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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood



South Suburban College Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring program

South Suburban College (SSC) is seeking tutors and learners to participate in the Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program. The program is structured to train volunteers to become one-on-one tutors for adults in need of basic literacy skills. Instruction in basic literacy includes the development of phonetic reading and communication skills. Community residents are welcome to volunteer as tutors or encourage others to take advantage of this free program.

Holland on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 12 through July 28 from 3-5 p.m. Tutor training is a 12-hour program that culminates with literacy training certification. Training is also available in an online format. Once certified, tutors will continue to receive free professional development services through this program. Successful tutors are also eligible for letters of support or recommendation for employment, scholarships, educational opportunities and more.

Once certified, SSC's volunteer literacy tutors visit adult learners at locations within or near their neighborhoods. Tutoring is flexibly scheduled based on the availability of tutors, learners and tutoring sites. Tutoring sites have been established at the following locations: Acorn Public Library, Oak Forest; Glenwood-Lynwood Library; Harvey

Public Library; Phoenix Public Library; Calumet City Public Library; Grande Prairie Library, Hazel Crest; Homewood Public Library; South Holland Public Library; South Suburban College Library, Main Campus; Oak Forest Center Library, Oak Forest; Lansing Public Library; Dolton Public Library; Riverdale Public Library; Blue Island Public Library; Dixmoor Public Library; Tinley Park Public Library; Markham Public Library and Midlothian Public Library.

For more information or to register, please contact David Stephens, Adult Literacy Grants Manager, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2558, or email DStephens@ssc.edu. The South Suburban College Main Campus is located at 15800 South State Street South Holland, Illinois. Our mission is to Serve our Students and the Community through life-long learning.

Unemployment claims continue to reach record lows, Illinois Labor Market strengthening

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) announced today the state has reached a new historic low of continued claims for regular state unemployment insurance benefits since the beginning of the series in January 1987. Illinois has remained below the previously recorded low of 70,454 continued claims for ten consecutive weeks.

The most recent data reflects claims levels below that threshold to a little more than 65,000 continued claims. The decrease in continued claims reflects pandemic-related economic recovery and signals a strong Illinois labor market. Job growth in the non-durable goods manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, professional and technical services, and business services have exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Midlothian Public Library collects donations for school supplies

The Kiwanis Club of the Crestwood and Oak Forest Area will be collecting donations of new school supplies in advance of the 2022-23 school year. Midlothian Public Library, located at 14701 Kenton Avenue, will serve as a drop-off site. New crayons, pencils, notebook



paper, notebooks, folders, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, calculators, ball-point pens, and other commonly-used school supplies are needed.

Donors should bring them to the specially-marked box for this purpose near the Checkout Desk at the library.

The Den Theatre announces comedian Cristela Alonzo



Cristela Alonzo. Photo courtesy WME

The Den Theatre is pleased to announce comedian Cristela Alonzo for three stand-up performances Thursday, September 29 at 7:15pm and Friday September 30, at 7:15 pm and 9pm, 2022 on The Heath Mainstage, 1331 N.

Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. Tickets are currently available at thedentheatre.com or by calling (773) 697-3830. Regular, mezzanine and VIP table seating available. Drink service is provided for all seats (two

drink minimum).

Cristela Alonzo made history when she became the first Latina to create, produce and star in her own network sitcom, *Cristela* for ABC. During that year, she split her time between LA and NYC to serve as one of ABC's favorite guest hosts on their hit daytime talk show, *The View*. Cristela made history again when she became the first Latina lead in a Disney Pixar film when she voiced the character of Cruz Ramirez in *Cars 3*.

Her first stand-up special, *Lower Classy*, is currently streaming on Netflix, and her highly anticipated second stand-up special, *Middle Classy*, was recently released worldwide on Netflix.

For additional information, visit www.thedentheatre.com.

In 2020, working with IDES and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Governor Pritzker launched Get Hired Illinois, a one-stop-shop website to help connect job seekers with hiring employers in real time. The site features virtual job fairs, no-cost virtual training, and includes IllinoisJobLink.com (IJL), the state's largest job search engine. There are currently more than 162,000 jobs posted on IJL from registered employers.



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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Public meeting July 28 on development new statewide electric vehicle infrastructure plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced recently, that it will host a virtual public meeting July 28 to provide information and get feedback on the development of the state's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure plan, the latest in Gov. JB Pritzker's efforts to have one million electric vehicles registered in Illinois by 2030.

"Illinois has emerged as a leader in embracing electric vehicles as a cornerstone for economic growth and carbon reduction in our state," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Under Gov. Pritzker, a foundation has been laid to remake transportation as we know it here in Illinois. We are blazing a trail by creating infrastructure to support electric vehicles, connecting and uplifting communities along the way."

Visit <https://idot.click/>

drive-electric to register and learn more. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Comments received at the meeting will help guide IDOT in developing a statewide plan to create and support an interconnected network of charging stations along key travel corridors. The plan is required for Illinois to receive an anticipated \$148 million to invest in EV infrastructure as part of the historic, bipartisan federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act passed last year.

Additional stakeholder engagement, including meetings and the opportunity to submit ideas for charging station locations, will be scheduled as the plan is implemented later this year.

Nationwide, the U.S. Department of Transportation is overseeing the development of a network of 500,000 charging stations by

2030, ensuring a convenient, reliable, affordable and equitable charging experience for all users.

At the governor's direction, IDOT is working closely with other state agencies, including the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, to achieve these goals in Illinois and make the most of available state and federal funding.

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Illinois. Emissions from cars and trucks, such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons, are harmful to human health and the environment. Generating no tailpipe emissions, EVs are an important part of Gov. Pritzker's directive to reduce pollution and mitigate the effects of climate change.



Veterans retire old flags

Members of Oak Forest Veterans Commission and members of VFW 4241 where joined by a special guest Corporal Andy Quintanilla {USMC. Active duty} as they emptied the worn flag receptable outside Fire Station # 1.

The receptable allows residents to properly retired old tatter American flags. The contents of the receptable filled 9 bags. These flags are to be stored at the Public Works Department until they can be respectable disposed of. By the ceremonial burning at a later date.



Orland Park Police host National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 2, the Orland Park Police Department will join law enforcement agencies across the country and host the Village's annual National Night Out Celebration at the Orland Park Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. This year's event is sponsored in part by Mazda of Orland Park.

Orland Park's National Night Out festivities will

be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Attendees will be able to meet members of Orland Park's Police Department as well as other first responders.

The Illinois National Guard will fly in a UH-72 Lakota helicopter for the event and attendees will be able to tour the aircraft on-site.

Orland Park's festivities include face painters, a DJ and plenty of food and games.

Orland Park businesses will host booths with prizes, giveaways, coupons and safety related information.

Maverick, the Orland Park Police Department's K-9 officer, will attend the event and show off his drug-finding skills in a mock scenario.

Tickets will be provided to guests for a free hot dog provided by Joey's Red Hots of Orland Park.

Village offering textile recycling program

Don't forget about the new Simple Recycling program, a free textile recycling opportunity for Tinley Park residents!

Those who are interested in participating only need to fill their Simple Recycling bags with textiles and then leave them out for trash collection day. Residents should have received a starter bag in the mail already, and Simple Recycling will leave a new bag when they take the old one.

If you did not receive a starter bag, please reach out to Simple Recycling at info@simplerecycling.com. Residents also can schedule a pickup date by visiting the Simple Recycling website.

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STEP 1



Place this bag in your closet and fill it with clothing & shoes

STEP 2



Set your bags out bright and early on your regular collection day

STEP 3



Our friendly drivers will pick up your bags and leave replacement bags behind



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Governor Pritzker announces \$60 million competitive grant program for early childhood education

Governor JB Pritzker has announced \$60 million in capital grant opportunities for Illinois Early Childhood Education providers through the Rebuild Illinois Capital Program. The funding will support the construction, expansion, and renovation of facilities that support early student learning.

“If we want to improve and transform our state’s education system, then we must invest in our facilities,” said Governor Pritzker. “From cradle to career, every Illinois student deserves quality, welcoming school environments where they can learn, grow, and thrive. And thanks to Rebuild Illinois, we have been making long overdue investments at educational facilities at every level, addressing critical renovations, deferred maintenance projects, and site upgrades. This additional \$60 million in grant funding will ensure that the youngest of Illinoisans get the best learning experience possible.”

The initial grant installment delivers \$60 million to qualifying public school districts and not-for-profit early childhood facilities



providing educational, health, social, or child development services to children aged zero to five years old and their families. Centers seeking to increase their capacity to provide care or educational opportunities for children in underserved communities are eligible for up to \$10 million under the Early Childhood Construction Grant. A three to ten percent match is required. Rebuild Illinois, Governor Pritzker’s historic \$45 billion bipartisan capital plan, will provide a total of \$100 million in state funding for early childhood education provider grants.

“Illinois’ early childhood workforce provides critical care and education for thousands of families across the state. This construction opportunity bolsters the physical infrastructure for educators and children during a crucial time in their lives,” said Grace Hou, Secretary

of the Illinois Department of Human Services. “This investment builds powerfully on Governor Pritzker’s proven commitment to making Illinois the best state in the country to raise young children.”

“Positively transforming spaces where our children receive instruction can improve long-term educational outcomes, while better protecting their physical, developmental, and emotional wellbeing,” said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. “This critical funding will also allow early childhood providers serving low-income families to expand their capacity and meet the needs of more of Illinois’ youngest learners.”

Applications for the Early Childhood Construction Grant will be accepted through October 10, 2022. For more information, including selection criteria, visit Grants - Grants (www.illinois.gov).

July is Coffee with a Cop

Police Commissioner Dan Polk reminds all that the July Palos Park Police Department Coffee with a Cop will be at Noon on Wednesday, July 20th at the Plush Horse, located at 12301 S. 86th Avenue, Palos Park. Investigator Ross Chibe will be your host. Coffee with a Cop reminds us all that change can come from just one conversation. A new relationship can

create a new perspective, solve a problem, and help build a stronger, healthier community.

Please stop by, grab a great coffee and meet some of the women and men who’ve dedicated their careers to serving and protecting your community.

Our program highlights the fact that we are all stakeholders in the community, and we need to engage in

conversation with each other. We realize events in past years highlight the need for communication, respect and transparency. We work for the public and want to build on that level of trust that we hope is formed by connecting, one cop and one cup, at a time.

Stop by, have a cup of coffee and let’s talk, and learn about policing. We look forward to meeting you!

Moraine Valley Foundation golf outing announced

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its 41st annual golf outing Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Cog Hill Country Club in Lemont.

Tickets are \$195 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf on Course No. 3, and food and beverages throughout the day. Registration opens at 7 a.m., with start time at 8:30 a.m. Golfers also can purchase an All-in-Fore-Fun wristband to play games on the course and have a chance to win prizes.

Golfers and supporters can enjoy dinner and the awards ceremony after golfing, as well as participate in a 50/50 Split the Pot raffle for cash and other prizes.

The Foundation also will host a silent auction, which will be open for bidding from Sept. 12 through Sept. 21.

This year’s outing is presented by Live Right Senior Care. The golf event sponsors include Wind Creek Chicago Southland, All-in-Fore-Fun Sponsor; IMEG, Corp., Golf Ball Logo Sponsor; Beary Landscaping, Beverage Cart Sponsor; Noral Jewelers & Mineral Art Gallery, Golf Awards Sponsor; and Stogie Life Cigar Store, Cigar Sponsor. The Foundation’s 2022 annual event sponsors include Demonica Kemper Architects, Platinum; Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and UPS, Gold; Legat Architects and PepsiCo Food Service, Silver; and Advocate Aurora Health, Medix, and Old National Bank, Supporting.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor and view all event details, visit morainevalley.edu/golf. Contact Rispoli at (708) 608-4178 or rispolil2@morainevalley.edu for additional information.

Palos Heights Farmers Market

Come and visit the Palos Heights Farmers Market, every Wednesday from 8am to 1pm at 12217 South Harlem Ave, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Our Farmers Market has a wide variety of vendors: farms, cheese, bakery, cookies factory, nuts, Polish & Mexican food, Harvest



Food Table, pretzels, juice, soap, flowers & plants, vendors, and so many other vendors. And the Palos Heights Chamber, and we

take LINK Up Illinois.

Call or Text Debbie George at 708-752-5397 for more information or to reserve your spot.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Oak Lawn approves "2022 Business License fee amnesty"

At their Board meeting on Oak Lawn's Village Board unanimously passed a "2022 Business License Fee Amnesty" Resolution proposed by two Trustees.

Trustees Ralph Soch and Paul Mallo proposed the Amnesty idea in June after reading an Illinois Policy Institute report that showed how Illinois' business tax-policy is faring against our neighboring states.

The proposal initially met push-back from both Mayor Terry Vorderer and Trustee Bud Stalker who had concerns about the impact the proposal would have on the Village's budget. Soch and Mallo worked with their fellow board members to alleviate their concerns enough that the proposal passed with unanimous support.

"Our business community gets hit first and hardest in economic downturns, and our goal was to ease the

burdens they are facing because of inflation, labor shortages, and supply-chain issues," said Ralph Soch after the vote.

The amnesty will be for the year 2022 and apply only to businesses based in Oak Lawn, with a physical location in Oak Lawn, and/or registered in Oak Lawn with the Illinois Secretary of State. The cost to the Village is estimated at \$500,000 for the 2022 Budget year and covers these specific license fees: Business, Liquor, Tobacco, Games of Skill, and Video Gaming.

"Trustee Soch and I appreciate the Board's approval of our proposal, which coincidentally came a day before inflation hit a 40-year high," said Paul Mallo a day after the vote, citing a just-released report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/june-cpi-preview-inflation-likely-surged->

to-new-40-year-high-last-month-215233961.html.

Trustee Tim Desmond commended the efforts of Mallo and Soch, and added that the Village should now look to do something for its residents. "It looks like we may be heading into a recession, so I am asking our Village Manager and staff to start making changes today so this board can freeze property taxes at current levels," Desmond said, and no other board member appeared to disagree.

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Oak Lawn Trustee Ralph Soch, 708-346-7006; rsoch@oaklawn-il.gov.

Oak Lawn Trustee Tim Desmond, 708-346-7001; rsoch@oaklawn-il.gov.

Oak Lawn Village Manager Tom Phelan, 708-499-7743; tphelan@oaklawn-il.gov.

Oak Lawn Police Dept. for 4th-of-July enforcement numbers

The Oak Lawn Police Department made 12 arrests, issued 296 seat belt citations, and 78 citations for various other traffic violations during the recent Fourth of July "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" safety campaigns.

The Oak Lawn Police Department joined forces with more than 200 other state and local law enforcement agencies to get drunk and drugged drivers off our roads, encourage seat belt use, and enforce speeding and other traffic laws. The effort featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities, including the Illinois Department of Transportation's new media campaign: "It's Not a Game."

The enforcement period was funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT as part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" programs.

For Info Contact: Sgt. Mike Acke, 708-499-7789, macke@oaklawn-il.gov.

Summer Concert Series: The Smiley Tillmon Band

On Friday, August 5th, 2022 at 6pm, at the 50-acre park, in Evergreen Park, Smiley serves up the blues and soul standards, his rich vocals and fluid guitar backed by a band that keeps his grooves tight and right.

The Evergreen Park Recreation Department hosts FREE concerts in the park throughout the summer. Pack your picnic basket, bring your blankets or lawn chairs, and treat your family and friends to some outstanding entertainment.



Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce holds successful golf outing

Recently, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held its annual Golf Outing which is the Chamber's largest fundraiser. We would like to extend our sincere thank you to this year's Major Sponsor, Oak Lawn Bank and Trust, has been a Major Sponsor since 2017. One hundred fifteen golfers came out to enjoy the links at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn.

The day began with a BBQ lunch & networking followed by a shotgun start. Lunch was sponsored by Advocate Christ Medical Center & Penny Lane Schools. Our cart sponsor this year was Republic Bank. On the course, golfers were treated to four "watering holes" courtesy of Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and PuroClean Disaster Mitigation. After a sunny day on the course, golfers came back to the clubhouse for cocktails sponsored by Webb Chevy. Dinner was provided by The Copper Top and sponsored by American Family Insurance (Don Murphy), Complete Vision Care (Dr. Sandra Bury), Ghosien's European

Autohaus (Ahmad Ghosein), THREE20 Media (Natasha Williams) and the Village of Oak Lawn. Dessert was donated by Nothing Bundt Cakes.

for the golf contests were gift certificates donated by Palermo's on 95th and The Hilton Oak Lawn.

This year the Chamber brought in Backswing Golf Events who ran a "Beat the Pro" at Hole #18 to raise money for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees could enter a raffle to win one of four great Registration Raffle prizes and purchase Split the Pot tickets. Shannon Dahlman of Grace Point Place won four White Sox tickets donated by Bernard Deir of Midwest Business Consulting. Jim Makina of Allegra Marketing won two Chicago Blackhawk tickets

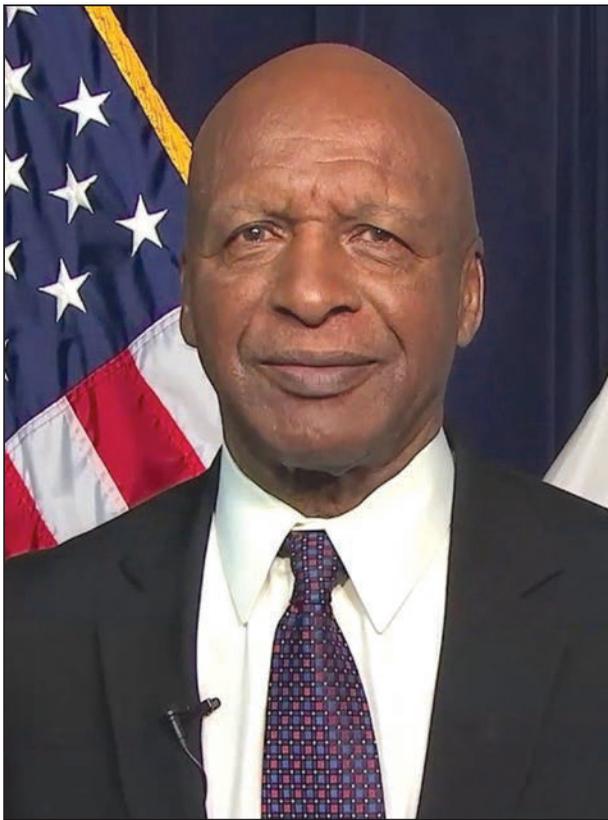


The Chamber received overwhelming support from its members and many Oak Lawn businesses in the form of sponsorships, gift certificates and raffles.

Jeff Renzetti won Longest Drive. Mike Hartman & Mary Pat Coughlin got Closest to the Pin. Prizes

donated by J.P. Architects, Ltd. Jason Amos won four Cubs tickets also donated by J.P. Architects, Ltd. Jennifer Villafan of Hoff Realty won a Family Fun Pack donated by Windy City Thunderbolts. The Split the Pot winner was Brian Hrasinski.

Secretary of State Jesse White reminds residents to be aware of Scams



Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding residents to be on alert for scams claiming to be from the Secretary of State's office or from "Illinois DMV" seeking personal information to defraud Illinoisans. White said there is a new round of fraudsters' attempts to entice the public into falling victim to scam texts and emails.

"I have zero tolerance for scammers who prey on people in desperate times," said White. "My office is committed to protecting Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes."

The most recent scam is a text message claiming to be from "Illinois DMV." The text message states, "Due to increased fuel prices, State of Illinois has initiated rebate payments of \$1500 per vehicle. Check

eligibility." This is a scam; do not click on the link.

Visiting these fraudulent websites could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. The Secretary of State's office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via email

or text message.

"Delete the text or email," said White. "Do not click on these texts or emails and do not provide any of your personal information to these fraudsters."

White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

Delete emails and texts that promise or offer access

to driver's licenses or state ID cards. Do not click on any links contained in such emails or text messages, as they may place malware on devices.

Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, that ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personally identifiable information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number.

Keep software up to date, including phone and computer operating systems and antivirus protection programs. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new software versions are released.

White encourages the public to provide screenshots of fraudulent emails or texts by submitting them to ScamAlert@ilsos.gov. Individuals who have clicked on a link, have provided personal information or believe they have been a victim of identity theft, should call the Illinois Attorney General's Identity Theft Hotline at 866-999-5630.

Letter to Editor

My name is August O'Neill Deuser and I was knocked off the ballot while trying to run for State Rep. for the 37th District.

Timmy Ozinga and Jimmy Richmond knocked me off the ballot. They claimed I couldn't run as August O'Neill Deuser even though I ran against Rush in 2016 for Congress and received about 83,000 votes.

The person who was in charge of my case signed a document in 2016 from the State Board of Elections. How does that happen? They said I didn't have enough signatures, but I did have enough. That can be verified by the Will County office. They said my signatures weren't notarized, but they were by Mr. Murphy of Harris Bank. Mr. Murphy wrote a letter stating he did notarize the petitions.

Mr. Murphy is the Vice-President of Harris Bank.

My lawyer and I went downtown, and we had a hearing with the State Board of Elections. We both spoke but to no avail. It was on deaf ears?

It appeared that the State Board of Elections had already made their decision before our appearance. I am looking into possible litigation.

The public deserves to hear the truth. BIG IRISH should be back on the ballot in 2024. Vote for August O'Neill Deuser in 2024. I'm the real deal.

I was born poor but handsome. My father was a Chicago Police Officer and my mom who was an O'Neill worked for Sears as part-time clerk. We lived from check to check. I am one of you.

August O'Neill Deuser

Illinois receives nearly \$200 million in Federal Funding for the Veterans' Home at Quincy



Illinois is the recipient of a final grant of \$194,762,750 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for enhancements to the Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy. The allocation will be used for campus reconstruction and replacement of the current veterans' home with a 210-bed skilled care facility. Additionally, 80 independent living domiciliary rooms will be created. This upgrade will modernize the campus and provide a cost effective, state-of-the-art facility with single occupancy rooms and a more intimate setting for Illinois' veterans needing skilled nursing care.

"Paired with our state Rebuild Illinois capital program, this federal funding will make our state-of-the-art renovation at Illinois' oldest veteran home possible, with the modernized Quincy facility on track for completion in 2024," said Governor JB Pritzker. "This funding comes as we open the brand-new veterans' home in Chicago, another critical investment in the infrastructure that supports our national heroes. I want to applaud Senators Duckworth

and Durbin for helping to secure these funds and offer my gratitude to our federal partners for this next step in Quincy's construction."

"This grant allows Illinois to continue leading the nation in caring for its veterans," said IDVA Director Terry Prince. "Our veterans' homes offer high-quality care delivered by skilled and compassionate medical professionals and staff. Enhancing our campuses and infrastructure allow us to continue providing the nursing care our veterans deserve for this generation and generations to come."

This grant represents a federal-state partnership between the federal VA, the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Capital Development Board, who will oversee building construction. The federal VA covers 65% of the total cost of the \$299,635,000 project while the state of Illinois is responsible for the 35% balance.

The project is currently 22% complete. The Domiciliary (independent living) is scheduled for completion in June 2023 and the Long-Term Care Building (LTC) will be ready to accept residents by March 2024.

The Quincy construction project represents the Pritzker Administration's continued investment in Illinois' veterans, including the recent opening of the \$121 million veterans' home in Chicago with the capacity to care for up to 200 veterans.

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Active Senior Expo to be held July 27th in Oak Forest

Active Senior Expo, an event “Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens”, will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest. Show hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services designed specifically for seniors. Offerings include health care, retirement communities, assisted living, financial, insurance, legal, estate planning, home care, consumer products, government programs and more.

Special attractions include free health screenings and door prize drawings. Live entertainment will be presented

at 11:30 a.m.

The following seminars are free for all attendees:
10 a.m. 47 Tips to Get Your Home Sold for Top Dollar
Presented by Ventimiglia Realty Team.

11 a.m. Navigating the Medicare Maze
Presented by Zing Health.

Noon Tips to Prevent Consumer Fraud
Presented by Illinois Attorney General.

No registration is required and regular admission to the event is \$2. However, free admission coupons are widely available and attendees can obtain a free admission coupon by visiting www.activeseniorexpo.net. Parking is free. Required Covid-19 safety measures will be in place.

The presenting sponsor of Active Senior Expo is Chicagoland’s Senior News”. Major sponsors are Zing Health, Alternatives for Seniors and Humana.

For further information, contact Silver Star Expositions at (630) 620-6347. Fax: (630) 620-7996. E-Mail: activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com.

Summer Nights Concerts Under the Stars

Grace Point Place will host the first of three, live Summer Nights concerts beginning at 6 p.m. July 21 at the community located at 5701 W. 101st St., Oak Lawn. Concerts are free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. All shows take place outside Grace Point Place. The series features:

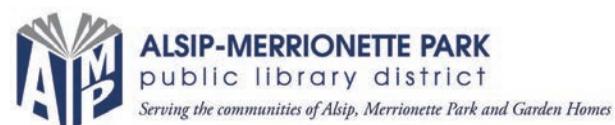
Neiv: a “one girl band” specializing in voice, piano, guitar, kick drum and ukulele. 6 p.m., July 21.

Frank Rossi: performs on the accordion and keys., 6 p.m., Aug. 31.

Mara Love: vocalist, pianist and songwriter with a captivating soulful indie sound, 6 p.m., Sept. 14, 2022.

For more information, call Shannon Dahlman at 708-304-8443.

Grace Point Place is operated by Anthem Memory Care.



Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library programs

Windows 11 Demonstration

Mike Gershbein will introduce us to features of the Windows 11 operating system on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 pm. Please note that this informative session will not be a hands-on class. Program made possible by a grant from AgeOptions..

Book Social: Christmas in July.

On Saturday, July 23, from 1 pm to 2pm. come socialize, enjoy refreshments, and share a favorite holiday story, from book or screen. Our discussion will be followed by the option of watching the movie Christmas with Holly, based on Lisa Kleypas’ book, Christmas at Friday Harbor.

Tuesday Morning Movie

The movie starts on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 9:30am, King Richard starring Will Smith, Demi Singleton and Saniyya Sidney. This movie is PG-13 and it’s running time is 2 hours and 26 minutes. Light refreshments will be provided.

Frankie and Dean Together Again

Join us as Frankie Sands sings tunes of velvet voices Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin on Sunday, July 31 at 2pm.

Call to let us know you’re coming or register ahead of time, for seats 708-926-7024.

Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library at 11960 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL 60803.

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will make the cost of college more manageable. 529 savings can be used for such expenses as tuition, books, room and-board, a laptop computer and wi-fi.

Other high school graduates choose a different route. Some savers might not be interested in general studies and use their 529 Bright Start money to pursue a particular interest at a trade school, such as telecommunications repair or water treatment system operations or medical records specialist. Many of these programs include costs for housing, computers and books, just like college.

Certainly, there are those whose family business is through a Union apprentice program, such as the building trades or machine operators or construction field. While apprentice programs typically are a hands-on effort that comes with a paycheck, a Bright Start account can be used to pay for other expenses, such as tools.

College might not be for everyone, but the Bright Start 529 program can be.

More information to open an account is Michael W. Frerichs - Illinois State Treasurer: College Savings (illinoistreasurer.gov) and a list of non-college programs that accept Bright Start Funds.

PET HEALTH ALERT

Bad Pet Breath Can Mean Health Issues

by Dr. Jay King, DVM (NAPSI)—By the age of three, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of dental disease. If your pet has smelly breath, it could be a warning sign. Pet parents might not know that bad breath is caused by harmful bacteria and can be an indicator of oral disease. Harmful bacteria in the mouth can also work its way under the gum line, cause gum disease and get into the bloodstream. It gets worse. Bacteria in the blood can harm joints, damage organs and lead to chronic disease.

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Dr. King is medical director of the Center for Animal Rescue and Enrichment, St. Louis, MO.

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Theatre

Broadway In Chicago's presents Cadillac Palace Theatre *Jesus Christ Superstar* limited engagement: July 19 thru July 31

Broadway In Chicago announced recently that following critically acclaimed, sold-out engagements in the UK, individual tickets for the reimagined 50th Anniversary tour of *Jesus Christ Superstar* is on sale. Ticket prices range from \$27.00 to \$98.00 with a select number of premium tickets available. *Jesus Christ Superstar* will play sixteen performances at Broadway In Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 W. Randolph St.) from July 19 through July 31, 2022. Individual tickets are available at www.BroadwayInChicago.com. Tickets are available

for Jesus and Judas.

Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Gethsemane' and 'Superstar'.

Jesus Christ Superstar is a proven musical phenomenon with a worldwide fan base. As demonstrated by NBC's *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert*, this epic work attracted over 9.6 million viewers, earned the highest ratings in its time period, and received the highest critical ranking of any live musical event on network TV. On September 17th, 2021 a variety of special edition *Jesus Christ Superstar* albums, remastered at Abbey Road, were released. These special anniversary editions are a celebration of the original 1970 double concept album and its continued success spanning an incredible 50 years.

Performance Schedule:

Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30 pm; Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, July 20 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, July 27 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm; Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 pm; Thursday, July 28 at 7:30 pm; Friday, July 22 at 7:30 pm; Friday, July 29 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, July 23 at 2 pm and 8:00 pm; Saturday, July 30 at 2 pm and 8 pm; Sunday, July 24 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday, July 31 at 2 pm.



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now for groups of 10 or more by calling Broadway In Chicago Group Sales at (312) 977-1710 or emailing GroupSales@BroadwayInChicago.com.

Aaron LaVigne leads the show as Jesus, joined by Jenna Rubaii as Mary. Omar Lopez-Cepero joins the cast as Judas. The tour also features Alvin Crawford as Caiphas, Tommy Sherlock as Pilate, and Tyce Green as Annas. Pepe Nufrio returns to the tour as the standby

Reigniting travel in Chicago

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) joined on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, local hospitality, and business leaders in Chicago for a press conference to discuss reigniting travel to the Chicago area and the state of hospitality and tourism in the city.

Nearly seven in ten Americans (69%) planning to travel this summer and 60% saying they are likely to take more vacations this year compared to 2020-21, according to a

The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical begins performances in Chicago

The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical begins performances this Tuesday, July 19 at the James M. Nederlander Theatre in Chicago. The Pre-Broadway World Premiere production will run for a limited five-week engagement, July 19 through August 21, 2022. Tickets are on sale now at www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical stars Tony Award winner Beth Leavel as Miranda Priestly and Taylor Iman Jones as Andy Sachs. Joining them is Javier Muñoz (Hamilton, In The Heights) as Nigel Owens, Christiana Cole as Lauren, Megan Masako Haley (Wicked, Mean Girls) as Emily Charlton, Tiffany Mann (Be More Chill, Waitress) as Kayla, Michael Tacconi (The Cher Show) as Nate Angstrom, and Christian Thompson (Ain't Too Proud) as Christian Thompson.



Lou Raizin
Photo by Annette Dixon



Anna D. Shapiro
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The ensemble includes Kyle Brown, JoJo Carmichael, Olivia Cipolla, Tyrone Davis, Jr., Audrey Douglass, Hannah Douglass, Madison Fendley, Cailen Fu, Michael Samarie George, Henry Gottfried, Marya Grandy, Jessie Hooker-Bailey, Liana Hunt, Amber Jackson, Chris Jarosz, Carlos A. Jimenez, Nikka Graff Lanzarone, Anthony Murphy, Jim Ortlieb, Johnathan Rice, Sawyer Smith, Terrance Spencer, and CJ Tyson.

The new musical features an all-star creative team led by Tony, Grammy and Academy Award winner Elton John, Tony Award winning director Anna D. Shapiro, with lyrics by singer-songwriter Shaina Taub, and a book by Kate Wetherhead, music supervision by Nadia DiGiallonardo, and choreography by James Alsup.



Elton John

Ticket prices for The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical range from \$33-\$120, with a select number of premium tickets available. Tickets are available now for groups of 10 or more by calling Broadway In Chicago Group Sales at (312) 977-1710 or emailing GroupSales@BroadwayInChicago.com. For more information and to check the playing schedule, visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

recent survey conducted by Morning Consult and commissioned by AHLA.

Speakers discussed recent data and opinion research underscoring optimism for reigniting travel to the Chicago area as well as new travel trends and opportunities to attract more travelers to the area.

Reigniting travel Chicago included: Chip Rogers, President and CEO of the American Hotel and Lodging



Travel

Aran Islands

by Tina Butler-Leonard

Where are the Aran Islands? They are a group of three islands located at the opening of Galway Bay, the West coast of Ireland. They constitute the estate of Aran in Co. Galway. The length of all the Islands is about 30 miles long. They are named Inishmore (big Island) Inishmaan, (middle) and Inis Oirr (rear Island) There are people living on all three Islands although the number has dwindled in recent years. Cars are driven only on one island, Inishmore. Inishmore is the most populated of the three with about 850 people. (Islands total population about 1200) Ferries are available to the islands from Co. Galway and Doolin, Co. Clare. (45 minutes).

The landscape is similar to the Burren in Co. Clare. Many countries have their own islands too, for Ex. Greece, Spain, and Philippines. Rick Steves (TV travel host) went to the Aran Islands and said they are a "bleak and beautiful". People on "Aran" live an unhurried lifestyle but they are not out of touch with the world rather take life at a slower step and relish days and moments with each other. Some say it's an escape from the modern world, I think if you're lucky enough to escape there you might leave with some valuable life lessons.

People come to the islands to immerse themselves in the Irish language. There is a world heritage site called, Dun Aonghasa on Inishmore, it's a prehistoric hill fort built on a cliff high above the sea. It attracts many visitors each year. Teampall Bheanain, is a church also on Inishmore considered the smallest church in the world. It is very unique because of its orientation north, south, not east west. The famous Aran sweater comes from the Islands. The patterns were kept within the same clan-family. They were used to help identify a fisherman if something were to happen to him out at sea. Every year Inishmore plays host to a Zen Buddhist group who visit in the summer for their retreat. Unfortunately, islanders also pay 20% extra for their oil/gas because it has to be carried over the sea. John Millington Synge (Irish playwright/poet, Playboy of the Western World-famous work) has written many poems and stories about the islands. There was a movie made about the islands, called "Man of Aran".

Gaelic for the Month: remote-iargulta; beautiful-go halainn; rock-carraig; Seanfhocail a light heart lives the longest-maireann croi eadrom bhfad.

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ica automotive window film is measured objectively by Visible Light Transmittance standards, or the percentage of light passing through glass, and subjectively whether a driver can be seen from the outside looking in, explains the nonprofit International Window Film



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Dear St. Laurence Families,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! It is difficult to believe we are already one month away from the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year. With that in mind, I wanted to share a few important first semester dates with you (the detailed calendar can be found on our website and more specifics on events will be shared throughout the year). I have also included information on important documents and forms that will be shared in early August along with some important reminders about new service hour requirements.

The school will be closed the Week of July 25th.

Class Schedules Posted in PlusPortals and Book Lists Emailed is Monday, August 1st.

Safe Social Media Presentation for Parents is Tuesday, August 16th at 7pm in the STL Gym.

First Day of School for All Students is Wednesday, August 17th (Full day of school from 8:30am-3:00pm with appropriate start of the school year uniform.).

School Pictures is Tuesday, August 23rd, Back to School Night is Thursday, September 1st and Homecoming Week is Monday, September 12th - Saturday, September 17th.

Parent Teacher Conferences is Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd (These two days will be asynchronous learning days for all students.).

Semester Exams is Monday, December 19th - Wednesday December 21st.

There will be no school for students on the following first semester dates:

Labor Day is Monday, September 5th, no school is Monday, October 3rd and no school is Monday, November 7th.

Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 23rd - Friday, November 25th and Christmas Break is Thursday, December 22nd - Monday, January 9th.

Important documents and required forms will also be shared with families in early August. Please make sure your family reviews and submits these documents together:

Early Dismissal Dates with Tutoring Opportunities.

Updated Parent and Student Handbook and Registration Agreement.

Required Forms for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Student Services Newsletter.

As was initially communicated in September of 2021, we are changing how we manage our service hours requirement to help students better manage this process throughout their time at St. Laurence High School. We have shifted to an online tracking system called X2VOL, and we have introduced benchmarks where students must complete, enter, and ensure service is verified and approved in the system by August 5th each year. By August 5th, Seniors are required to have 30 hours verified, juniors are required to have 20 hours verified, and freshmen are required to have 10 hours verified in X2VOL.

Failure to meet the above benchmarks by August 5th will result in the inability to try out for and participate in athletics, attend homecoming and other extracurriculars, and participate in any clubs or activities until the benchmark is met. Please understand that if students wait until the last minute to enter hours, there may be a delay in approval due to an overwhelming number of entries. Additionally, students should enter hours within 14 days of completing the service hours. Below is some useful information to help students meet the benchmarks by August 5th—X2VOL.com

How to enter hours:

User name is student full STL email, and if the password was forgotten, students need to use the "Forgot Password" link on the website.

Students are responsible for checking the progress of submission of hours and following up with whoever they listed as verifier for the hours.

Students should email Ms. Storino at lstorino@stlaurence.com with any questions.

At the end of the 2021-2022 school year, our school community focused on recapturing important STL traditions that had been delayed due to COVID. Throughout this process, we also worked together to create new traditions that each class can pass down to future Viking students. We will continue this theme into the new year as we celebrate the strong history of St. Laurence while also embracing new and exciting initiatives.

I offer my prayers to our school community that the final month of the summer is filled with family, friends, and relaxation! Have a wonderful weekend and GO VIKINGS!

Kristy Kane, Principal, St. Laurence High School, 5556 W. 77th St., Burbank, IL 60459.

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