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Become a Proud Library Card Holder

In August and September, the first 50 households that sign a new member up for a library card at Midlothian Public Library (14701 Kenton Ave.) will receive a free PROUD LIBRARY CARD HOLDER yard sign to joyfully proclaim their library card ownership. In addition, any adult who signs up for a library card will receive a library logo coffee mug, and all kids who sign up for one will get a library logo squishy fidget toy (while supplies last).

Visit bit.ly/MidloCard or call the library at (708) 535-2027.



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Additional race information can be found at bluecap.org/special-events.

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Affordable housing bill will create new options for residents of Illinois.

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Among other provisions, HB 2621 creates new programs, to be administered by local assessors, to value Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties and other affordable housing developments.

Senior coupons are now being accepted at Illinois Products Farmers' Market

The Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) Illinois Products Farmers' Market will participate in the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Now through October 14 senior coupons will be accepted at the market. Applications and information on how to receive coupons can be

picked up at the IDOA market information desk at "The Shed" on the Illinois State Fairgrounds during the Illinois Products Farmers' Market. Seniors can also call the Illinois Department on Aging Senior Helpline at 1-800-252-8966 for more information on how to apply.

The AARP Illinois Products Basket Drawing promotion will kick senior month off and customers have a chance to win every week through Oct 14th. Each basket is full of Illinois Products sold at the Illinois Products Farmers' Market and valued at over \$100. To enter follow the Illinois

Product Facebook and Instagram page and shop the market.

The 2021 Illinois Products Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association, AARP Illinois, Garden Illinois, Linked Up Illinois, and Lincoln Land Community

College. Marketgoers can experience a family friendly atmosphere with an array of vendors, food truck each week and free live entertainment.

The Illinois Products Farmers' Market is held weekly on Thursdays through October 14th excluding the two Thursdays

during the Illinois State Fair.

All products sold at the Illinois Products Farmers' Market are processed, produced, or packaged by a vendor in the state of Illinois. Visit www.illinois-productsfarmersmarket.com for up-to-date market information.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

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Tinley Park Village Board appoints new staff members

The Village Board named Eileen Scholz as Assistant Treasurer, Marie Grzeskowiak as Police Clerk Matron, Barb Balcerzak as Building Permit Technician, Amy Lutchen and Leasha Drew-Cooper as Senior Accountants, and Christopher Frankenfield as Accountant II.

Congrats to everyone!



Eileen Scholz

16th Annual Farm & Barn Fest features flea market, music

Farm & Barn Fest is held annually in the heart of Mokena on historic Yunker Farm and it will be held again Saturday, August 7, from 11 am - 11 pm at Yunker Park, 10824 W. La Porte Road, Mokena .

Join us as we celebrate the significance of Yunker Farm, which was one of the first homesteads to settle in the Mokena area. From 11 am - 5 pm guests will enjoy demonstrations, entertainment, kids' activities and old-fashioned contests. Food, beverages and beer will be available for purchase all day.

Free admission and parking.

Outdoor flea market will be 11 am - 3 pm. Buyers admitted free!

Sell your old and new wares at this annual Flea Market. We welcome fresh

produce, new and used crafts, clothing, tools, etc. Vendor Registration fee: \$35R/\$41NR. No day of the event registration. For vendor information or to register, visit www.mokenapark.com.

Country concert will be held 5-11pm, Yunker Farm Bandshell Free Admission.

Attention Country Music lovers! Join us for a night of Rockin' Country Music with these great bands.

Food, beverages and beer will be available for purchase all evening.

Children allowed with parental supervision.

CK and The Gray will perform 5-7:30pm. Ethan Bell Band will play 8-11pm.

For festival information, call 708-390-2401 or visit www.mokenapark.com.

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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

New Philharmonic announces 45th anniversary season

New Philharmonic, the professional orchestra in residence at the McAninch Arts Center (MAC), is pleased to announce the return to in-person performances for their 2021-2022 for their 45th Anniversary Season. The season begins with Halloween Spooktacular (Oct. 2 & 3) and includes “Dvořák’s New World” featuring Dvořák’s Ninth Symphony (Nov. 13 & 14), three New Year’s Eve Concerts (Dec. 31), “A Night at the Movies” (Jan. 15 & 16), and “West Side Story” in Concert (April 9 & 10). For

the holidays, New Philharmonic will once again perform Tchaikovsky’s score live for Salt Creek Ballet’s beloved production of “The Nutcracker” (Dec. 18 & 19). Tickets are available to renewing subscribers now and new subscribers beginning Aug. 16. Single concert tickets go on sale Aug. 24.

“The musicians, staff of New Philharmonic and I are extremely grateful to the MAC and College of DuPage,” says Maestro Muspratt. “With their help and the support of our fans and donors we were

able to offer first-class virtual concerts over the past season that gave our musicians and guest artists the chance to perform at a time when many in our industry could not. But nothing can replace the experience of live performance. We are all looking forward with joyous anticipation to once again be performing before an in-theater audience for our 45th season.”

All performances will take place in the McAninch Arts Center’s Belushi Performance Hall, located at 425 Fawell Blvd. on the

campus of College of DuPage. Dates, times, artists and prices are subject to change.

Tickets: Past subscribers receive up to 25% off single ticket prices if they renew their subscription by Aug. 10. New subscriptions are available beginning Aug. 16. New subscribers save up to 20% off of single ticket prices. Subscribers also are the first to have the opportunity to secure tickets to Salt Creek Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” in advance of the general public. New Philharmonic single-con-



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Park neighborhood, the BAC is also home to an extensive community outreach program.

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

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Hickory Hills Carnival

Our 4th annual Carnival is back at Kasey Meadow Park from Aug. 26th to 29th, 2021. Indulge in amusement rides, carnival games, and purchase a funnel cake for the whole family! Purchase your 4-Day Mega Pass Wristband early and save with unlimited rides. Mega Passes sold between 9 am and 5 pm until August 25th. Individual ride tickets are available for purchase each day of the carnival.

NOTE: Special Needs

Day is Thursday, August 26 from 3 to 5 pm.

Carnival Hours: Thursday, August 26th 5 - 10 pm Friday, August 27th 5 - 11 pm Saturday, August 28th 12 to 11 pm, Sunday, August 29th 12 - 10 pm Thursday, August 26th 3 - 5 pm is Special Needs Day Concessions Available Every day.

Presale 4-Day MEGA-Pass wristband is \$50. On sale, 9 am - 5 pm to August 25th. For information, call 708-598-1233 or visit hh-parkdistrict.org.

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Come visit the Farmers Market

Mayor Kelly Burke and Trustee Carol Kyle were on hand to greet Lori Winkler (left), director of the SXU Birth To Three Program, operating in Evergreen Park.

Mayor Burke is also

hosting a free yoga class on Thursday, August 12 at 7am at the Farmers Market (Instructor, Cathy O'Grady).

Come out and browse one of the best Farmers Markets around!

Free Concerts and Fireworks in Evergreen Park

Evergreen Park's next Free Concert in the Park takes place on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 6pm in Circle Park, as we bring you Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones Band.

And Rich Daniels brings the City Lights Orchestra

at the Evergreen Park Rec. 50-Acre Park, at 91st and California, Evergreen Park, on Labor Day, September 6, for a 5pm concert that will then be followed by a fireworks show (at dusk, at 50-Acre).

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Navigating Retirement in a Complex Financial environment

Saving for retirement can sometimes be overwhelming as we feel as though it's a race against time. Without proper guidance, it can be a difficult path to navigate. Throw in the threat of rising inflation, frothy markets and industry disruptions, that pathway becomes even more complicated. How much should you save? Where should you store your money? How can you protect it? Having a plan can help alleviate some of the pressures that come with saving towards retirement.

The earlier you can begin putting money away for retirement, the better, even if just 1% or 2% to start, with gradual increases over time. A typical rule of thumb is to consistently save 15% throughout your career in order to better prepare for retirement. It's recommended to have roughly three times your



income saved by the time you are 40. According to Fidelity, there are a few "aspirational milestones" to aim for (sans additional income streams such as social security and pensions). These aspirational milestones are notated via age and are as follows:

Age 30: Salary Equivalent

Age 40: 3x Salary

Age 50: 6x Salary

Age 60: 8x Salary

Age 65: ~10x Salary

If you are enrolled in a 401(k) program through your employer, be sure to contribute the max amount per year (\$19,500 or \$26,000 for age 50+). If you freelance or are self-employed, it'd be wise to include a low-cost Stock Index Fund via a

Roth IRA as one of your mediums for regular retirement contributions. According to a CNBC report referencing 2016 Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/13/how-much-you-should-have-saved-for-retirement-by-age-30-40-50-.html>), Americans 65 years and older spend an average of \$45,000 per year. Fidelity's retirement platform data states the average 401(k) balance for Americans between the ages of 40 and 49 is \$120,800 as of the fourth quarter of 2020, with ranges of 7% contributions in your 20s to over 12% in your 70s. These numbers are not set in stone, but rather, serve as more of a guideline — as the chart indicates, the average 401(k) balance can vary by age.

As always, Dowling Legacy & Retirement is here to help provide you with

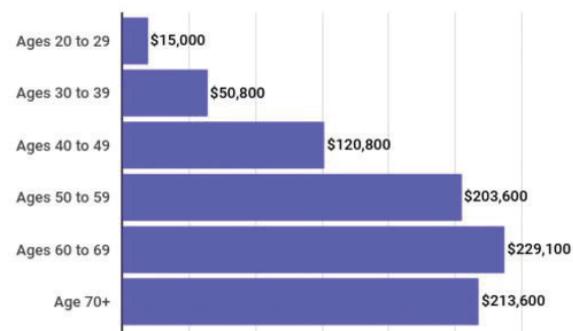
a roadmap towards a successful retirement specifically curated to your goals. If you need a retirement plan regularly in addition to major life events will help ensure that your legacy, both financial and otherwise, is passed on in accordance with your wishes and that your beneficiaries receive their benefits as smoothly as possible. If any of the above apply to you, make sure to take the necessary steps in protecting and maintaining your legacy.

Next step: call Dowling Legacy & Retirement at 708.479.8771 or check out our website at www.dowlingretirement.com.

Dowling Legacy & Retirement has many other services to assist you with your Legacy, Investment, Insurance and Retirement needs. Your financial health on your journey to and through retirement is important. If you'd like

The average 401(k) balance by age

How much Americans have in their 401(k) savings as of the fourth quarter of 2020



some suggestions on ways you can stay financially healthy, visit our website at www.DowlingRetirement.com or contact Dowling Legacy & Retirement directly at 708.479.8771 & receive a complimentary copy of our financial literacy book entitled "A Guide to Getting Your House in Order".

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Newman reminds families to look for child tax credit

Congresswoman Marie Newman (IL-03) is encouraging hardworking families to be on the lookout for advance monthly payments of the Child Tax Credit of up to \$300 per month per child through December.

About 45,000 hardworking households, covering 84% of all children, in IL-03 could get up to \$300 per month per child July-December and even more after filing their taxes next year. Nearly all hardworking families should get their monthly payments automatically beginning July 15th with no further action required.

Families who did not file a tax return for 2019 or 2020 and who did not use the IRS Non-filers tool last year to sign up for the Economic Impact Payments, should go online and use the IRS Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up Tool to sign up today.



"Child Tax Credit Monthly Payments will help set America's children up for success and put more money in the pockets of hardworking parents sooner, to pay for childcare or put gas in the car so they can go to work and help fuel our economy while building better lives for their families," said Congresswoman Newman.

How Much Is the Child Tax Credit Expansion from the American Rescue Plan? The American Rescue Plan expanded the Child Tax Credit to up to \$3,600 per child for children ages 0 to 5 and \$3,000 per child for children ages 6 to 17.

The American Rescue Plan also authorized advance monthly payments of the Child Tax Credit

through December 2021. Beginning in July and running through December, qualifying families can get up to:\$300 a month per child for children ages 0 to 5.\$250 a month per child for children ages 6 to 17.

Families will get their remaining expanded Child Tax Credit when they file their 2021 tax return.

Who Qualifies? Families will qualify for a full credit if their income is below \$75,000 for single filers, \$112,000 for people filing as head of household, or \$150,000 for people who are married and filing jointly.

Families will be able to determine their eligibility, check the status of their payments and more at IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021 later this month.

Property Tax Appeal

Pre-filing your property tax appeal is now available through the Cook County Board of Review website at appeals.cookcountyboard-ofreview.com.

Pre-filing is the same process as filing your property tax appeal, except without having to wait for your township's filing period to open. Homeowners (non-attorneys) in all Cook County townships can submit a property tax appeal before their township officially opens.Pre-filing will not be available once your respective township opens for normal filing. Register or log onto your account at appeals.cookcountyboard-ofreview.com/Account/LoginPage.

If you would like to pre-file your appeal in person, visit the front desk on the 6th Floor of the County Building at 118 N. Clark St., Monday-Friday 9-5.

For questions about appealing your property taxes, reach out to Guy Gattone, Tax Advocate at ggattone@oak-forest.org or 708-687-4050, x1031.

Fabulous Food: California Sweetpotato Blueberry Muffins

(NAPSI If you're looking for a healthy start to your day, give California Sweetpotato Blueberry Yogurt Muffins a try. Chock full of nutrient-dense ingredients such as blueberries, yogurt and whole wheat, these powerhouse muffins have a secret ingredient: shredded California sweetpotatoes. A designated superfood, California sweetpotatoes are loaded with vitamins, minerals and fiber. Plus, they keep the muffins moist and tender and add just the right amount of sweetness.

Bake a dozen (or more) and store in individual bags in the freezer for a healthy portable breakfast the entire household will enjoy.

Recipe makes 24 regular or 10 jumbo muffins

Ingredients

4 large eggs
1 1/2 c plain yogurt
1/2 c butter, melted
2 tsp vanilla extract
2 c all-purpose flour
1 1/2 c whole wheat flour
2 c shredded sweetpotatoes
1 c sugar
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
2 c blueberries

Preheat oven to 375° F. Coat muffin tins with non-stick spray.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, yogurt, butter and vanilla. In medium bowl, combine flours, sweetpotatoes, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix flour mixture into egg mixture. Gently stir in blueberries.

Divide batter between 24 regular or 10 jumbo muffin



California sweetpotatoes are a key ingredient to tasty, moist and healthy muffins.

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Oak Forest Veterans Commission

The Oak Forest Veterans Commission promotes programs for veterans, raises awareness of veterans' welfare issues, represents the city at community events, participates in programs with other veterans groups, and recognizes the accomplishments of local vets.

In addition, the Veterans Commission serves as a repository of information about veterans' issues, such as securing benefits from the federal government.

For more information about the Veterans Commission and their events, send an email to: ofveteranscomm@oak-forest.org.

Enjoy National S'Mores Day

Join us in celebrating "National S'mores Day" on August 10th, Tuesday, 6:00pm - 8:00pm!

Location: Imago Dei, Beverly/Morgan Park, 10511 S. Oakley Ave., parking lot (corner of 105th & Oakley)

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Located in our new 50 -Acre Park at 91st and California in Evergreen Park, “Happy Bark” is actually comprised of three parks in one; an area for smaller dogs, a larger yard for bigger dogs, and a training area for dogs who are currently in obedience training from their owners.

Now residents have nice, open green space to bring their beloved pets to walk,

exercise and “hang out” with their friends. Each yard is secured, so you have no worries about your pet running out into a street, or dealing with bicyclists, walkers, joggers, etc. In short, Happy Bark Park is “for the dogs”!

Hours of Operation Happy Bark Park is open seven days a week from 6am - 10pm. Entry is provided by way of an electronic keychain fob that can be purchased at the Village Hall.

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Grant Park Music Festival

Summer in Chicago steams into August with the Grant Park Music Festival’s, 87th season, led by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar with Chorus Director Christopher Bell and the award-winning Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. The 2021 season concludes on August 21 with Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 3.

All concerts take place on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Concerts are under 90 minutes and presented without intermission. The August program schedule available at www.gpmf.org.

Patrons can order One Night Member Passes for reserved seats for only \$25

by calling 312.742.7647 or going online at gpmf.org and selecting their own seat down front in the member section of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

All memberships, including One Night Member Passes, are tax-deductible and help to support the Festival’s mission of keeping classical music accessible for all. For every Grant Park Music Festival concert, there are seats that are free and open to the public in the Seating Bowl and on the Great Lawn, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grant Park Chorus taking center stage for a program titled From Ireland with Love, a tribute to Chicago’s vibrant Irish community under its director



Schubert Mass in G Major will play Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

Christopher Bell (August 4). The weekend brings Carlos Kalmar, the Grant Park Orchestra and the return of violin virtuoso Augustin Hadelich performing Sibelius’ Violin Concerto. Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 1, Winter Daydreams rounds out the program (August 6 and 7).

Family Night comes to the Festival when Norman Huynh conducts Camille Saint-Saëns’ beloved musical menagerie Carnival of the Animals (August 11). A trio of stars from Broadway join the Grant Park Orchestra for a weekend of hit songs from the stage in Classic Broadway, featur-

ing Mamie Parris, Madison Claire Parks and Bronson Norris Murphy with conductor Lawrence Loh (August 13 and 14).

Carlos Kalmar returns to conduct the final week of the Festival beginning with the Schubert Mass in G Major with the Grant Park Chorus (August 18). The season comes to a thrilling close with Handel’s rarely performed Dettingen Te Deum with the Grant Park Chorus and bass-baritone David Govertsen. The program includes Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 3 featuring celebrated violinist Vadim Gluzman (August 20 and 21).

Seth Boustead, founder of Chicago’s Access Contemporary Music and long-time friend of the Festival, continues as host for the virtual pre-concert lectures,

available each week on the Festival’s website.

As part of the Chicago Park District’s Night Out in the Parks program, the Festival’s Project Inclusion String Quartet performs in neighborhood parks throughout the summer presenting a fun and interactive concert celebrating music of BIPOC and women composers.

Ten of this summer’s concerts, including the performances on August 4, 6, 11 and 20 at 6:30 p.m. will be broadcast on 98.7WFMT, Chicago’s classical and fine arts radio station, and online at wfmt.com/listen.

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Houses along Central Avenue are encouraged to decorate their houses and

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BINGO Events

Seniors in the 35th District will have the opportunity to play free bingo throughout August co-hosted by state Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago.

"As we head towards the end of the summer, it's nice to have outdoor activities where local seniors can take advantage of the nice weather," said Hurley.

Hurley is hosting the Monday Nights Senior Bingo in conjunction with state Sen. Bill Cunningham and Alderman Matt O'Shea. Bingo will be held August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the lawn of Kennedy Park, located at 11320 S. Western. The event is weather permitting. Call Hurley's office at 773-445-8128 or email at RepFranHurley@gmail.com.

Younger Trees Need Water

The extended heat and dry weather blanketing the area demands a proactive approach to the care of younger trees planted in parkways or on your private property. Specifically, you need to water them every other day until such time as significant rainfall arrives.

Water every other day by taking a hose and letting it trickle 3-5 feet around the tree for 20 minutes. This will apply water where it is needed most to the tree's

root system. Avoid watering the trunk or foliage of the tree.

As a word of caution, however, remember that no matter what, you should not water your tree every day.

Here are some more tips: Mulch. Trees benefit from mulch in many ways. Mulch holds in moisture, keeps lawn mowing equipment from damaging the tree trunk, and breaks down into organic material that helps improve the soil below. It is necessary to add new mulch every year. We suggest you use organic mulch. Avoid piling

the mulch up high on the tree trunk. This is called "volcano" mulch, and is EXTREMELY BAD for the tree. Keep mulch at 2-4 inches deep and away from the trunk so the root flare is exposed.

Pruning. Other than broken or dead branches, your tree will not need any pruning for the first 2-3 years. Removing any live growth at this time may stress the tree and lead to its death.

Fertilization. DO NOT fertilize any tree for the first year. Fertilization can damage the roots of a young tree.

Gigantic Book Sale at Evergreen Park Library

The Evergreen Park Public Library has plenty of books, DVDs and much more! The sale runs through Saturday, August 7.

Buck-A-Bag days are August 6 and 7.

We are always looking for volunteers.

The library is at 9400 S Troy Ave. Call 708.422.8522.

Music on the Green

On Sunday, August 29th, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm the 19th Ward will host "Music on the Green" featuring a night of live entertainment from the Gentlemen of Leisure, fireworks show, and craft beer festival in the Jones Bowl at Morgan Park Academy at 2153 West 111 Street, Chicago.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family and are on sale now; food and beverage will be available for purchase. All proceeds

will benefit Special Olympics Chicago and the 19th Ward Youth & Community Foundation. I hope that you can join us as we finish the summer with a night of entertainment outdoors with friends and neighbors. Buy tickets at eventbrite.com

Music on the Green is generously sponsored by County Fair, Walsh Construction, McDonald's, Uber, Alderman Matt O'Shea, Sen. Bill Cunningham, and Rep. Fran Hurley.

Mokena offers CPR class

The Mokena Fire Protection District offers monthly CPR classes for the public. Fee covers books, materials, and instructor fees (non-refundable).

Cost is \$40 for community CPR, and \$50 for healthcare CPR. Certification will be from the American Safety & Health Institute.

Location: Mokena Fire Station #1, 19853 S. Wolf Road. Class Time: 6:00 - 9:30 PM (Monday nights)

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Hints for Homeowners: What To Ask When Hiring A Contractor

(NAPSI) With record-high real estate prices, a growing number of homeowners are remodeling or renovating their existing homes rather than buying new. Increased demand and continued supply chain issues, however, have led to delays in getting quotes, uncertainties in the availability of materials, rising costs and an increase in homeowner frustration.

Whether you're looking at a new roof or siding, adding a deck, upgrading windows or insulation, you want to find a contractor who gets it right on the first try (and can meet today's fast-turn demand).

What To Ask: To help, here are three important questions to ask potential contractors so you can find the right resource in a challenging environment:

"Do I need to meet with you in person to get a quote?"

Contractors have followed the same manual transaction processes for decades. But home visits with pad-and-paper esti-



mating is outdated, especially with digital-savvy homeowners.

Today, roofing, fencing and even siding companies can provide a preliminary quote without sending representatives to your house. Satellite measurements and a quick phone call are all you need to understand basic pricing and inventory availability for shingles, siding or lumber. Digital sales platforms help homeowners quickly compare contractors and reduce the time to get

multiple estimates.

"How soon can you start?"

How quickly a contractor can begin depends on pricing and availability of labor and materials. Be wary of contractors who offer services for unbelievably low prices—it's safer to pay more for a premium, professional job than take a gamble on a risky contractor.

Top contractors will prepare a digital estimate, taking current pricing into account. Using dynamic

tools, your contractor should be able to make real-time changes to estimates and contracts to show how the materials selected will influence the schedule and cost. Similarly, such contractors will have access to real-time inventory via a mobile device so you can choose products, such as shingles, that are actually available, reducing delays.

"How do you handle changes?"

This is another area where a contractor using a digital sales platform can add value. By plugging in different options, your contractor should be able to tell you exactly how changes will affect cost and timing. No need to wait days for a return phone call—using digital documents means a revised quote and contract can be sent quickly, helping to keep projects moving.

Learn More: For further facts about digital tools to look for in a contractor, visit www.leaptodigital.com.

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The Problem: The air in your home circulates through the HVAC system and air ducts five to seven times a day. During the circulation process, allergens and other contaminants can settle in the air ducts and then get re-

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Here are hints on how.
 Food: Avoid raw or lightly cooked eggs, soft and blue-veined cheeses and pate or liver products.

Beverages: Drink lots of water, milk and juice. It's best to avoid alcohol and keep coffee and tea to a minimum.

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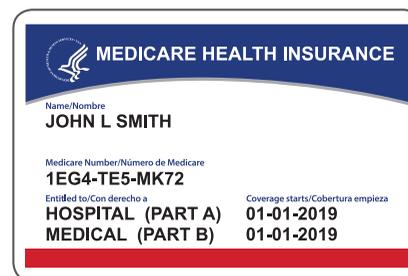
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If you have this card, call me today.

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Call me today. See reverse side for a list of meeting options.

Meet with a local licensed sales agent.



Learn more by attending a UnitedHealthcare Medicare plan meeting.

Oak Lawn, IL

8/11/2021

2:00pm

Oakview Community Center
4625 W. 110th St

Tinley Park, IL

8/12/2021

10:00am

TK Insurance Services
16577 S. Oak Park Ave

Bolingbrook, IL

8/12/2021

10:00am

Cheddars Scratch Kitchen
105 Remington Blvd

Oak Lawn, IL

8/17/2021

2:00pm

Jedi's Garden Restaraunt
9266 S Cicero Ave

Benefits, features and/or devices vary by plan/area. Limitations and exclusions apply.

For accommodation of persons with special needs at meetings, call 312-803-6901, TTY 711.

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