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B-MAC EDITION

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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Blue Island Dollar Tree saves on real estate taxes

by Jan Glaz

At a recent City of Blue Island Council Meeting officials granted support for a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for a new Dollar Tree, located at 12625 S. Western Avenue. The property, vacant for a long time, required improvements, including new fencing, parking lot, planting of trees etc., before city council could consider a Class 8 recommendation.

The Class 8 real estate tax incentive, established by the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, is designed to encourage industrial and commercial development in areas of the County which are experiencing severe economic stagnation. Assessment levels for a Class 8 are (10%) of market value for ten years, (15%) in year eleven and (20%)

in year twelve. This constitutes a substantial reduction from the twenty-five percent at which industrial and commercial properties are commonly assessed.

In regard to the property, 12625 S. Western Avenue, a document presented by Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc., in June of 2020 reported current taxes are estimated at \$45,000. With a Class 8 classification taxes will be reduced initially by approximately 60%, to around \$18,000.00 per year, a savings of approximately \$27,000.00. The petitioner for the Class 8 did not ask for any sales tax rebates. The city will be collecting the entire sales tax, they will be collecting more than they're giving.

Noteworthy approvals: A Resolution passed by

the city council authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center, 1095 Rotary Way, Decatur, IL, to provide the City of Blue Island with (2) committed training positions in the (3) annual Police Academy Training Classes conducted at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.

The city council passed a Resolution approving a Law Enforcement Agreement with LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions, Inc. The agreement allows the City of Blue Island's Police Department to use 'LexisNexis eCrash' online police reporting systems for automated crash and incident reporting, thus eliminating handwritten crash reports.



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Alsip changes cannabis cultivation requirement

by Jan Glaz

On August 3rd at the Village of Alsip Board Meeting the board of trustees discussed and then voted to revise the Villages cannabis cultivation requirement. The ordinance amendment reads: "Approval to have the Village Attorney amend language Ordinance #2019-12-3 and change the wording in Sec. 104-1 and requesting the distance for cannabis cultivation be reduced from 2500' to 1000' of the property line of a pre-existing public or private nursery school, preschool, primary or secondary school, day care center or home, or residential care home. In addition, since a strong cultivation odor might be detected from 1,000 feet of a cultivation site the Village Board requested the attorney to add language for built in odor protection.

subject to odor mitigation plan."

Alsip Mayor, John Ryan, informed the meeting that the Village had been approached by growers, however, it was discovered that the Village didn't have a cultivation site allowing for a 2500 foot cannabis growing distance from the property line of a pre-existing public or private nursery school, preschool, primary or secondary school, day care center or home, or residential care home. In addition, since a strong cultivation odor might be detected from 1,000 feet of a cultivation site the Village Board requested the attorney to add language for built in odor protection.

Trustees agreed to the following agenda requests: to allow the Knights of Columbus Fr. Perez Council #1444 to solicit on-street donations for their "2020 People with Disabilities Drive" at designated intersections within the Village of Alsip on September 18 and 19, 2020.

Permission was granted to demolish (3) buildings on the property commonly known as 11706-30 S. Pulaski, at a cost not to exceed \$17,500.00, and to have 'Driven Construction Company' selected as the contractor for the demolition. Trustees authorized a special use permit for the repair of trucks and trailers located at 5731-45 West 120th Street.

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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Mokena finalizes Mokena Point subdivision

by Jan Glaz

The Mokena Board of Trustees voted on August 10th to approve a final plat of subdivision for a much anticipated subdivision, Mokena Point. The subdivision, comprised of 37.8 acres, will open at the northeast corner of 191st Street and 88th Avenue.

The approved final plat of subdivision establishes a four-lot subdivision with Lot 1 dedicated to Altorfer CAT, a heavy equipment sales and service dealership that (when fully constructed and open to the public next year) is expected to generate a significant amount of new sales tax revenue for the Village of Mokena.

In other meeting news: Trustees awarded a contract in the amount of \$55,571.00 to P.T. Ferro Construction of Joliet, IL, to provide 400 square yards of full-depth Portland cement concrete patching on Wolf Road and 50 linear feet of curb and gutter replacement at various locations along Wolf Road.

Mokena Civil Engineer, Dan Peloquin reported that P.T. Ferro's bid of \$24,249.00 came in 30% lower than Mokena's estimated amount of \$80,000.00 for the required work. The Will County based company has performed work of this type on Wolf Road in the past with positive outcomes. "We hope to begin work in September and have it finished before winter sets in later this year," stated Peloquin. Questions regarding this item may be directed to Dan Peloquin, Civil Engineer, at (708) 479-3906, ext. 240.



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Tinley Park rejects Golden Corral's reconsideration request

by Jan Glaz

Back on July 21, 2020, an Ordinance was brought before the Village of Tinley Park Board to consider increasing the number of Class "D" liquor licenses in the Village for Golden Corral, a buffet family style restaurant located at 6803 W. 159th Street. This Ordinance failed with a 1-4 vote. The petitioner, Bhavin Patel, requested that if the Village Board did not agree to a Class "D" liquor license, Golden Corral would like the Village Board to consider a Class "E", wine and beer only, liquor license.

At the same meeting, July 21st, a motion to consider increasing the number of Class "E" liquor licenses in the Village for this establishment moved for consideration. This motion failed due to lack of a second motion. On August 4th at the village board meeting Bhavin Patel's request appeared on the agenda for a reconsideration to increase the number of Class "E" liquor licenses for serving beer and wine at the Golden Corral.

The petitioner stated that with tight margins due to COVID-19 a liquor license may help provide additional revenue to keep the operations going. Golden Corral had been closed until late June. When Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan took effect Corral's business model could not be adapted to for carry-out or outdoor dining.



Bhavin Patel, proprietor, Golden Corral, 6803 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL

The vote to approve Golden Corral's reconsideration request rang: Trustee William Brady, yes; Trustee Diane Galante, yes; Trustee Cynthia Berg, abstain; Trustee William Brennan, no; Trustee Michael Glotz, no; and Trustee Michael Mueller, no. Tinley Park Mayor, Jacob Vandenberg, declared "motion failed".

Noteworthy news: Trustees adopted an Ordinance amendment for the addition of an adult use cannabis business license fee. Pursuant to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) the Village may enact reasonable ordinances or resolutions not in conflict with the Act. Therefore, the Ordinance amends the Village's Municipal Code to include a business license and fee in the amount of \$5,000 + fee based per square feet, for adult use cannabis facilities.

Orland Park demands distribution of COVID-19 funds

by Jan Glaz

A Resolution regarding the 2021 Property Tax Levy met with a positive vote at the August 3rd Village of Orland Park Board Meeting. Orland Park Mayor, Keith Pekau, reported that municipalities in the Counties of Cook and Will, including the Village of Orland Park are specifically excluded by the State of Illinois from receiving any of the federal COVID-19 funds that were distributed to the State of Illinois. These restrictions and reduc-

tions on COVID-19 funds result in over \$9 million dollars taken directly from Village of Orland Park residents.

The Mayor stated that the State of Illinois has approximately \$4.9 billion dollars in COVID-19 aid from the CARES Act. According to the federal government over \$1.5 billion in COVID-19 aid was to be distributed to government entities of less than 500,000 residents, the State of Illinois is only sharing \$250 million of

federal COVID-19 aid with government entities of less than 500,000 residents.

The Resolution, in part, reports due to the financial burden on our residents and the Village of Orland Park, the Village demands that the State of Illinois fully distribute the COVID-19 funds earmarked to government entities less than 500,000, immediately, as directed by Congress.

In addition, to further ease the financial bur-

den the Village Board directs the Village Manager and Village staff to produce a fiscal year 2021 budget for a reduction in the Village's property tax levy. The Village encourages other governmental entities that levy property taxes, including School District's 135 and 146, Consolidated High School District 230, the Moraine Valley Community College District, the Orland Park Fire Protection District, the Orland Park Library District and

all Cook County related entities to work to lower their property tax levies in 2021.

Meeting endnote: A motion request by Mayor Pekau passed 4 to 3 to host free concerts in the village with local band on August 22nd and September 12th. Pekau stated that offering drive in and walk in gives people a choice and "we can do it safely for the bands with fencing 40 feet away and no interaction". The estimated cost of two concerts is \$77,000.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Palos Heights residents oppose gas station

by Jan Glaz

On August 10th a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance allowing for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a two-lot subdivision with a 7-Eleven/Mobile Gas Station containing an approximate 4,000 square foot Mini-Mart located on Lot 1, and a retail building on Lot 2, at the north east corner of Harlem Avenue and

College Drive and a Special Use to allow its operation at 7150 W. College Drive, met with opposition at the City of Palos Heights Council Meeting.

The council meeting drew a group of residents objecting to the use of valuable Palos Heights Gateway property for yet another gas station. "We don't have a lot of vacant property in the city and everyone I talked to is against it," stated one irate citizen. It's reported that the property has been vacant for many years and in 2019 advertised on websites, at conventions and other venues in hopes of

seeking an offer. Around 5,000 inquiries produced only 3 offers. Businesses interested in the location were car washes, gas stations and self-storage companies.

Representatives from GW Properties, a real estate development and investment company, conducted a presentation and stressed the fact that the 7/11 Mini-Mart is more of a mini-grocery store and not the 7/11 convenient mart of the past, stating, "7/11's are now bigger, brighter and cleaner."

Alderman, Dolores Kramarski, commented that Palos Heights has not at-

tracted interest from other types of businesses such as Trader Joe's or Panera's, etc. and due to COVID-19 there are even less opportunities at this time to develop the area. No action was taken and the issue is expected to resurface at a subsequent meeting of the city council.

Expenditures approved by Aldermen include: The replacement of a broken salt storage garage door opener with tracks and maintenance on a second door by Hobbs Dock and Door, in the amount of \$7,462.67; the hiring of Temple Display to install and remove



Proposed 7-Eleven/Mobile Gas Station at 7150 West College Drive, Palos Heights, IL

63 pole mounted holiday decorations around the city in the amount of \$8,069.75; a contract awarding the 2020 Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Kim Con-

struction in the amount of \$386,517.00 and a contract awarding the 2020 CIPP Lining Project to Insituform Technologies in the amount of \$181,902.00.



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Moraine Valley offers classes for those interested in transferring to four-year colleges or universities by earning associate degrees in Arts, Fine Arts, General Studies, Engineering Science, Applied Science or Science. Students also can choose from several career programs offered, including allied health and nursing, business and computer

sciences, industrial technology and public service. The college offers noncredit programs and courses as well.

With an annual average cost of \$4,446, attending classes at Moraine Valley can save students up to nearly \$30,000 per year compared to private colleges or universities.

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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



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Lyric presents a special season opening concert

Lyric Opera of Chicago will open the company's reimagined fall season with For the Love of Lyric, a virtual concert from the stage of the Lyric Opera House, on Sunday, September 13, available for free streaming starting at 6:00pm CDT.

"Lyric's Opening Night Opera Ball has long been a signature project of Lyric's Women's Board," says Lyric's general director, president and CEO, Anthony Freud. "Even before we began to imagine the extent of public-health limits on events and performances, the Women's Board was hard at work rethinking what our season-opening event could and should be. Now, with further evolution and much hard work, we are proud to present For the Love of Lyric, a very special concert presentation available to the largest possible audience via streaming."

As originally announced, world-renowned soprano Renée Fleming, Lyric's special projects ad-

visor and honorary Women's Board member, will team up with special guests for an evening of celebration and music-making. Performances from Lyric's mainstage will include Tony Award® and Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter-actress Heather Headley (Broadway's Aida, The Lion King), soprano Ailyn Pérez (Marguerite/Faust, 2018, concert appearance, 2017), bass Solomon Howard (Wurm/Luisa Miller, Lawrence Brownlee & Friends concert, both 2019) and mezzo-soprano and Ryan Opera Center alumna J'Nai Bridges (Carmen/Bel Canto, 2015, Lawrence Brownlee and Friends: The Next Chapter, 2020), with Doug Peck (Chicago Voices concert, 2017) serving as music director. Members of The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center Ensemble and members of the Chicago Children's Choir will also perform.

The For the Love of Lyric concert will be available to



Renée Fleming

a select group of sponsors on Saturday, September 12 at 7:30pm for a special "first look" screening, with a variety of exclusive benefits at different levels of support. Hosted by Event Chair Mimi Mitchell and Lyric Women's Board President Caroline Huebner, all proceeds benefit Lyric Opera of Chicago. To learn more, please call 312-827-5676, or go to lyricopera.org/LoveSponsor.

This concert is the perfect excuse for an at-home dinner and show. Put on your ballgown or tux, and roll out your own red carpet if you're in the mood. To watch the For the Love of Lyric concert stream on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. CDT, go to lyricopera.org/loveconcert and share your love of Lyric using the hashtag #ForTheLoveofLyric during the concert.

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St. Laurence Alumni Golf Outing

Join us for the 31st Annual Alumni Golf Outing on Friday, August 21! Enjoy 18 holes of golf at scenic Broken Arrow Golf Club at 16325 Broken Arrow Dr

Homer Township IL, from 11am to 6pm., with fellow St. Laurence alumni and friends. Fun contests and challenges add an additional level of



competition! This event is an annual favorite and foursomes sell quickly, so don't delay, we'll see you on the links!

Can't join us? You can still support the event with one of our different sponsorships, or with a

donation, both of which are available at the link below.

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/st-laurence-high-school/st-laurence-alumni-golf/st-laurence-alumni-golf-outing> for tickets or Sponsorships.

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Social Media has taken the place of traditional media with the young

by Annette Dixon

Yes it is true that social media has taken over everything since the Pandemic, only to help secure a firm footing in the education of our children and transmission of communication to all interested parties. We have schooling, which prior to the Pandemic, was a traditional school system and Home Schooling by parents. Not only did people find ways to keep their business by using social media but also keep their jobs. Many people learned to use zoom.

This article is mainly about the protests movement in the world. Facts are not circumvented but the views of this publisher are from many years of watching the protest movements including Dr. Kings Peaceful Marches, which erupted into violence. I have taken a position because of what I have seen throughout my time, peaceful marches are very difficult to maintain and I commend all those who have organized peaceful marches and served their causes with extreme dedication for peace.

With social media so many fractions of various groups were able to intermingle with the marches. I don't have any answers as to why our peaceful marches turned into violent ones, but I do know it is a Pandemic, for it is world wide. It is very confusing as to what the marchers are marching about. I know it is called Black Lives Matter but I am still confused. If it were only the deaths of Black Lives killed by White Officers than I wouldn't be hearing about Slaves and White Slave Owners. This is the United States of America and we have had in our Country more immigrants since 1862 than people in the south with their slaves. Therefore, we should condemn Africa for selling their unwanted tribal people to those in other countries to be used as slaves. Most Americans can now say, I'm Swedish, German, Austrian, Italian, Greek, Polish, Russian, Mexican, etcetera, American. Our White people came from other countries to better themselves and be able to be free to live and provide for their family. They did not speak English and had to learn in order to get a job, unlike the African Americans that were forced here and didn't want to be here and pressed by their masters to only work for them. Not all Black people were from Africa, nor were they slaves, many were free

and mistaken as slaves, hence more problems occurred again.

I don't understand why the young people are taking so much out of context when they could be reading the African American history that they will find on line from the DuSable Museum or Chicago Library system.

If there is blame to any source in Chicago, we could look into that factor and read about African Americans who had thriving businesses in the early 1900 along Michigan Avenue from downtown to 22nd Street and then what happened. I don't think it was the Police Department then. I have seen the 50's race riot, 1967 hippy riot, the White Sox American League Champions riot, the big 90's riots and some peaceful marches turn into riots. I would think after watching the news today, there would probably be riots in the communities where all the shootings are taking place and gangs and drug lords have taken over their communities. This is where we need marches to let people know they too can have the communities they want and deserve. Many people still do not want integration but in the South in the late 60's many cities had mandatory integration which helped the communities. It is too bad that after all these years we are still discussing race issues.

Oak Forest Police require new portable radios

by Jan Glaz

Oak Forest Police Chief, Tim Kristin, addressed the Oak Forest City Council on August 11th and reported that the Police Department is overdue and in need of new portable handheld radios. Chief Kristin requested and aldermen approved the purchase of 50 new Harris XLP200 portable radios at a budgeted cost of \$319,517.00 from Radicom Inc., Business Communication Systems of McHenry, Illinois.

Radicom was founded in 1963 by former Motorola staffer Hal Race and

moved its headquarters to McHenry in 1969. Radicom represents superior radio technology, dispatch systems, and 9-1-1 Call-Taking products manufactured by Kenwood, Tait, ICOM, Zetron, Solacom, and Bosch Telex. Chief Kristin reported that delivery will be approximately 60 days after the quote has been accepted by the 911 Board and approved by the City of Oak Forest City Council.

Noteworthy approvals: The city council approved a Resolution accepting a

bid to clear vegetation and overgrowth at 16800 South Kilpatrick Avenue, site of a former school, to ready the property for commercial development. Homer Tree Service, 14000 S. Archer Avenue, Lockport, IL. Bid a cost of \$10,500.00 for removal services. Aldermen also authorized a sub-award agreement between the City of Oak Forest and the County of Cook, which will result in \$295,000.00 in funding for a Communications Tower and Resiliency Improvements.

USO Midway Center, USO O'Hare Center Limited Reopening

USO of Illinois is happy to announce that our Centers at Midway International Airport and O'Hare International Airport have reopened at limited capacity. In accordance with the City of Chicago's health and safety regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keeping in mind the well-being of our service members, their families, our staff and volunteers, our airport centers have opened as "Grab n' Go" facilities.

Service members and military dependents with a valid dependent ID, may

visit our facilities to retrieve snacks, beverages and recreational items. The Centers' seating areas are currently closed, and we are not accepting overnight guests. USO continues to work with local agencies during these ever-changing times to prepare for the next phase in reopening our facilities.

Below are our current Centers hours of operation. We thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times.

USO O'Hare Terminal 2 Center and Terminal 3

Center
Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
USO Midway Center
Monday through Sunday, 9 am to 6 pm
USO Camp Dodge Center, Johnston, Iowa
Monday through Friday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
USO Naval Station Great Lakes Center
We are still working with command to reopen the doors of this Center
USO Rock Island Center
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Pritzker administration extends deadline to apply for SNAP

Governor Pritzker announced that the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) has extended the deadline for Illinoisans to apply for nutrition benefits to August 31. Eligible Illinois residents can receive food benefits totaling \$342 per eligible student. Approximately 390,000 eligible students across the State of Illinois have not yet applied for Illinois Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits for the 2020-2021 school year.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) authorized and will fund the P-EBT program, which will bring food benefits to all school-aged children who are eligible for free or



reduced meals at schools through the National School Lunch Program. The benefit is issued to all SNAP households with school-aged children.

"We are pleased to see the deadline extended so that every eligible Illinois family can take advantage of this additional support," said IDHS Secretary Grace B. Hou. "IDHS has and will continue to apply for waivers that provide additional food assistance for children and families in our state. This extension is a benefit for families who need sup-

port." The P-EBT program has already provided more than 730,000 children in Illinois with more than \$246 million in additional nutrition benefits. Benefits are calculated using a \$5.70 per day and per student calculation.

These benefits apply to households with school-aged children who were eligible for free or reduced meals from March 2020 through June 2020 when Illinois schools were operating remotely due to COVID-19. Those who did not receive SNAP benefits last spring are able to submit a simplified application for P-EBT benefits using the ABE. Illinois.gov online portal or by completing a paper ap-

plication which is available at the IDHS website at dhs.state.il.us.

"We know the pandemic has impacted many families financially," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. "The Pandemic EBT ensures that students eligible for free and reduced-price meals at school have access to the food they need at home as well. ISBE encourages every eligible family to apply and we are taking every opportunity to communicate about this program to schools and encourage schools to share this information with families."

For more information, go to <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=124142>.

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The Oak Tunes play for Grace Point Place

Tomas Walsh and 3 other high school boys, James Walsh, Daniel McGalwhorn, and Mickey Lopez grabbed their musical equipment, headed over to Grace Point Place at 5701 West 101st Street, Oak Lawn, to perform their first ever public musical performance together.

Tomas had done a little volunteering at Grace Point Place previously. He grows to love the residents after just two short weeks of his volunteer service.

He suggested to his

friends they learn a couple oldie tunes and play for the residents who live at Grace Point Place Memory Care before Tomas leaves for the National Guard the second week in August.

The boys practiced and practiced over the past two weeks to learn these unfamiliar songs.

Tomas says they loved playing and are excited to perform more of their live music for others.

The boys have now named their little group or band "The Oak Tunes"

People Need People Give Blood

St. Christopher Catholic Church is partnering with the Midlothian Police Department to have a Bloodmobile in the church parking lot on Sunday, August 23, from 9 am to 1 pm.

We are supporting social distancing and masks are required. We preferred Appointments.

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Photo ID is required.

Every donation helps to

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To schedule contact Joe Frontera at 708-769-9485, or via email at seatvendor@aol.com.

Labor Day Golf Scramble at Stony Creek Golf Course

Enjoy the outdoors during Labor Day at the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd Street.

Sign up today for the Annual Labor Day Four-Person Scramble on Monday, September 7th, with

a shotgun start of 7:30am. Fee is \$50 per player and includes greens fee, cart fee, range balls, drink ticket, buffet style lunch, and prizes.

Registration is required. For more information, please call 708-857-2433.

Orland Township to host food drive Aug. 21

Orland Township will host a free drive-through grocery distribution event for township residents who are experiencing fi-

nancial hardship from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until boxes last) Friday, Aug. 21 at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

The Township Food Pantry will have 500 boxes packed with perishable and non-perishable grocery items and a gift card to a local grocery store. The distribution will gain operate as a drive-through, and residents must show identification with proof of residency and are asked to stay in their vehicles and wear a mask when interacting with Township staff and volunteers. Only one box per address will be distributed.

Oak Lawn Public Library Virtual Book Discussions

Virtual Book discussions return at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Take your pick of a wide variety of new book discussions based on reading interests, time constraints and locations. We welcome anyone who wants to talk about books. Copies of each title are available four weeks before each discussion at the Adult Services Desk on the second floor. Many titles are available in large print, audio or downloadable versions. Here is the line-up of titles for September:

The 20|30ish Book Club: "Everywhere You Don't Belong" by Gabriel Bump,

Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m.

Everything Irish Book Club: "Black Irish" by Stephan Talty, Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 1:30 p.m.

Paging Through History: "A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919" by Claire Hartfield, Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.

Mysteries in the Morning: "IQ" by Joe Ide, Friday, Sept. 18, at 9:30 a.m.

Science Fiction & Fantasy: "Ninefox Gambit" by Yoon Ha Lee, Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m.

Refreshing Reads: "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson, Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

Virtual Trivia Nights

Grab your family, your favorite beverage and hop online to join the Oak Lawn Public Library for virtual trivia on a variety of topics at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16 and Nov. 6 & 20. Smart device will be needed to play.

Virtual Chair Yoga and Meditation

Join the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. and instructor Isabel Raci, C-IAYT, online for a gentle session of guided meditation and chair yoga at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21 and Nov. 11 & 25. Have a sturdy, armless chair

ready and wear comfortable clothes with no socks. Each class will include quiet time for meditation and gentle chair yoga movements.

Oak Lawn Public Library eNewsletter

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. now has an eNewsletter! Stay connected and up-to-date with current OLPL programs, events and services through email. To sign-up please visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ef4vaGA>. For more information, please call 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org, or use the Ask a Librarian feature on our website.

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Ballet 5:8 takes professional dance outdoors

Many professional dance companies are taking a pause while the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to play out, but not Ballet 5:8. The professional ballet company, celebrating its Ninth Season, will be creatively incorporating social distancing requirements into performances and venues. The season opens August 22 with Fall for the Outdoors, a series of free, open air performances taking place in Chicago, New Lenox, and Orland Park. Additional details at ballet58.org/outdoor.

The outdoor performances are free to attend, and perfect for the entire

family. Attendees will need to bring their own lawn chairs or blanket and wear masks. Pre-registration is recommended; each performance will last about 30 minutes. Performance locations (all Illinois) are the Village of New Lenox Performing Arts Pavilion (August 22 and September 19), Calvary Church in Orland Park (August 29), Daley Plaza in Chicago (September 9), and Ballet 5:8 studios (outside) in Orland Park (September 12).

"I have a deeply held belief that limitation unlocks the greatest potential for creativity," said Artistic Director Julianna Rubio Slager, reflecting on the coming months for Ballet 5:8. "The 2020/21 Season is a pivotal moment. We must find a way to launch our art form into a new format."

per customer.

A second show is planned for Thursday, Sept. 17, in the parking lot of La Fiesta Restaurant at 3333 W. 111th St. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Parking Lot Comedy Show

Alderman Matt O'Shea, state Rep. Fran Hurley, and State Sen. Bill Cunningham are sponsoring an outdoor comedy show on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 8 pm. Doors open at 7:30. Called "All That Good Stuff," the show will be held in the Barraco's Pizza parking lot at 2105 W. 95th St. and will feature performances from five Chicago comedians.

Tickets are \$10 and include a free drink ticket. The show will be capped at 75 people with masks and social distancing required. All guests will receive an application of hand sanitizer upon entry. Limit 6 tickets

The Village of Orland Park presents Free Concerts

Celebrate the end of summer with two free concerts at Centennial Park West!

Choose between our *NEW* drive-in concert featuring LED screens and FM transmission or sit on the lawn in socially distanced pods. Either way bring a chair, blanket, picnic basket or grab food from our on-site food vendors and enjoy the last bit of summer 2020!

The Village of Orland Park Presents: Centennial Park West FREE Concerts at 15609 Park Station Blvd., from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 22nd: 4Cast (variety), Cowboy Jukebox (country), The Chicago Experience (Chicago Tribute).

Saturday, September 12th: Hillbilly Rockstar (Country), Chicago 6 (variety), Sixteen Candles

Evergreen Park Public Library

The library is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, with building capacity limits. Seniors and vulnerable individuals are encouraged to visit between 10 and 11 am. Services include walk-through browsing, computer, copier, fax, and scanner usage, and study

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Sit out on the LAWN to enjoy a true summer concert experience in your socially distanced pod. To maintain a limited capacity, there will be no admittance when the pods are full.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

To encourage social distancing, lawn pods will be 8 feet apart and drive-in cars will be parked every other space.

Capacity will be limited to the number of socially distant lawn pods and drive-in parking spaces.

Handwashing stations and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the park.

Masks are not required but are encouraged when traveling outside your pod or parking space.

All guests may bring in lawn chairs, blankets, coolers, picnic baskets, strollers and small wagons. Outside food and beverages are permitted, but don't forget to visit our on-site vendors!

Large umbrellas, tents, weapons, knives, scooters, bicycles, roller skates/blades, and pets are not permitted.

Drive-in parking and lawn seating will open at 3pm.

room reservations for 1 to 2 people. The Children's Department is closed, but the collection is open for checkout. You can still place holds on materials and pick them up curbside.

Face coverings are required.

Catch Up on Classics Book Club: Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm, Zoom.

Register with email for Zoom meeting ID and link.

Discuss The Invisible

Man by H. G. Wells.

Yak & Yarn: Tuesdays through August 25, 6:30 pm, Zoom, Meeting ID: 843 3795 8438

WITS Workout: Thursday, August 20, 1 pm, Register with email for Zoom meeting ID and link.

The Evergreen Park Public Library is at 9400 S Troy Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. Call 708.422.8522 or visit evergreenparklibrary.org for more information.

Yes, we have preschool

The Hickory Hills Park District has openings in the Little Learners Preschool classes:

Five days a week (M-F) \$1760.00 for year

Three days a week (M/W/F) \$980.00 for year

Two days a week (T/TH) \$805.00 for year

Classes start in September and run thru May 2021. Class times are 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The office is open Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for registration. In order to register, your child's birth certificate and immunization records are required. Children and staff are currently required to wear face mask when social distance is not possible.

Preschool & Kindergarten Before & After Care

Is your child enrolled in half day preschool or kindergarten, and you need somewhere for them to go the rest of the day? You can sign them up for before or after care program. Before Care runs 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. \$82 Resident; \$87 Non-Resident per week. After Care 12:00 P.m. to 4:15 p.m. \$103 Resident; \$108 Non-Resident per week. Children and staff are currently required to wear face mask when social distance is not possible.

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Due to COVID-19 dinner will be served in the Pavilion Tent to assure ventilation and social distancing.

Please help us spread the word... BPCIA Golf is Back!
For reservation or questions call 708-496-0336 or email: donna@bpcia.org

Chicago Southland CVB Launches New Trails App

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau has launched the brand-new Chicago Southland Trails App. This app is a comprehensive guide to the walking, hiking and biking trails throughout the Chicago Southland region.

App users will be able to utilize an interactive map, featuring the area's trails. Each trail is color-coded

to distinguish their main function. When clicking on a specific trail, users will see the name of the trail, the surface, the length and, if applicable, the trail's level of difficulty. Additionally, the Chicago Southland Trails App also features trailhead and parking information.

Users will be able to view hotels, restaurants, events and other amenities in addition to the trail information. The app will continue to be updated monthly to reflect any new trails that open in the Chicago Southland.

"We are very pleased

to announce the launch of the Chicago Southland Trails App. After months of compiling information and working with 62 municipalities and several regional organizations, the app is complete. We are confident that both residents and visitors will find the trails app to be a helpful asset that they can easily utilize during their time here in the Chicago Southland," said Jim Garrett, President/CEO of the Chicago Southland CVB.

The Chicago Southland Trails App can be accessed online at VisitChicagoSouthland.com/Trailsand-

Itineraries and can also be utilized on the Visit Chicago Southland app, available for download in the Google Play or App Store for free.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination management and marketing organization for Chicago's 62 south and southwest suburbs. The CVB markets the Chicago Southland region as a meetings and conventions, group tours, sports and leisure event destination. For more information, go to VisitChicagoSouthland.com.

Oak Lawn Park District offering preschool in a new way

Classes will be offered at the Oak View Center at 4625 W. 110th Street and will run from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be two offerings, Juniors, 3-year olds as of September 1st, and Seniors, 4-year olds as of September 1st. Juniors will be offered Tuesday and Thursday, while Seniors will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

This program's curriculum will be based on the Illinois Early Learning Standards and will focus on preparing your child for Kindergarten in a group setting. There will be various themes and holiday activities throughout the year. This program will have limited availability and may be expanded or adjusted based on a few variables that may affect the program. Any changes or adjustments will be communicated prior to being implemented.

The program will follow all State and Local Guidelines in regard to social distancing and face coverings throughout the duration of the program. As a result the program may be adapted to meet any changes that occur in regards to guidelines and best practices.

To register, you must sign-up in person at the Oak View Center. For more information or if you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Gray, Recreation Supervisor at 708-857-2200 or via email at sgray@olparks.com.



Children's Museum in Oak Lawn to partner with Ivy League Kids

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is pleased to be able to announce our partnership with Ivy League Kids! If your student is in a full or hybrid remote learning situation to start off this school year and you need help, this might be the program for you.

Discounts are available for students attending all five days each week plus they accept Illinois Action for Chil-

dren Childcare Assistance Program. More information about Ivy League Kids can be found at their website at <https://ivyleaguekids.org/>.

Call 815-464-1265 to register or with questions. You can also register at the button below. Or stop in at the Oak Lawn Museum at 5100 Museum Drive, Oak Lawn. Our hours are from 6:30 am to 6 pm. We work with children from K to 8th grade.

Bedford Park annual golf tourney

Join us for some needed fun under the sun! We are having our 2020 Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 2, at 9am Shotgun Start. At the Cog Hill Golf & Country Club at 119th Street & Archer Road, Lemont, IL. Arrive early to take advantage of a FREE small basket of range balls. Shotgun start includes bag drop service, player carts, range balls, range shuttles and scoring.

Price of \$125 per person included golf cart, hot dog & beverage at half-way house & dinner. Due to Covid -19 dinner will be served in the Pavilion Tent to assure ventilation and social distancing. Make your Reservation's Now!

Please spread the word that BPCIA Golf is Back !! For reservations or questions call 708-496-0336 or email Donna@bpcia.org.

Sponsorships are available.

South Suburban College extends registration

South Suburban College (SSC) recently announced the extension of registration and tuition payments through its new class start date of August 24th to assist students who have delayed their registration decisions about fall classes. Additionally, the college is awarding tuition debt awards to students who have outstanding 2020 bills along with new laptops and other technical supports to help new and current students become successful in the virtual learning environment.

These additional resources are available at: New Laptop Application Form, <https://www.ssc.edu/technology-relief-fund>, and 2020 Tuition Debt Relief Application Form, <https://www.ssc.edu/student-debt-relief-fund>.

SSC expects to distribute significant awards and resources leading up to the start of fall classes and through the late start schedule in September. Future SSC students should get started at admissions.ssc.edu.

Current and prospective students can email registration&records@ssc.edu for additional assistance with registration, or email CounselingCenterQuestions@ssc.edu with questions for the SSC Counseling Office.



Book Review: Robert Kolker, Hidden Valley Road (Doubleday 2020)

Pretty Mimi Blayney was 13 and handsome Don Galvin was 14 when they met. Mature, sophisticated, intelligent, and strong-willed, after a short courtship and without the blessings of their parents, Mimi converted to Don's Catholic faith and they married. They moved to Colorado, took up falconry, and started the large family they planned. From 1945 to 1965 they produced 12 children: 10 boys and the two baby girls whom Mimi called her "roses after the thorns."

Six of the sons, in their late teens and early 20's, demonstrated increasingly bizarre behavior and were ultimately diagnosed and treated for schizophrenia.

Robert Kolker unwraps the Galvins' story with compassion and care. It is part medical mystery, still unsolved, and part Greek tragedy, epic in proportion and poetic in its telling, with some surprisingly happy family times and some optimism, even repose, at the end of the book. The personal suffering and often violent and dramatic manifestations of the mental illnesses of six of the Galvin children, and the fear, anxiety, anger, guilt and victimization of the six "well" children, make a compelling read.

Despite the chaos all around them, Kolker writes, "somehow the Galvins remained a family." Mimi and Don wanted and loved all their children, but the denizens of Hidden Valley Road suffered or perpetrated: murder; suicide; attempted murder; attempted suicide; clergy abuse; incest and pedophilia; felonious assault; arson; animal torture; domestic violence; drug and alcohol addiction; long-term confinement; and unwanted separation.

The Galvins' family history of illness and wellness, and their DNA, was studied by renowned researchers who eventually debunked the theory that "bad" (schizophrenogenic!) mothers caused schizophrenia. Poor Mimi, who worked tirelessly for her sick sons, was finally let off the hook. "If bad parenting caused any of these diseases, we'd all be in big, big trouble."

The Galvins wanted Kolker to tell their story; they believe schizophrenia is everybody's problem.

"Our streets are their hospitals." Kolker writes: "a surprising number of us may be at least a little bit mentally ill: [one analysis] found that 7.2% of the general population has experienced hallucinations or delusions..."

According to the psychiatrist who studied the Galvin family "half of young school shooters have symptoms of developing schizophrenia." Mental health advocates report that, "compared to their healthy counterparts... individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia are 4 to 6 times more likely to commit a violent crime." And studies show a range from 5.3 to 17.9% of homicides were committed by individuals with severe psychiatric disorders.

Hidden Valley Road may be in our neighborhood. We ought to care.

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NOTE: Due to the CO-

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tion. The farmers market is Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 6 to Oct. 10 at the Zabrocki Plaza, 17375 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL.



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- *Last year's Super Bowl MVP
- *Recipient of this year's first pick
- Madame Tussauds' medium
- Jack's legume
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- Dry as dust
- Echo
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- Home of the Utes
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- Like watching paint dry
- Gulf War missile
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- Word of mouth
- All worked up
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- Home to largest mammal
- Threads
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- Locomotes

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- Millionaire's turf, according to 2009 Oscar-winner
- Bangladeshi currency
- Wet nurse
- Plant again
- Swellings
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- Human social group
- *Yellow and unwanted
- Saint's "headdress"
- Movie spool
- *Vegas numbers
- Laura Ingalls' hat
- Make an effort
- Organ of balance
- Sleep disrupters
- *Encroachment and false start, e.g.
- Type of mandarin
- Have a hankering
- *2020 Super Bowl winning coach
- VSCO girl's favorite shoe brand
- Geologic period
- Variety show
- *Patriot no more
- Pinta or Santa Maria, e.g.
- Perfect houseplant spot
- *____ Bowl, college game 1982-2000
- Indicate
- What Dundee and Dunedin have in common
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