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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Alsip prepares for lost revenue

by Jan Glaz

Sharing news related to the Coronavirus pandemic, Alsip Mayor, John Ryan, announced on April 6th, at the Village of Alsip Board of Trustees Meeting that Alsip's Finance Director, Kent Oliven, recently participated with other municipalities Managers and Treasurers via a conference. Oliven reported that all are struggling with next year's anticipated revenues in regard to their budgets. "Kent Oliven will be present at our next scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting, April 20, 2020, to discuss our Village's upcoming budget."

Mayor Ryan thanked everyone during the Covid-19 crisis for doing their best to follow the Village's shelter-in-place guidelines. The Mayor continued, "And I thank our business community for their support. We've had many businesses calling in and sending donations along with gratitude for our First Responders. Coca-Cola (Great Lakes Coca-Cola Bottling, 5321 W. 122nd Street, Alsip IL) was kind enough to make generous product donations that they shared with their clients."

Board meeting approvals: Trustees voted to allow Village of Alsip employees to use their sick-time banks voluntarily, on a temporary basis, until the COVID-19 pandemic has been declared clear. Employees can only use the sick-time bank if their supervisor approves of the requested time off. All six Trustees had sanctioned this ac-

tion on March 21, 2020, to the Mayor by electronic means.

The board also agreed to renew the following insurance policies with the Horton Insurance Group following a single 'Request for Proposal' submitted on 3/30/20 for General, Public Officials, Law Enforcement and Employment Practices Liability, Automobile, Primary Excess Liability and Secondary Liability insurances at a cost of \$312,930.00 with an effective date of 5/1/2020 to 5/1/2021.

Meeting endnote: Trustee, Catalina Nava-Esparza, stated that the Village of Alsip Census 2020 hit the 50% mark. "We're at 52.4% for the self-response rate, so thank you to all the residents who participated in completing the Census and there's still time for those that haven't."



Village of Crestwood Mayor, Lou Presta

Crestwood provides \$500K for Stimulus Vouchers

by Jan Glaz

On Friday April 3rd and Saturday April 4th the Village of Crestwood made available to 5,070

Crestwood households (4) \$25.00 vouchers, a total value of \$100.00, that can be redeemed for meals up to July 1, 2020 at 27 participating Crestwood restaurants.

Village Mayor, Lou Presta, and the Village Trustees designed the plan to issue 'Stimulus Vouchers' back on March 27, 2020. "Our Trustees voted to use \$500,000 from the Village's annual budget surplus to provide a stimulus to village businesses hit hard by the COVID-19 restaurant dine-in closures," Presta said. "While at the same time we are offering our residents four meals each to help them get through this crisis and break the monotony of being isolated inside their homes."

It's been reported that Crestwood is one of the most financially stable municipalities in the State of Illinois and has routinely ended each fiscal year with surpluses typically totaling \$1 million or more. "Government is supposed to plan for times like these," stated the Mayor. "Taxpayers support their government in good times with an understanding that government will be there for them during the bad times."

Village residents picked up their four vouchers without leaving their cars by driving through special lanes that the Village created at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 Kostner Avenue. The vouchers can be used for takeout or drive-through dining at 27 participating Crestwood restaurants that include McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Chick-fil-A, Barraco's Pizza, Stacked-Crestwood, and At the Office. Restaurants will turn the vouchers back to the Village for redemption in cash.



Village of Midlothian Mayor, Gary L'Heureux

Midlothian addresses faulty refuse pickup

by Jan Glaz

On April 8th at the Village Midlothian Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Attorney, Nick Valadez, reported approximately 100 public complaints in regard to Republic Services mass pickup of bulk trash and yard waste. "I was directed by the Mayor to look into the refuse contract. I fully understand that there are issues from the Covid-19 pandemic that makes it necessary for the contractor to take action to safeguard employees as well as to get the major refuse out given the extraordinary increase in items they have to remove."

"However, we're approaching the point where the residents are leaving they're stuff out believing that the Village is responsible for picking it up under the contract that the Village has with the public. I will be sending out letters to the public to identify when that pickup is going to resume and request some sort of rebate in terms of what the contract has for providing to the public."

Attorney Valadez concluded, "They (Republic Services) certainly have a right under a pandemic

to keep their employees safe as well as to limit the things that they pickup. However, no such right exists under their contract to charge Midlothian full charges for what they are not doing."

In regard to social distancing at local businesses Trustee, Jerome Gillis, stated that some stores were not following Village guidelines to protect the public during the Coronavirus pandemic, noticeably marking 6' between individuals to comply with social distancing. "Who's supposed to enforce this?" questioned Gillis.

Midlothian Mayor, Gary L'Heureux, replied, "It's all about responsibility. We need to know about it so that we can contact the store owner or store manager." The Mayor urged the public, "If you see something say something, so we can address it."

Meeting endnotes: Trustees approved the purchase of 12 new computers and laptops for the Police Department and Building Department at a cost not to exceed \$13,188.00; approved the annual membership renewal for the 'Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC) in the amount of \$500; and agreed to hire 'Anthony Roofing' to install a new roof on the Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski Road.

Moraine Valley Foundation virtual gala celebrates students

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation continues its annual fundraising gala for one more week, ending its 20-day virtual gala and auction on Friday, April 24, with a social media event at facebook.com/mvccalumni.

Join in on fun competitions, view virtual elements at the event, and, at 6:30 p.m. on April 24, view live drawings of the raffle winners. The grand prize winner will receive two round-trip domestic airline tickets. Among the runner-up prizes will be an Echo Show digital assistant and a Ring Video Door Bell Pro system. Raffle tickets, which are \$15 each or four for \$50, are available now at <https://aesbid.com/ELP/MVF20>.

Each day during the final week of the virtual gala, the Foundation's Facebook page will feature a different video in keeping with the gala's Roaring Twenties theme, including one created by Moraine Valley chef Rose Deneen, who walks viewers through making Baked Alaska, a popular dessert from the 1920s, and a mixologist who will share recipes for making beverages during the 1920s.

Final bids are being taken this week on items such as restaurant gift certificates, tickets for local attractions, family-friendly events and concerts, brewery tours, museum passes, trips to Mexico, dinners hosted by the Moraine Val-



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Mokena prepares for pond maintenance

by Jan Glaz

On April 13th at the remote viewing session of the Village of Mokena Board of Trustees Meeting, a resident, citing an agenda item for the 2020 Pond Maintenance Program, phoned to voice his concern over the accumulation of excess algae on a pond adjacent to his home.

Village Administrator, John Tomaszoski, agreed with the resident about the importance of pond maintenance and the significance of having algae cleaned correctly throughout all Village ponds. Trustees voted to approve a bid recommendation by Village staff to award a contract to McCloud Aquatics, as the lowest bid received, in an amount of \$26,564.00.

The maintenance service months are May of 2020 to September of 2020 for servicing of 23 ponds throughout the Village. Administrator Tomaszoski confirmed that the contract safeguards the work to be completed as required. "If McCloud Aquatics is called out by the Village due any maintenance failure, a provision within the contract allows for a 5 day period to correct the problem. If not corrected within 5 days, the Village has the authority to terminate the contract."

Services to be performed by McCloud Aquatics include: Water quality monitoring to ensure a healthy aquatic environment, along with chemical applications to address water quality and aquatic vegetation, such as algae control. The maintenance contract requires treatment of the ponds on a bi-weekly basis and to compliance with all environ-



Village of Tinley Park Library, 7851 Timber Drive, Tinley Park, IL

Tinley Park agrees to annex Mad Outdoor location

by Jan Glaz

Officials in Tinley Park adopted a 'Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with Mad Outdoor, Inc. at the Village Board Meeting held on April 7th. The Annexation is for property located at 18501 Ridgeland Avenue.

Trustee Michael Mueller reported that the Petitioners, David Malay and Mark Hirtzer, on behalf Mad Outdoor, Inc. petitioned the Village of Tinley Park to annex their approximate 16.58 acre parcel located at 18501 Ridgeland Avenue, a parcel that currently has three billboards with four sign-

mental and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

McCloud Aquatics, located in Elburn, Illinois, has been in business for over 20 years. "The company has performed this service for Mokena in past years and performed exceptionally well," Administrator Tomaszoski said.

Any questions related to Village pond maintenance may be directed to Louis Tiberi, Public Works Director, at 708-479-3906, ext. 232.

Board meeting endnote: Administrator Tomaszoski announced that in line with the Covid-19 pandemic and the Villages pledge to keep "Mokena Strong" a volunteer group can be contacted for

faces on the property. The billboards upon annexation will be rendered illegal non-conforming.

Per the Annexation Agreement, these billboards will be allowed to continue in their current configuration subject to (Non-Conforming Signs) of the Tinley Park Zoning Ordinance. Furthermore, the property will be annexed as a R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning District. Any redevelopment of the parcel will need to conform to the Village Code - Ordinances and Regulations - as amended from time to time.

As part of the Annexation Agreement, the Petitioners

free non-emergency services at www.mokenastrong.org or by calling, 708-400-3434.

Oak Forest starts redevelopment of former mobile park property

by Jan Glaz

The Oak Forest City Council passed a Resolution at the city council meeting held on April 14th for a "Redevelopment Agreement with Three Corners Development, Inc' for city-owned property located at 5112 West 159th Street" formally a mobile home park.

Oak Forest Director of

have agreed to provide one month of advertising per year on one billboard free of charge with the exception of a nominal production cost of \$700 (an amount that represents present value and future costs to reflect current costs) for layout and printing.

Noteworthy news: The Tinley Park Public Library, 7851 Timber Drive, phone number: 708-532-0160, is offering digital-only cards to anyone living in the 60477 and 60487 area codes. For 90 days after signup, residents will have access to all the library's downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and music.

Economic & Community Development, Travis Bandstra, reported that the agreement with Three Corners Development represents the next step in the redevelopment project. The developer, within 150 days of the agreement, is expected to take due diligence steps toward redeveloping the site in a manner that has long-term economic and financial sustainability and takes into consideration the land use pattern of the area.

Three Corners Development is to maximize the site's 420 frontage feet along 159th Street by attracting a diverse mix of multi-family or senior living/assisted living developments and commercial uses. The mix of housing is

to facilitate a housing product that meets the demands of middle to upper income young professionals and empty nesters. Housing that takes advantage of the site's proximity to Metra and Pace locations. In addition the developer is expected to establish high quality open spaces and streetscape treatments along 159th Street.

Council meeting endnote: Oak Forest Mayor, Henry Kuspa, and the City Council proclaimed Friday, April 24, 2020, as "Celebration of Arbor Day". Mayor Kuspa announced that in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. More than a million trees in Nebraska were planted on the first observance of the holiday called 'Arbor Day' and the day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

"We urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations," stated Mayor Kuspa.

Orland, Tinley Park share Inspection Services

by Jan Glaz

At the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees Meeting held on April 6th Trustees agreed to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Village of Orland Park and the Village of Tinley Park to 'Provide Backup Inspection Services'. The Village of Orland Park and Village of Tinley

Park have been working together since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to help support each other's essential services.

It's important that both communities are prepared to have a back-up plan in the event essential employees are unable to work. Each municipality should only reach out as a last resort or an emergency situation. Health inspections shall be limited to emergency call-outs and temporary food events where the primary inspector is unavailable. Building, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical inspections will be limited to emergencies and the absence of a licensed inspector due to preplanned vacation or unexpected illness.

In addition, each Party will be responsible for final approval of all inspections occurring within their jurisdiction, regardless of who performs the inspection. Each Party shall be responsible for providing the relevant code sections to the inspectors, regardless of who performs the inspection.

Board meeting endnote: Trustees approved a request by petitioner, Nick Scarlatis, for a Special Use Permit Amendment, Site Plan, Elevations, and Landscape Plan for an existing planned development for 'Orland Square Mall Planned Development' to allow for the construction of a jewelry store located at 30 Orland Square Drive: Yasini Jewelers.

The existing building was originally constructed around 1980 and was most recently used for the retail establishment 'Collector's Sports Gallery and Cricket Wireless'. Notable improvements include the installation of wide sidewalks and two parking lot lights. The current building will be expanded from 1,611 square feet to 3,434 square feet.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Planetarium commemorates 50 years since Apollo 13 with new virtual exhibition

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Village of Worth vehicle stickers

Vehicle stickers are valid from July 1st through June 30th. Vehicle stickers are to be displayed on vehicles.

Vehicle stickers may be purchased:

At the Worth Village Hall, Cash, Check, or Credit Card
By mail (check only)

to 7112 W 111th Street, Worth, IL 60482

Vehicle stickers for the new year are on sale during May and June of each year.

Vehicle stickers purchased at full price before June 1st are eligible for a \$2 discount.

Vehicle stickers purchased after June 30th will incur late charges from \$35.

Vehicle stickers purchased after February 1st will incur late charges from \$50.

Failure to display a valid vehicle sticker by June 30th will result in a violation starting at \$50.

Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles must be kept within completely enclosed buildings.

Requirements for obtaining Illinois State License plates depend on which state the vehicle is currently regis-

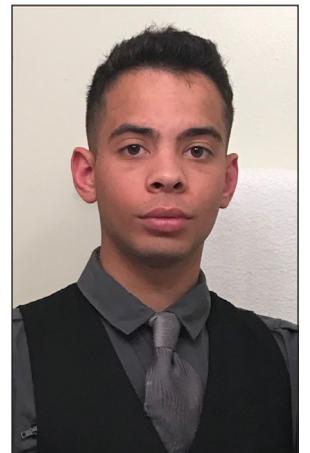
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Burbank, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Justice, Oak Lawn

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St. Laurence hires principal

St. Laurence High School is excited to welcome Kristy Kane as the school's next principal. She will replace Principal Jim Muting '73, who will retire effective July 1, 2021. Kane and Muting will work alongside each other for

the 2020-21 school year to allow a full year transition together.

Kane, the third lay principal and first female principal in St. Laurence history, brings nearly 20 years of experience in education to St. Laurence, 15 in a Catholic school environment, eight of which have been as an administrator. She most recently served as Assistant Principal and Dean of Instruction at Aurora Central Catholic High School.

"I am very excited to join a school community fo-



Kristy Kane

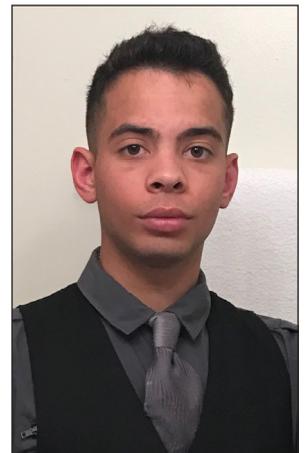
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Important phone numbers to keep on hand during outbreak

Utilities

AT&T, 800-244-4444
Comcast, 800-594-1234
ComEd, 800-334-7661
J.U.L.I.E., 800-892-0123
Nicor, 888-642-6748

Will County

Village Hall of Mokena, 708-479-3900
Animal Control, 815-462-5633
Center for Community Concerns, 815-722-0722
Community Health Center, 815-727-8670
County Clerk, 815-740-4615
County Executive, 815-774-7480
Crisis Hotline, 708-479-1399
Forest Preserve District, 815-727-8700
Health Department, 815-727-8480
Highway Department, 815-727-8476
Land Use Department, 815-774-3321
Planning and Zoning Division, 815-727-8850
Recorder of Deeds, 815-740-4637
Senior Services Center, 815-723-9713
State's Attorney, 815-727-8454
Treasurer, 815-740-4675
Veterans Assistance Commission, 815-727-8389
Will County Courthouse, 815-727-8592

South Suburbs

Village Hall of Alsip, 708-385-6902
City of Blue Island, 708-597-8603
City of Burbank, 708-599-5500
Village Hall of Chicago Ridge, 708-425-7700
Village Hall of Crestwood, 708-371-4800
Village of Evergreen Park, 708-488-1551
City of Hickory Hills, 708-598-4800
Village Hall of Justice, 708-458-2520
Village Hall of Midlothian, 708-389-0200
Village Hall of Mokena, 708-479-3900
City of Oak Forest, 708-687-4050
Village Hall of Oak Lawn, 708-636-4400
Village Hall of Orland Park, 708-403-6100
City of Palos Heights, 708-367-1800
City of Palos Hills, 708-598-3400
Village of Palos Park, 708-448-2700
Village of Tinley Park, 708-444-5000
Village of Worth, 708-448-1181

Townships

Bremen Township, 708-333-9530
Orland Township, 708-403-4222
Palos Township, 708-598-4418
Stickney Township, 708-424-9200
Worth Township, 708-371-2900
Social Security, 800-772-1213

Curbside testing available in Mokena

Family First Medical Group, located at 10260 W. 191st Street, Suite 100, offers drive-up testing for symptomatic patients.

Anyone interested in receiving drive-up testing must first submit to a phone screening where they'll be asked about their symptoms and medical history, followed by a video visit to give practitioners more insight into the person's symptoms.

If they're deemed a suitable candidate for drive-up testing, the person can schedule a same-day or next-day curbside appointment.

The testing process takes only a few minutes and does not require patients to exit their vehicle.

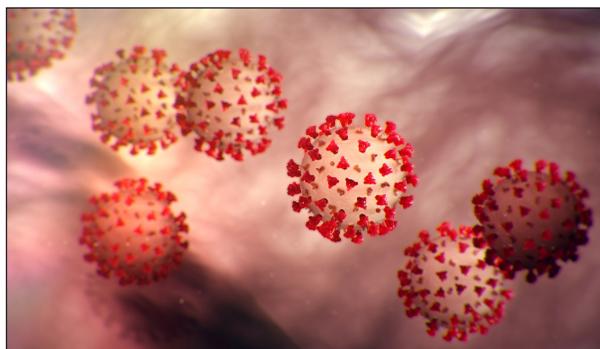
A staff member in full protective gear meets arriving patients at their vehicles, hands them a mask, and begins by taking their ear temperature.

After a brief conversation about their symptoms, the staff member performs a nostril swab for the flu, in an effort to rule out influenza infection.

If the patient tests positive for the flu--the results are available in less than 10 minutes--they receive treatment suggestions and are sent on their way.

If they don't have the flu, the patient receives a second nostril swab for COVID-19 and is instructed to stay home and adhere to federal safety guidelines as they await the results, which are available in about 48 hours.

The COVID-19 test is free, but there is a \$40 fee for the video visit and a \$50 cost for the flu swab. Patients' insurance may cover all or portions of



This image from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows graphic representations of the virus.

these costs.

For more information, call Family First at (708) 572-7575.

Illinois Higher Education Emergency Fund fundraises \$550,000

Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board, and Illinois Student Assistance Commission are rallying private funders to support grants to meet emergency needs of low-income students at the state's public colleges and universities. Illinois public universities serve more than 50,000 low-income students, and the state's community colleges serve more than 81,000 low-income students. To date the fund has raised \$550,000.

Deputy Governor for Education Jesse Ruiz said, "Students are our priority and Illinois is doing everything it can to keep them safe and keep them on a path to their educational goals. That means taking extraordinary measures to make sure they can still participate in their classes when faced with emergencies, like not being able to pay the utility bill or needing to put food on the table. I appreciate the three boards for initiating

the Public University and Community College Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund."

"We are reaching out to the civic and philanthropic community that cares about equity in higher education," said IBHE Chair John Atkinson. "We know COVID-19 is already severely impacting minority communities disproportionately from a health perspective, but it also puts at risk thousands of students' ability to continue their post-secondary education."

The money raised will be allocated to public universities and community colleges based on their percentage and number of low-income students.

"While colleges and universities are doing all they can to help students during this pandemic, vulnerable students still face the unstable housing, food insecurity, or lack computer equipment and internet access," explained IBHE Executive Director Ginger Ostro. "This fund will help meet those needs."

ICCB Executive Director Brian Durham said, "This fund, in conjunction with institutions' emergency funds, will make the difference between a student who can stay in college and a student who has to drop out. The COVID-19 pandemic has been especially hard on low-income students, and I'm impressed by the donors who are making it possible for these

students to weather the transition."

Examples of students who are at risk of dropping out due to the impact of COVID-19 include:

A student in quarantine at home awaiting a COVID-19 test, who is not eligible for paid time off from his job. He cannot afford food or medication and worries how this will affect his education.

A single mother in college who has lost her job and is no longer able to afford diapers or formula.

A student studying from home whose only computer is too old to support the software needed for classes. Plus, her father, a restaurant worker, is concerned that he'll lose his job.

"We know that low-income students have great financial need in the best of times. These are not the best of times. Students who stop out of class are less likely to complete their education," said Eric Zarnikow, ISAC executive director. "The challenges faced by these students right now, coupled with the economic downturn as a result of the pandemic, means students who drop out now may never come back to finish their studies. This fund can help students across the state bridge that gap."

This fund will be administered by the Southern Illinois University Foundation. The institutions each have an established foundation capable of quickly receiving and distributing funds.

All part-time and full-time students in good standing are eligible. The money will be distributed as grants, which do not have to be paid back. Students should contact their school directly to find out how to access the emergency funds.

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Silver Linings ...

By Kathryn Moery

Some brightening observations while living under this dark pandemic cloud...

Local and state government branches and agencies can work together for the good of their citizens.

My wood floors gather dust and build up dust bunnies in the corner.

My friends want to talk on the phone again.

I do not have to hurry to get somewhere on time.

Our next generation must devote their lives to science, technology, engi-

neering and math.

I can cheerfully plan and prepare a nice meal for three every night.

TV advertising can deliver humanitarian messages.

I can learn to Zoom and teach remote classes.

Media participation in traditional Easter rituals

can touch the soul.

My husband and I can occupy the same space 24/7.

The national crises in other parts of the world can go unreported in the news.

People look me in the eyes when we are both masked.

ComEd warns of virus scams

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, ComEd has received reports of scammers, posing as utility representatives, approaching customers who may be self-isolating or having difficulty paying their bills. These imposters threaten to shut service off or offer cash or credit incentives to obtain a customer's personal or financial information.

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ComEd urges anyone who believes he or she has been a target or victim of an energy-related scam to contact ComEd at (800) 334-7661. For more tips on identifying energy-related scams, visit ComEd.com/ScamAlert.



Humanity First Doctor receives American Red Cross 2020 Local Hero Award

The American Red Cross of Chicago & Northern Illinois has honored Dr. Kaleem Malik from Chicago, IL for his outstanding acts of heroism, dedication and service to the community. In a News Release Red Cross stated: "The 2020 Class of Heroes is an amazing group of humanitarians whose selfless and powerful actions have impacted our communities and inspired us," said Celena Rold an, Chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Chicago & Northern Illinois. "I am proud of each of these 'everyday extraordinary' heroes and of their stories of courage. Each individual demonstrates that everyone has the power to leave a lasting imprint upon our world."

Dr. Kaleem Malik is an Emergency Medicine physician for the Dupage Medical Group in the Chicago area where he's served as Department Chairman and is also a dedicated volunteer for Humanity First USA serving as the Disaster Response Medical Director. In a statement, Dr. Naeem Lughmani, Chief Medical Director, Humanity First, USA said, "Dr. Kaleem Malik has been an integral part of our medical disaster response team both as Director of our training courses and also going to disasters as a first responder. His recent on-site work during the Hurricane Dorian disaster as Medical Lead of our EMT in the Bahamas under the harshest of situations while also diligently working with the UN-EMT verification process are just a

few examples of his extraordinary humanitarian work."

Dr. Kaleem Malik was nominated by his colleagues and peers in Chicago for his tireless dedication serving the most vulnerable populations in Chicago and in various countries abroad. Humanity First congratulates Dr. Kaleem Malik for this well deserving recognition and thank him along with hundreds of other very dedicated and hardworking selfless volunteers for their great service to HUMANITY.

Humanity First USA is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has served in human development areas and disaster crises across America and internationally since 2004. Humanity First has responded to many disasters, including the famine in North East Africa, Japan Tsunami, Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, Pakistan Floods, Tornadoes in Moore, Oklahoma, and Texas. In the post disaster phase, Humanity First engaged in community development projects to build local infrastructure and alleviate poverty in these areas.

Humanity First is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with communities around the globe to improve the quality of life for some of the world's underserved and vulnerable individuals. For further information please visit our website: <https://usa.humanityfirst.org/>

OSF HealthCare deploys health workers to Evergreen Park to care for COVID-19, other patients at home

While all but essential workers are being asked to stay at home to contain the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) OSF

HealthCare is expanding its digital response strategy to offer care to patients without the need to leave home.

Pandemic Health Workers (PHWs) will digitally connect with referred clients who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and need to stay home or in quarantine to protect themselves and others. Through this program, OSF HealthCare and the State of Illinois will proactively and digitally support those needing care, while also reducing the potential influx of patients into a hospital's emergency department when they don't need emergency care.

OSF HealthCare Saint Gabriel Digital Health has initiated the Pandemic Health Worker (PHW) and its Acute COVID@Home program in Evergreen Park.

"The PHW program will allow us to fulfill our Mission of serving with the greatest care and love, utilizing digital technology and trained compassionate and trusted community members to extend expert treatment and support to individuals where they are most comfortable, in their own homes," said John Hanlon, MD, President, OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center. "PHWs will moni-



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PHWs can assist those who are not tech savvy to help them download programs and understand how to work iPads that will be provided if there is no similar technology already in the household. Individuals will be followed for 14 days. PHWs can be assigned up to 27 clients per month.

If symptoms worsen, the PHW will refer their care recipients to the Acute COVID@Home program where supervision could increase to eventually include advanced practice provider and physician level care. Those individuals will be treated and observed using telehealth technology three times a day until they are better. If their condition continues

to decline, they will be referred to the hospital.

These new solutions will help us care for individuals where they are, prevent the overcrowding of our sites with COVID-19 patients, and protect access to quality health care for all. "I am so proud OSF HealthCare is leading the way with digital solutions to allow us to care for individuals where they are, preventing the overcrowding of OSF Little Company of Mary," added Hanlon. "We are protecting our communities, our Mission Partners (employees) and those we care for with these innovative approaches that allow us to contribute significantly to efforts to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19." s

Through its PHWs, OSF HealthCare is expected to initially serve 8,400 people each month in communities served by the health system. More at www.osf-healthcare.org.



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Chicago Zoological Society's Whirl fundraiser goes virtual

During this social-distancing and stay-at-home time of uncertainty, the Chicago Zoological Society's largest annual fundraising gala, the Whirl, is going virtual. The public can "attend" from the comfort of their own homes—no need to worry about a tux or gown!

This year's event, Rain Forests of the Virtu-Whirl, which is presented by the Society's Women's Board and Board of Trustees, will consist of an online auction. Beginning Thursday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m. and continuing through Saturday, April 25, at 9:00 p.m., the public can bid on a variety of fabulous auction items or even contribute with a monetary donation as in a paddle raise.

Auction items include the opportunity to name and meet a 3-month-old two-toed sloth, jewelry pieces from A. Marek Fine Jewelry, a one-week stay in St. Lucia, a

Tory Burch mini bucket bag, a Hermes scarf, six VIP tickets to Brookfield Zoo's Wines in the Wild, tickets to Jimmy Buffet and James Taylor concerts, a Versace bag, tickets to a Chicago Blackhawks game with gift certificate to Rosebud Restaurant, tickets to Disney on Ice, Pampered Chef soup and smoothie blender set and quick cooker and accessory set, dinner for 10 at Francesca's Restaurant Group,

and much more! During the bidding, participants will be able to see who has the most recent bid. They will also be able to set an auto-bid amount/maximum bid amount. Users will be notified via text if they have been outbid on an item. Immediately following the auction, all winners will be notified by text or email. A staff member of the Society's Development Department will then follow up with each

winner regarding claiming items. Proceeds from Rain Forests of the Virtu-Whirl support the care and welfare of the animals at Brookfield Zoo, as well as the Society's conservation, education, and research programs. Registration, which is required to participate in the Virtu-Whirl auction, begins on Wednesday, April 22. To register and for further information, visit CZS.org/Whirl

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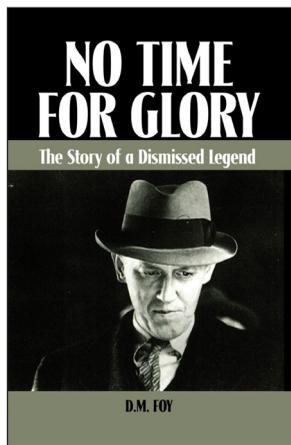
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Oak Lawn author publishes biography of American legend

No Time for Glory, a new book by D.M. Foy, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

This is an incredible story of a once obscure social welfare worker's rise from a deathbed and subsequent catapult into a position of worldwide power and influence. Harry Hopkins was an improbable hero living on borrowed time at the epicenter of world chaos



during World War II. By means of exceptional cunning, sustenance, valor, and patriotism, his achievements and services alter the course of history during the mid-twentieth century. His noble quest for the plight of the poor, the weak, and the hungry

are surpassed only by a passion to defeat the tyrannical... daring to live only to die for altruistic causes of country and humanity.

These events of intrigue mined from archives of faded footnotes, when mended in chronological order and held to the light of a new era reveals the tribulations of a forsaken legend ... No Time for Glory.

D.M. Foy was born and bred on Chicago's south-side during the Depression years. A typical youth he was educated, enlightened, employed, and like many of the era, prematurely aged by the incertitude of the encroaching

World War II. This was a time replete with historical subterfuge. The influence of a Manhattan social welfare worker of the times grew from mere curiosity into an obsession to unravel the mystique of the shadowy Harry Hopkins. The mystery and drama are unveiled in his first book... No Time for Glory.

No Time for Glory is a 158-page hardcover with a retail price of \$23.00. The ISBN is 978-1-6442-6077-7. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information our online bookstore www.bookstore.dorrancepublishing.com.



Jason DeParle, A Good Provider Is One Who Leaves (Viking 2019)

By Lorraine Schmall

The cruel irony of the title, A Good Provider is One Who Leaves, sums up the lives of three generations of one Filipino family, beautifully chronicled by award-winning journalist Jason DeParle, all workers who love but leave their families to make their lives better. "Competing with the literature of gain is a parallel literature of loss." The Comodas begin in Levereza, a slum on the mud flats near Manila Bay, overflowing with people living in lean-tos and shanties, often without food, electricity or running water, where "sanitation mostly meant flying saucers, bundles of waste wrapped in newspapers and flung into the surrounding canals." This family saga qua social study focuses on legal migration, giving readers a chance to focus on the personal rather than the political questions of border crossings. Global markets typically refer to goods that cross oceans and continents. "Often ignored are the humans who flow over these same borders — the very people who drive the economies of the 21st century."

Emet, the patriarch, begins the exodus when he finds a job cleaning pools for the Saudi Army health club. His middle daughter, Rosalie, a nurse, follows him a decade later, traveling to Riyadh then Dubai, finally passing the American nursing qualifying exam and getting a visa. She "hits the jackpot," unlike her peers in places like the Gulf States or undocumented immigrants to our country, who might never qualify for citizenship or benefits, taking her husband and children from Manila to her job at a Texas hospital: one of the Filipinos making up 5-10% of all US nurses. Like other migrant workers, she is "wanted by her host countries, if not always welcome."

The Philippines has an official policy of drumming up jobs for its under-employed, casting the Filipino as a "genial hard worker, the best in low cost labor." Filipinos remit more than \$33 million back home, more than Manila receives in foreign aid or capital investment. Emigres are motivated not only by the island nation's push, but by the pull of wages that are ten or even twenty times higher. All five of Emet's children worked abroad, as did 24 of their 42 cousins. Immigration is not without cost: abuse and injury; enormous debt to employers or agencies; broken families; terminal loneliness. And now with the pandemic, living cheek by jowl and unpaid in places like Dubai, (where immigrants outnumber Emiratis 9-1) or serving on the front line in hospitals across the globe. It's a gripping story that illustrates who are the brave, and the essential, among us.



Lookingglass launches lineup of free digital programming

Welcome to The Infinite Room podcast. Each episode, Lookingglass artists will ask ourselves and others Big Questions about art and theatre and the planet we live on; we'll engage in frank conversation (sometimes serious, sometimes decidedly not) about the stories we tell, why and how we tell them, and how they intersect with our city, our country, and our world. Listen: <https://lookingglasstheatre.org/the-infinite-room-podcast>.



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Gene Siskel Film Center presents week four of Film Center From Your Sofa

Newly added titles include the world of high-end book dealers in the documentary

The Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago enters its fourth week of its streaming series Film Center from Your Sofa: Stay Connected and Stream with Us to maintain community with film lovers during a time when organizations and businesses look to implement creative ways to maintain engagement with their sequestered patrons throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Titles this week available for streaming are "Earth," "White, White Day," "Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands," "Confidence," "The Booksellers," "The Times of Bill Cunningham," "Mercury in Retrograde" and "Fantastic Fungi." These selections showcase new and noteworthy independent, international, and classic cinema provided by longtime partnering distributors.

New this week are Screen to Screen: Chats with Special Guests and gifting films. "With the Gene Siskel Film Center's reputation of hosting over 200 discussions annually, we wanted to continue that tradition of connecting our audience to filmmakers.

In addition, Screen to Screen provides opportunities for human interaction which is vital to our community of filmmakers and cinephiles and one's overall well-being, especially in this time of isolation. We are also encouraging the ongoing need to give the gift of film, now available online, by offering our patrons the opportunity to gift virtual cinema to the film lovers in their life," said Jean de St. Aubin, Executive Director.

Screen to Screen films this week are "Mercury in Retrograde" and "Fantastic Fungi" on Tuesday, April 21, and "The Booksellers" (TBA). Patrons can click on the film's links on the Gene Siskel Film Center's website at www.siskelfilmcenter.org to join the virtual conversations.

Visit www.siskelfilmcenter.org to learn more and find out what's playing today. The Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago is at 164 N. State St.

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better protect everyone inside," he added.

To more fully inform parents and school administrators, the IWFA has a free, downloadable guide at www.iwfa.com/consumers under "Literature" that explains what Security Window Film can do. No Security Window Film known to the IWFA will make standard building glass bulletproof. Any claim to the contrary should be carefully examined or brought to the attention of the IWFA.

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Tinley Park offering credits to commuters

The Village realizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and the State's "Stay at Home" order have greatly affected travel. People simply aren't driving as often, and as a result, they aren't using commuter parking facilities as much as before.

Because of this, the Village has waived fees for use of the commuter parking lots in April, and the Tinley Park Police Department will not issue tickets for cars displaying an expired parking permit during April. In addition, daily fee lots will not be ticketed for non-payment.

Current permit holders in March will receive a credit of one-half the month (\$15). If a permit

holder has prepaid for the second quarter of 2020 (April, May and June), they will also receive credit for the month of April (\$30). These credits can be applied toward the payment of a future quarter.

If a permit holder hasn't paid for the second quarter of 2020, the permit renewal will be reduced to \$60 (May and June).

If a permit holder has prepaid for the second quarter of 2020 or subsequent, but now finds they will no longer be using the commuter lot, the Village will issue a COVID-19 refund for the unused prepaid periods upon return of the unused placards. The placards must be returned to receive this refund.

The single-use tokens for the daily fee lots do not expire and can continue to be used after the "Stay at Home" order has been lifted. If commuters need to purchase additional sheets of tokens while the Village Hall is closed to the public, they can continue to be purchased via a mail request, or through the Village night drop box. A sheet of ten tokens is \$15.

The Village will reassess the situation in May. For more information, please visit TinleyPark.org/Commuters.

Illinois State Museum announces COVID-19 collecting initiative

Launches online tool to collect COVID-19 stories for future generations

The Illinois State Museum (ISM) today announced a new collecting initiative that allows Illinois residents to share stories that reflect their experience during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the benefit of future generations.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a vital moment in history, and ISM wants to document how it is affecting Illinois residents through its Share your Story: Illinois in the COVID-19 Pandemic collecting initiative.

ISM is requesting personal stories, written works, artwork, photos, or photos of objects from the people of Illinois to document life during the pandemic. The Museum is collecting residents' submissions for preservation in its digital archive via its new online tool at <https://bit.ly/347wTle>. Additionally, ISM will share some of the stories and photos on its social media platforms and in its online exhibition.

"As history is unfolding before our eyes, the Museum is committed to documenting the experiences of the people of this state," said Illinois State Museum Curator of History, Erika Holst. "We want to hear from everyone. We're all in this together, and everyone's story is important. Whether you're homeschooling your kids, a doctor on the front lines, or having to cancel your graduation party, we want to hear how your life has been affected by the COVID-19."

Illinois residents can learn more about the initiative at <https://bit.ly/2xLuUqE>.

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Osmani signs as preferred walk-on at Creighton

During the 2016-17 boys basketball season, junior Adem Osmani was starting to emerge as a leader for the Spartans, and they were beginning to turn a corner with success. However, on December 17 of that season, another Osmani made his debut in an Oak Lawn Community High School uniform, and that Osmani was freshman Sami.

Sami would end up playing 22 games on the varsity level that year. He averaged 7.3 points per game, and as the saying goes, the rest is history. Four years later, Osmani would end his senior season as the all-time leading scorer

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in school history and lead the Spartans to their most successful season in decades.

Now, Sami Omani is prepared to write another chapter in this basketball story. He recently committed to attend the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1A mens basketball program at Creighton University as a preferred walk-on. This commitment came just days after Oak Lawn teammate Trey Ward shared his intentions to attend and play hoops at St. Xavier University.

"I'm very thankful to have this opportunity and play the game I love for a great program and culture like Creighton's," Osmani said. "It will be exciting representing the Oak Lawn community. As a preferred walk-on, I have a lot to prove and will continue to strive for excellence on the court and in the classroom."

Osmani came up to the varsity level during that freshman year as an intense defender, who would not back down from any challenge. But it was easy to see

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immediately that he had an inner drive to push himself for more and more. He did just that with intense off-season workouts and then his self-confidence and natural leadership skills took him to the next level individually.

As a junior he really started to garner attention from opposing coaches and fans and filled up the hoop to the tune of 22 points per game. And as a senior, the Spartans put all of the pieces in place with a strong supporting cast to get Oak Lawn into the area's Top 25. Now, he is poised to become a big piece of a new puzzle at Creighton.

"The opportunity at Creighton is exactly what Sami was looking for, to get a

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foot in the door and a chance to prove himself at the highest level possible," said Oak Lawn boys basketball head coach Jason Rhodes. "Such a Sami thing to do, I love it... all his hard work paid off. Being the number one student in his class afforded him the chance to chase his dream at an excellent school for an excellent coach and program that I think is a great fit."

"They won't be disappointed with what he will bring to their basketball program on an everyday basis, and with his work ethic, I'm really excited to see how he continues to grow his game and develop his skills and his body over the next few years there. Go Bluejays."

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