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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood



Newman Votes to Pass Protections for Pregnant Workers

U.S. Representative Marie Newman (D-IL) voted to pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, a bipartisan bill that establishes a pregnant worker's clear-cut right to reasonable workplace accommodations, provided they do not impose an undue burden on their employer. There is currently no federal law that explicitly and affirmatively guarantees all pregnant workers the right to basic accommodations, such as appropriate seating, water breaks, and relief from heavy lifting, so they can continue working without jeopardizing their pregnancy.

"No one should have to choose between a healthy pregnancy and a paycheck," said Congresswoman Newman. "I'm proud to support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to ensure that all workers are treated with respect and dignity in the workplace. With this bill, which is supported by over 90% of Americans, we will help address gender disparities in employment, and work to ensure that no worker faces discrimination for raising a family."

Soul of A Powerful Woman event is May 23

Black Ensemble Theater Founder and Executive Director Jackie Taylor announces Jackie Taylor's Soul of A Powerful Woman (Her To Save The World), now in its eighth year. The virtual one-night fundraising event to benefit Black Ensemble Theater will be live on May 23 at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky will lead a dynamic cast who will sing, dance and act their way into your heart. The Powerful Women include President Cook County Board

Commissioner Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Managing Partner of Cleveland Avenue Andrea Zopp, Jennifer Dedes Nowak of Cubs Charities, journalist Robin Robinson, activist and writer Helen Schiller, feminist, activist and President Emerita of Women's Business Development Center Hedy Ratner with some of Black Ensemble Theater outstanding performers including Rhonda Preston, Cynthia Carter, Evelyn Danner, Dawn Bless, and Colleen Perry.

Soul of A Powerful Woman is a performance to help raise funds for the Black Ensemble Theater to support its mission of eradicating racism through the theater arts. Co-created by Jackie Taylor and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Soul of A Powerful Woman has become a premier annual event having raised more than \$300,000 to support Black Ensemble Theater programs.

The mission of the Black Ensemble Theater Company is to eradicate racism and its devastating effects



Lili-Anne Brown Directs Lot 110 by Nora Carroll

Goodman Theatre announces its next Future Labs virtual reading as Nora Carroll's Lot 110, directed by Lili-Anne Brown. Previous Future Labs reading Nightwatch, in addition, applications for the Goodman Theatre Playwrights Unit are now open.

In Nora Carroll's surprising and moving new play, Lydia and Karma journey to their sister's gravesite to perform a ritual: of healing, of remembrance, of connection. Kia's been gone almost two years, but her sisters still need some answers about her life on earth and beyond the veil.

The Playwrights Unit is among the Goodman's programs to support Chicago-based writers by commissioning and assisting in the development of new work from its annually selected members. Up to four playwrights are invited each year to meet bi-monthly with the Goodman's literary staff and other cohort writers to develop their new Goodman commissions. Participants are awarded a \$3,000 commission and are offered mid-point and final readings of their plays at the Goodman. To date, 45 playwrights have been welcomed into the program, which was established in 2010.

The deadline for submission is June 14 and final selections will be made this summer. The FREE virtual reading of Lot 110 premieres May 29 at 7 pm. Registration is required. For more info, visit GoodmanTheatre.org/Lot110.

De La Salle Welcomes Carlene Klaas to Lead Admissions

De La Salle Institute (De La Salle) is pleased to announce that Carlene Klaas will be the Dean of Enrollment Management. As the chief enrollment executive, Klaas will report to President Fr. Paul Novak, OSM; oversee the Admissions operations of the school; and provide leadership to strategically plan, develop, coordinate, and implement De La Salle's comprehensive enrollment management and retention efforts.

Klaas will start the position on July 1, 2021, taking the place of John Brogan who will focus full time on his role as Dean of Social Sciences. "I am grateful to John for his strategic leadership of the Admissions team," noted Fr. Novak. "Under his direction the school has put in place excellent recruitment prac-



tices and sustained positive enrollment rates during a critical transition period in our school's history when we merged the girls' and boys' campuses into one coeducational experience. I know John will continue to serve as a resource and a guiding force for Carlene and the Admissions team."

"I am thrilled to be joining an outstanding institution that is dedicated to providing a robust Catholic high school experience for students," stated Klaas. "De La Salle truly strives to live out its mission of preparing Chicagoans of all backgrounds for college and beyond and I couldn't be more excited to be a part of the team."

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telephone number. This applies to all calls within area codes that are currently dialed with seven digits and have 988 as the first three digit. Anyone with a telephone number in certain areas codes will need to change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing.

As of April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Mayor Michael Glotz's Monthly Message from Tinley Park

I couldn't be more thrilled and humbled to have been elected as the 24th mayor of this great and storied community. On behalf of the entire Village Board, I can't wait to get started on working to strengthen Tinley Park through an increased focus on public safety, sustainable economic development and government accountability and accessibility.

This first point is of key importance. The safety of Tinley Park as a whole is paramount and requires a unified effort across the entire community. Tinley Park has a large and diverse population spread out across 16 square miles, with access to a variety of high-speed modes of

transportation that provide quick movement in and out of town. As such, our police, fire, EMT and other emergency services must all be engaged with each other to keep our village safe. Nothing is more valuable than the security of our residents, and we promise to work to ensure everyone continues to feel safe.

We also pledge to focus on sustainable economic development and long-range planning, which are fundamental and crucial components of our economic priorities and our vision for Tinley Park. Sustainable development depends on creating a stable and reliable environment of opportunity.

We're also committed to bold new ideas and a government that's stable, accountable, consistent and reliable in all its actions. With a business- and development-friendly approach, we promise to be good stewards of Tinley Park to ensure this town that we all love continues to prosper and succeed. We promise to continue the excellent work started by Mayor Ed Zabrocki and his team, who laid the foundation on which we will now build Tinley Park's future.

We've all just come through a very difficult time, but I'm extremely encouraged by our progress so far in fighting the COVID-19 virus here in Tinley Park and across the

country. Things are finally starting to get back to normal, and I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and get started on all the major projects on the horizon. I'm sure I'm not alone when I say I've missed all the Village's great special events and I'm happy to report that, barring an unexpected COVID downturn, the Farmers Market, Cruise Nights along Oak Park Avenue, the Music in the Plaza concerts and the Downtown Tinley Block Party will return this summer with appropriate safety measures in place to protect attendees.

It's a brand-new day here in Tinley Park. With a united Village Board, a fantastic team of hard-working Village employees and a



passionate base of dedicated residents, Tinley Park is poised for an exciting and prosperous future. There's no limit on how much we can do if we work together. Let's listen to each other attentively, imagine our futures boldly, discern our direction wisely, persevere courageously, serve together in charity, embrace the greater good and pass on Tinley Park's gifts to future generations.

This Memorial Day, 'Click It or Ticket'

Through Memorial Day weekend, the Village of Orland Park Police Department is stepping up enforcement to remind motorists to "Click It or Ticket."

Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of summer, a popular time for traveling to visit family and friends. Whether you are traveling down the block or across the country, buckle up every time.

"We want the act of buckling up to become automatic to all drivers and passengers," said Orland Park Police Chief Joe Mitchell. "Click It or Ticket" isn't about citations, it's about saving lives. Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45%. Seat belts save lives every day, but they're only effective if they're used."

While Illinois' 2020 seat belt compliance rate was 94.6%, unbelted occupants still account for over half of those killed in traffic crashes. The "Click It or Ticket" campaign aims to change the behavior of the millions of people who don't buckle up. Thousands of lives could be saved each year if every vehicle occupant was properly restrained.

"Always buckle up when driving and use car seats for little ones," Mitchell added. "Every vehicle occupant — front seat and back, child and adult — needs to buckle up, every trip, every time."

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds.

Oak Forest Welcomes New Principal

At the Bremen High School District 228 School Board Meeting, Mrs. was named the new Principal of Oak Forest High School.



This announcement comes after the current Oak Forest High School Principal, Dr. Brad Sikora, was named the new Superintendent of Bremen High School District 228 in March.

Dempsey received her Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences from Eastern Illinois University, her Masters in Counseling from Eastern Illinois University, and her Masters in Educational Administration from Governors State University.

She currently serves as

the Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning at Oak Forest High School, but has served the school for the last 28 years in various roles. Specifically, from 1993-2006 as a Guidance Counselor, and from 2006-2016 as the Assistant Principal for Student Services.

Mrs. Dempsey will be the first female principal in the 50-year history of the school. She will assume her new role on July 1, 2021, after the 2020-2021 school year closes out.

Mokena VFW Memorial Day Remembrance

Join the members of the William Martin VFW Post 725 on May 31 for a Memorial Day remembrance, beginning at 11:00 am at the VFW Post, 19852 South Wolf Road in Mokena.

Schedule of events:
11:00 am, Reading of names (outside if weather

permits).

Noon, Hot dog lunch on the Post (inside).

12:30 pm, Dedication of names added to the Memorial Plaque: Names to be added are Richard Bluhm, Edward Cieply, Edward Dudley, Robert Merrick, and Edwin Woodcock, Sr.

1:00 pm, Memorial Day Musical Tribute: Performed by former All About Music and Children's Theatre students Hannah Nicks, Jillian Rice, and Andrew Rodeghero.

For more information call the Mokena VFW Post 725 at 708-479-5022.

Tinley Park Veterans Commission

The Village of Tinley Park and the Tinley Park Veterans Commission hosted a dedication ceremony for the Illinois Veterans of America Memorial and the M84 Mortar Carrier recently at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza, 18001 S. 80th Ave., Tinley Park. The event also is streamed live



on the Village's Facebook page.

The ceremony included music by the 484th Army Band of Arlington Heights, a rendition of the National Anthem by Mandy Barry, comments from Veterans

Commission Chairman Dr. William Douglas Rasmussen III and Tinley Park Mayor Michael Glotz, and guest speakers Gen. Patrick E. Rea, Combat Engineer Thomas Dukes and Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Cagle.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

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From left: Greg Cameron, Joffrey Ballet President and CEO; Raymond Rodriguez, Abbott Academy Director of the Joffrey Academy of Dance; Pat Dowell, Alderman, Chicago's 3rd Ward; Linda Swayze, Joffrey Ballet Director of Community Engagement; and Ashley Wheeler MBE, Mary B. Galvin Artistic Director of The Joffrey Ballet. (Photo by Todd Rosenberg.)

Joffrey Ballet expands presence in South Loop

The Joffrey Ballet is pleased to announce the establishment of new studio space and training facilities at 1920 South Wabash Ave. (formerly the Chicago Dance Academy studios), expanding the Joffrey's reach to the South Loop and beyond, and marking a major step towards the completion of the organiza-

tion's five-year "Joffrey for All" strategic plan.

"A foundational principle of the Joffrey mission that dates back to Robert Joffrey himself is that dance is for everyone," said Joffrey Board Chair Anne Kaplan. "The Joffrey is focused on the growth and expansion of the Joffrey Academy and Joffrey Community En-

agement to make Joffrey education even more accessible. By widening our presence beyond our State Street studios at Joffrey Tower, the Joffrey is making a significant investment in our students, teachers, and community, which is also an investment in the cultural vitality of Chicago and its future arts leaders."

New Leaders at McCord

The board of Directors of the McCord Gallery & Cultural Center are pleased to announce Linda Buchanan as its new Executive Director. Linda holds a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and is a successful Graphic Designer. Linda has also served on the Board for the past four years, most recently as Vice-President, and has co-chaired our annual fundraising gala.

Rene Leyva has served as the Executive Director



From left: Linda Buchanan, Rene Leyva, Carol Trzcinski and Kent Oliven.

since 2019, and is moving on to his new role as the Director of the Fossil Ridge Public Library District.

The Board would also like to announce its new Board President, Kent Oliven. Kent has served on the board since 2016.

He is a Municipal Finance Director, CPA, and former Palos Park Commissioner.

Finally, the Board thanks Carol Trzcinski for serving as Board President for the last nine years and an additional three years as board member.

Palos Park Commander John Sawyer Retires

Palos Park Police Commander John Sawyer drove to the Palos Park Police Department "trailers" more than three decades ago for the first time, ready for duty. In May 2021, Commander Sawyer will take his final ride home from the station. While a Sergeant with Palos Park, he earned his Master's Degree from Lewis University.

John worked extensively with the Palos Park Cadet program and remains friends with many of them, who now have careers in policing all over the country. In the late 1990s he was assigned to PPPD detective bureau and served as liaison with Carl Sandburg High School.

Commander John Sawyer, who has supervised



officers for more than 20 years, exemplifies the importance of an officer knowing & understanding they're going to show up on someone's darkest day and work to bring calm to chaos.

Chief Joe Miller summed up John Sawyer this way, "He is a class act. He is everything that you would want in a police officer and a supervisor. Every person that has worked with John in the past or now works with John, looks up to him and thanks him for everything that he has done for them and the profession."

Kids as young as 12 welcome at Moraine Valley's vaccine clinic

Moraine Valley Community College, in conjunction with Osco, is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for the public on its main campus in Palos Hills, 9000 W. College Parkway. Pfizer vaccines will be available for persons as young as age 12 after the Centers for Disease Control's recent authorization of use of the vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds.

Pfizer vaccine dose scheduled for Monday, June 7. Appointment times are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shots will be given in the Moraine Rooms inside Building M, just off

the 111th St. entrance to campus. Ample parking is available in front of the building. Once on campus, follow the signs to the entrance.

The link to register is <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/1620140873290>. The vaccine cannot be given to anyone who has had another vaccine within the last two weeks or has symptoms of COVID-19.

Bring your ID and insurance card. If you do not have insurance, you will still receive a vaccine. Vaccinations are free.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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



Two Longtime Oak Lawn Park District Commissioners to Retire

Commissioner Donna McCauley and Commissioner Gary Callahan are set to retire from the Oak Lawn Park District Board at the May Board Meeting.

Donna McCauley served for 24 years and Gary Callahan served for 20 years. Both McCauley and Callahan have been involved in multiple achievements at

the Park District.

McCauley and Callahan played pivotal roles in the updating of several parks including Patrick Sullivan Park, Columbus Manor, Centennial Park, Memorial Park, Worthbrook Park, Commissioners Park, and Little Wolfe.

They were also crucial in advocating facility ad-

ditions and improvements such as the Community Pavilion expansion, new maintenance facility, and the Centennial Aquatics Center addition.

Along with supporting park district programs, special events, and services, they encouraged the Park District to obtain National Accreditation and Illinois

Distinguish Agency Accreditation which led to the Oak Lawn Park District being the first agency in Illinois to hold both accreditations at the same time.

New Commissioners Jim Buschbach Jr. (6 year term), Ryan Donahue (6 year term), and Daniel Johnson (4 year term) were sworn in at the May Board Meeting.

Oak Lawn Library Public Announcements

“Reading Colors Your World” Summer Reading Program 2021: The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. summer reading program, “Reading Colors Your World” will run Tuesday, June 1 through Sunday, August 1. As in previous years, high school students and adults can register and track their progress on the Beanstack app or by visiting olpl.beanstack.org. Adults can sign up their children on the app and multiple family members can be added.

Youth participants can join the Summer Adventure Club for ages 2-14 or Koala Club for ages 0-24 months. Participants will have a variety of options to choose from to complete the program and win prizes

Multi-Library Geocache Competition: Search for a hidden QR code with GPS

Coordinates and several clues from June 1-August 1. Each library has a \$25 gift card up for grabs, and every find will get you a drawing entry.

Visit multilibrarygeocache.weebly.com for clues, map and more. Like and follow for updates at [facebook.com/MultiLibraryGeocaching](https://www.facebook.com/MultiLibraryGeocaching).

Music Play Patrol, Bucket Drumming (recommended for ages 3-8): Join Music Play Patrol for interactive musical fun using items from your home from 10-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 5. Registration begins Wednesday, May 26. Register at olpl.org to receive a Zoom link.

For more information, please call our Youth Services Department at 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org, or use the Ask a Librarian feature on our website.



Oak Lawn Community High School New Board Members

Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Attorney Amy Zale officiated the oath of office to the recently elected Board of Education members Robert Cruz, Robert Loehr, Judith Ott, and Ed-

ward Wolf.

The special meeting also included selecting new Board officers. Congratulations to President Robert Loehr, Vice President Matthew Egan, and Secretary Judith Ott.

A Message From the Mayor

My Friends,

On the evening of Monday, May 17, Kelly Burke took the oath of office as Mayor of Evergreen Park, along with Trustees Norman Anderson, Carol Kyle and Mark Phelan.

With that, I will leave the office after over twenty years as your Mayor.

Prior to that, I had served as Village Clerk, Trustee, along with tenures as director of the Youth, Police and Fire Commissions, totaling over thirty-five years working for you, our wonderful Evergreen Park residents.

There is no way that I can ever make you realize how deeply that I appreciate all of your support over the years, even more so when I was recuperating after my illness eight years ago. A politician can never be Everybody’s Friend.

There are decisions that have to be made for which not everyone will agree or be happy. I hope that you understand that everything that our team has done has been with the best interests of this fine Village at its heart.

The accomplishments that this Village has made in the last twenty years would not be possible without the hard work of our Village Trustees, our Village Clerk Cathy Aparo, and all of our department heads and staff, who keep the Village running efficiently. Their hard work makes my job look very easy.

But it is not easy; and going forward, you have elected a strong leader in Kelly Burke. Mayor-elect Burke is already transitioning into this office, having



had experience as Village Trustee, President of the Library Board, with a strong tie to the Village with her involvement in the community over the years. Kelly comes in knowing how the Village works as well as it does and will bring new ideas to keep Evergreen Park the wonderful home that it is for 20,000 residents.

Thank you again for all you have done, and for all that you are. This is a community of good, hard-

working people and it is you, the residents ... not the Village leaders ... that makes this Village great. I have made many friends over my tenure here. I am disappointed that I cannot walk the parade route one more time to greet you all. That was always a special moment for me, to see you away from the office and wave and say a kind word.

I have said before, this was the job of a lifetime and I have been blessed far more than I probably deserve.

In the meantime, please continue to keep safe. We are slowly approaching the end of some of the hardest days in recent years, and I pray that you keep your health so that you can greet each day, each sunrise, with the same love and appreciation that I do.

Very sincerely,
Mayor James Sexton

Nicor at Work in Evergreen Park

Nicor will have NPL Construction in Evergreen Park replacing all steel mains and steel services.

This project will last about 120 days; they will be working in the North-

east Quadrant, from 87th Street to 91st Street in the area bounded from Richmond Avenue to Rockwell Avenue.

For further information, call (708) 229-3360.

Court Theatre adds 7 Trustees to Board



Court Theatre, under the continuing leadership of Charles Newell, Marilyn F. Vitale Artistic Director, and Executive Director Angel Ysaguirre, is thrilled to announce the appointment of seven new members to its Board of Trustees.

New appointees are John Culbert, Felicia Davis, Andre Guichard, Frances Guichard, Tracie Hall, Nicole Robinson, and Lise Spacapan. The addition is the largest expansion of Court Theatre's Board of Trustees to date.

Ysaguirre shares, "I am

thrilled that such a committed and skilled group of Chicagoans have agreed to join Court Theatre's board. This group represents remarkable passion for the artform, impressive networks of relationships, and the highest levels of expertise in their fields."

Reflecting on these changes, Court Theatre Board Chair Gustavo "Chip" Bamberger echoes

Ysaguirre's enthusiasm, saying, "I am incredibly proud of the hard work members of this Board have done together over these past few months to nominate our largest and most diverse slate of Trustees ever."

New members will be officially welcomed to the Board on July 1, 2021 and will serve a three-year term.

Donate to 20th Annual Spring Food Drive

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly is holding its 20th annual Spring Food Drive on Sunday, May 23.

This is a hybrid food drive, where you can donate in person or via Amazon. For more information or to drop off a donation, go to Old St. Patrick's Church, 711 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60661, or call 312.648.1021.

Grocery list:

- Boxed low-sugar cereal

& regular cereal.

- Canned tuna.
- Low-salt & regular canned vegetables
- Low-salt canned soup.
- Low-salt crackers (sal-tines, wheat).
- Canned tomatoes.
- Pasta (in boxes).
- Canned chicken.
- Pasta sauce in cans or plastic containers (no glass jars).
- Canned fruit (no sugar added).

- Oatmeal, instant and regular.

- Creamy peanut butter.
- Macaroni & cheese.
- Boxed instant potatoes.
- Juice (small cans or individual boxes).
- Individual serving cups of pudding, Jell-O, applesauce or fruit cocktail.
- Snack foods individually wrapped (like for school lunches): crackers, cookies, trail mix, chips, nuts, or granola bars.

Publisher's Pen

March 4th, 2020, I returned home from Mesa, Arizona after five weeks away from Chicago, and the pandemic was getting serious in every state, some worse than others. It was very serious everywhere in the world, for it is called Pandemic. Isn't it odd that the President wants us to go back to the way it was prior, 2020 when India and other countries are getting a new strain and surge of new cases and deaths daily? We were going to open up all events and bars and restaurants in Chicago and nothing was said about Churches, Opera, Chicago Symphony, Downtown Theaters and museums at full capacity. Well the next day the numbers are up in Chicago, this is not only annoying, but downtown Chicago isn't as safe as it was in 2019, when walking down the street.

If I let all of this rule my lifestyle, I would be staying away from this area. I am thankful I have a business to attend to and a book I am working on. Since I enjoyed traveling and keeping all the brochures and books from various countries, I was able to have materials for writing a book. At the present time my son is going over it, and hopefully in another month, it will be available. It will be my travels from all Five Continents, 59 Countries, Islands, and 50 states plus the photos from the past.

Proceeds from the book will be given to various food pantries within the suburbs that are in Village View Newspapers distribution area. I also am planning on allowing the non for profit agencies to use the book for their purpose of making money for their non for profit agency. More about that in September.

As owner and publisher of Village View Publications, Inc. I am obligated to continue to the best of my abilities to keep the people working for me. We are all self employed, therefore unless the State and Government decides to change the rule of Contract Employees, my requirements are not the same as full time employment. I have rules as to what I would like to see, but cannot demand or imply what I would like to have then do. So much of negotiation takes place, especially with the people who are with me longer than 16 years, which means three of them. The other people are still trying to figure me out, and willing to cooperate. One called to ask what I would do regarding wearing the mask and distance myself.

Our advertisers helped us through this pandemic, and we are still a vital instrument for suburban news. Linda Steiner has been a real asset for Village View Newspaper for the past 24 years and hopefully will continue to be the backbone of this newspaper. The only way we were able to deliver this paper throughout this pandemic is because of Steve Bilski, who has 17 years of delivery with us, and Charles Noetzel has 6 years of delivery with us. I continue to thank them, but haven't done this publicly. Without these three people, I would have had many problems for they were diligent in wearing a mask and staying healthy. I appreciated this and I hope they continue wearing a mask. Not everyone believes in taking the vaccination and when we are in the public eye, we need to protect ourselves the best way we could and wearing the mask certainly helps.

Annette Dixon

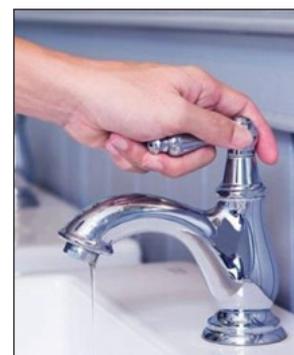
Water rate increase is June 1

Water rate increases from the City of Chicago and the Village of Tinley Park will go into effect June 1. These new rates are \$7.02 per 1,000 gallons for the first 20,000 gallons and \$9.22 per 1,000 gallons for usage of more than 20,000 gallons. These changes only impact the water charges and don't affect the base charges or the sewer and storm rates.

The City of Chicago has established a series of annual rate increases applicable to Lake Michigan water sales. Chicago has indicated that these increases are necessary to provide needed infrastruc-

ture improvements to the water system. These improvements are expected to include upgrades to the suburban feeder mains to assure reliable and efficient water delivery.

From time to time, the Village must also adjust rates to address increased costs it incurs in operating the water and sewer system to provide the utility services. The current increase includes such an adjustment. The last time the Village increased rates relative to its service costs was in 2014. All rate changes that have occurred subsequent to 2014 have been in relation to the costs of the wa-



ter supply itself.

The Lake Michigan water supply is delivered to Tinley Park via the Village of Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn has also increased its rate for supplying water to its other suburban customer communities to reflect its current delivery costs.

Please visit the Village website, tinleypark.org, for more information.

Oak Forest Car Stickers on Sale

Vehicle stickers will go on sale Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Residents will receive an application soon. The City would like people purchasing stickers to go online at www.oak-forest.org or use the night depository box outside the City Hall Entrance.

Senior citizens who have information on file and the same vehicle as last year will automatically receive a vehicle sticker in the mail so there is no need to visit City Hall.

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Remembering Frank "Wilk" Wilkowski

My name is Ken McClory and in 2013 I partnered with my Chicago American Legion Post #1028 and planned and organized a field ceremony and luncheon honoring our posts' WWII Veterans. I was surprised to see 95-Year-Old WWII Veteran Frank Wilkowski attend the event. "Wilk" was in hospice with breathing supported with oxygen, confined to a wheelchair and accompanied by his full-time nurse. When I greeted him, it was very clear how extremely important it was for him to join his buddies on this memorable day. During our conversation and despite of his severely failing health, I looked into his eyes and perceived him as a rugged and brave warrior.

Frank "Wilk" Wilkowski grew up in Bridgeport and joined the United States Army in October of 1941. After basic training, Frank was assigned to the 107th Cavalry Division. In the Spring of 1942, the 107th Cavalry became completely mechanized and in August began desert training for the next 5 months. As a result of that training, he spent all of 1943 with the Western Defense Command patrolling the California Coast. In 1944 the regiment was reorganized, and "Wilk" 2nd Squadron became the 107th Reconnaissance Squadron, moving to Ft. Hood, Texas to conduct additional specialized overseas training. They shipped from the Port of New York on January 3rd, 1945 well trained and combat ready, landing in Le Havre, France on January 16th. The

107th engaged in armed combat with allied attacks on the German held Le Havre Port and drove toward camp Lucky Strike. There they were further briefed and drilled. Their Recon Training included the exploration outside their unit's area to gain information about enemy presence and focus on a mission to compile visual observation about enemy activity and resources. The squad had 6 Jeeps with a squad leader ("Wilk"), two Corporals, 6 drivers, 6 Mortarmen and 2 Riflemen operating as a stand-alone platoon.

"Wilk" and his Recon Squadron was next assigned the mission of containing German forces at its major submarine base in the St. Nazaire Victories in Europe to be liberated on May 11th, 1945. He also had Recon missions attached to the 103rd infantry division from Langenau, Germany to Schnitz, Austria. The squadron met little resistance advancing into Austria and on May 28th, 1945 Germany surrendered unconditionally ending the war in Europe. Through June 29th he engaged in area security in Fussen, Bavaria and assisted in the liberation of a sub-camp and home to the Dachau concentration camp. On August 11th "Wilk" and his unit was shipped to the Pacific Theatre, but his troop

ship was recalled. Japan formally surrendered ending the most devastating war in history.

The Bronze Star is an award for heroism for combat performance above the call of duty. During 8 months of intense combat, "Wilk" was awarded 3 Bronze Stars during campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland Central Europe. On November 6th, 1945, Tech/ Sgt. Frank "Wilk" Wilkowski was discharged. He was an expert with Carbine large machine guns, 50 Cal machine guns and Sharpshooters with rifles. He was awarded WWII Victory medal, Overseas Service Bar, American Defense Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. In April 2016 "Wilk" passed away and his loving son Rick Wilkowski was honored with his father's final military award during his Honor Guard ritual team ceremony, The American Legion Post Everlasting Commendation. This feature is about a legacy, about a soldier who accomplished something that will last longer than life itself. The history book of the WWII Generation has turned its page to its final chapter. "Wilks" legacy becomes our legacy of freedom, a freedom America should not take for granted and fix in the hearts and minds of future generations. Thank you Frank "Wilk" Wilkowski for your remarkable contribution to my ongoing "Preserving our Heritage" project.



Tinley Park Village Board meeting highlights

The Tinley Park Village Board met recently for its regular meeting in the Council Chambers at Village Hall. This was the very first meeting of the newly elected Village Board. Highlights include:

Outgoing Officials Honored: The Village Board recognized outgoing Mayor Jacob Vandenberg and outgoing Trustee Cynthia Berg for their years of dedicated service to the Village of Tinley Park.

Budget Approved: The Village Board approved the 2021-22 fiscal budget. The total expenditure budget of all Village Funds, including the Tinley Park Public Li-

brary, is \$147,340,409.

Water Rates: The Board approved adjusting the water rates in the Village by 50 cents to begin repayment of the water meter replacement project. The Board also approved revising the code sections related to the utility rates to place them in a better format to facilitate the future rate increases anticipated.

Board Proclamations: The Village Board proclaimed, May 2021 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month," May 16 to 22 as "National Public Works Week," in the Village of Tinley Park.

Staff Hired: The Vil-

lage Board approved appointing Michelle Boone as executive assistant for the Tinley Park Fire Department, and John Touhy as records supervisor and Osamah Dajani as sergeant for the Tinley Park Police Department.

Legal Appointments: The Village Board appointed Delgado Law Group as Special Counsel and Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins as Administrative Hearing Officer for the Village.

Watch the entire meeting on the Village's YouTube page or on Tinley Park TV, which broadcasts on Comcast Channel 4 and U-Verse Channel 99.

Oak Lawn Memorial Day Golf Scramble

Register today for the Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Course's Memorial Day Golf Scramble. Grab your clubs for a 7:30am shotgun start on Monday, May 31st.

This is a four-person scramble open to all golfers looking to have fun! The fee is \$50 per player and includes green fee, cart fee, range balls, lunch, and prizes.

The entry deadline is Friday, May 28th. Stony Creek Golf Course is located at 5850 W. 103rd Street.

For more information, please contact 708-857-2433.

This Memorial Day, the Village View honors all men and women who have died while serving in the military.

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Orland Twp. Honors Volunteers

In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, Orland Township hosted a dinner to celebrate its many volunteers, according to the office of Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Township," said Supervisor O'Grady. "Even in the middle of the pandemic, you still came out to help and support the



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady (center) poses with volunteers.

community. If it wasn't for all of you, we would never be able to accomplish everything we do at the Township. On behalf of a grateful community, thank you."

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Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to beautify Oak Forest! (Photo by Dave King.)

Thank You Clean-Up Volunteers in Oak Forest

The Mayor, City Council and Oak Forest residents would like to extend a sincere THANKS to all the volunteers who helped clean up various areas of Oak Forest on May 1st.

The effort was spearheaded by resident Erin Work, who was motivated to do something for her community after seeing trash strewn around various areas of town.

Erin considers "picking" a relaxing hobby that was introduced to her by her

dad Tom Hudon and continues today with her husband Caleb.

The group of volunteers met at the Oak Forest High School and covered more than 10 locations. Over 20 bags of trash were filled.

Clean-Up Day Crew:
Erin Work, Organizer
Caleb Work
Tom Hudon
Helena Prendiville
Gina Rampage
Julie Torres
Leilani Torres
Jada Torres

Margie Larmon
Megan Larmon
Kadie Blaettler
Jodi Klusacek
Michael Stacy
Alex Stacy
Christopher Light
Beverly Kotnour
Alderman Denise Daniel
Alderman Diane and Chuck Wolf
Alderman Paul Selman
Oak Forest Public Works
Doug's Dogs provided food and drinks for all the volunteers.

Meet Author Martha Hall Kelly

The Orland Park Public Library will be hosting an exclusive Meet the Author event in partnership with several area libraries via Zoom on Tuesday, June 1 at 7 p.m. Martha Hall Kelly, author of Lilac Girls, Lost Roses, and Sunflower Sisters is a New York Times bestselling author. Residents of Orland Park will have a chance to ask Kelly about her latest book during a Q & A session moderated by library staff.

"Our patrons have loved Ms. Kelly's books, and we know they'll enjoy this

unique opportunity to get to know her better. We're excited to make this special evening available to the residents of Orland Park," said Katie Allan, Adult Services Manager at the Orland Park Public Library.

This program is sponsored and presented in partnership with the Cook Memorial, Des Plaines, Elmhurst, Glenview, Highland Park, Niles-Maine, Orland Park, Park Ridge, Vernon Area, Wheaton, and Zion-Benton public libraries.

Residents will be re-



quired to register to attend the free event via a link on the library calendar, or residents can call 708-428-5150 to be registered by a staff member.

The Orland Park Public Library is located at 14921 S. Ravinia Ave in Orland Park, Illinois.

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Sign up for spring/summer classes, beginning this month. Ages 5 and up.

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'Every Day Is a Gift, A Memoir' by Sen. Tammy Duckworth

Her title is the underlying philosophy in Ladda Tammy Duckworth's epic yet humble memoir: "I owe it to those who saved me to make something of the life that they risked their own to save."

Polyglot; PhD; scholar-soldier grievously-wounded piloting a Blackhawk helicopter shot down by Iraqi insurgents; decorated Lieutenant Colonel; veteran advocate;

two-term Congresswoman; first woman to give birth while in Congress, Illinois' Senator Tammy Duckworth launched her re-election campaign with a headline-grabbing "F*CK YOU" to a conservative newscaster who questioned her patriotism. Senator Duckworth makes Joan of Arc look like she's standing still.

Her life was, and is, most difficult. Thai-born to an ethnic Chinese mother and a tall Virginian vet working for the US Army, Tammy was a mixed-race half-child, taunted for her size, her color, her freckles and the smell of her faring father (to her cousins, all Americans smelled like cheese,) and warned by her aunties that US servicemen always left their Asian families behind. Her father was "the big guy" and "the American hero," but he shuffled his family around Southeast Asia in pursuit of sometimes lucrative, often measly (or no) jobs, finally landing in war-torn Phnom Penh, where Tammy learned how to speak Cambodian (and dodge bullets) as her family boarded the last commercial flight out of the country in 1975.

Duckworth's politics and fealty to the military came naturally. Her mother's family fled China, and she taught Tammy to be wary of arbitrary power and

mindful of the suffering of those without it. She called the Great Wall, "a wall of sorrow ... [with] bodies of slaves" inside. Senator Duckworth later pledged to "fight to my last breath to defend every American's freedom to have his or her own opinion about Washington's flawed history. ... We can honor our founders while acknowledging their serious faults, including the undeniable fact that many of them enslaved Black Americans."

Being poor as a child left her with empathy for those who still are: "I believe in subsidized meal programs for students ... they enabled me to get my high school diploma. ... My family never worked as hard as when we were living at the poverty level. The notion that the working poor don't need a living wage, or that they just needed to work harder to get ahead, is abhorrent."

Tammy was proud to learn that Duckworths served in the military from the French-Indian War in the mid-1700's, to the Revolutionary War, on both sides of the Civil War, and through her service in Iraq. A student of political science, she joined the Army ROTC to earn money for graduate school and "fell for the army like no one ever fell for the army before." The rest is history, recounted in a self-effacing, simple declarative epic that keeps readers in her thrall.

The New York Times calls Duckworth "more Hercules than Hamlet." Read for yourself.

Lorraine Schmall
Dearborn Park
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Author Explores How Literacy Center Taught Immigrant Women Freedom Through English

Maribel, a domestic violence survivor, raised a daughter while cleaning toilets for a living, then years later ran her own business and a marathon. Juanita escaped stalkers by seeking a new life in America. Blanca rose from housekeeping to management before a corporate decision changed her life. These are just a few of the immigrant women who changed their lives after learning English at the Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora.

Led by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, the center has become a place offering inspiration, hope, confidence, comfort and safety for those escaping the many stressful and dangerous situations that many immigrants, especially women, face. Journalist Anna Kucek Tomczyk explained that the title of the book, "We Are Eagles: Inspiring Stories of Immigrant Women Who Took Bold Steps in Life Through Literacy," came from the daughter of one of the subjects in the book.

"One day, the daughter said that since her mother now learned to drive and got a used car,



the two of them were like eagles who could fly anywhere. Nothing could hold them back," Tomczyk explained. "Indeed, nothing held back Maribel or the other women in the book as they gained strength, confidence and endurance on their journeys in life (thanks to the help they received at the center.)" The women in this book all had one thing in common: the arc of their lives paralleled each other, regardless of the year they attended the center. So, this book starts with the first public speech by Maribel that heralds more accomplishments to come. Then their stories are divided into four parts that mark the lifecycle of the eagle, one of the most powerful and enduring birds in our country.

About four years ago,

Tomczyk learned about the center from Sister Beth Murphy, the Dominican Sisters' director of communications. Murphy told her about Sister Kathleen Ryan, the center's founder and director. "The Dominican Sisters help people on the margins of society. So, Sister Kathleen believed creating a center to help immigrants to learn English and to improve their way of life fit perfectly into their mission," Tomczyk explained. "As more former students achieved in life, the sisters saw the 'pillars' of their Dominican life in a new way. Those pillars, which undergird their lives as Dominican women, are community, ministry, study and prayer. Now, the sisters saw how the pillars were supporting their immigrant women as well."

The book was a three-year process for Tomczyk as she interviewed the sisters and the five women whose stories appear. A portion of the profits from this book will be donated to the Dominican Literacy Center to help support its literacy mission. For information about the book and the author, visit <https://annakucektomczyk.com>.

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Field Museum announces new exhibit May 21

The Field Museum will open a new exhibition May 21 dedicated to Dr. Jane Goodall, who revolutionized the way scientists study the natural world.

"Becoming Jane gives such a personal look at Dr. Goodall," says Jaap Hoogstraten, the Field Museum's director of exhibitions. "She's a figure that's changed the way that we see animals and inspired countless people to help protect our planet, and we're excited to bring her story, and some of her personal belongings, to the Field."

Widely known for her innovative approach to animal behavior research, Dr.

Goodall traveled to what is now Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park and immersed herself in the natural habitat of wild chimpanzees. Her work studying the lives of chimpanzees in the wild captured the imagination of the world. Rather than seeing the animals as subjects, she came to know them as individuals with personalities and emotions, a notion once rejected by the scientific world, yet now considered revolutionary. Her story one of fearless determination, curiosity, the pursuit of knowledge and a passionate love of the natural world has resonated with generations of people

around the globe.

Highlights of the exhibition include some of Dr. Goodall's childhood belongings, including a beloved stuffed monkey, interspersed with stories about her as a budding naturalist, studying a chicken coop at age four. The exhibition also features augmented reality interactives that invite visitors to try their hand at chimpanzee vocalizations, a hologram-like projection of Dr. Goodall sharing her memories of living among the chimpanzees, and a replica of her field research tent.

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It Is Time To Spring

(NAPSI) Spring isn't just when we spring forward in time, it is also the time when we spring into action to clean those places that likely haven't been cleaned at all: your heating and cooling air ducts.

That can be a problem because that's where dirt, germs, mold, mildew, pet dander and other allergens like to lurk.

A six-room house can generate as much as 40 pounds of dirt, chemicals and pollutants in a typical year, which this wasn't for many families. The contaminants make the heating and cooling system work harder, use more energy and wear out faster. That can get expensive. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, 25 to 40 percent of the energy used for heating or cooling a home is wasted.

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