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## B-MAC EDITION

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Previous members of the Playwrights Unit include Greg Allen, Alice Austen, Lucas Baisch, Scott T. Barsotti, Seth



Bockley, Monty Cole, Sam Collier, Kristiana Rae Colón, Phillip Dawkins, Sandra Delgado, Lisa Dillman, Ricardo Gamboa, Anne Garcia-Romero, Issac Gomez, Andrew Hinderaker, Ike Holter, Kristin Idaszak, Laura Jacqmin, Dawn Renee Jones, Georgette Kelly, Nambi E. Kelley, Jenni Lamb, Evan Linder, Nancy García Loza, Alex Lubischer, Mickle Maher, Rohina Malik, Mia McCullough, Bonnie Metzgar, Carlos Murillo, Dianne Nora, Nigel O'Hern, Marisela Treviño Orta, christopher oscar peña, Steve Pickering, Elaine Romero, Stacey Rose, Laura Schellhardt, Emma Stanton, Calamity West and Martín Zimmerman.

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Goodman Theatre, at 170 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL or call 312-443-3800. Or visit our website to up to date information at <https://www.goodmantheatre.org/>

### South Suburban College Extends COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site

South Suburban College has signed a new intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to continue free COVID-19 testing on its Main Campus in South Holland through December 31, 2020.

"This is great news for our SSC employees and students, and for our organizational partners and residents," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Chairman of the SSC Board of Trustees. "We have heard from our community about the convenience of this site helping them to better deal with the challenges of the pandemic. We are pleased to offer this support for the remainder of this year."

The COVID-19 testing drive-thru is conducted by HR Support in the SSC Fitness Center's east parking lot seven days a week.

Tents are highly visible, and cars may enter from either 159th Street or State Street to follow the signage. Daily testing is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a security detail will continue to be in place while testing is open.

Testing will now be conducted via nasal swab which is painless, and a significant improvement over the more invasive nasopharyngeal test. Results are delivered by phone within 4 to 7 business days.

Inquiries may be submitted to (888) 297-7208 or [christopherbmurray@gmail.com](mailto:christopherbmurray@gmail.com). SSC is located at 15800 S. State Street, South Holland, Illinois. The drive-thru route will still be limited to south side of campus near the athletic fields. Employees, students and visitors will access the Main Campus through 158th Street, and north lots and entrances.

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Runners/walkers can sign their children up for the Little Pumpkin's Patch, a free family social distanced area open during and after the race that includes pumpkin decorating, a Kid's Dash race and other Halloween activities. Kids, and any adults, must

wear masks to participate.

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## FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

### Village Board meeting highlights

The Tinley Park Village Board met at Village Hall. Meeting highlights include:

**Fire Prevention:** The Village Board Recognized Fire Prevention Week, which will run from Sunday, Oct. 4 to Saturday, Oct. 10. During this time, residents are encouraged to do what they can to help eliminate fire hazards. Fire Prevention Week coincides with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Pictured (from left) are Tinley Park Fire Department Chief Forest Reeder and Trustee Bill Brennan.

**Pete's Fresh Market:** The Village Board approved a Special Use for Pete's Fresh Market, which is constructing a warehouse at the former Kmart at 163rd Street and Harlem Avenue in preparation for an eventual grocery store by 2022. Owner Stephanie Dremonas addressed the board, reiterating the company's commitment to being a retailer in Tinley Park and saying they plan to stay in the community "for genera-



tions."

**State Property:** Village Manager Dave Niemeyer told the Board that the Village is still in discussions with the State of Illinois about purchasing and cleaning up the Tinley Park Mental Health Center property.

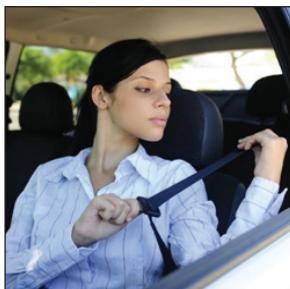
The Village will host a virtual Tinley Park Business Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 on Zoom. The event will include Mayor Jacob Vandenberg's State of the Village address and an economic forecast by Rick Mattoon of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, as well as the presentation of business longevity awards.

Watch the entire video on the Village's YouTube channel or on Tinley TV, which broadcasts on Comcast Channel 4 and U-verse Channel 99.

### Secretary of State opens new express service office in Orland Park

Orland Township has opened a new Secretary of State express service office at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park. The facility is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

The facility provides commercial driver's license



renewal (including vision screening), disability placards, license plates, organ donor registry, state IDs and more.

For more information, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State website.

### Eighth Blackbird Presents "The Chicago Artists Workshop"

Eighth Blackbird, a four-time Grammy Award-winning Chicago-based music ensemble, debuts a new project this fall entitled "Eighth Blackbird Presents: The Chicago Artists Workshop" (CAW), a presenting series for 2020-2021 featuring performances by Chicago-based artists as well as visiting artists from beyond city limits. The series will present 24 performances, all hosted at the Eighth Blackbird production facility located at 4045 N. Rockwell St. These live-streamed ticketed events will also feature limited in-person seating. Tickets on sale for more information visit [eighthblackbird.org](http://eighthblackbird.org).

Specific tenets were central to the creation of "The Chicago Artists Workshop," says Eighth Blackbird Percussionist and Artistic Director Matthew Duvall. "In addition to showcasing the stellar artistry of artists working in a wide range of genres, we want to create work for them during a time when the performance industry is enormously threatened by COVID-19 causations. We also want the series to be defined by its extraordinary caliber and creativity."

Concerts scheduled Oct. 20 through Dec. 8 are as follows. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20: Lebanese-American tenor Karim Sulayman, joined by Eighth Blackbird's Lisa Kaplan and Matthew Duvall;

Wednesday, Nov. 11: Singer songwriter Rebecca Rego performing "Songs for Cleaning Women" based on the writings of Lucia

Berlin;

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Three-time GRAMMY Award-nominee Justin Roberts (guitar/vocals) and Anna Steinhoff (cello) performing works from Roberts' latest album, "Wild Life;"

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Media artist, filmmaker, pianist Xuan. Xuan is an alumna of The Eighth Blackbird Creative Lab;

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Image Award-winning poet, artist, musician, author and actor

J. Ivy performing work from his just released album "Catching Dreams."

Artists/dates/times are subject to change. For tickets or more information visit [eighthblackbird.org](http://eighthblackbird.org).

CAW series' production standards will include a cinematic multi-camera configuration, full lighting and audio support, and a modern performance aesthetic, creating a highly polished broadcast product. Artists will also be invited into the Eighth Blackbird studio for multi-day workshop residencies to rehearse, create, and refine production curation.

"The Chicago Artists Workshop' began with a question: 'How can Eighth Blackbird be helpful to other artists?'" says Pianist and Executive Director Lisa Kaplan. "An early experiment involved bringing three artists, each with unique and varying needs, into the Eighth Blackbird studio to use our workspace and facilities. Now, the concept expands into Eighth Blackbird's newest audacious initiative, which also provides us the opportunity to pursue our goal of becoming a leading production facility for streaming live performance in the Chicago area."

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### Sign up for CodeRED for Tinley Park

The Village utilizes the CodeRED community notification system to send time-sensitive emergency alerts and critical information to Village staff, residents and businesses. The system also sends non-emergency information such as road closures and trash collection schedule changes. Notification is customized, allowing residents to choose which alerts they'd like to sign up for and how they would prefer to receive them. Residents can choose several different methods, including landline, cell phone, email, text message, TTY or a combination of any of the above.

Sign up for the Village's CodeRED community notification system by texting the word TINLEY to 99411 and receive a direct link to the enrollment form on your mobile device.

Residents can also take advantage of the CodeRED Mobile Alert app, which is available to anyone with a mobile device, on the App Store or Google Play. Please note that if you signed up for City Watch, you will have to sign up again for CodeRED.

CodeRED's Residential Registration Feature is a new enhancement to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment (CNE) page that allows residents to enroll using their login credentials from Google, Facebook or Twitter. The new CNE Single Sign-On (SSO) feature streamlines the registration process and makes it easier for residents to access their account to make changes later.



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## SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

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

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### Oak Lawn Park District names executive director

Tom Hartwig was appointed the Oak Lawn Park District's new Executive Director. He succeeds long-serving Executive Director Maddie Kelly who has retired after 25 years in the leadership position.

"Maddie has built a world class, award winning Park District with a great reputation and amazing staff. I am humbled to have the opportunity to lead one of the best Park Districts in the state and country and build on the strong foundations already in place," said Hartwig.

Hartwig was promoted from Superintendent of Special Facilities and has been with the Oak Lawn Park District for 22 years.

He started his parks and recreation career as an Oak Lawn Park District Recreation Intern in 1995, and a year later he was hired by the North Berwyn Park District as a Recreation Supervisor. In 1998, he returned to the Oak Lawn Park District as Assistant Community Pavilion Manager and soon after was promoted to Community Pavilion Manager. He then

became Superintendent of Facilities in 2009.

"I am most proud of creating the FLASH before and after school program 11 years ago," said Hartwig. "It started out with one school in School District 123 and before the pandemic it was at all of the schools in both School District 122 and 123. FLASH has an annual enrollment of over 500 children. I am also proud of working on the expansion of the Community Pavilion in 2014 and the renovation of the Centennial Softball Fields in 2017."



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## Padre Pio Canonized a Saint on June 16, 2002

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Who was Padre Pio and why am I so amored with him since I was a child in grammar school? I was taught by the School Sisters of St. Francis, and even though St. Martin of Tours sat on a gold plated horse on the top of the church roof, I learned about St. Martin and all I could about all the Saints, but I didn't know anything about Padre Pio, except he was a priest from Italy and had the stigmata. On two, Saturday, evenings at 7:00pm recently, there was a movie about the life of Pio on EWTN and I was glued to the screen. It started with his birth to a devout Catholic family on May 26, 1887, and Francesco Forgione was announced. My great grandparents were alive and lived in Campagna Provence not that far from his birth. My grandfather was from that same region, but, my grandmother was born in 1894 in lower Manhattan, NY. I know I heard of Pio somewhere home or school and as a child was quite interested in



many stories.

According to the movie Francesco, as a child was seeing visions of Christ and often daydreaming that he would be with Jesus, so at age five he already consecrated himself and told his mother he wants to be with Jesus Christ. He studied with the Capuchin Order, for in his region there were many Capuchins, which were Franciscans but noted to be bearded. He got close to one person that he liked since the Capuchin priest always stopped to say hello and give him a piece of candy. At age 15, Francesco joined the order and took the name Pio in honor of St. Pius I. In 1910 he became a priest and it was then that the Stigmata, (bodily marks corresponding to the wounds suffered by crucified Jesus) appeared. As a young priest he made a lot of waves in this order. He served in the Military in 1915 as a medic during

World War 1. Padre Pio also was deeply hurt by the influx of starving children and families in Rotonda, Italy. In 1918, it was then that the stigmata return and remained until his death in 1968.

Although it wasn't easy for him as a priest from the time of his very ordination, because he always helped the poor and the homeless children, he continually would beg for their needs and found shelter for them. It was a conflict between the hierarchy in the Capuchin Order and Padre Pio. The Bishops of Italy continued to question how and why does Padre Pio continue to help the poor and why he finds and builds shelters for homeless children and why he has the stigmata. Until his death he was still scrutinized by the Bishops. They questioned him continuously about his gift of healing people and why people saw him in two places at one time and the miracles that took place when someone asked for help from him. Padre Pio started a hospital in Rotonda, Italy and was known for his charity and piety. Pope John Paul II canonized Francesco Forgione as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy on June 16, 2002.

## Michael Fricilone running for 3rd District Seat

Mike Fricilone, Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District looking to upset the Democratic candidate Marie Newman, who won the primary against Daniel Lipinski. This seat was the talk of the political world since it was held by Democrats for over 36 years. The 3rd Congressional District consists of Western and South Western Suburbs of Chicago, as well as a portion of the Southwest Side of Chicago. Part of Cook County, DuPage and Will Counties lie within this district.

Mike Fricilone, GOP, is running a campaign similar to that of Dan Lipinski and Dan's father William (Bill) Lipinski also ran and both of these men were Democrats. They ran on

a common sense platform where the voters wanted a moderate Democratic candidate and not a socialist candidate. Mike Fricilone is running against her platform with a commonsense platform that Bill and Dan Lipinski ran on helping the 3rd Congressional District. "When I am elected to represent you in Congress, I will join the same caucus the mainstream Congressman Dan Lipinski was part of. The Problem Solvers Caucus, because I will be a Congressman that actually takes action and solves problems."

Mike has been a leader with the County Board since 2012 and understands where the funds are needed for the 3rd Congressional District. "In my lifetime I

have lived in Chicago, Garfield Ridge, Chicago Ridge, Orland Hills, Homer Glen and support all of the 3rd District residents now by being on the County Board for a third term. When asked, does he support the Public Service Officers, his response was that I am not for Defunding the Police. Mike Fricilone also supports term limits for Congress. He is experienced in financing and also helped bring dollars into the 3rd District with the County from Cares Act with 20% of grants going to small businesses and homeless shelters.

A vote for Fricilone Congressman, 3rd Legislative District, is a vote to secure more funding in these difficult times.

## Secure dropboxes for Cook County residents

Many have been requesting information on where Mail Ballots can be securely delivered directly to the Cook County Clerk's Office, not using the U.S. Postal Service. To be prepared, CCCO will have over 50 Dropboxes around Cook County.

Mail Ballots will be mailed out to all Cook County Voters who apply to receive a mail ballot recently. There will be a postage-paid return envelope for voters who wish to mail back their ballot. Voters are urged to complete and mail their ballot back as early as possible once they receive it.

Secure Dropboxes will be located at over 50 early voting sites spread throughout Cook County where voters can drop off their completed mail ballots from 8:30 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 5 pm weekends. Mail ballots will be collected daily and will be time stamped. Voters who applied for their mail ballot online will receive an email at the time their ballot is sent to them, as well as an email notifying them when the completed ballot has been received from the voter.

Dropboxes for mail ballots will be available be-

ginning Oct. 9 at 69 West Washington St. in Chicago as well as the 5 Regional Courthouses in suburban Cook County located in Rolling Meadows, Skokie, Maywood, Bridgeview and Markham. Dropboxes will be available at the remaining Early Voting sites beginning Oct. 19.

Dropbox locations are at: Burbank (Prairie Trails Library District), Crestwood (Andrew Biela Center), Oak Forest City Hall, Oak Lawn Village Hall, Orland Township, Palos Heights Recreation Center and Tinley Park Village Hall.

## Business grants

Applications for a second round of funding through the Business Interruption Grants Program are currently available. A

total of \$220 million will be made available for small businesses of all types in Illinois. Two businesses in Oak Forest were recipients during the first round of funding.

More details on the latest round of funding and how to apply can be found at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance/Pages/C19DisadvantagedBusGrants.aspx>.

**Thank you for reading.**

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## Cook County Sheriff Launches Community Resource Center

In light of the impending evictions crisis and growing need for mental health, substance abuse, and other social service assistance, the Cook County Sheriff's Office has launched the Community Resource Center (CRC), Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart announced.

The new initiative will provide linkages to community members, including those facing eviction and recently released detainees, in need of supportive services. Services include comprehensive mental health and sub-

stance abuse screenings, as well as direct connections to financial coaching, medical and behavioral health treatment, employment opportunities, and housing resources within their communities.

The new program expands on the Supportive Release Center (SRC), a program developed by the University of Chicago, TASC, Heartland Alliance, and the Sheriff's Office that provided temporary food, clothing and shelter for homeless and at-risk detainees, immediately upon discharge, at a loca-

tion near the Cook County Jail campus.

That program ended in May, but with the advent of the global COVID-19 pandemic which has left thousands of people vulnerable to economic instability and unemployment, while exacerbating mental health and substance abuse disorders, the Sheriff's Office saw a critical need to serve as a liaison between social service providers and individuals who need assistance.

Currently, the program will operate virtually due to COVID-19 concerns.

Community Resource Center staff with expertise in mental health, substance abuse issues, trauma-informed care, and knowledge of other branches of the Sheriff's Office, such as the CCDOC, Electronic Monitoring, Treatment Response Team, and Social Services Evictions Support Unit, will coordinate provision of seamless care to participants.

To contact the Community Resource Center the phone number is (773) 405-5116 and e-mail is [cco.resourcencenter@cookcountylil.gov](mailto:cco.resourcencenter@cookcountylil.gov).

## Hickory Hills Park District: 'Yes, we have preschool'

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

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The office is open Mon-

day-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 a face mask when social distance is not possible.

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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.

The Hickory Hills Park District will be holding a Garage Sale/ Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday, October 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Krueger Park Recreation Center, 9100 S. 88th Avenue. Deadline to register is 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 16. A 6 foot table in a 10 x 10 foot space will be provided. Seller fee is \$20 Resident and \$25 Non-Resident. Admission

is "Free".

Halloween Egg Hunt & Costume Parade, Participants will come dressed to participate in the costume parade and win the best dressed prize. We will then have participants ready to collect as many eggs as they can in our field filled with various treats and prizes. This event will take place Saturday, October 31 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Krueger Park, 9100 S. 88th Ave. This event is for children ages 2 to 13 years. Fee: \$5 Resident; \$7 Non-Resident

For more information, call (708) 598-1233 or visit [www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org).

## Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough on mail-in ballots



To any voters who have requested Mail Ballots,

The Illinois Secretary of State recently sent a letter to registered voters that may be causing confusion for those who have already requested mail ballots from the Cook County Clerk's Office. This letter stated that the voter had not yet applied for a mail ballot, but that is inaccurate information for those individuals who have, in fact, requested a mail ballot from the Cook County Clerk.

If you have requested a mail ballot from the Cook County Clerk, there is no need for further action

on your part. Our office is currently processing these applications and will begin mailing ballots to voters

To check on the status of your mail ballot, please visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com/VoterInfo](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/VoterInfo) and click the "What Is My Mail Ballot Status" tab.

To apply for a mail ballot use our online mail ballot application at: [www.cookcountyclerk.com/VoteBy-Mail](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/VoteBy-Mail).

## Hunger walk goes virtual

Over the past 50 years, tens of thousands of walkers have raised more than \$500 million through the annual CROP Hunger Walk. SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN CROP HUNGER WALK always raises around \$5,000 making it one of the largest donations for a small community walk.

This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic and the need for social isolation, we are introducing our VIRTUAL CROP Hunger Walk.

It is urgent that we find new ways to engage our community to continue giving to our CROP Hunger Walk as the cur-

rent pandemic creates increased need for food and resources for our local agencies and around the world. Now is the time to give more than ever.

This year the SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN CROP HUNGER WALK and some 700 other communities nationwide are joining in interfaith CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Ending hunger one step at a time." Walkers will be signing up online and walking in isolation to show their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who must walk to live, as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks and meal sites here in the U.S. Fun activities are planned and will be

released as we approach October. These local ministries share in the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks: Pilgrim Faith Food Pantry in Oaklawn, and Elsie's Pantry in Palos Hills.

From providing clean water and hygiene training in Vietnam to combating droughts in Nicaragua to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks are fighting hunger and building healthier communities. It's easy to sign up and donate to our walk. Just Google SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN Crop Hunger Walk then click register or donate. Or use the following link: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/palosparkil/>.

## Halloween fun in Oak Lawn

Carve some fun into fall with the Oak Lawn Park District as we enjoy an evening filled with pumpkin decorating, jack-o-lanterns and yummy treats.

Come to Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th St & Laramie Ave, on Thursday, October 15th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm for Costumes, Pumpkins, Candy, Oh My!

After making jack-o-lanterns with your family, enjoy some s'mores by the campfire!

Preregistration is required, and the fee is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Fee is per family and includes one pumpkin.

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## Library to Return to Full Hours

Midlothian Public Library will reopen for its full schedule of regular hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Most basic library services will be available all hours the library is open.

Appointments are not required, but they are recommended for computers and WIFI tables, as these spots are limited for reasons of social distancing. Appointments may be made by calling (708) 535-2027 up to two business days in advance.

Curbside pickup will continue to be available 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

daily for orders placed by phone or online through the library catalog, and walk-in pickup of pre-ordered materials will be available at a table near the front door during all open hours.

Homebound delivery service is available both to Midlothian residents confined to their homes and to those vulnerable to the Coronavirus due to age or underlying health condition. For more information or to apply, simply call the library.

Delivery of materials between libraries in the SWAN consortium has resumed as well as the option to request pick-up of

## Evergreen Park Public Library is open, has classes and exhibits

The library is open Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm with building capacity limits. Seniors and vulnerable individuals are encouraged to visit between 9 and 10 am. Services include walk-through browsing, computer, copier, fax and scanner usage, and study 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.

Conflict Management: Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm, Zoom.

Gia Washington from Sertoma Centre will explore the sources and nature of conflict, and lead participants in various exercises designed to identify their individual conflict management styles and increase their repertoire of conflict management

strategies. Register with email for Zoom information.

The Politician and the Professor: Thursday, October 8, 6:30 pm, in library 25, simulcast on Zoom.

Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham and Dr. Matthew Costello, professor of political science at St. Xavier University, offer a dynamic perspective on how democracy and our government work from a theoretical, historical, and practical viewpoint. Register with email for Zoom information.

Exhibits:

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence; Through November 30, 2020

The Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and the National Portrait Gallery partnered on this poster exhibit celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment that secured women's voting rights in the United States.



Masks and desk shields are the norm.

ordered materials at any library in the SWAN consortium.

Online programming for all ages continues as well. For the program schedule, click the "events" tab on the library website, [www.midlothianlibrary.org](http://www.midlothianlibrary.org).

thianlibrary.org.

Masks are required at all times, and children under age 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult age 18 or older. For more information, visit [www.midlothianlibrary.org/reopening](http://www.midlothianlibrary.org/reopening).

## Halloween house decoration contest applications available

Usually, the sight of tombstones and half-buried skeletons in your front yard would likely prompt your neighbors to make a frenzied call to the police department. Luckily, Halloween is just around the corner, and all of your ghoulish decorations are no biggie. In fact, they could even win you a \$100 gift card to the Tinley Park business of your choice and neighborhood bragging rights!

Out-BOO your neighbors by taking part in the Village of Tinley Park's first-ever Halloween House Decorating Contest now

through Oct. 16. Houses will be judged in three categories: Scariest House, Best Overall Theme and Best Special Effects. Entries will be judged from the street (judges will not enter private property) from Oct. 19 to 22, and winners will be announced Oct. 23. Lights, animations and decorations must be activated during judging.

To participate, visit [TinleyPark.org/HauntedContest](http://TinleyPark.org/HauntedContest) and fill out the entry form. When you're done, hit "submit" on the bottom to send it off to the village. Email any questions to [mktg@tinleypark.org](mailto:mktg@tinleypark.org).

## USO Virtual Salute Gala

The USO Virtual Salute Gala at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 15 is a cherished tradition.

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## St. Benedict Virtual Fest; You Could Win \$5,000!

Around this time, St. Benedict Parish prepares for their biggest fundraiser; St. Benedict Fest. This annual event spotlights family and fun, offering something for every member of the family. There would be kid friendly activities, local food and craft vendors, great entertainment and so much more.

However, due to the pandemic and the restrictions placed on social gatherings, they are un-

able to host the annual Fest as they have over the past decade. However, we still need to raise funds for tuition support for the students of St. Benedict School. This year, they have decided to do something different!

St. Benedict Parish will hold a virtual St. Benedict Fest Raffle. This raffle will raise scholarship money for their students and award a lucky winner with up to \$5000. Second prize is \$1500, and third prize is

\$1000. Each ticket is \$100, and winners will be drawn on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 12:30 pm. Winners will be personally contacted and announced via the school's Facebook page.

If you would like to participate, please visit our website at [stbenbi.org/st-benedict-fest](http://stbenbi.org/st-benedict-fest), call us at 708.385.2016 or contact Ms. Bri Bridges, Marketing Director for St. Benedict School at [bbridges@stbenbi.org](mailto:bbridges@stbenbi.org) for more information.

## Happy Halloween from the Village View!

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## Preserving Our Heritage Coast Guard

As part of the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 and its Preserving Our Heritage Initiative, the following feature highlights the journey of another of our revered WWII veterans. It describes the stories and revelations of valor and sacrifice as told by 96-year-old Anthony Marino. It includes the kind of stuff you won't read about in school history books.

Anthony Marino attended Manley High School on the west side of Chicago. After completing his junior year, the 17-year-old enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, which until WWII was part of the U.S. Treasury Department. He was sent to the coast guard boot camp located in Battle Creek, MI, where he was drilled in seamanship.

Marino was assigned to the U.S.S. Sellstrom, a destroyer escort ship serving the U.S. Navy during the North Atlantic Operation. Its main mission was to provide destroyer escort protection to repel enemy submarine and air attacks for naval vessels and merchant ships. The merchant and troop ship carried pre-

cious cargo of war materials, supplies, equipment and weaponry direly needed to fight the war on all the combat fronts. As Marino explained, harm's way was always just around the bend, with never a dull moment.

Marino navigated the Atlantic on coast guard missions to include England, Ireland, North Africa, France, Italy, Corsica, the Mediterranean and Caribbean Islands, along with close surveillance along America's eastern shorelines.

The Battle of the Atlantic Campaign started with the war in Europe in 1939 and would end with VE Day and the surrender of Germany in 1945. It has been called the longest, largest and most complex naval battle in U.S. history. Overall the coast guard rescued nearly 1,000 allied and axis survivors along the North Atlantic convoy routes and another 1,600 along America's coast. It was dangerous duty. Over 240,000 coast guard members served in WWII and over 2,000 of its seamen lost their lives.

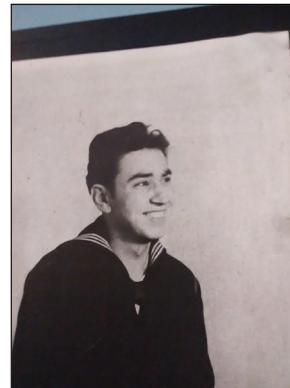
Marino recollects during convoys to Gibraltar, Casa Blanca, Morocco and Tunisia, that the Sellstrom was attacked by German submarines and aircraft bombers, April 1, 1944, as the enemy mounted a heavy offensive, hunting down the convoy.

"Allied anti-aircraft fire and another destroyer came with much needed support, sinking the German submarine. But the Sellstrom's crew were 'ticked off,' cause after risking our (lives) we didn't even get credit for the kill," clamored Marino.

Marino participated in one more operation, The Greenland Patrol, in April of 1945, taking part in convoy duty, search and rescue missions and defending against German infiltration.

Semper Paratus, always ready, is the coast guard motto and Fireman First Class Marino displayed it well during WWII.

"All recruits went through boot camp (and) were schooled on seamanship and learned to be team players and to think less of ourselves and more



about being part of a close well trained unit. We were all 18 to 19 years old, wanting to prove we were men and part of the infest fighting force in WWII," said Marino.

He was discharged April 3, 1946, and was awarded The American Campaign, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign and the WWII Victory Medals.

Fireman First Class Tony Marino and The U.S.S. Sellstrom were awarded one Battle Star, for meritorious participation in battle.

"I'll have to admit that I really enjoyed a wonderful afternoon visiting with Tony and his wife Mary at their Tinley Park home of 36 years. Mary is 92 years old and the couple recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary," said Ken McClory.

McClory heads up The Preserving Our Heritage initiative, is a member of The Tinley Park American Legion and is always looking forward to featuring that next WWII veteran. For more information, contact McClory by phone at 708-214-3385.

## Burbank Park District Movie In The Park

On Friday, October 9 at 7:00 or 7:15 p.m. (Dusk). At Newcastle Park, 8050 S. Newcastle, Burbank, IL. Cost is \$10.00 Per Socially Distanced Grass Spot.

Each family or group will receive a 10' x 10' grass spot. Each spot will be assigned and a minimum of 6' from other spots. Bring your own chairs and blankets to spread out in your grass spot. Refreshments will not be available for sale, so bring your own munchies.

This is not a drive-in movie; cars will be required to park in our parking lot. Masks are required when going to leave your designated spot.

Bathroom facilities will be available, but masks will be required to access.

Pre-Registration is required, no spots will be sold the night of the movie.

Register online at [www.burbankparkdistrict.org](http://www.burbankparkdistrict.org).

Questions? Call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.

## Women in Finance

State Representatives Fran Hurley and Kelly Burke Host: "Women in Finance Event" on October 14th at Barracos 3057 W. 111th Street, Mt Greenwood, Light Lunch and Refreshments will be provided.

Guest Speaker Robyn Stacey House will present financial advice and saving tips for women.

Reservations for this



Fran Hurley



Kelly Burke

event are required. To RSVP contact Rep. Hurley's District Office at

773-445-8128 or email [repfranhurley@gmail.com](mailto:repfranhurley@gmail.com).

## Summer Steps Challenge Winner

CONGRATULATIONS to our Summer Steps Challenge Winner, Lety Ortiz! She walked the walk and won the competition with an AMAZING 1,930,709 steps.

The Summer Steps Chal-

lenge is part of our GO OAK LAWN movement. GO OAK LAWN is a new wellness movement designed to increase community health through activity, education, and collaboration.

GO OAK LAWN is spon-

sored by Advocate Christ Medical Center. Registration for GO OAK LAWN is currently being accepted at [www.olparks.com](http://www.olparks.com) or at a Park District facility and is FREE to join. Let's get healthy together Oak Lawn!

## Tinley Park Business Breakfast

The Village will host a virtual Tinley Park Business Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 on Zoom.

The event will include Mayor Jacob Vandenberg's State of the Village address and an economic forecast by Rick Mat-

toon of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, as well as the presentation of business longevity awards.

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## RIP James Allen Moore

James Allen Moore, 45, passed away peacefully after a decade long battle with cancer on September 25, 2020. He was preceded in death by his father, John P. Moore, grandfather William Kinast and grandmother Martha Kinast. Jim is survived by his mother Diane (Kinast) Moore, brother John W. Moore, his beloved son James P. Moore and former spouse Catherine McCarthy-Heyn. Jim was born in Chicago on December 11, 1974. Jim earned the achievement of Eagle Scout and was a 1993 graduate of St Laurence High School. Jim attended the University of Arizona and continued his education to earn his Doctorate of Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Jim enjoyed spending time with his family. Jim took great pride seeing his son playing on the football field. Jim will not only be missed by his immediate family, but also by his Aunt Marilyn Moore, many cousins and friends. Visitation Monday October 5, 2020; 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park where Funeral will be held on Tuesday October 6th at 11:00 am. Interment Bethania Cemetery 708-499-3223 or [kosaryfuneralhome.com](http://kosaryfuneralhome.com).

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cousin of Nancy (Frank) Ringhofer Condon and Diane (Terry) Ringhofer Gammonley; also survived by many more cousins. Robert was an amazing friend to many also. He worked at AJR Radio for over twenty years. His loves

## Solutions to puzzles for September 15, 2020 issue

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13. Blood circulation organ  
14. FEMA provisions, e.g.  
15. Not bob, to a boxer  
16. Like a whistle?  
17. UN labor org.  
18. Speck in the ocean  
19. \*Fallen South Vietnamese  
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21. \*War movie and Oscar-  
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23. Once around  
24. Hippocrates' promise

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25. Ribonucleic acid  
28. Bakery unit  
30. Foliage vein  
35. In fine fettle  
37. Scoop or skinny  
39. Nephew's sister  
40. "Metamorphoses" poet  
41. \*ABBA's genre  
43. Thailand money  
44. Temporarily ban  
46. Way to fry  
47. Jamie Fraser of "Out-  
lander"  
48. \*\*"The Gods Themselves"  
author  
50. Romanov ruler  
52. Give it a go  
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60. \*Mr. Jefferson  
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64. Between Fla. and Miss.  
66. Cold cream brand  
68. Does like some coffee  
makers  
69. Tasseled hat  
70. Not snail mail  
71. Back talk  
72. \*Nicklaus' peg  
73. Smartly dressed

**DOWN**  
1. Anatomical pouch  
2. Plural of #6 Across  
3. \_\_\_\_ 51, Nevada  
4. \*\*"\_\_\_\_ way to Heaven"  
5. Feed beet  
6. Some have a high tolerance  
for it  
7. \*1973 \_\_\_\_ crisis  
8. \*Oliver Sacks' "Awaken-  
ings" drug  
9. Boll weevil, e.g.  
10. Sainly sign  
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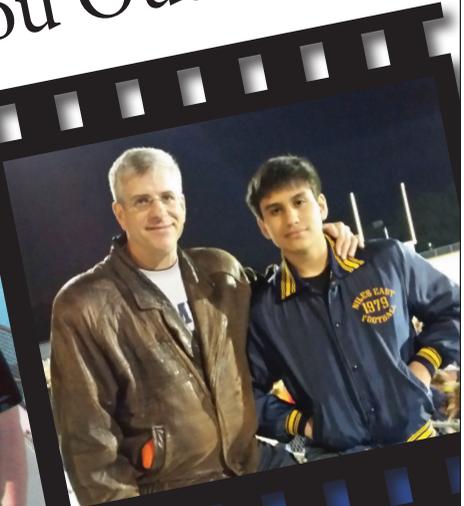
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31. "I call first \_\_\_\_!"  
32. Undergo a chemical reac-  
tion  
33. Blood of the Greek gods  
34. \*First Lady, familiarly  
36. Dutch export  
38. South American wood sor-  
rels  
42. Talk like Demosthenes  
45. Paso \_\_\_\_, CA  
49. By means of  
51. Go back into business  
54. Behind a stern  
56. Pleasant odor  
57. Serum, pl.  
58. \*Cheryl Ladd on "Charlie's  
Angels"  
59. Golfer's dread  
60. Fixed look  
61. Flying biter  
62. Blue pencil mark  
63. Internet pop-ups  
65. \*\*"Enter the Dragon" star  
67. \*\*"Rocky" star's nickname

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