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2022 Tax Rebate Program Resources

The Illinois Family Relief Plan (Public Act 102-0700) provides for one-time individual income and property tax rebates to be issued to taxpayers who meet certain requirements. You may be

eligible to receive one or both of these rebates.

For more information, please visit 2022 State of Illinois Tax Rebates

Questions or assistance, our staff can help with any

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\$360 million
in taxpayer savings



\$135 million
in taxpayer savings



\$475 million
in taxpayer savings



Board of Commissioners to meet Oct. 6 and 20

The MWRD Board of Commissioners will hold its Regular Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thurs., October 6 and Thursday, October 20.

Public comments may be made in person at 100 E. Erie Street during the Public Comment period. To view the meeting, visit <https://mwrld.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>. Click the "In Progress" link under the Video Column. This link will be active when there is a meeting in session.



Keshia Ellis

Crisis Center for South Suburbia welcomes new Director of Community Services

domestic violence survivors a real chance for independence and a life free from violence and fear," said Ellis.

Keshia is also responsible for the Emergency Services program which provides financial support to survivors who are in crisis and do not have the resources to meet their immediate needs. This includes funds for temporary hotel stays, rent assistance, lock changes, vouchers for transportation, and more.

Ellis is an alumnus of Western Illinois University and received her Master of Public Administration from Governors State University. She is also currently a doctoral candidate in the non-profit leadership program at Governors State. "Homelessness is an epidemic in our country. Add to that the challenges

of providing trauma-informed care to survivors who have no place to go because they fled a violent home and you can see that we have our work cut out for us," said Ellis.

Last year, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia provided over 28,000 hours of services and directly impacted over 2,000 domestic violence survivors. Plans are currently in the works to expand services to better meet the needs of Chicago's south suburban communities. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's services are free and include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, housing, counseling, advocacy, prevention, and education. Visit www.crisisctr.org, or if you are a victim of domestic violence call 708-429-SAFE.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is excited to welcome a new Director of Community Services, Keshia Ellis. Keshia brings a wealth of knowledge related to homelessness prevention and community-based housing, as well as a great deal of experience working with government agencies, community service providers, and non-profits. In her new role, Ellis will oversee community-based housing programs for survivors of domestic violence. "We currently have nearly 50 apartments scattered throughout the south suburbs. This housing gives



The Sandy Soil of Martha's Vineyard

By Tina Butler-Leonard

My husband Mike and I just came home from a scenic and revitalizing anniversary trip to Martha's Vineyard. I was compelled to write this article for a few reasons. The enchanting Vineyard has been in the news for political debate, but I'd rather turn the attention on the safety feature, the landscape and most importantly the kind and genuine people whom we stayed with.

First, I will give some background information on this small Island off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. It also includes the smaller Island of Chappaquiddick.

The Vineyard was home to one of the earliest deaf communities in America. Consequently, a sign language, the Martha's Vineyard, sign language emerged on the island. A high rate of hereditary deafness was documented on the Vineyard for almost two centuries. Sign language is not universal, there are over 300 sign languages currently in use around the world. It's said that France is where the first school for the deaf was founded around 1760.

The Vineyard is primarily known as a summer colony however its year-round population has increased since the 1960's. The yearly population is almost 17,000 residents. In Summer the population swells to about 100,000 people.

The cost of living is distinctly higher than on the mainland of Massachusetts. The goods and services are naturally also higher, the downside of living on a gorgeous Island. The main reason things cost more is because almost everything has to be imported. The island was originally inhabited with Wampanoag people. However, if you go back far enough in American history several places were settled by Native Americans.



Sadly, Chappaquiddick is the famous site for the drowning death of Mary Jo Kopechne. Then Senator Ted Kennedy and Kopechne were driving home from a party when Kennedy drove off the Dike Bridge.

The Vineyard was where Spielberg filmed, Jaws & Jaws 2 and the island celebrated the 30th anniversary of Jaws with a weekend-Jaws fest.

Several US presidents have stayed on the Island some include The Clinton's, The Grant's and The Obama's.

Tragically, about 20 years ago a small plane crashed off the coast of the Vineyard that took the lives of John F. Kennedy Jr., and his wife Carolyn and her sister Lauren Bessette.

Earlier I mentioned reasons why I wanted to write about the Vineyard and one very important part was safety. Every Chicagoan knows about the rise in crime and carjacking's. On the Island I felt so safe, I never felt such an overwhelming sense of peace and safety. They say Switzerland, Singapore and Canada are the safest countries to live in. I think the Vineyard should be at the top of that list. The second-best thing about the Vineyard were the views. The scenery is pristine, thought provoking and you could lose hours just staring and listening to the shore. Everywhere you look is charming, lovely and pretty-as-a picture scene.

Lastly and the greatest thing about this little but unforgettable place are the people, the warm welcome and hospitality you feel as soon as you land. My husband's friends, Pat & Kerry Ally are the friendliest couple you could ever meet, they represent the very best the island has to offer. They treated us like family. They live life to the fullest and don't carry stress or worries and it shows in their health and attitude. I think the fountain of youth must be in this magical place. A piece of our hearts is definitely on Martha's Vineyard.

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



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Orland Park partners with Federal Agency to address illegal firearms

In an effort to combat increasing number of guns recovered within Orland Park, the Orland Park Police Department has entered into a partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In 2021, the Orland Park Police recovered 61 illegally possessed guns, leading to 74 arrests. To date, the Orland Park Police Department has recovered 101 guns in 2022, already surpassing the 2021 totals with 83 arrests.

Under the partnership, two sworn Orland Park Police Officers will become official Task Force Officers (TFOs) under the ATF. The TFOs will remain stationed in Orland Park and continue to combat crime within the Village. Should the crimes involve a firearm, the TFOs

will be authorized to charge the offenders under federal statute.

“This is yet another example of our outstanding police department finding ways to keep our residents safe. Creative programs like the Mobile and Targeted Response Units, and now this agreement, are why we have the lowest index crimes in 27 years and were the 8th safest small city in Illinois in 2021,” said Mayor Keith Pekau.

“Under federal statute, those in violation of the law will be subject to more stringent penalties than if they were charged by the State of Illinois or Cook County,” said Orland Park Police Chief Eric Rossi.

The newly deputized officers will have the option to use ATF resources for inves-



tigation of firearm trafficking and will be able to conduct longer term operations, when necessary.

“A vast majority of those arrested by the Orland Park Police Department due to violation of gun laws are convicted felons with prior arrests for unlawful use of a weapon,” said Rossi. “Many are found to be out on bond for similar charges. Unfortunately, we have grown accustomed to seeing our efforts wasted as offenders are released on little to no bond for their crimes.”

“The upcoming SAFE-T act provision eliminating cash bond will only make matters worse, explained Rossi. “Our hope is to keep

more illegally-possessed guns out of Orland Park by keeping the offenders who choose to bring them here in prison.”

The Orland Park Police Department will create a workstation for the ATF Agents to utilize within the Police Department when working on more complex trafficking cases or when investigating violent crimes that were committed while using a firearm.

The Department currently has a similar arrangement with the United States Secret Service, with a dedicated Secret Service Agent permanently based out of the Orland Park Police Investigations Division who works complex financial investigations.

“The goal is to make sure Orland Park remains the safe, family-friendly village it has always been,” said Rossi. “This is just another step in securing that environment for years to come.”



Terri Hutson joins Mokena Village Hall customer service team

Long-time Mokena resident Terri Hutson has joined the Village of Mokena’s customer service team. Her appointment as Customer Service Representative was formally ratified by the Village Board.

Ms. Hutson possesses nearly thirty years of customer service experience, including fifteen years in a position of high-level administrative support and office oversight with Comcast.

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Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce’s Arts & Drafts



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.

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 plus 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

Live entertainment will include a performance from Ballet 5:8 at 11 am to 12 pm, House of Music from 1-5 pm, and our headliner will be Semple Band from 7-9 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.

Mokena Community Park District presents the 40th Annual Halloween Hollow



Daredevils of all ages will enjoy the Windy City Carnival with plenty of rides providing chills and thrills for everyone. Ghoulish Goodies will be available to satisfy any monster’s appetite including favorites such as Hot Dogs, Italian Beef Sandwiches, Pizza, Gyros, Funnel Cakes, Brats, and more! The fun continues into the evening with nightly entertainment on Friday and Saturday at the Yunker Park Bandshell. Food and beer concessions will be available for purchase.

Friday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 10pm, Unlimited Carnival Rides Wristband (per person, per session): 5:30 to 9:30pm \$35. Enjoy great entertainment at the Yunker Park Bandshell at 10824 W. La Porte Road, Mokena. Parking is \$5 to \$7 per vehicle.

Featuring: 6 to 7:30pm The Stingrays; 8 to 10pm Kovacs & Company.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 12 to 10pm, Unlimited Carnival Rides Wristband (per person, per session): 12 to 4pm (\$30) and 5 to 9pm (\$35).

Featuring: 6 to 7:30pm The Fortunate Sons; 8 to 10pm Infinity.

Monster Market on Saturday 12 to 5pm. There’s something for everyone in the Monster Market. Vendors will

be selling a variety of boo-tiful items such as plants, home décor, Halloween items and more.

Costume Contest on Saturday The Costume Contest is held at the Yunker Park Bandshell on Saturday, check-in at 1pm, contest begins at 2pm. Costumes will be judged in four (4) categories: Group, Funniest, Scariest and Most Original. Prizes will be awarded in each category and one Best Overall winner.

Scarecrow laboratory, kid’s activities, pumpkin painting and more! on Saturday only from 12 to 5pm. An Activity Wristband (\$20) is required for most kid’s activities and includes: Inflatables, face painting, spin art, pony rides, petting zoo and games. Activities are subject to change.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 1 to 5pm Carnival only! Unlimited Carnival Rides Wristband (per person, per session): 1 to 5pm (\$30) Special needs only from 11am to 12:30pm, (form required). Forms are available at your Special Recreation Association or School. Some activities have a fee and are offered while supplies last. See the event schedule at www.mokenapark.com for details. Schedules and activities are subject to change. For more information, visit www.mokenapark.com or call 708-390-2401.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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



The Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents SSO Showcase

On Sunday, October 9, 2022, the Southwest Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David L. Crane, presents "SSO Showcase".

The season opener promises to be one of outstanding music. Pieces to be performed are Benvenuto Cellini Overture by Berlioz, Scenes Alsaciennes by Massenet, Afternoon of a Faun – featuring principal flutist Jennifer Gosack Darwell by Debussy, and ending with the beloved Pines of Rome by Respighi.

Jennifer Gosack Darwell, has been praised for her vibrant tone, polished technique, and outstanding

musicality across a broad range of styles. Jennifer received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Flute Performance from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (2016). With over fourteen years of professional solo and orchestral experience, Dr. Darwell is dedicated to a life of sharing her love of classical music with others.

The concert is located at Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 West College Drive, Palos Heights.

Concert begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday October 9, 2022.

Ticket prices are \$7.00 for students, \$20.00 to \$25.00 for seniors, adults \$25.00 to \$30.00, children 10 and under are free.

The not-for-profit Southwest Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1964 and serves audiences throughout the south and southwest suburban communities. Learn more at southwest-symphony.com, call 708-802-0686, email southwest-symphony@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook and Instagram. This program is partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

TR1 Respirators donated to Palos Fire Protection District honoring National Preparedness Month

The Palos Fire Protection District became the latest recipient of a donation of twenty-five TR1 Respirators/masks thanks to the generosity of EzCloud Solutions, a multi-faceted company located in Orland Park, Illinois.

The donation is estimated to be worth \$5000 and was given to the district's first responders in honor of National Preparedness Month, an observance to raise awareness to the importance of preparing for emergencies and disasters that could strike at any time.

Michael Gabriele, Deputy Chief of the Palos Fire Protection District, announced the donation of the twenty-five TR1 Respirators/masks to the district and Emergency Management Services division at the Palos Fire Protection District Station #1 located at 8815 W. 123rd Street in Palos Park.

These respirators/masks are reusable and easily sanitized. The Electrostatic replaceable filter can last up to a full 2-weeks of use depending on the environment. Each unit consists of a rugged nylon tactical carrying case with TR1 tactical respirator/mask, plus five electrostatic replacement filters. The masks will be provided to the fire district's staff for use in the field.



Pictured left to right – Palos firefighters Kevin Holdefer; Brandon Roat; Michael Gabriele, Deputy Chief of the Palos Fire Protection District; firefighters Adam Quinlan; Keith Earley; Pat Torpy; Victor Kress, President of EzCloud Solutions, Battalion Chief Thomas Foley, and Don Kress, Vice President of Sales, EzCloud.

"The TR1 respirator/mask is rated higher than the disposable N95 masks, with the ability to filter 99% of 0.1-micron particles or larger," explained Victor Kress, President of EzCloud Solutions. "This translates into superior protection from COVID and any other harmful particulates that may be airborne for our first responders."

Kress further explained, "EzCloud's mission is to keep individuals safe and breathing clean air. It was our pleasure to donate to the Palos Fire Protection District an O2 Tactical TR1 Respirator/Mask, containing our exclusive O2 replaceable filters."

Kress also emphasized the importance such masks have on the jobs of first responders. "The TR1 Tactical Respirator/Mask helps first responders breathe cleaner and safer air in order to mitigate long term occupational risk. We encourage other communities to reach out to us. I would also like to note, that EzCloud also has a consumer model of O2 Respirator/Mask that utilizes the same exclusive filtration system as the TR1. Now everybody in every community has the opportunity to #BreatheEz - EzSanitize.Life"

Deer Safety Tips from Palos Park Police



Now that we're officially into the fall, it's the peak of deer activity and bucks are chasing does. Palos Park will have a lot of deer activity. The deer are also feeding heavily at this time of the year, as this is what they do before the leaner winter months come in.

Typically, our highest risk for occurrence with a car versus deer collision begins in October, and it will peak in November. Deer versus vehicle accidents can lead to costly repairs for damaged vehicles. The peak times for a collision to occur are from 5 am to 8 am and from 7 pm to 10 pm.

PPPD offers these tips: Increase your awareness of your surroundings; be very attentive to the surroundings of the roadway that you'll be on and look closely at the field edges and wooded edges on urban and rural routes; reduce your speed so that you have time to adjust your speed by applying the brakes and after dark or before daylight have your high beams on when it's applicable.

CSX Railroad crossing closure in Chicago Ridge

Please be aware that the CSX Railroad will be resurfacing the railroad crossing on Ridgeland Avenue. In order to perform the

work, Ridgeland Avenue will need to be closed in both directions. The work is scheduled to start on October 3, 2022 and will

be closed for two weeks. The crossing will be reopened by October 19, 2022 pending any unforeseen delays.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

The Outlaws Football Teams

In 1981, there was the beginning of the newly formed boys football team, along with baseball and hockey. With the help of one couple who organized the team for their son, this organization materialized into the best travel league on the west end of the border of Oak Lawn.

The volunteers trained the young men and eventually the team started to travel and compete with the Oak Lawn school teams. Now there are 100 hundred plus teams and they even have cheering. The Outlaws 2022 Home Coming Queen for the parade is Remington Husein, daughter of Gail Steans Husein and Granddaughter of Linda Stearns of Oak Lawn.

Remington cheers for the Outlaws teams and represented the squad for both days this past weekend. GO OUTLAWS!



Homecoming King, Evan Panther and Homecoming Queen, Remington Husein

Burbank Park District and Burbank Community Bank presents Haunt-Tacular Family Fest

On Saturday, October 22, from 4 to 10 pm. is our Haunt-Tacular Family Fest. At 6100 W. 85th Street, Burbank. Cost is \$8 per person and age 2 and under is free. Spooky Haunted Maze, live music, kids costume contest, and so much more. Call 708-599-3873.

Utility Bill Assistance

CEDA's (Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County) Utility Assistance Programs are open to all Cook County residents needing help to offset the costs of rising utility bills.

LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program). LIHWAP pro-

vides up to \$1,500 for reconnection assistance, disconnection prevention, past-due balances, disconnection fees and late fees. Applications are accepted year-round. To learn more about qualifications and to apply, call 1-800-571-2332 or visit www.cedaorg.net.

LIHEAP (Low Income

Home Energy Assistance Program). LIHEAP programs offer heat and electricity assistance through the DVP and PIPP programs. To learn more about qualifications and to apply, call 1-800-571-2332 or visit www.cedaorg.net.

For more information visit www.cedaorg.net.

Mamma Mia! at OLCCHS Performing Arts Center

ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! a guaranteed smash hit for any theatre. A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!



Thursday October 27, 2022 - Saturday October 29, 2022 (UTC-05)
At OLCCHS Performing Arts Center, 9445 Austin Avenue, Oak Lawn IL 60453.

EPCHS named "School Of Distinction" by Illinois Art Education Association

The Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA) is pleased to recognize Evergreen Park Community High School as a 2022 School of Distinction. EPCHS is one of only five schools across Illinois to receive this honor.

The recognition celebrates schools with rigorous art, design and media education programs. To earn the School of Distinction Award, EPCHS evidenced practices directly reflecting the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the Illinois Fine Arts and Media Standards, and Social-Emotional Learning

Priorities.

The IAEA is proud to honor art teachers Libby McArthur and Tom Guerra for their distinguished programming and the students' significant opportunities.

McArthur said EPCHS proved evidence of achievements in curriculum and assessment, authentic learning, showcasing student learning, connected communities, leadership and advocacy and professional development and training, among other attributes, in having been selected.

Participating in high-quality art, design, and media courses develops student creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills in valuable ways, according to the IAEA. Students in these programs gain social and emotional skills along with college and career readiness and citizenship.

Research indicates that schools with successful programs like that at EPCHS experience increased student attendance, engagement, and academic performance compared to schools that don't.

OLCC held Fun Fall Family Fest at Stony Creek Golf Complex



Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held a Fall Family Fest at the beautiful Stony Creek Golf Complex. Almost one hundred and fifty local community members came out to enjoy the day.

Students from Richards and Oak Lawn Community High Schools as well as members of Calvary Church of Oak Lawn came out to help and ensure the event was a success. Oak Lawn Chamber member THREE20 Media donated their time to take photos of the day.

Those who attended participated in many free activities like miniature golf, driving range, bags, spike ball, balloon animals, face painting and two different blow ups. Delicious food was available for purchase from Chamber members Fox's Restaurant, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Tone Capone Tacos, Smiling Clyde's Hotdogs and the Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck. A caricature artist was onsite for those who wanted to purchase a drawing of them to commemorate the fun day.

Oktoberfest returns October 8 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Evergreen Park



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Letter to the Editor

The recent tragedy in Oak Forest where four people lost their lives to domestic violence is something most of us will never forget. It shattered families and a quiet, friendly community.

Domestic violence can impact anyone. It's all about exerting power and control over another person, and it's never OK. There is

never just one victim and the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is here to support victims of domestic violence, including children and young adults. We work hard to help victims secure Orders of Protection and provide free counseling and

shelter, but as a community we need to be vigilant and watch for signs of domestic violence. We need to be there when someone is in trouble before another life is lost or traumatized.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and while many efforts and activities are scheduled for the month, the reality is that every day should be a day where neighbors and families are looking out for one another, espe-

cially in light of the growing numbers of domestic violence concerns.

If you are a victim of domestic violence and don't feel safe, we are here to help. If you feel isolated and alone because someone is controlling you, reach out. Call our 24-hotline for support, emergency shelter, resources, or just to talk. Our help and services are free and confidential. Call 708-429-SAFE or visit www.crisisctr.org.

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Public Welcome for 2022

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Saturday, October 29th, 5-10pm
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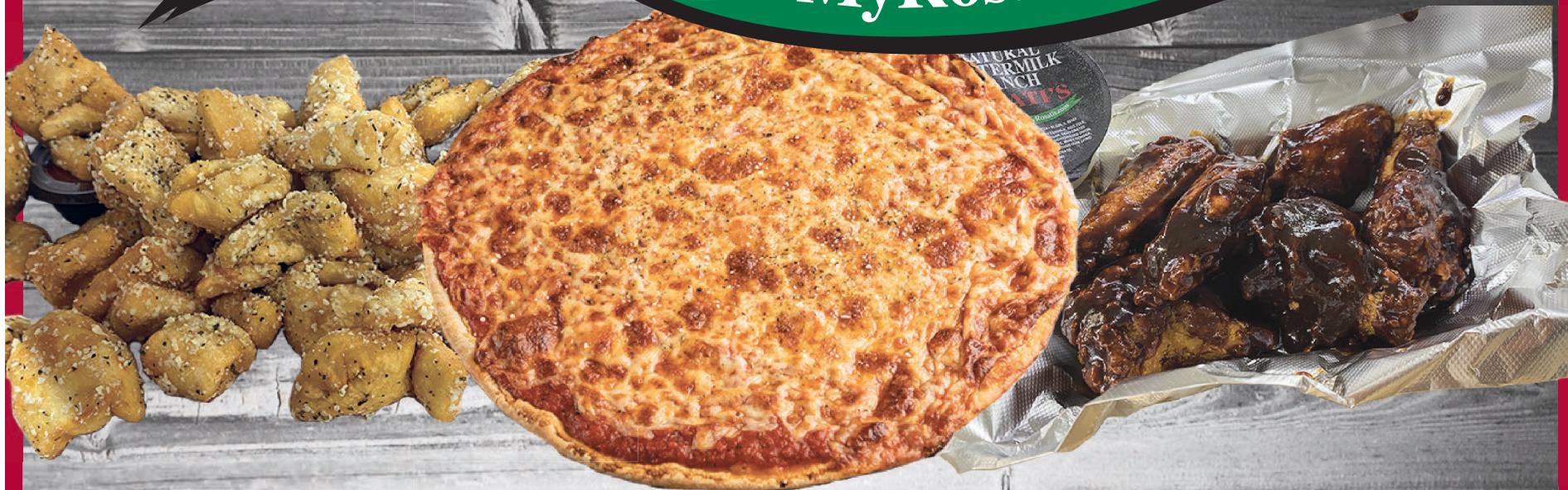
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Wednesday, October 19th, 9am – 10:30 am. At Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip.

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Senior community announces events for October 2022

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, leaving at 9:00 am, Trinity Seniors will go to Evanston, IL to tour the Halim Time and Glass Museum. The Halim Time & Glass Museum is a world class collection of historic timepieces, stained glass windows, and other decorative arts. Permanent exhibits include the American Stained-Glass Masters, The Louis Comfort Tiffany Gallery and Clocks of the World. The Museum Café Gallery hosts rotating exhibits as will our 3rd floor Special Exhibits Hall.

After the tour, lunch will be served in the café with several advance order selections to choose from. Cost for this event is \$45 per person which includes tour, lunch, and transportation. Deadline Sign up is October 1, 2022.

For more information for either event, please contact Linda Bensen, trip coordinator at 708-702-7026 for registration forms.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 S. Brandt Avenue, (2 blocks west of Cicero) in Oak Lawn.

Fall Fest Is Here!

At Lincoln Park Zoo's free fall event, taking place Fridays-Sundays from October 1st to October 30 and Monday, October 10, you can enjoy the fresh, crisp air of autumn in Chicago while participating in harvest-themed excitement. Pick pumpkins, enjoy sweet treats, watch professional pumpkin carvers, and enjoy ticketed attractions on grounds. These



include a Pumpkin Walk at Pritzker Family Children's Zoo, a Harvest Maze, and various rides. You'll also get to experience musical



Evergreen Park Public Library share career stories

Evergreen Park Public Library assembled five young professionals from a variety of fields to share their career stories in a panel discussion on Monday, October 24, at 6:30 pm. Each panelist will present their bio to registered attendees, followed by a Q & A session. "Our How'd You Get There? panel discussion is an opportunity for job seekers and students to hear real career stories that will hopefully empower and inspire them to follow their own paths!" said Young Adult Services Coordinator Mary Black.

About the panelists:

Julia Allow, Evergreen Park Community High School Alumna, Philan-

thropy & Engagement Specialist; Alillia Clements, Evergreen Park Community High School Alumna, Financial Analyst; Z Jeffries, author, Evergreen Park resident; Grace Spee, Professor of Digital Media and Samer Zayed, Flight Attendant.

Evergreen Park Public Library is here to support job seekers with online resources such as JobNOW, a database that includes online job coaching and personal resume reviews. Please contact the Reference desk at 708.422.8522, ext. 132 to learn about robust job search assistance for every step of the search. Register for the career panel on the events calendar at evergreenparklibrary.org.

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View all the fall activities and for tickets: <https://www.lpzoo.org/event/fall-fest>.

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The Brightness of Light at the Lyric Opera



The incomparable soprano Renée Fleming, Lyric's own special projects advisor, is joined by baritone Rod Gilfry for an extraordinary musical event: the Midwest premiere of the song cycle *The Brightness of Light*,

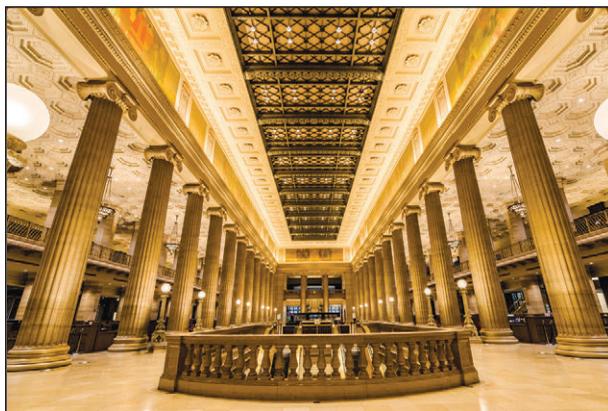
composed by Kevin Puts, followed by a program featuring songs from the Great American Songbook as well as Broadway favorites. This one-night-only engagement on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 7:30 pm also features the Lyric

Opera Orchestra conducted by Music Director Enrique Mazzola.

Tickets are on sale now. Please contact group-sales@lyricopera.org or call 312.827.5720. Tickets starting at \$35.00 to \$180.00. For more information visit lyricopera.org/brightness.

The Brightness of Light is based on letters between legendary painter Georgia O'Keeffe and her husband, photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

Chicago Architecture Center reveals details for open house Chicago 2022 presented by Wintrust



The Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) proudly presents Open House Chicago (OHC) 2022 presented by Wintrust. The public is encouraged to discover a robust roster of 150+ sites in 20 community areas over the weekend of October 15-16, augmented by opportunities for engagement throughout the month of October via the new CAC app. Open House Chicago is proud to be part of the Open House Family, a collective of similar festivals in over 50 cities around the world.

On view at the Chicago Architecture Center is

SAY IT LOUD —a global traveling activation that elevates the work and identities of local, diverse designers in collaboration with the National Organization of Minority Architects' (NOMA). Illinois residents can receive free access to the CAC, October 1-16 by showing their CAC app download at the ticket counter.

Become a CAC member at openhousechicago.org/ membership to receive a Priority Access Pass,

which provides the ability to skip the lines at all Open House Chicago sites. CAC Members also enjoy year-round CAC benefits.

An initial roster of Open House Chicago 2022 participating sites, self-guided tours, and virtual programming can be found by visiting www.openhousechicago.org, downloading the CAC app via Apple Store or Google Play, and following the CAC on social media @chiarchitecturevisit often for updates.



Black Ensemble Theater concludes the Season of Healing and Joy with *Blue Heaven*

Black Ensemble Theater's Founder and CEO Jackie Taylor concludes the 2022 Season of Excellence: The Season of Healing and Joy

with the world premiere musical *Blue Heaven*, written and directed by Producing Managing Director Daryl D. Brooks. The production runs October 22 to November 27, 2022.

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. Tickets for previews (October 22 at 7pm, October 23 at 3pm, October 28 at 7pm and October 29 at 7pm) are \$50 and tickets for the regular run, October 30, November 27, are \$55 (\$50 for seniors).

Masks are mandatory and must always be worn in the theater. Valet parking is available for \$10. Black Ensemble's Christmas Cabaret: December 10, 11, 17 and 18, 2022.

The Doo Wop Project returns to the Mac Sunday Oct. 9



The McAninch Arts Center (MAC) welcomes back The Doo Wop Project, featuring stars of Broadway's "Jersey Boys" and "Motown: The Musical"

for one performance only, 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. The Doo Wop Project brings unparalleled authenticity of sound and vocal excellence to recreate, and with some songs entirely reimagine, some of the greatest music in American pop and rock history.

The MAC, located at 425 Fawell Blvd. on the campus of College of DuPage presents The Doo Wop Project, 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9 Tickets are \$43-\$63. For tickets or additional information call 630.942.4000 or visit AtTheMAC.org. Box Office hours are Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. and three hours prior to performance. For more information call 630.942.4000 or visit AtTheMAC.org.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater announces *The Notebook*, a new musical

Chicago Shakespeare Theater the cast and creative team for the highly anticipated world premiere of *The Notebook*, a new musical based on the bestselling novel by Nicholas Sparks that inspired the iconic film. Allie and Noah, both from different worlds, share a lifetime of love despite the forces that threaten to pull them apart, in a deeply moving portrait of the enduring power of love.



Younger Noah (John Cardoza) and Younger Allie (Jordan Tyson) in Chicago Shakespeare Theater's production of *The Notebook*. Photo by Liz Lauren

Chicago Shakespeare makes its facility and performances accessible to all patrons through its Access Shakespeare programs.

The Notebook will be presented September 6–October 30, 2022, in The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare. Tickets (\$41–\$125) are on sale now. Special discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Box Office at 312.595.5600 or visit the Theater's website at www.chicagoshakes.com. Chicago Shakespeare's most up-to-date health protocols can be found at www.chicagoshakes.com/health.



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Jackson shines on big stage at conference meet



Kasey Jackson

By Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer

At times the big stage and bright lights of a huge moment in sports can be overwhelming for an athlete. For Oak Lawn Community High School girls golfer Kasey Jackson, the pressure of the South Suburban Conference Red meet didn't even phase her. In fact, she scored her best round ever.

Jackson met all of the challenges of the Green

Garden course and shot a 94 to earn a second-place tie. It was the crowning moment in a season of constant improvement.

"Kasey did an outstanding job at the conference meet," head coach Kate Mellone said. "Kasey shot

unbelievably. She has been improving tremendously throughout the season, and it shined through at the meet. We wish her luck at the upcoming Illinois High School Association Regional."

Veterans Breakfast

The Tinley Park Veterans Commission will host its annual Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Tinley Park American Legion Post 615, 17423 S. 67th Court.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional GI breakfast. Other activities will include military displays and musical entertainment.

The event is open to all Tinley Park military veterans and non-resident members of a Tinley Park military veterans' organization.

Sign up by Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the American Legion, V.F.W. Post 2791 or by calling Village Hall at (708) 444-5000. Please RSVP if you plan on attending.

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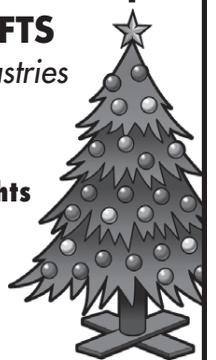
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