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# Village View

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## B-MAC EDITION

Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

### Alsip provides COVID-19 Ambulance

by Jan Glaz

Alsip Fire Chief, Tom Styczynski, reported on the COVID-19 pandemic at the May 18th, Village of Alsip Board of Trustees Meeting. "The Fire Department's biggest challenge had been obtaining adequate equipment. We've been able to secure equipment from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security as well as the Illinois Department of Public Health, and are currently stocked.

Chief Styczynski continued, "The Fire Department has designated our reserve back-up ambulance to use as a COVID-19 transport ambulance. This aids to minimize exposure of our personal when confronted with COVID-19 people and to avoid cross contaminating equipment. Since the beginning of the Coronavirus we've transported 26 people suspected of having COVID-19 and 14 confirmed people were transported to the hospital - not all were residents. In addition, our department has applied for a micro-grant of \$3000.00 to use toward the purchase of non-disposable face masks."

Items approved officials include: A four fiscal year engagement letter with 'Lauterbach & Amen' to provide actuarial accounting reports associated with the Police Pension Fund, the Firefighters Pension Fund, and other post-employment benefits, as well as, funding reports for the current year. The cost for the report is \$10,275.00; Trustees agreed to award the 'Pulaski Road & Springfield Avenue Water Main Replacement Project' contract to the lowest bidder 'Swallow Construction

Corporation' in the amount of \$708,537.16.

An Ordinance amending Chapter 12, Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations, Article XX, Raffles and chances, met with full board approval. Alsip Mayor, John Ryan, clarified the amendment. "Our Village Attorney, Louis Cainkar, noticed in the Village Raffle Ordinance that the Chamber of Commerce wasn't recognized and they requested to organize a raffle and this is an amendment to include the Chamber of Commerce in a program like this."

Noteworthy news: The Alsip Village Hall is closed until further notice due to Covid-19. Vehicle stickers can be paid for by mail or dropping in a 24-hour drop box located by the Police Department, or pay via the Village website at [www.villageofalsip.org](http://www.villageofalsip.org) and it will be mailed. Any questions please call 708-385-6902.

### Midlothian sets cost schedule for permit fees

by Jan Glaz

The Village of Midlothian approved "Resolution #20-0527- A Setting Fee Schedule" at the Village Board Meeting, May 27th. The Resolution states, in part, that residential building permit fees shall apply to construction, installation, repair, renovation, addition and/or remodeling of all one and two-family dwellings, all accessory buildings, structures, fences, and swimming pools, and which may be designed by an architect or engineer.

Project Valuation: The project valuation for residential permits shall be based on the cost estimates outlined in the publica-

tion entitled "Means Square Foot Costs," published by R.S. Means Company, Inc., Kingston, Massachusetts, as amended from time to time, which is adopted by reference, by the village. In lieu of using this publication, the village may, in its discretion, use the project's value listed on a signed contract between the applicant and its contractors or the project value entered on the permit application.

Building Permit Fee Calculation: The building permit fees for all residential projects shall be the greater of the base fee of \$55.00 or 1.7% of the project valuation (exceptions may apply). The building permit fee amount does not include inspection fees.

Flat Fee Residential Building Permit Fee: Projects charged a flat fee of \$105.00 (base permit fee of \$55.00 plus one inspection of \$50.00) includes fences; roofs; exterior concrete/asphalt flat work (driveways, patios, sidewalks); window and door replacement (provided no structural alteration is required); generators 6 HVAC 7; and water heater installation/replacement.

Exhibit "A" a detailed fee schedule pertaining to the breakdown cost of fees and permits in the Village and is available for view at [www.villageofmidlothian.net](http://www.villageofmidlothian.net) or at the Village Hall located at 14801 S. Pulaski Road or by phone (708) 389-0200.

### Blue Island Library reopens in Phase 3 with modifications

As we enter Phase 3 of Gov. Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan, limited public access to the Blue Island

Public Library building will be available through timed appointments only.

The library will offer 30 minute time slots for patrons to use the computers or browse the stacks and checkout materials in person. Beginning June 8, 2020, patrons may reserve, up to a day in advance, two 30 minute slots per day. The time slots from 9:30-10:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am will be reserved for Senior use only. Reservations are first come, first served, and will be accepted by phone only. Call 708-388-1078 to reserve your time slot at the library. As building capacity limits must be maintained, the number of slots available for each time block is restricted.

The library will continue to offer access to materials through Curbside Pickup service.

In accordance with public health directives, all patrons entering the library will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing for the entirety of their visit. Hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes are available for patron use at the library facility.

During this Phase, the library will be staffed from 9am-5pm on weekdays, with curbside service only on Saturdays from 11am-1pm.

In partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Summer Lunch Bus will be stopping at the library to distribute grab and go meals from the curb. Beginning Monday June 8, two days' worth of packaged meals will be distributed to constituents from 2:15-2:50. These meals are available first come, first served and all are welcome to utilize this service.

Summer Reading is going virtual this summer, through our new app on



Left to right: Gus VandenBrink, Sertoma Centre executive director, Dominic Iovino, Stickney firefighter, Jeff Walik, Mayor of Stickney, and Larry Mayer, Fire Chief of Stickney. Iovino is the 2020 winner of the Sertoma Centre Big Event Heroes Cook-off virtual competition. (Photo/Sertoma Centre)

### Stickney firefighter gets top honors in Sertoma Centre's virtual cookoff

Sertoma Centre, Inc. proudly recognizes Stickney Firefighter Dominic Iovino as the winner of its annual Big Event Heroes Cook-off. Sertoma Executive Director Gus VandenBrink presented Iovino with the People's Choice Trophy in a socially distant presentation with Stickney Mayor Jeff Walik and Fire Department Chief Larry Mayer.

Iovino received the most votes in the competition held recently, earning him the First Place People's Choice Award. Sertoma Centre hosts an annual Big Event Heroes Cook-off featuring local first responders showcasing their favorite dishes. This year's event was held virtually, allowing the community to vote on the best dishes from the safety of their homes. The Cook-off featured 12 police and firefighters from Alsip, Blue Island, Chicago, Lombard, Niles, and Stickney.

The winning dish was Iovino's Steak Braciolo, edging out Chicago Police Department North Bike Unit Officer Alex Roman's Steak and Lobster. Nearly 28,000 votes were cast during the 3-day event. Other cooks included Alsip Firefighter Charlie Harding, Alsip Police Officer Jake Thompson, Blue Island Firefighters Joe Dinovo and Ken Dompeling, Chicago Firefighters Frank Gall, Sal Longo, Patrick Murphy, and Joe Sinisi, Chicago Police Officer Melissa Biancalana, Chicago Marine Unit Officer Bill Cordes, Lombard Firefighter Bob Hopper, and Niles Firefighters Steve Zook and Jim Leibach.

Sertoma Centre, Inc. is a nationally accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and those living with mental illness. Learn more at [www.sertomacentre.org](http://www.sertomacentre.org).

Beanstack. Participants can log reading to win prizes from local businesses and participate in online activi-

ties. The Beanstack app is available for free download from the App store and Google Play.



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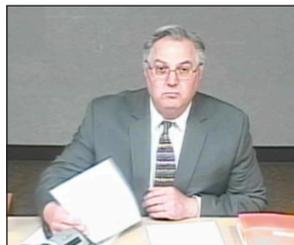
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## FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Village of Mokena Director of Economic and Community Development, Alan Zordan

### Mokena observes National Gun Violence Awareness Day

by Jan Glaz

To help honor Americans whose lives are cut short and countless survivors injured by shootings a national coalition of organizations has designated an annual "National Gun Violence Awareness Day". On May 26th at the Village of Mokena Board of Trustees Meeting, Frank Fleischer, Mayor of the Village of Mokena, and the Village Board, signed a Proclamation designating Friday, June 5, 2020, as the 5th 'National Gun Violence Awareness Day' in the Village of Mokena.

All residents in the community are urged to honor and value human lives and to support efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence. The Proclamation, in part, stated that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence. On average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year, two-thirds of gun deaths are suicides and Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries.

In other official news: In connection with the COVID-19 pandemic and in support of local businesses,

Alan Zordan, Director of Economic and Community Development, introduced a motion approved by the board a "Resolution Suspending Mokena's Code of Ordinances in regard to Outdoor Dining, Temporary Tents, and Temporary Promotional Signage", effective May 29, 2020. The suspension addresses parameters applying to sit-down outdoor dining allowed at restaurants and includes the following: Tables six feet apart; tables away from sidewalks where possible; and face coverings for staff. No inside seating will be allowed.

### Orland Park restaurants granted expansion for outdoor seating

by Jan Glaz

An Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Business And License) of the Orland Park Village Code to provide support to restaurants in Orland Park during the COVID-19 pandemic passed by unanimous vote at the Orland Park Board Meeting held on May 18th.

The Ordinance passed by the Village Board of Trustees states that a restaurant may apply to the Village for creation or expansion of existing outdoor seating areas. The business must identify the proposed area on a site plan as well as provide sign-off from the property owner if applicable, and a 24 hour emergency contact.

However, each permit will likely be unique so the restaurant or property owner must provide a plan showing how they intend to provide outdoor seating. This

plan must be in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and adhere to prevention and applicable local guidelines for social distancing and other health and safety guidelines in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The plans will be approved by the Village's Development Services Department and must be in conformance with all codes and ordinances of the Village of Orland Park. This includes compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Illinois Accessibility Code.

In other Official news: Trustees approved "An Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Orland Park and the Village of Orland Hills Providing for Police Dispatching and Prisoner Detention Services". The Village has been providing dispatch and detention services for the Village of Orland Hills for almost (30) years and has found this very beneficial for many reasons but, most importantly, for the cooperation between the two police departments leading to more effective and efficient law enforcement services for both communities.

From Orland Hills presence on or use of Orland Park's property, equipment and facilities and/or the services to be provided by Orland Park the Agreement, in part, declares: Orland Hills agrees at its sole cost and expense, to unconditionally indemnify, defend, and hold Orland Park and/or its trustees, officers, employees and agents, whether sued in their official or individual capacity, harmless against any loss, liability, or damage, whether direct or consequential expenses. Any claims, penalties, fines, injunctions, suits, proceedings, disbursements or expenses, including, without

limitation, attorneys' and experts' fees and disbursements and court costs (collectively, the "Liabilities") in any way arising out of or in consequence of this Agreement.

### Tinley Park readies for Pete's Fresh Market

by Jan Glaz

At the Village of Tinley Park Board of Trustees Meeting, May 19, officials agreed grant a request by James Dremonas of 163rd & Harlem, LLC, to invest an estimated \$29,250,000 for the renovation of the vacated K-Mart structure at 16300 S. Harlem Avenue and for the construction of an approximately 117,000 square feet of new retail space for the purposes of a Pete's Fresh Market and other retail uses. The location has been 100% vacant since November 2014 and requires significant improvements.

A resolution adopted by the board provides support for the Cook County Class 6b incentive which reduces the tax assessment ratio for the property at 16300 Harlem from 25% to 10% of market value for ten (10) years. The Class 6b classification is designed to encourage industrial development throughout Cook County by offering a real estate tax incentive for the development of new industrial facilities, the rehabilitation of existing industrial structures, and the industrial reutilization of abandoned buildings. The project will also include renovation of 33,400 square feet for additional commercial uses at the east end of the vacant former K-Mart store.

In addition, a Resolution passed to support for the

Cook County Class 7b incentive which reduces the tax assessment ratio for the property from 25% to 10% of market value ten (10) years, and is renewable. The Class 7b incentive of the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance is intended to encourage, in areas determined to be "in need of commercial development", commercial projects with total development costs, exclusive of land, over \$2 million, which would not be economically feasible without the incentive.

Adopted a Resolution seeking consideration of a localized or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) approach to reopen businesses and resume civic activity. The Village reported that between March 9th and April 28th, the Governor of Illinois issued 29 Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Noteworthy news: The Tinley Park Village Board passed a Resolution recommending and encouraging the State of Illinois to allow for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Region based approach to reopening, which would provide authority to answer needs of residents and businesses directly. Furthermore, instead of a 28 day timeline period, the Board is asking the General Assembly to consider a 14 day period for each EMS region to move on to the next phase of reopening.

### Oak Forest issues permit for decade old vacancy

by Jan Glaz

On May 26th the City of Oak Forest authorized a Special Use Permit for 5488-5496

West 159th Street, a unit that has not had a business in over 10 years. Petitioner, Shawanna Dukes, requested a Special Use Permit to open 'Angelic Scholars' a daycare facility of approximately 2,400 square feet.

Shawanna stated the daycare center will accept children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. "Our children need access to this facility because it's a perfect match. The building needs to be zoned for the purpose of safely caring for, managing and educating, our newest members of society. The center needs to be open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. to offer before, during and after school programs. These programs are designed to stimulate, educate, and motivate our Angelic Scholars and move them towards our ultimate goal of success for future generations."

In order to utilize recreational activities Shawanna informed the City that the daycare plans to escort and route scholars to the Oak Forest Park District Main Central Park. The path traveled will exit out the back of the building to cross over 158th Street (near the loading dock of Food 4 Less). Once across 158th Street the route will utilize the existing path accommodating the direct access to Central Park.

Noteworthy news: Aldermen passed an Ordinance authorizing a "Level 3 Design Review Permit" for "Perfect Smiles" a dental center located at 5950 West 159th Street. Among the modifications the applicant proposes a 2,250 square foot addition to the existing building plus updates to the elevations facing south and east. An updated exterior facade is planned with new storefront windows and a new entry to the east facade. Additional upgrades include the parking lot and landscaping areas.



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## SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

### U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Census Questionnaire

The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, will begin to drop off 2020 Census questionnaire packets at front doors of households in Illinois in the week of June 1. This is done in areas where the majority of households do not receive mail at their physical address. The Census Bureau began hand-delivering census materials on March 15, but suspended all fieldwork for this operation on March 18 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Temporary field staff have been trained to observe all social distancing protocols and will wear official government-provided personal protective equipment for their safety and the safety of the public. This operation is contactless and follows the most current federal health and safety guidelines.

The Census Bureau will deliver 2020 Census invitations and paper questionnaires at the front doors of roughly 5.1 million state-side households and 42,800 households in Illinois. This operation is crucial to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities, which helps guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending per year.



Brooke Flanagan

### Steppenwolf names new executive director

Steppenwolf Theater Company announced today that Brooke Flanagan, who previously worked at Stepp-

penwolf for seven years, will return to the organization in the role of Executive Director and will become the first woman to hold the title in Steppenwolf's 45-year history. Current Executive Director David Schmitz, who has worked at Steppenwolf since 2005 and been Executive Director since 2015, is stepping down to serve Oregon Shakespeare Festival as Executive Director. Schmitz will stay on at Steppenwolf through mid-July 2020 allowing for a seamless transition.

Brooke is an extraordinary leader whose impact on Chicago's arts ecosystem continues to be tremendous," shares Artistic Director Anna D. Shapiro. "We are grateful to be able to continue to commit to our city and community by inviting a leader who has a deep love and understanding of Steppenwolf, its mission and its values. Brooke will only fortify our ability to stay connected, active and innovative during this unprecedented time of social distancing, enabling us to be

stronger than ever when live theater resumes. I can't wait to work alongside her."

Brooke Flanagan shares, "What an honor to return to Steppenwolf as the company's first female Executive Director. There is certainly a weight of responsibility in following in the footsteps of many wise souls before me who created this national treasure, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with Anna Shapiro as we work to realize the long-held vision of the Building on Excellence expansion campaign.

As I look ahead to my partnership with Anna, I recognize both the responsibility and privilege of serving as a steward for the artistic home of Steppenwolf's prolific ensemble; torch bearer for the company's capacity to innovate through a theatrical lens; advocate for the institution's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion; and champion for service as a cultural citizen to the City of Chicago during this unprecedented time of pandemic.



The Neo-Futurist ensemble, by Joe Mazza Brave Lux

### Digital version of Neo-Futurists' show is viable model for theaters

As Chicago prepares for its next phase of recovery without a firm date for resuming indoor performing arts events, The Neo-Futurist Theater has pioneered a new model of operation. Rather than sharing content from past productions, the company has moved its flagship show The Infinite Wrench to a digital platform, now called The Infinite Wrench Goes Viral, presenting 30 digital plays in 60 minutes each week. The Neo-Futurist ensemble of writer-performers continue to work from home and produce new plays weekly, which are then filmed and shared with patrons who subscribe via the Patreon platform. Tickets start at just \$3 per week, with subscribers choosing their donation level.

Since its launch in late March, the new digital theater-making model has proven successful, with The Infinite Wrench Goes Viral currently bringing in 50% of the production's pre-COVID-19 revenue. The production has more than 650 weekly subscribers from Chicago and across the country, significantly more patrons than The Neo-Futurists' 147-seat the-

ater can normally accommodate over a performance weekend. As a result of the success of this digital theater platform, The Neo-Futurists' ensemble members, contracted artists and staff continue to receive payment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on The Infinite Wrench Goes Viral and to purchase tickets, visit [neofuturists.org](http://neofuturists.org). Tickets start at \$3, with special perks available starting at the \$5 level.

"We are overjoyed by the response thus far, and thrilled to be sharing our uniquely personal, non-illusory theater with a broader audience," said Artistic Director Kirsten Riiber. "For 31 years, The Neo-Futurists have provided a space for audiences to come together and see their experience reflected to them with honesty; and this is one of those times where staying present with our audiences, who we've never been able to do our work without, is vital. We chose the low price point to make our work as inclusive as possible. Accessibility is central to our mission and we know many people are struggling financially right now."

### An update from McCord Gallery

As Illinois inches toward Phase 3, we are happy to announce McCord plans to re-open (with limitations) to the public on June 1 and most classes will resume June 15 (limit of 9 students per class). Our gallery hours will be Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. All guests must wear a mask when entering the gallery. We ask that you limit your groups to no more than five persons when visiting the gallery.

What have we done to create a safer place for staff

and students?

We have installed new soap and hand sanitizing dispensers in the class space, and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the gallery.

We are working closely with our cleaning company to ensure all knobs, phones, and railings are being wiped every day.

All staff and instructors will be required to wear a mask and gloves. They will be required to take their temperature every shift, and if it's 100.4 or higher, they will be asked to go home.



We request all students, if you're not feeling well, please stay home and help McCord remain safe and clean for all who visit.

Of course, we will monitor the situation as regulations tend to change on a

week to week basis. McCord will follow all guidelines and laws presented by Governor Pritzker.

McCord Gallery & Cultural Center at, 9602 W. Creek Road, Palos Park, IL. For more information please call 708-671-0648.



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## SUBURBAN EDITION

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



Village of Justice President, Kris Wasowicz

### Justice shares COVID-19 assistance news

by Jan Glaz

Village of Justice President, Kris Wasowicz, and the Board of Trustees, shared information on May 20th in regard to Cook County's "Community Recovery Initiative" a program designed to assist small businesses, nonprofits and independent contractors due to COVID-19. The Cook County Community Recovery Fund will provide up to \$20,000 in zero-interest loans, offered for immediate relief.

Eligible are independent contractors and businesses in Suburban Cook County with fewer than 25 employees and less than \$3 million in revenue; gig workers who receive half of their income from 1099 contract work and businesses with less than \$100,000 in gross annual income. Currently non-profits are not eligible for this program.

In addition, Cook County's Technical Assistance Network provides access to financial products at the state and federal level, answers questions, connects businesses to counseling services and assists with loan packaging and process management. For further information or to apply please visit: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/>

covid-19-economic-relief.

Noteworthy news: Justice officials approved a new home occupation license for 'Palomino, Inc.' operating a home office for an e-retail business selling health and beauty supplies located at 7522 White Ash Drive; and voted to purchase a sewer camera at a cost of \$4,148.00; and agreed to an expense, not to exceed \$17,459.20, for the purchase of new computers and upgrades for the Police Department, Administration/Finance Department, Building, Public Works and Economic Development Department.

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### Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn expands golf operations

The Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St., has expanded its golf and facility operations while following State of Illinois restrictions. The driving range, practice areas, and outdoor dining areas have reopened.

Golf is open to foursomes, tee-times will be scheduled with 10-minute intervals, and usage of gas carts is allowed. Golf hours are 6:00am-sunset, daily. Mini golf will be available for \$2 (seniors, adults, juniors) for the month of June. Men and Ladies Golf Leagues begin June 2nd and June 3rd. Junior Golf League will run from June

side households and 42,800 households in Illinois. This operation is crucial to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities, which helps guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending per year.

### From the Mayor of Evergreen Park

Hello Friends,  
First of all, I want to

29th through August 10th. Golf Lessons in the Summer Program Guide will be held as scheduled.

Golfers and non-golfers are invited to dine at our outdoor seating area or order carry-out. Serving will be in a carry-out style for food and drinks. Dining is available daily from 11:00am-6:00pm, except for Thursdays with 11:00am-8:00pm hours. Safety guidelines, pricing, dining menu, and golf lessons/leagues information can be found at [www.golfstonycreek.com](http://www.golfstonycreek.com).

Tee time bookings are available through GolfNow or by calling 708-857-2433. Information is subject to change.

offer a hearty congratulations to all of our Evergreen Park graduates, including college grads, all the high schoolers, middle schoolers, kindergartners and preschoolers. This has been an extraordinary time and I regret that you have not been able to fully enjoy your graduation year. But you young folks are very strong and resilient, and I expect you all will achieve great success.

Remember, Evergreen Park is always your home.

Today is a wonderful day. And we are hoping that they get better and better. As Illinois has reached Phase Three, our businesses are open today. Restaurants who can provide outdoor seating will begin doing so.

Folks, I urge you to be patient with them. They are running their businesses a little differently than how they did before all this. They will be practicing social distancing guidelines while doing their best to serve you.

We need to adapt as well. When they ask you to wear a mask in their business, it is because we are required to do so by law. They are not infringing on your rights any more than when they require you to wear shoes. They are trying to protect themselves and protect you. This part of it, this minor inconvenience, will not last forever, but it is necessary to help bring this pandemic to an end and to keep things open.

Please be kind. It is that simple.

Likewise, we will be looking to get the Village Hall open soon, but there are procedures that need to be set up first. And again, we will ask your patience for the regrettable but necessary inconveniences this might present over the coming weeks.

And lastly, . . . we are looking to get our Youth Baseball started up in a few weeks. Though it will be a "different" kind of summer, we will still get to enjoy it as much as we can, while still keeping ourselves safe.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend and stay safe!  
Mayor James Sexton

### Curbside pickup now available at Oak Lawn Public Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library will begin Curbside Pickup on Tuesday, June 2. Curbside Pickup will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Curbside Pickup service is for Oak Lawn residents only, and for only Oak Lawn Public Library-owned materials. Items will be held for seven days. All of our items will be quarantined for seven days before being returned to circulation.

To place a hold, visit the OLPL catalog ([catalog.olpl.org](http://catalog.olpl.org)), or call the Library for assistance. You will receive a phone call or email notice that your items are available. Do not attempt to pick up items before the notice.

Pickup is at the Cook Avenue Library entrance. Pickup parking spaces will be marked.

When you arrive to pick up your reserved items, please call the number (708) 422-4990 and we will bring your items out to you. During curbside hours you may also text our new curbside communicator at 708-931-9030 to coordinate pickup when you arrive.

Please open your trunk after parking. OLPL staff will place items in your trunk in a brown paper bag with your receipt attached. Staff will ask to confirm your identity with your library card, valid driver's license or Illinois ID.

The Library is NOT accepting donations of any kind at this time. For more information, call 708-422-4990, visit [www.olpl.org](http://www.olpl.org), or use the Ask a Librarian feature.



## Applications for Cook County Community Recovery Fund are open

Cook County's Bureau of Economic Development posted the application for the Community Recovery Fund, as part of the Community Recovery Initiative. This loan fund offers one-time, zero-interest loans of up to \$20,000 for small businesses and up to \$10,000 for independent contractors in suburban Cook County. Businesses must be located in suburban Cook County.

Prepare your documents and information: bank statements from October 2019 to date of application, copy of most recently filed federal tax return, copy of most recent annual financial statements (only required if small business), and photo ID of independent contractor or business owner.

Valid forms of identification consist of: a driver's license issued by the State of Illinois or any other State of the United States of America, an identification card issued by any State of the United States of America, a passport, and consular identification

Review eligibility requirements:

Small Businesses are eli-

gible if they are: employing 25 or fewer employees, earning less than \$3 million in annual revenue, located in suburban Cook County, and revenues have decreased more than 25% as a result of COVID-19

Independent Contractors are eligible if you are: making at least half of your yearly income in 1099 contract work earning less than \$100,000 annually, and residing in suburban Cook County.

Visit our website where the application will be posted: [www.cookcountyl.gov/recovery](http://www.cookcountyl.gov/recovery). Contact us at [ccrf@cclfcicago.org](mailto:ccrf@cclfcicago.org).

## COVID-19 testing facility

Governor Pritzker's revised statewide guidelines and Stay at Home order for Illinois. All people in Illinois must now wear a facemask in public places. This would include grocery stores or any other place where social distancing from other people is not possible.

The State of Illinois opened a COVID-19 testing facility at 3824 West 159th Place in Markham a site formerly used for testing automobile emissions. If you have Coronavirus symptoms, a fever and/or a cough or shortness of breath, you are eligible for testing at that facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## IDFPR, Banks and advocacy groups work together to help cash stimulus checks

The Illinois Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (IDFPR) announced new options for unbanked Illinoisans seeking to cash their stimulus checks without incurring check cashing fees. The FDIC estimates that over 22% of Illinois households are under or unbanked. Many of these Illinois households will be receiving paper stimulus checks and will have few check cashing options that won't incur fees. Working together with industry associations, advocacy groups, and individual banks, IDFPR is proud to announce a number of banking institutions that are able to work with non-customers on cashing their stimulus checks for free. Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, U.S. Bank, Fifth Third and First Midwest, as well as others, are willing to provide non-customers in Illinoisans with check cashing options in order to ensure these funds go toward the food, housing, and necessities that people need during this difficult time, instead of being used on processing fees.

"We are happy to work with the banks to provide this necessary service to Illinois residents. During this time of financial hardship, we wanted to ensure that people were able to cash their checks. I want to thank JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Fifth Third, First Midwest, U.S. Bank and others for working with us in this endeavor," said Deborah Hagan, Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

In order to ensure proper social distancing and that everyone has the proper identification to cash their federal stimulus check, individuals interested in these options should contact the banks listed above, or email IDFPR at [ILBanks@illinois.gov](mailto:ILBanks@illinois.gov) to set up an appointment.

"We are proud that several of our members have stepped up, as they've done throughout the pandemic to

help struggling Illinoisans," said Linda Koch, President & CEO, Illinois Bankers Association. "Rest assured, beyond the banks listed here, institutions small and large across Illinois are ready to assist communities with their financial needs."

In addition, a working group of nonprofits including Ladder Up, the Economic Awareness Council, New America, Heartland Alliance, and Woodstock Institute have launched a website to help individuals access their economic impact payment and to help the unbanked as well. Consumers can visit [www.getmypaymentil.org](http://www.getmypaymentil.org) to access clear information about how they can receive their payments. For people who are interested in taking this opportunity to open up their own bank account, the website also outlines safe, affordable banking options available through the Bank On program. This program certifies products as consumer-friendly financial service options that have no maintenance or inactivity fees, low minimum deposits and no overdraft. For more information on the national Bank On initiative please visit <https://covidbanking.joinbankon.org/>.

## Oak Forest Building Department update

The Oak Forest Building Department is still allowing work to occur and continues to issue permits electronically. You can email [mpeters@oak-forest.org](mailto:mpeters@oak-forest.org) with permit applications or contractor registration applications. Payments can be made by mailing a check or via credit card electronically.

We continue to conduct inspections if outdoors or in vacant homes - please call Melissa at (708) 444-4819 to schedule. Solar panel inspections are on hold as of right now (we often need to get into the house). As for other inspections needed inside the house, contractors or homeowners will need to coordinate with Melissa at (708) 444-4819, so we can arrange for photo.

## Salesforce and Pappas team up

No need to come to the office. Apply online for \$79 million in refunds and \$44 million in missing Cook County property tax exemptions

Taxpayers seeking property tax refunds will have new tools on [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) enabling them to file electronically instead of downloading a form and mailing it in, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

"Filing for refunds just became easier, and for good reason," Pappas said. "Because of the pandemic, the new normal may be that people can't visit government offices to submit documents or get answers to questions about their tax bill in person. So, we'll let them 'visit' from home."

Pappas asked consulting firm Applications Software Technology LLC (AST) to integrate Salesforce customer relationship management (CRM) software with the website to streamline the process of applying for refunds caused by overpayments and missing property tax exemptions. Taxpayers can now search for refunds by property address and select the application button to submit their claim.

The system also allows taxpayers to submit supporting documentation, if necessary. Eliminating paper applications will shave one week off the time it takes the Office to issue refunds due to overpayments, reducing processing to three to five weeks, Pappas said. About 16,000 paper applications are mailed each year.

Pappas also overhauled her CRM system, which the office developed in 2001, so that information about refund applications and other inquiries about property taxes is contained in a single database.

"Our CRM system was ahead of its time then," Pappas said. "Now we go

to the next level of efficiency."

## Congressman Lipinski announces \$12 million in funding for improvements to Metra

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) Chair of the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials announced recently that Metra will receive \$12 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements to the Milwaukee North Line. The funding will be used to upgrade interlockings on the line resulting in fewer delays, increased safety, and greater reliability for Metra and Amtrak passengers in the region.

"This funding will enhance Metra and Amtrak service in Chicagoland, offering commuters fewer delays and greater reliability," said Chairman Lipinski. "As the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, I have fought for increased federal funding to enhance commuter and intercity passenger rail service in the region and around the country, and I am excited to see this grant awarded. I am continuing to work hard to improve the passenger rail experience for my constituents and all commuters by pushing for a \$55 billion investment in our nation's rail infrastructure as part of the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill."

The funding announced recently will also help facilitate Metra's implementation of positive train control (PTC), improving safety for rail workers and commuters. Chairman Lipinski joined with a bipartisan group of lawmakers to provide \$479 million for Metra under the CARES Act to help support the commuter rail service facing dramatic declines in ridership during the COVID-19 crisis.

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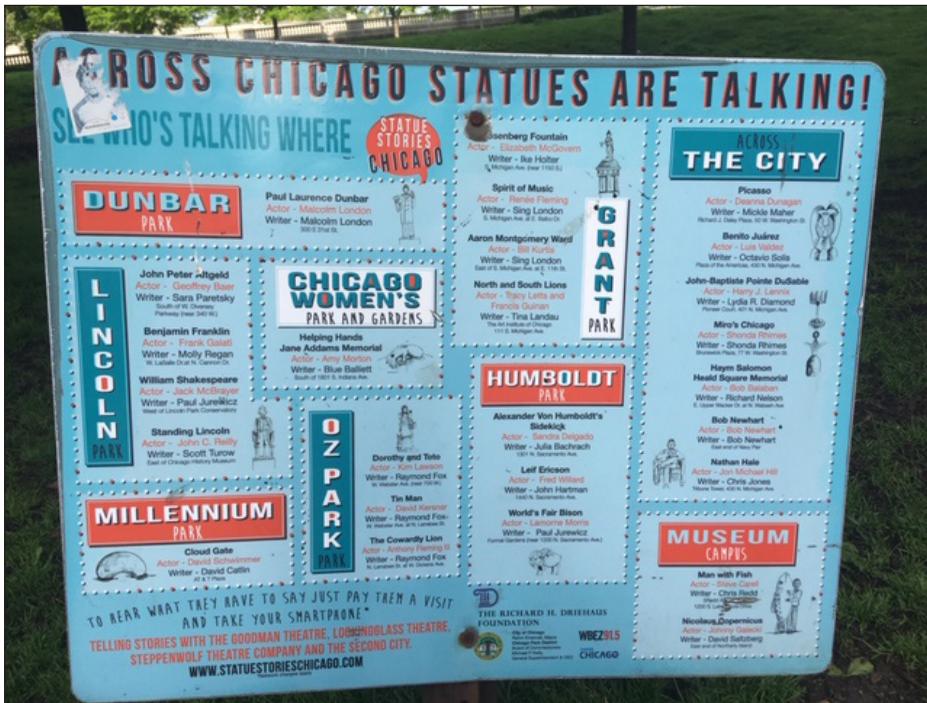
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## Orland Park Village Hall reopening June 1 with safety measures in place

The Frederick T. Owens Village Hall will reopen to the public while resuming full Village operations with regular business hours beginning Monday, June 1, 2020. The building, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue, will utilize measures and practices to ensure public safety through sanitation methods and social distancing.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to utilize online services whenever available to avoid in-person traffic. Vehicle sticker purchase, water bill payments, permit applications and many other Village services are fully accessible online at [orlandpark.org](http://orlandpark.org).

Village Hall will have one designated entrance on the east side of the building as well as a designated exit located at the southeast lobby doors. Hand sanitization is available at the entrance, exit and throughout the facility. Visitors and staff are asked to wear masks upon entering the building, adhere to social distancing and to follow the directional signage.

Village Committee and Board meetings will resume in-person attendance with social distancing measures and reduced capacity requirements in place.

The Secretary of State has closed their location within Village Hall due to the inability to maintain social distancing requirements within the confines of the existing facility. The Secretary of State is in the process of searching for a new facility in light of the new requirements.

More information is available at [orlandpark.org](http://orlandpark.org) or by calling 708/403-6170.



## Blue Cap needs masks

Blue Cap is in great need of masks. We operate 8

homes where we are caring for 52 people 24/7/365 and are reopening our Day Program within the coming months. With the State of Illinois starting to reopen, the people we support are in need of masks to get on with their daily lives. Many people can only tolerate homemade masks, so we are reaching out for your support!

If you think you can help by donating masks or know someone who is willing to donate, please contact Pat Thies, Executive Director, at 708-389-6578 Ext. 100.

Thank you and stay healthy and safe!

## Oak Forest open for businesses

Since the arrival of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Oak Forest, under the direction of the Mayor and the City Council, has fol-

lowed Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Guidelines to reopen Illinois in a safe and timely manner.

As we enter Phase 3, we look forward to more of our Oak Forest businesses opening, as well as restaurants and bars offering outdoor dining. Even Oak Forest City Hall will open for business on June 1st.

For the safety of our clerks and the public, we will not be processing transactions at the front office. Residents will be required to drop off payments for water bills, tickets, vehicle stickers, etc. Documents will be mailed to them. The city strongly encourages residents to pay on-line or use the day and night deposit drop.

As a community, we need to continue to do our best to make sure people remain healthy and safe, which is why social distancing and the use of facemasks are still required at this time. These remain very difficult times socially and economically, so we need to remain vigilant and do our part to help beat this crisis

## Library approves reopening plan

During our COVID-19 closure, the staff of Midlothian Public Library have worked remotely to serve



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the community digitally, through eBooks and eMedia, the library website, social media, email, Zoom events, and more. Library staff are eager to begin to serve the public again in person and circulate physical materials but also understand their grave responsibility to keep patrons and staff safe. Therefore, Midlothian Public Library, in conjunction with regional and statewide library organizations, and under the guidance of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan, will reopen in phases.

Wednesday, June 3, the library will open for curbside service and homebound delivery. Library hours during this period will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Patrons may order library materials via the online catalog linked to the library's website, [www.midlothianlibrary.org](http://www.midlothianlibrary.org), or by calling the library at (708) 535-2027.

Midlothian residents

who are vulnerable to the Coronavirus due to age or health condition may wish to take advantage of the library's homebound delivery service. Applications may be made by phone or through a form available on the library's website.

Summer Reading for all ages, birth through adult, will still go on this summer. Participants may sign up online or by phone; pick up their sign-up incentives, instruction folders, and reading materials curbside; and log their reading online or by phone for prizes. In addition, a complete schedule of entertaining and informative library programs for all ages will also be offered online. Visit the library's event calendar on its website for a full schedule and instructions on how to join.

Questions or comments may be directed to Library Director Jennifer Cottrill at [jcottrill@midlothianlibrary.org](mailto:jcottrill@midlothianlibrary.org) or any of the Library Board of Trustees at their emails listed on our website.

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**Answers to puzzles in June 2, 2020, issue**

## Orland Township launches GoFundMe campaign for food pantry

After holding two highly attended grocery distribution events, Orland Township is now asking for community assistance in restocking the shelves of the Food Pantry through a Go Fund Me campaign, according to the office of Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

During the two distribution events, the Township Food Pantry gave out close to 1,000 boxes packed with perishable and non-perishable grocery items, 1,000 cases of water, paper towels, toilet paper and a \$25 gift card to a local grocery store to residents in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, due to unprecedented food demand because of skyrocketing unemployment amid the coronavirus pandemic, food donations go out as quickly as they come into the pantry. In order to

keep up with the demand in this time of uncertainty, Orland Township is reaching out to residents and asking those who are able to make monetary donations that will allow the Orland Township Food Pantry to continue serving residents.

"No matter how big or how small, any donation made will provide for a neighbor in need during these challenging times," said Supervisor O'Grady. "I urge anyone who is able to please support Orland Township's efforts by contributing to the 'Stock the Pantry Donation Drive' and help us reach our \$50,000 goal."

Donations can be made by going to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/orland-township-food-donation-drive>.

All donations are 100% tax deductible. Funds raised will enable the Township Food Pantry to purchase needed pantry items and gift cards to local grocery stores.

For more information, please call the Township at (708) 403-4222, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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- Requests
- Pub dispenser
- Feline sound
- HGTV's "\_\_\_\_ or Flop"
- Ferdinand, e.g.
- Like a ghost
- \*Pro \_\_\_\_\_, or in proportion
- Miscellany
- \*Elsewhere
- \*Response to #51 Across?
- Cher has one
- Marine enchantress
- Not tac nor toe
- \*Not underwear!
- \*Battery's companion
- Literary "even"
- "\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_," or go full force
- Quartet minus one
- Greyish brown
- Common conjunction
- Ban from school, e.g.
- Homesteader's measurement
- Complete failure
- "Stand and Deliver" singer
- Relating to breastbone
- Spectacle venues
- Marcia's jealous sister
- Type of assistant, for short
- Sudden and brilliant success
- \*Courtroom protest
- Like blue sky
- Twins, e.g.
- Was a passenger
- Shirking work
- Volcano in Sicily
- All over again
- \*\_\_\_\_ se or \_\_\_\_ tem
- Bear's hangout
- Quiet attention grabber

### DOWN

- Big do
- Eastern European
- Toy with a tail
- Thinly spread
- Tutu fabric
- Mork from Ork
- Walk, as through mud
- Cripple
- Major European river
- Ancient Chinese dynasty
- Stock exchange, in Paris
- Mollify
- Anisette, for short
- Often precedes through, to search
- Cough syrup amt.
- Greek Bs
- Don't just stand there!
- Habituate
- Gives a hand
- Of a city
- Tarzan's swing rope
- \*Reasons to sue
- Peacock's pride
- Genetic initials
- \*Lie made under oath
- Pre-Ionic
- Bellever or Parrothead, e.g.
- Usually not allowed in court
- Back of the neck
- \*To lure into a compromising act
- \*To annul or suspend
- Jinn or genie
- Old Russian autocrat
- Anis-flavored aperitif
- Newspaper piece
- Atom that lost an electron, pl.
- Words from Wordsworth, pl.
- Type of salamander
- European peak

# IL Legislature approves Rep. Rita gaming expansion legislation



Bob Rita

## Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

## Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Deletes reference to:  
230 ILCS 5/1  
Adds reference to:  
230 ILCS 10/2 from Ch. 120, par. 2402  
230 ILCS 10/3 from Ch. 120, par. 2403  
230 ILCS 10/4 from Ch. 120, par. 2404  
230 ILCS 10/5 from Ch. 120, par. 2405  
230 ILCS 10/5.1 from Ch. 120, par. 2405.1  
230 ILCS 10/6 from Ch. 120, par. 2406  
230 ILCS 10/7 from Ch. 120, par. 2407  
230 ILCS 10/7.3  
230 ILCS 10/8 from Ch. 120, par. 2408  
230 ILCS 10/9 from Ch. 120, par. 2409  
230 ILCS 10/11 from Ch. 120, par. 2411  
230 ILCS 10/11.1 from Ch. 120, par. 2411.1  
230 ILCS 10/12 from Ch. 120, par. 2412  
230 ILCS 10/13 from Ch. 120, par. 2413  
230 ILCS 10/18 from Ch. 120, par. 2418  
230 ILCS 10/18.1  
230 ILCS 10/19 from Ch. 120, par. 2419  
230 ILCS 10/20 from Ch. 120, par. 2420  
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Riverboat Gambling Act. Authorizes gambling to be conducted at land-based casinos. Makes conforming changes throughout the Act. Provides that an application for an owner's license shall include an additional fee of \$100,000 to the Illinois Gaming Board. Provides that the fee for renewal of an owner's license is \$100,000. Provides procedures for a riverboat to relocate to a new location. Removes provisions that describe the geographical locations certain riverboats shall be docked. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

## House Committee Amendment No. 2

Deletes reference to:  
230 ILCS 10/2 from Ch.

120, par. 2402  
230 ILCS 10/3 from Ch. 120, par. 2403  
230 ILCS 10/4 from Ch. 120, par. 2404  
230 ILCS 10/5 from Ch. 120, par. 2405  
230 ILCS 10/5.1 from Ch. 120, par. 2405.1  
230 ILCS 10/6 from Ch. 120, par. 2406  
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230 ILCS 10/18 from Ch. 120, par. 2418  
230 ILCS 10/18.1  
230 ILCS 10/19 from Ch. 120, par. 2419  
230 ILCS 10/20 from Ch. 120, par. 2420  
Adds reference to:  
230 ILCS 10/1 from Ch. 120, par. 2401  
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Riverboat Gambling Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.

## State Debt Impact Note, House Floor Amendment No. 3 (Government Forecasting & Accountability)

SB 516, as amended by House Amendment 3, would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

## State Debt Impact Note, House Floor Amendment No. 4 (Government Forecasting & Accountability)

SB 516, as amended by House Amendment 4, would not change the amount of authorization for any type of State-issued or State-supported bond, and, therefore, would not affect the level of State indebtedness.

## Balanced Budget Note, House Floor Amendment No. 3 (Office of Management and Budget)

Please be advised that the Balanced Budget Note Act does not apply to Senate Bill 516, House Amendment 3 as it is not a supplemental appropriation that increases or decreases appropriations. Under the Act, a balanced budget note must be prepared only for bills that change a general funds appropriation for the fiscal year in which the new bill is enacted.

Please be advised that the Balanced Budget Note Act does not apply to Senate Bill 516, House Amendment 3 as it is not a supplemental appropriation that increases or decreases appropriations. Under the Act, a balanced budget note must be prepared only for bills that change a general funds appropriation for the fiscal year in which the new bill is enacted.

## Balanced Budget Note, House Floor Amendment No. 4 (Office of Management and Budget)

Please be advised that the Balanced Budget Note Act does not apply to Senate Bill 516, House Amendment 4 as it is not a supplemental appropriation that increases or decreases appropriations. Under the Act, a balanced budget note must be prepared only for bills that change a general funds appropriation for the fiscal year in which the new bill is enacted.

## Judicial Note, House Floor Amendment No. 3 (Admin Office of the Illinois Courts)

The proposed legislation would neither increase nor decrease the number of judges needed in the state of Illinois.

## Judicial Note, House Floor Amendment No. 4 (Admin Office of the Illinois Courts)

The proposed legislation would neither increase nor decrease the number of judges needed in the state of Illinois.

## Pension Note, House Floor Amendment No. 3 (Government Forecasting & Accountability)

SB 516, as amended by HA 3, will not impact any public pension fund or retirement system in Illinois.

## Pension Note, House Floor Amendment No. 4 (Government Forecasting & Accountability)

SB 516, as amended by HA 4, will not impact any public pension fund or retirement system in Illinois.

## Fiscal Note, House Floor Amendment No. 3 (Illinois Gaming Board)

In future fiscal years, SB (H-AM 3) will increase the

Board's fiscal requirements with respect to the Chicago casino by an undetermined amount.

## Fiscal Note, House Floor Amendment No. 4 (Illinois Gaming Board)

In future fiscal years, SB (H-AM 4) will increase the Board's fiscal requirements with respect to the Chicago casino by an undetermined amount.

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Illinois Gambling Act. Requires an applicant for a casino license in the City of Chicago to make a public presentation of its proposal and to publish a summary of the proposal on the City of Chicago's or Cook County's website. Provides that if the Gaming Board does not issue certain riverboat and casino licenses within the time period specified under current law, then the Gaming Board shall reopen the license application process for those licenses that have not been issued. Makes changes to the reconciliation payments required by casinos and organization gaming licensees. Changes the privilege tax imposed on adjusted gross receipts from a casino in the City of Chicago and provides specified rates that shall be paid to the State and the City of Chicago (rather than one-third of adjusted gross receipts to the City of Chicago). Makes changes to the division of tax revenue generated from the casino in the City of Chicago. Provides that 0.5% (rather than 2%) of adjusted gross receipts generated by a casino in the City of Chicago shall be paid to Cook County for the purpose of enhancing Cook County's criminal justice system. Provides that a change in rates of the privilege tax imposed on specified casinos begins on July 1, 2020 (rather than the first day the casino conducts gambling operations). Amends the State Fair Gaming Act. Provides that the Illinois Gaming Board shall issue a licensed establishment license to the Department of Agriculture to operate

video gaming at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds (rather than issuing the license to a concessioner). Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

## Fiscal Note, House Floor Amendment No. 5

SB 516 HA #5 makes multiple changes to the Illinois Gambling Act and State Fair Gaming Act. The Illinois Gaming Board ("IGB") is a regulatory and civil law enforcement agency. It is not a forecasting agency and does not have the capability and resources to provide a fiscal analysis of HA #5 within the required 5-day period. The changes HA #5 makes to the Chicago casino tax structure are new and, accordingly, have not been reviewed and analyzed by the IGB. Other significant changes contained in the bill, such as the extension of the reconciliation payment to 6 years and the removal of interest on those payments, will reduce state revenues by an unknown amount that the IGB cannot estimate. Further, the acceleration of the reduced tax rate for current casinos will decrease state revenues by a similarly unknown amount. This provision will also impose substantial administrative and operational burdens on the IGB if the tax rate change goes into effect in an accelerated manner as proposed in HA #5, thereby delaying the IGB's ability to implement this rate change and other gaming expansion items.

## House Floor Amendment No. 6

In provisions amending the Illinois Gambling Act, provides that if at any point after June 1, 2020 there are no pending applications for a newly authorized casino and not all owners licenses for newly authorized casinos have been issued (rather than if the Illinois Gaming Board does not issue all owners licenses for newly authorized casinos within the specified time period), then the Board shall reopen the license applica-

tion process for owners licenses for newly authorized casinos that have not been issued. Provides that the Board shall follow the licensing process provided in the provisions with all time frames tied to the last date of a final order issued by the Board (instead of all time frames tied to the last date for issuing a license) rather than a specified date. Makes changes to the privilege tax rates for tables games to begin on the first date that a newly authorized casino conducts gambling operations.

## House Floor Amendment No. 7

Adds reference to:  
230 ILCS 45/25-30  
In provisions amending the Illinois Gambling Act, provides that fees for gaming positions for riverboats and casinos shall be paid by July 1, 2021 (rather than July 1, 2020). Amends the Sports Wagering Act. Provides that the license fee for an initial master sports wagering license issued to an organization licensee under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 shall be paid by July 1, 2021 (rather than July 1, 2020).

## House Floor Amendment No. 9

Adds reference to:  
230 ILCS 45/25-35  
In provisions amending the Sports Wagering Act, provides that the license fee for an initial master sports wagering license issued to an owner's licensee under the Illinois Gambling Act shall be paid by July 1, 2021 (rather than July 1, 2020).

Video of the Senate debate can be seen at <https://livestream.com/blueroom-stream/events/9143993>. The debate starts at the 20-minute mark.

For further information, go to <http://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=516&GAID=15&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=116453&SessionID=108&GA=101>.

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(NAPS) If you would like to help a veteran, if you are a veteran who needs extra help, or know of one in your community, here's good news. There's a new, nationwide resource that makes it easy to match civic-minded individuals with those who need a little assistance. The database, called VolunteerforVeterans.org, was created by DAV (Disabled American Veterans), a nonprofit charity that helps veterans get their benefits and services.

Here's how it works. Veterans, as well as their caregivers, can use the site to seek assistance by entering the type of help they need, from basic tasks such as yardwork, help with errands or other services. Neighbors or friends who know of a veteran in need of help can step in to coordinate requests on their behalf. On the flip side, volunteers who are interested in giving their time can use the site to look for and respond to requests for help.

Using the site is easy, and at no cost to veterans or volunteers. Go to www.VolunteerforVeterans.org, click on the "sign up" icon and indicate whether you are a veteran or caregiver who needs help, a friend or neighbor making a request on someone's behalf, or a volunteer willing to give support. Choose your state and the screen will populate with requests.

There is no minimum

time requirement for volunteering, and groups, such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, can participate. Volunteer opportunities are updated daily, so individuals and groups are encouraged to check back often.

Ways to help. Opportunities to volunteer vary from activities that require special skills to basic assistance around the house, such as fixing and serving a meal, home maintenance, laundry, cleaning, grocery shopping, paperwork, carpentry, automotive repair and more.

Become a volunteer driver. One important and growing need, particularly for the aging veteran population, is transportation to medical appointments. At one time, the federal government provided assistance for veterans to help them access the care they earned. Unfortunately, that program was stopped in 1987. Since then, DAV has stepped in to coordinate no-cost rides through volunteer drivers to get ill and injured veterans to their scheduled care at VA medical facilities.

Drivers are provided training and use DAV-donated vehicles for transporting veterans. Volunteers may select the days that best fit their schedule.

"Giving even just a few hours of time a month can make a huge difference in the lives of veterans who need help," says John Kleindienst, DAV's National Voluntary Services Director. "VolunteerforVeterans.org makes the process of providing and receiving life-changing help easy."

To find out about volunteering, or if you are a veteran in need of assistance, go to www.VolunteerforVeterans.org.

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## OLCHS athletes honored by IHSA and SSC for academic achievement



Every year the Illinois High School Association and the South Suburban Conference recognize junior and senior spring athletes for outstanding academic achievement. These students earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Here are the recipients for 2019-20 from Oak Lawn Community High School broken down by sport.

Baseball: Ethan Butler

(3.6774), Benjamin Cash (3.7667), Luke Hincks (3.825), Noah Kean (3.878), Ethan Kulpinski (3.6333), and Nicholas Vitori (3.5333).

Badminton: Noor Adi (3.8571), Monaya Ali (3.9), Amira Biba (4.0), Zeren Cebi (3.9318), Aneta Dzielska (3.9412), Lilian Fariz (3.9), Iman Khater (4.0), Jillian Kierna (3.9535), Hiba Ouarerhni (3.8571),

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and Sarah Saleh (3.6829).

Boys Track: Mustafa Abdelmuti (3.7879), Adam Alcantar (3.7), Michael Conroy (3.9375), Michael Jensen (3.7419), Marcin Landa (3.9091), Raymond Lomax (3.6875), Dominic Niceforo (3.9744), Sami Osmani (4.0), Caleb Rivera (3.7955), Hussam Sharfi (3.6333), Jordan Sprycha (3.5366), Mateusz Szlembariski (3.9706), and Arvin Wallack (3.8718).

Boys Tennis: Saleh Arnaout (3.9333), Daniel Gaidelis (3.7941), Jake Majerczyk (3.7941), Michael Mueller (4.0), Saad Mulhem (3.6944), and James Walsh (3.9143).

Boys Volleyball: Anthony Hall (3.6486), Basel Jaber (3.5172), Nathaniel Kozlowski (3.5), Ehaab Samra (3.7), and Szymon Wijas (3.7742).

Girls Track: Shadya Ab-

delrahman (3.9), Chloe Artus (3.7273), Megan Berry (3.9412), Lauren Burke (3.9355), Emma Garrett (3.7667), Sadie Hartmann (3.8), Alexis Judd (3.6563), Emily Katalinic (3.5172), Caroline Kruk (4.0), Emily Mallo (3.8788), Emma McGrath (4.0), Brittney Mrowca (3.9677), Yoalli Perez (3.7561), Kristina Simonelis (3.8372), Veronika Stelter (4.0), Theresa Tenn (4.0), and Amelia Trojak (3.9375).

Softball: Arianna Andersen (3.5161), Madeline Fox (3.7667), Margaret Hennessey (3.9706), Emily Savaglio (3.9744), and Megan Savaglio (3.7308).

Girls Soccer: Vanessa Herrera (3.9677), Cristina Jimenez (3.8182), Mia Kennelly (3.7895), Caroline Kwak (3.7778), Anabel Sosa (3.5), and Melanie Torres (3.6774).

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(NAPSI) Healthcare workers on the front lines of the pandemic are in desperate need of creative solutions to the lack of personal protective gear and supplies that help block harmful airborne pathogens. But civic-minded companies can help.

For example, NasalGuard Airborne Particle Blocker, an electrostatic topical nasal gel that prevents airborne particles from entering the nose, created the "Breathe Easier Healthcare Workers Donation Program." The firm offers free nasal gel to any healthcare professional who'd like to try it. Requests can be sent via [www.NasalGuard.com](http://www.NasalGuard.com).

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Trial Work Period (TWP) (SSDI recipients only). Indi-

viduals can test their ability to work for at least 9 months in a rolling 5-year timeframe. During their TWP, they receive full SSDI benefits no matter how much they earn as long as their work activity is reported and they have a disabling impairment.

Medicaid While Working. Section 1619(b) (SSI recipients only). If they meet certain qualifications, beneficiaries can continue to receive Medicaid after they start working, even if their earnings (alone or in combination with other income)

become too high for an SSI cash payment.

Continuation of Medicare Coverage (SSDI recipients). Medicare coverage for SSDI beneficiaries continues while they are working and receiving SSDI benefits. When SSDI cash benefits stop because of work, beneficiaries can keep their Medicare coverage for at least 93 consecutive months (7 years and 9 months) after the end of their TWP.

For more information about Work Incentives, see Social Security's free pamphlets, Working While Dis-

abled: How We Can Help (No. 05-10095) or the Red Book (No. 64-030), the guides to employment support programs. Find them online at <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs> and <https://www.ssa.gov/redbook>.

You can also learn more about Work Incentives while receiving free services and supports through Social Security's Ticket to Work (Ticket) program. The Ticket program supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want

to work. In addition to benefits counseling, through the Ticket program, beneficiaries can find help writing their resumes, finding job opportunities and transitioning to the workplace.

Ready to get started? Call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. A representative can answer some of your questions and send you a list of service providers. Or search for providers at [choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp](http://choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp).

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