Ferrante and LiV Warfield as they lead an international cast of exceptional entertainers. Sassy, sexy, and sultry, Luminaire is designed to dazzle and delight audiences, and is complimented by a delicious multi-course meal.

Tickets range from \$125 to \$210 with special VIP tickets available. "Show Only" tickets are \$75. Individual tickets are available by visiting [CabaretZaZou.com](http://CabaretZaZou.com) or by calling 312.488.0900. Groups of 10 or more call Broadway in Chicago at 312.977.1710 or emailing [GroupSales@BroadwayInChicago.com](mailto:GroupSales@BroadwayInChicago.com).

For more information, visit [www.cabaretzazou.com](http://www.cabaretzazou.com).



Russell Thomas as Ernani and Tamara Wilson as Elvira  
Photo by Cory Weaver

## Ernani opens at the Lyric Opera

Lyric Opera of Chicago kicks off the Chicago cultural season as Verdi's Ernani takes the stage with performances from September to October 1, 2022. Written as Verdi was coming into his power as a composer, Ernani is a must-see, with unforgettable performances from a cast featuring four of today's greatest American opera singers: Russell Thomas, Tamara Wilson, Quinn Kelsey, and Christian Van Horn.

Performance dates for Ernani are September 21, 25, and October 1. All performances take place at the Lyric Opera House, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Ernani is performed in Italian with projected English titles. For tickets and information, call 312.827.5600 or go to [lyricopera.org/ernani](http://lyricopera.org/ernani)

## Pulitzer prize winner Lynn Nottage returns to Goodman Theatre this fall with Clyde's

Celebrated creative collaborators over two decades, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage and director Kate Whoriskey return to Goodman Theatre with their latest Broadway production, Clyde's, launching the Goodman's 2022/2023 Season. The cast of the Chicago premiere features Tony Award-nominated actress De'Adre Aziza as the hot-tempered Clyde, whose eponymous truck stop café's kitchen staff of formerly incarcerated people—Kevin Kenerly (Montrelous), Reza Salazar (Rafael), Nedra Snipes (Letitia) and Garrett Young (Jason)—dreams of creating the perfect sandwich. Clyde's appears September through October 9 in the 856-seat Albert Theatre. Tickets (\$25 –\$80, subject to change) are now available at [GoodmanTheatre.org/Clydes](http://GoodmanTheatre.org/Clydes) or by phone at 312-443-3800. The Goodman is grateful for the

support of JP Morgan Chase & Co. (Lead Corporate Sponsor) and Winston & Strawn LLP (Corporate Sponsor Partner). Clyde's is a co-production with Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, where it will appear November 15 through December 18, 2022.

Chicago audiences are first to experience Clyde's following its Broadway run, where it earned five Tony Award nominations and was critically hailed as a "delightful new play". A playwright and a screenwriter, Lynn Nottage is the first woman in history to win two Pulitzer Prizes for Drama. Chicago credits include Ruined (Goodman Theatre) and Intimate Apparel (Steppenwolf).

Enhanced and accessible performances: Visit [GoodmanTheatre.org](http://GoodmanTheatre.org)/Access for more information about Goodman Theatre's accessibility efforts.

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## Abdelazeez Sparks stingy defense for Spartan Soccer

By Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer

A strong defense on the soccer field is one thing, but a defense that has seven shutouts and only allowed

a total of four goals all season is quite another. That's just next level. That stingy defense belongs to the Oak Lawn Community High School boy's soccer team.

And Yusuf Abdelazeez is the leader of that defense. He is a hard-tackling central defender and leads the Spartans to success. The Spartans have opened the season with a 9-1-1 record.

"Yusuf is a positive vocal leader for the team all year," head coach Nate Joiner said. "His speed and prowess in the air are key parts of the Spartans defense, which has kept seven clean sheets. He even chipped in on attack by scoring a goal against Crete-Monee."



Yusuf Abdelazeez

## Reports of financial scams on the rise

The Oak Forest Police Department has seen an increase in residents suffering from several different financial crimes, including phishing, spear phishing, and the washing of personal checks.

In phishing scams, scammers send you texts or email messages with the intent of tricking you into responding in some way.

Often the links sent will include malicious attachments or links you can click on. If you open or click on the attachment or link, the scammer can gain access to your device.

So, what are the warning signs of such scams? Phishing messages often look legitimate, as though they came from a person or company you know.

## Back-to-School is time to review emergency preparedness plans

As millions of children and college students go back to school this month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) recommends that all families review their own emergency preparedness plans and school safety plans. Whether your children are in school, on a bus, at music practice, or with their traveling sports league teams, planning and shared information is critical.

Here are some tips to better prepare for the upcoming school year:

Teach children with cell phones about "Text First, Talk Later." The "IM OK" text message gets through phone congestion easier than phone calls do.

Explain the basics of weather preparedness for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, fire evacuation, flash flooding, etc.

Make a family communications plan.

Update your emergency contact information on file at your child's school.

Consider adding a relative or trusted friend to the school's information file as they may have to pick your kids up during an emergency.

Fill out a backpack emergency card for your student's backpack and your wallet.

Spooing a logo is easy and scammers will often make their messages look like they are from a trusted source.

They may ask you to provide passwords, bank account numbers, or other confidential information, or have you log into an account from a link that looks like a legitimate webpage, but it is not.

They will use fear to try to

pressure you to act quickly. They may threaten to close your account, fine you, or even have you arrested if you don't move quickly.

What can you do? Protect your devices by using anti-virus and anti-malware software. Set the software to update automatically.

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Download and discuss the free <https://www.safe2helpil.com/helpline> and app.

More tips can be on our website at Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA): [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov).

into your accounts, type in the website for the company, financial institute, or service provider. Don't trust links sent via emails or texts.

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Interested applicants should submit a completed Village of Evergreen Park employment application to [hkodynsky@evpkadm.org](mailto:hkodynsky@evpkadm.org). Please include the job title in the subject line of the email.

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**Balanced Spartans soccer team opens season on fire**

By Brian Frangella, OLCBS Staff Writer

It might just be the perfect mix of talent, youth, experience, and desire that has Oak Lawn Community High School boy's soccer coach Nate Joiner so excited for this season. And after starting out 9-1-1 in their first 11 games, the Spartans are proving they are worth all the buzz.

With three sophomores, two juniors, and six seniors, Oak Lawn seemingly has it all. Sophomore Dylan Walsh is the leading scorer with 13 goals. Fellow sophomore goalkeeper Giovanni Gonzalez is doing a stellar job in net with six shutouts already recorded this year. Another sophomore Simon Komperda is the starting central defender.

The senior captains Armani Velastegui and Jose Aceves are the leading assist givers. Seniors Imad Amra and Yusuf Abdelazeez are anchoring the defense. The Spartans are poised to be in every game with a defense as strong as this one.

"With a nice mixture of youth and experience, the boys are hungry after last year's losing season," Joiner said. "We are trying to take it one game at a time and not look past anybody in the South Suburban Conference Red because this year, more than in the past, it is very even, and anyone can beat anyone else."

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