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visitors even while outdoors.

Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601. Call for more information or tickets at 312-922-3432.

SSC 12-week classes start Sept. 21

South Suburban College (SSC) continues its efforts to provide flexibility to college degree seekers interrupted by the pandemic including late start 12-week classes beginning September 21, 2020. SSC previously announced the extension of its Virtual Classroom Model for the 2020 Fall Semester along with a free laptop application and other technical supports such as hotspots to assist students with the virtual learning environment. The late start schedule and registration are available online from ssc.edu.

Late start students may also take advantage of SSC's free class tuition waiver available to first time credit students for fall or spring semesters who reside within SSC District 510 or Lake County, Indiana (cannot be used with Federal and/or State Financial Aid, or other tuition or employer subsidy programs).

Future SSC students should get started at admissions.ssc.edu. Once the application process is complete, new students will receive an SSC email account and a Self-Service Username & Password via email which will allow access to student information and class registration.

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5K Run, Walk or Roll

Everyone is welcome to come to our Sertoma Strong 5K Run, Walk or Roll at the Midlothian Meadows, Picnic Grove 1 at 157th & Pulaski Road, Midlothian, IL., on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

Registration: Online, \$40 per person, includes T-Shirt metal. Virtual, \$26 per person (Complete between September 10 and October 10). Registration at www.sertomacentre.org. Choose from the Morning or Evening 5K events. Registration closes September 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

The Race Day: No admittance without a mask. Morning Event, check-in at 8:30 am, 5K begins at 9:15 am. Afternoon Event, check-in 12:30 pm, 5K begins at 1:15 pm. Super Hero Theme (optional). Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets etc. Robinson's Ribs will be on site for food purchases. Sertoma Souvenirs for sale. And a DJ on site from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more information contact, Gerry Henaghan at 708-730-6210 or email at ghenaghan@sertomacentre.org.

Moraine Valley librarian wins state award

For the first time, a librarian from Moraine Valley Community College has won the Technical Services Award, which the Illinois Library Association (ILA) awards each year. Natalie Hall, techni-



Natalie Hall

cal services coordinator,

was named the award recipient because of her significant contribution to the college's technical services and cataloging areas.

Hall transitioned the Moraine Valley Library's catalog to a new cataloging system that allows students and others to more efficiently access materials. Terra Jacobson, dean of the college's Learning Re-

source Center, said, "The work in the back end of the Library is very important. If your catalog is not easily searchable, people can't find the information they need. We do all of this work in-house. It's clear the Illinois Library Association sees value in the work Natalie does."

Hall was excited to learn she had received the award

and is proud of the work she and the technical services staff do. "We strive to get resources in the hands of students, faculty and staff as quickly as possible. The catalog serves as a wonderful resource in the Library," she said.

Hall will receive her award when the ILA hosts its annual awards ceremony virtually on Oct. 22.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Village board meeting highlights

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

Public Works: The Village Board appointed John Urbanski to the position of Public Works Director.

John had been serving in the role in an interim capacity following the retirement of former director Kevin Workowski. Congrats, John!

TIF District: The Village Board adopted three ordinances establishing the 159th and Harlem Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The new 252-acre TIF District is located at 159th Street and Harlem Av-

enue and is an economic development tool that will help fill commercial vacancies in the area, spur development and give the Tinley Park economy a much-needed boost.

Coronavirus Aid: Cook County received about \$429 million from the U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and

will award the Village of Tinley Park with as much as \$383,275 for reimbursement of eligible COVID-19 costs. The Village Board approved the agreement during recently meeting.

Grant Recipient: The Village Board awarded a \$10,900 Oak Park Avenue Facade Grant to J.W. Hollstein's, 17358 S. Oak Park Avenue. Hollstein's will use



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the grant to replace the fence surrounding the outdoor patio with a new custom cedar wood-treated fence.

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Regional Tony Award-winner Chicago Shakespeare Theater announces its 35th Anniversary Season with a dynamic line-up of artistic offerings, both inperson and virtual, including plays written and inspired by Shakespeare, new musicals, a timely contemporary opera, and engaging digital content for audiences, students, and teachers.

Virtual programming and streamed productions will launch the season in September 2020. To ensure the health and safety of audiences, artists, and staff,

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The North American Premiere production of I, Cinna (the poet) will be directed by Tyrone Phillips, founding artistic director of acclaimed ensemble-based Definition Theatre. With credits at Raven Theatre, Red Orchid, and Writers Theatre, Phillips notably directed the world premiere production of Byhalia, Mississippi with Definition Theatre and The New Colony, which was remounted by Stepwolf Theatre Company. In Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, the humble poet Cinna hardly says a word before being mistaken for someone else and torn to pieces by an angry mob. Searching for the subject of a new poem, Cinna invites the audience to write along live in an exploration of words and actions, protest, and power.

Mokena water restrictions

In light of ongoing heat and drought-like conditions, please be reminded that seasonal watering restrictions remain in effect.

Outdoor lawn watering is allowed only on an odd/even basis from 7 to 11 a.m. and from 7 to 11 p.m. On odd-numbered days of the month, residents with odd-numbered addresses may water their lawns, and on even-numbered days of the month, residents with even-numbered addresses may water their lawns.

Demands on Mokena's water supply are approaching levels which could trigger further restrictions. Please do your part to ensure an adequate water supply for public safety purposes by abiding by the current restrictions.

Orland Park police remind residents to celebrate safely

As the Labor Day weekend approaches, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to remind everyone about the

dangers of drinking and driving. This Labor Day weekend, the Orland Park Police Department joins NHTSA to spread the word about impaired driving dangers and to work together to get drunk drivers off the roads and help save lives. The high-visibility national enforcement campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, runs through September 7, 2020. During

this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for drunk driving. Increased State and national messages about the dangers of drunk driving, coupled with law enforcement and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce drunk driving on our nation's roadways.

"Sadly, the statistics prove that we have a lot of work to do to put an end to drunk

driving," Police Chief Joseph Mitchell said.

The Orland Park Police Department is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal; it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to the Labor Day festivities, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive.

Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact 9-1-1 immediately.

Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

MVCC awarded grant for Fire Academy

Moraine Valley Community College will direct \$33,600 in Career and Technical Education (CTE) Improvement Grant funds from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) toward its Fire Academy.

The college is using the funds to subsidize the rental cost of firefighting gear to help more students afford training in the Fire Academy. The cost for gear and subsequent internship can cost up to \$900 per student. This is the second grant the program has received for these purposes.

“The students who are accepted into the Fire Academy will no longer need to use their own money to rent the required protective clothing. This should allow students with financial barriers to enroll in the program. We also are hoping to help bring more diversity in our programs,” said Andy Hufnagl, coordinator of Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services.

Statewide, 21 community colleges received nearly \$1.7 million in CTE Improvement Grant funds in 2020. Recipients can use the funds in one of three ways: to enhance student transitions, provide student-centered support services or strengthen the CTE educator pipeline. The grant is funded through the federal Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act.

To purchase tickets for the outing and additional information, visit morainevalley.edu/golf. Additional inquiries can be directed to Lisa Rispoli at (708) 608-4178 or rispolil2@morainevalley.edu.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Order Evergreen Park vehicle stickers from comfort of your own home



Village Clerk Cathy Aparo

Hello, Evergreen Park! I am Cathy Aparo and I am very happy and proud to serve as your Village Clerk of Evergreen Park.

These last six months have been trying times and I sincerely hope you have been doing well and keeping safe during this pandemic. The health and safety of our residents and our staff has always been our number one priority.

This pandemic has forced us all to change the way we do things, at least for now. You've seen how it has changed all of our Village programs, and taken away some of the fun things that we normally like to do during the summer. But, "wait till next year!"

It has also forced us to adapt to new ways of doing business here in the Village Hall, and in this case, it works out as a positive. You know that you have been able to pay your water bills over our website for the last couple of years. And now, you can do the same thing with your vehicle registration stickers that are coming due on September 15.

You've all received your applications in the mail, and we strongly ask and implore for you to order your stickers safely over our website with a credit card. If you have ever been one of the many who have waited until the last minute (and hey, we have ALL been there!) you know what a circus it is in

the lobby.

We do not want that to happen this year. Because of the safety measures in place to keep us all safe from Covid, there is limited capacity in the Village Hall. We don't want you to be standing in lines when we are all being implored to avoid such clusters. Please, please go online and order your stickers through our website. The stickers will be mailed directly to you as soon as possible and you don't have to worry about a thing. Best of all, there is NO FEE for online use.

A second option is to drop your completed application and check into our dropbox in the parking lot. You don't even have to get out of your car!

All this is in place to make it safer and easier for you, the resident. Please don't wait. Many people have used this new "Sticker Quicker" program already and they love the convenience and fast delivery (in spite of what you are hearing on the news about the post office).

And don't get me wrong, we love to see you here at the Village Hall. But for now, stay safe and do this from the comfort of your own living room!

Keep safe, my friends, and thank you!

Goodman Theatre unveils its eight-play 2021 season

Artistic Director Robert Falls and Executive Director Roche Schulfer announce "Our Next Act", Goodman Theatre's 2021 Season of eight plays on its two stages (the 856-seat Albert Theatre and 350-seat flexible Owen Theatre) scheduled to begin when it is deemed safe for audiences, artists and staff. The Membership line-up includes newly announced plays plus rescheduled works that were postponed due to COVID-19. One postponed work, Falls' production of Molly Sweeney, has been cancelled. Note: Details regarding the 43rd annual production of A Christmas Carol, which is not included on Goodman Membership, will be released soon. Memberships to the upcoming season are now available, including the "Whenever Membership" flexible package. A five-play Membership package starts at \$100. Call 312.443.3800

or visit GoodmanTheatre.org/2021season to become a Member and find answers to frequently asked questions. Single tickets will be available at a later date.

"We can't wait to welcome back our audiences for our dynamic 2021 Season that exemplifies the very best of our art form," said Artistic Director Robert Falls. "As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our artists and audiences, we remain flexible in our planning and will share production dates when the time is right."

"We're proud to announce four exciting world premieres, including a Goodman commission Cheryl L. West's Fannie, directed by Henry Godinez, a passionate rallying cry inspired by the life of famed civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, featuring E. Faye Butler in the title role. the ripple, the wave that carried me home

by Christina Anderson, a world-premiere co-production with Berkeley Repertory Theatre, is a stunning meditation on protest, legacy and reconciliation; and we're delighted to welcome back Christina, whose bold, imaginative How to Catch Creation was a memorable favorite last year. In addition, Good Night, Oscar by Doug Wright, directed by Leigh Silverman stars Sean Hayes (Will & Grace) as Oscar Levant—the larger-than-life American humorist with a dangerous edge. Finally, we'll produce the highly anticipated new musical we postponed due to COVID-19, The Outsiders, based on the novel by S.E. Hinton and Francis Ford Coppola's film, with a book by Adam Rapp, music and lyrics by Jamestown Revival (Jonathan Clay and Zach Chance) and Justin Levine, choreography by Lorin Latarro and directed by Liesl Tommy. A beloved

story of 'haves' and 'have-nots' that defined a generation is told anew."

"We're thrilled to produce our three postponed Chicago premieres, including the off-Broadway sensation, School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play by Jocelyn Bioh, directed by Lili-Anne Brown that was halted just a few days shy of its opening. We'll also produce American Mariachi by José Cruz González, directed by Henry Godinez (the funny, heart-warming story of an all-female mariachi band in an era when this defied social norms) in a co-production with Dallas Theater Center. And celebrated pianist, actor and playwright Hershey Felder in A Paris Love Story, directed by Trevor Hay, makes his Goodman debut in a tour de force tribute to the life and music of Impressionist composer Claude Debussy," concluded Falls.

MVCC faculty presentation selected for national course



Anna Jannak

patients with hypertension.

Jannak, who started her first nursing job in 1991, is humbled by the association's decision to transform her presentation into an e-learning course for others in the industry to earn continuing education credits. "I feel so fortunate I can share my experiences and knowledge and all those years of stories I have with patients and other coworkers," she

said.

Her presentation resonated well with attendees. "I spoke in a room with seating for about 90 people. All the seats were taken, and there were people standing in the back. Some people even wanted to take pictures with me, so, yes, it went very well," she said.

Jannak said she believes her topic was so well-received because hypertension is a common chronic disease. According to the American Heart Association, more than 80 million Americans age 20 and older (about one in three adults) have high blood pressure.

"I talked about my real experiences with patients and how to teach them to take

control of their own health," Jannak said. "It's important to keep the lines of communication open with patients. Nobody wants to know they have hypertension. That really is a lifelong commitment to take care of yourself, so we need to be sure we give patients the tools to make that commitment."

"It's great to see Anna's knowledge and passion for healthcare is not only recognized at Moraine Valley, but also at the national level. This is truly a well-deserved honor for her," said Dr. Kiana Battle, dean of Career Programs.

The e-learning course is expected to be available to members of the association in the fall.

Driver's License Expiration Dates extended One Year for Seniors 75 and Older

New expiration date will be one year from current 2020 expiration date

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the expiration date for valid driver's licenses held by Illinois drivers who are 75 years of age or older has been extended for a period of one year past the licenses' current 2020 expiration date. As a result, drivers age 75 and older with a 2020 driver's license expiration date do not need to visit a facility to renew their driver's license until shortly be-

fore their birthday in 2021. "I am mindful of the heightened risks associated with seniors contracting COVID-19, and that is why I have authorized this important change during this challenging and unique time," said White.

There are approximately 147,000 drivers age 75 and over with expired or expiring driver's licenses in 2020. Letters are being sent to drivers that qualify for this extension. The letter should be kept with the qualifying driver as further proof of

the one-year extension. In addition, driving records on the Secretary of State's computer system have been updated to show the new 2021 expiration dates for qualified drivers, and law enforcement agencies both state and nationwide have been notified of the extended expiration dates.

In addition to being 75 of age or older, the driver must have a valid license; drivers who are suspended or revoked do not qualify for the one-year extension.

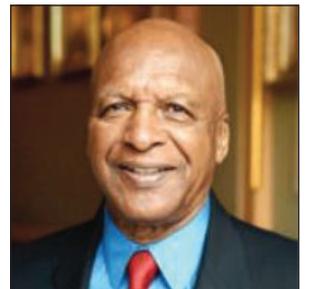
White is reminding all

other drivers that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Nov. 1 so customers under age 75 do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, these customers are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be

prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services – such as renewing license plate stickers – from



Jesse White

the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

Illinois law gives the Illinois Secretary of State the authority to extend driver's license expiration dates by up to one year.

Manufacturers on Pritzker's energy legislation

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association recently released the following statement regarding Gov. JB Pritzker's outline for energy legislation:

"Illinois needs to protect and preserve its competitive energy market, which has saved Illinois businesses and residents billions of dollars over the past two decades. We need to continue with an all-of-the-above approach for energy that includes nuclear, coal, gas, and renewable sources of energy so that we have a safe, reliable, affordable and efficient supply of electricity to power our businesses and homes. Manufacturers are the largest consumers of energy, running sometimes two and three

shifts a day, and this plan does not contain any safeguards to protect businesses and residents from increased energy costs," said Mark Denzler, president & CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. "Manufacturers are committed to sustainability and over the past decade we have used innovative technology to reduce our carbon footprint by 21 percent while increasing economic output by 18 percent. The industrial sector employs 550,000 women and men in good, high-paying jobs that produce more than \$304 billion in annual economic output, the single largest share of Illinois' economy. We look forward to working with the Governor and policymakers about the best way to move forward rather than simply imposing artificial goals."

For more information, please visit <https://imanet.org/>.

Beware of Solicitor's and Home Repair Fraud

The fall season and weather disasters has increased the number of people posting signs for home repair and other services that may not be legitimate

Each resident should be aware that door-to-door solicitation in the City of Oak Forest is restricted. Any organization wishing to apply for a solicitor's license must do so in the City Clerk's Office. If approved, there are monthly licensing fees.

Additionally, residents can pick up a NO SOLICITORS INVITED sticker from City Hall.

Avoiding Home Repair Fraud

Please use extreme caution when confronted with the following warning signs of a potential scam:

Door-to-door salespeople with no local connections who offer to do home repair work for substantially less than the market price.

Solicitations for repair work from a company that lists only a telephone number or a post office box number to contact, particularly if it is an out-of-state company.

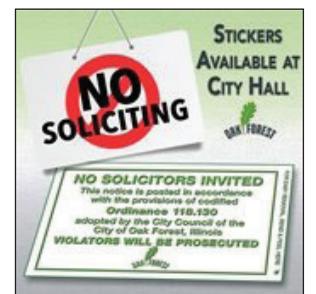
Contractors who fail to

provide references when requested.

People who offer to inspect your home for free. Do not admit anyone into your home unless he or she can present authentic identification establishing his or her business status. When in doubt, do not hesitate to call the worker's employer to verify his or her identity.

Contractors who demand cash payment for a job or ask you to make a check payable to a person other than the owner or company name.

Offers from a contractor to drive you to the 2w



bank to withdraw funds to pay for the work.

Additional Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights information can be found on the fact sheet from Kwame Raoul, Illinois Attorney General at <https://www.oak-forest.org/DocumentCenter/View/3421/Home-Repair-Guide-from-Illinois-State-Attorney-2020>.

Driver sober this Labor Day

As Labor Day and the unofficial end of summer near, the Oak Lawn Police Department is partnering with law enforcement throughout the state to stop impaired driving and help save lives.

"While celebrations marking the last days of summer may look different this year than in times past, the potential remains for an increase in the number of impaired drivers on the roads," said Sgt. Acke. "Impaired driving kills more than 10,000 people in the United States each year. Please plan ahead for a safe ride home before you leave

the house. It truly is a matter of life or death."

The high visibility "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign runs now until the early-morning hours of Sept. 8. During this period, motorists in Oak Lawn can expect to see stepped-up impaired driving patrols and seat-belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat-belt use is lowest. Speeders and distracted drivers should also be aware.

If you're celebrating this Labor Day, remember to designate a sober driver and don't let friends or family members drive drunk. Even a small amount of alcohol can impair judgment and reaction times, making driving unsafe.

Moraine Valley administrator appointed to the Housing Authority of Cook County Board of Commissioners

Moraine Valley Community College's vice president of Student Development, Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone, was recently appointed to the Housing Authority of Cook County Board of Commissioners. She will serve a five-year term as a commissioner on the board.

Salleh-Barone has long been an advocate for addressing concerns related to the need for decent, affordable housing. "When I was Moraine Valley's director of Multicultural Student Affairs in the early 2000s, I first learned about one of our student leader's experience with housing

insecurity. I worked with my colleagues at the college to research what resources were available for our homeless students," she said.

Salleh-Barone has served as the college's vice president of Student Development since 2010. "Over the past 10 years, I began to realize the number of students who self-report as being homeless or who have housing insecurity has become too frequent," she said. Salleh-Barone believes her position on the board will give her the opportunity to provide the perspective of a higher education administrator.

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For more information, visit <https://www.olparks.com/programs/preschool>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Gray at sgray@olparks.com or 708-857-2200.

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WWII Preserving Our Heritage By Ken McClory book.

The Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 has embarked on a patriot awareness program titled Preserving Our Heritage. It profiles and features WWII veterans with real stories of valor and sacrifice and the kind of stuff you won't find in history books. America's history book of WWII has reached its final chapter and it's legacy needs to be passed on to our younger generation.

Travel back in time. Some 35 years ago, to the halls of the U.S. Air Force Academy and picture a janitor named Bill Crawford mopping floors and emptying trash. The cadets knew Crawford was a retired WWII

veteran but their perspective on him changed one afternoon when a cadet fumbled through an old WWII book. The book told of an American infantry division's invasion of Italy with a picture of a Medal of Honor recipient, Private Bill Crawford. During combat, Crawford ran headlong into enemy fire, 3 times destroying German machine gun nests allowing safe passage for the 35th Infantry Division, September 13, 1943. Crawford was listed MIA and the Medal of Honor was posthumously awarded to his father. In reality, he was captured and interned to a prisoner of war camp.

Shocked and perplexed

the cadet rushed to find Janitor Bill at the academy who when approached with the book said, "oh yes, that's me but that was a long time ago". It always disappointed Crawford that he never received his Medal of Honor from the President. Eventually the White House acted on his request, and in 1984, President Ronald Reagan visited the Air Force Academy and presented PVT. Bill Crawford with his Medal of Honor.

What a tragedy it would have been had that cadet not found out of Bill the Janitor's heroic past. "I feel it is my calling to continue to champion our WWII veteran's legacy" said Ken Mc-



Bill Crawford The Fighter Army World War II

Clory, Tinley Park Legion Post 615 member., who is heading up this project. With that being said, McClory is motivated to move forward with this initiative and welcomes interested WWII veterans from Tinley Park and its surrounding communities to contact Ken McClory at 708-214-3385 for more information in regard to future features.

Scandinavian Day Festival Postponed

The traditional Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park, Route 31, South Elgin, Illinois has been cancelled for Sunday, September 13, 2020 due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. We hope to see you back in 2021.

The Scandinavian Day Festival is dedicated to the preservation and celebration of the five Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Open to people of all ages and backgrounds, the Festival pro-

vides a venue to honor and present all things Scandinavian, past and present.

The Board of Directors of Vasa Park has also advised renters of the park that, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, at this time all rentals and events in 2020 at Vasa Park have been postponed until further notice.

A COVID-19 Fundraising Initiative for Vasa Park was started for the donation of reservation payments that we have received for the Dinner Dance. Vasa Park's Vice President David Anthonson and his wife Annette Seaberg generously matched donations to Vasa Park, up to a total of \$3,000.

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Orland Township to Hold Flu Shot Clinics

Orland Township is providing residents with numerous opportunities to get their seasonal flu shot at Township clinics in September and October, according to the office of Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

From September 2 through October 28, flu shots will be available every Monday and Wednesday at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, from 3 to 6 p.m. The exceptions are Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day) and Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day), when the office will be closed for holiday observances.

Additionally, the Township will be at the following locations to administer flu shots:

Sunday, Sept. 13, 8 a.m. to noon, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills

Sunday Sept. 20, 8 a.m. to noon, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park

Sunday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.

to noon, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church, 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park

Please note: church clinics will only accept cash payments.

Orland Township will also hold its convenient Drive-Thru Flu Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. Individuals attending the drive-thru clinic are asked to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

"Orland Township is happy to be able to provide so many opportunities for residents to get their seasonal flu shot," said Supervisor O'Grady. "I hope everyone takes advantage of our clinics to do their best to stay well during the upcoming flu season."

Orland Township will bill Medicare for individuals with Medicare Part B; please bring proof of insurance. Individuals with a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Retiree Plan

may be able to submit the vaccine receipt for reimbursement; check your policy for details.

Pneumonia vaccines will also be available for adults 18 years of age and older. Pneumonia vaccines vary in price from \$100 to \$195, depending on the vaccine administered; insurance is not accepted for pneumonia vaccines.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, everyone attending a clinic must wear a face mask.

Individuals should contact their healthcare provider prior to attending to find out which vaccines are best for them. Orland Township Flu Clinics are all walk-in, no appointment necessary, for anyone 3 years of age and older. Cash or credit card only at clinics at the Township office; cash only at church clinics.

Call Orland Township's Health Services department at (708) 403-4222 for more information.

Donation to Evergreen Park Library

The Enterprise Holdings Foundation donated \$1500 to Evergreen Park Library Foundation in recognition of their commitment to supporting

literacy in our community. The funds will be used to expand the StoryWalk at Yukich Fields, a series of signs featuring a children's picture book and encouraging physical activity.

The picture book for autumn will be Fall Mixed Up by Bob Raczka.

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Mayra Avila from United Credit Union in Evergreen Park nominated the library for the grant. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Enterprise Holdings, which operates the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car rental, and Alamo Rent A Car brands.

So You Want to Talk About Race? Ijeoma Oluo

By Lorraine Schmall

Apparently, many folks do. According to the New York Times: "People Are Marching Against Racism. They're Also Reading About It."

Three of the authors recently reviewed in this column hope we'll not only read about race, but pray, with our feet. Ibram X. Kendi taught us "How to be an Antiracist"; Robin DiAngelo described "White Fragility" about race talk; now Ijeoma Oluo asks "So You Want to Talk About Race?" which is directed precisely to those who do want to talk and learn about how race affects everything.

All these books are laden with information whites should have gleaned from birth, learned in kindergarten, and acted upon from the start of their sentient lives. But segregation and white privilege kept us dumb. There is no excuse, but Oluo offers insight into what one sympathetic reviewer calls "hard-to-understand-unless-you've-lived-it" topics that even people of color might not get.

Oluo says, "White Supremacy is this nation's oldest pyramid scheme. Even those who have lost everything to the scheme are still hanging in there, waiting for their turn to cash out." She deftly, even humorously, addresses a range of tough issues: the "n" word; affirmative action; micro-aggressions; cultural appropriation. She discusses "model minorities" and looks at the differences among different Asian Americans, the treatment of Native Americans and residents of U.S. territories, and class distinctions within races. She reads with clearer eyes mainstream news reports: "A sharp rise in homicides ... is hitting large U.S. cities across the country, signaling a new public-safety risk unleashed during the coronavirus pandemic, and amid recession and a national backlash against police tactics," including protests, violence, even looting.

Oluo calls crime a public-health, not a public-safety, issue. She sees well-documented, brutal, sometimes murderous discrimination by police against minorities and a school-to-prison pipeline (even as parents and students question having police in schools, guaranteeing arrest, rather than detention, for misbehavior). She knows "black-on-black" crime is a shibboleth; homicide is singularly intra-racial. (White men commit about 30% of all murders; 80% of their victims are white. Black men commit 36% of all murders; 89% of their victims are black.)

Racial distinctions in wealth, income, access to quality education and housing are stark, and Oluo wrote her book before COVID's unequal assaults on minorities. "These are very scary times for those who are just now realizing how justifiably hurt, angry, and terrified so many people of color have been all along."

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The main "To a T" web page can be found online at VisitChicagoSouthland.com/To-A-T. The web page features an interactive graphic that takes visitors to the designated activity once clicked. Each landing page features more information about either the trails, trains, tunes or taprooms located throughout the Chicago Southland

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region. This campaign is an excellent way for residents and visitors alike to explore just some of the many activities that the Chicago Southland has to offer.

The "To a T" campaign highlights the Chicago Southland's trails, railfanning spots, live music venues and craft breweries. There are over 40,000 acres of forestry in the Chicago Southland. The recently launched Chicago Southland Trails App details the area's hiking, biking and walking trails, the first app of its kind for the Chicago Southland. Known as a railfanning hotspot, the Chicago Southland is easily a favorite location for train lovers. A corresponding railfan guide was released by the CVB in 2018. With an abundance of live music venues, and locations ranging from huge

amphitheaters to local bars, the Chicago Southland is a music lover's paradise. Additionally, there are 19 craft breweries in the Chicago Southland alone, making our region an excellent location for beer enthusiasts to visit. Visitors can also utilize the new Cheers and Beers brewery guide to navigate through the taprooms.

Please note that because the "To a T" campaign was planned pre-pandemic, many music venues are currently not operating at full capacity. However, many area taprooms are open for business. Most trails and railfanning spots are also open to the public. To access the "To a T" campaign and explore what the Chicago Southland has to offer, go to VisitChicagoSouthland.com/To-A-T.

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