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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood



Bank Financial, 3700 183rd Street, Hazel Crest, IL

Midlothian moves on stagnate real estate

by Jan Glaz

At the first October regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting officials in the town of Midlothian voted to approve an "Intergovernmental Agreement between the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) and the Village of Midlothian" for the acquisition of certain properties through abandonment proceedings. Properties that are acquired by the SSLBDA and redeveloped are then sold per the village's preferences.

The SSLBDA, by way of the intergovernmental

agreement with Midlothian, allows the land bank to hold properties tax-exempt, clear taxes and adopt home rule powers giving it authority to license, tax and incur debt. Money brought in from the sale of properties goes back to the land bank according to different financial arrangements between the land bank and a member municipality. Sale prices are set by the land bank with the cooperation of member municipalities, appraisers and brokers to determine the market value of the real estate to be sold. The SSLBDA is located at Bank Financial, 3700 183rd Street, Hazel Crest,

IL., Phone 708-381-0871. For additional information please visit: www.metro-planning.org

Expenditures approved by the board of trustees include: Purchase of (2) pick-up trucks through Suburban Purchasing Co-operative at a cost not to exceed \$63,773.00 for the Public Works Department. A roof replacement and gutters for Fire Station #2, from Apek, Inc. in the amount of \$19,600.00 and payment of an invoice from Goldy Locks, Inc., for replacement of (4) cameras and reprogramming in the amount of \$1,220.00.

It's Time to Start Planning For The Holidays, And This Year, The Kris Kringle Mart Returns on December 4, 2021!



The Blue Island Holiday Light Parade Committee is looking for arts and crafts with a Christmas theme, baked goods, gift items, or other holiday centered items

for sale. The date of the Mart is Saturday, December 4, 2021 and will be open from 2 pm to 9 pm. The Christmas Light Parade will kick off at 5:30 pm and will bring many people to the center of town where the Mart is located. It should be over by 6:00 pm with carriage rides and the Santa House for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus starting outside the Mart tents and going until 9 pm.

A space at the Mart is available for \$20.00. The Mart will happen regardless of the weather. We will be having a tent with lights and you will get 1 table, 2 chairs per 8 foot by 10 foot booth space. Space is limited, so please reserve soon! Application link and more information below.

If you have any questions, please call the Mart Coordinator, Raeann Zylman, at 708.932.3868.



Blue Island Public Library

November Events and News

The Blue Island Library is now open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. The Library will be closed early on Wednesday, November 24 at 3 p.m. and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Join the hunt! The Library's scavenger hunt continues around Blue Island. Follow clues at Little Free Library locations throughout Blue Island and fill up your clue sheet. You can pick up a clue sheet from the Library's Reference Desk. The scavenger hunt runs through November 30.

Have you seen our safe? It sits locked, near the meeting room. No one in

the library knows what's inside...but we want you to imagine what could be in there! In honor of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), we're asking the community to write a short story about what could be in our safe. Stories should be between 1000-4000 words long. Submit your story by November 30th to adittmeier@blueislandlibrary.org. Three winners will be chosen and will receive a prize!

The Library is one of the sites for the Illinois Humanities' latest project! Rememory: haunting, trauma, and historical fiction is a free series from Illinois Humanities

exploring Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, Octavia Butler's *Kindred*, and Alejo Carpentier's *The Kingdom of This World* taking place November 2021-April 2022. The series will include monthly community book group meetings (in English and Spanish); access to free copies of the books (in English and Spanish); and a series of five virtual events that coincide with the themes of these novels. People can pick up free copies of these titles at the Library throughout the series. To receive a copy of *Beloved* in English or Spanish and to join the discussion, please visit the Illinois Humanities website <https://www.ilhumanities.org/program/long-overdue-book-group/>

For more information about anything listed go to www.blueislandlibrary.org or check us out on Facebook!

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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Tinley Park participates in Fair Transit Program

by Jan Glaz

On October 19th at the Village of Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting, Jesse Elam, of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways presented positive news regarding the 'The Fair Transit South Cook Pilot Program'. Jesse informed all present at the meeting that the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has established a partnership with the region's transit agencies to launch the Fair Transit South Cook pilot.



Jesse Elam of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

The three-year pilot project launched on January 4, 2021. The program's mission is to enhance transit service and lower costs for residents of the south side of Chicago

and south suburban Cook County, including the Village of Tinley Park. "The pilot offers up to a 50% fare reduction on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines as well as increased service on

Pace Route 352 Halsted. The County is underwriting costs for each participating agency," Elam said.

In January, 2021, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle stated, "The goal of the pilot program is to increase service and lower costs for our South Chicago, Cook and Will County residents who experience longer commute times than north side residents and who spend half of their income on transportation expenses. It aligns with the other transportation and economic investments we are making to strengthen our overall economic health." A project overview including a map of the pilot area, time tables and more is available at: www.cook-countyil.gov/service/fair-transit-south-cook.

countyil.gov/service/fair-transit-south-cook.

Newsy worthy board approvals: A resolution passed to approve a contract between the village and B & B Holiday Decorating for holiday decorations in Tinley Park in the amount of \$37,422.32. Tinley Park receives payments from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the village's share of traffic signal utility costs. For IDOT to authorize payments to the village, an intergovernmental agreement between the two parties is required. An agreement met with approval for an approximate amount of \$8,800 and will be effective until June 30, 2031.

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ly drawn 6th District, where her current constituents make up more than 40% of the population, representing

a plurality of voters.

"As someone born and raised in Chicago's Southwest Side and a lifelong resident of its surrounding suburbs, fighting for workers, small businesses, and the middle-class in these communities is in my DNA, and that fight is not going to stop now," said Representative Marie Newman. "Last year, we made history by bringing together a coalition of neighbors, working families, volunteers, and voters from every corner of our communities to stand up against decades-old Machine politics, billionaires, and deep-pocketed special interests -- and, we are doing it again. I am proud to announce that I am once again running to represent the residents of Chicago's Southwest Side and our neighbors in the surrounding west and southwest suburbs. The lion's share of this new district is made up of the communities and residents I represent today and I look forward to continuing to



Marie Newman

serve them in Congress."

"From our grassroots organizers to our door-knockers on the ground, our coalition is ready to deliver for the workers, working families, and communities of this new district. From Elmhurst to Orland Park, I'm looking forward to working with everyone to build a stronger, more equitable future for our residents of the new IL-06."

Under the new congressional map passed by the Illinois General Assembly, Illinois will have 17 members, just six of whom are women currently serving in Congress.

Turkey Trot 5K Celebrates 30 years!



The Tinley Park-Park District's 30th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk is on November 7 at 8:00 a.m.. Join runners from the entire Chicago metro area for the unofficial kick-off to the holiday season at Vogt Woods, 6527 W. 171st Street in Tinley Park. Athletic Director Ron Woodworth said, "We're excited to hold the 30th Turkey Trot this year. Due to the pandemic and to avoid prolonged congregation, the racers' bags the will contain after-race snacks. Award medals can be picked up at the Recreation Center in the week following the race. Racers can access the results online after the race."

Early registration is open until Thursday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m.! The entry fee is \$22 and includes a unisex,

long-sleeve, tech race shirt; fee is \$16 without a shirt. Race Day registration opens at 7:00 am with a fee of \$30. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place runners in each age category, as well as the fastest overall male and female Tinley Park resident and nonresident receive award medals.

The Tinley Park-Park District is committed to providing creative recreational programming opportunities, outstanding customer service and maintaining quality recreational facilities and parks to enhance the quality of life in Tinley Park. You can get more information on this event and all of the Tinley Park-Park District's programs, parks and facilities at www.tinleyparkdistrict.org or by calling 708-342-4200.



Veterans Day Ceremony Coming Nov. 11

The Village of Tinley Park and the Tinley Park Veterans Commission will host the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza, which sits adjacent to the south entrance of the 80th Avenue Metra train station, 18001 S. 80th Ave., Tinley Park. Honor the men and women who

have served the United States with patriotic music, short speeches, a gun salute and more. The entire ceremony will be live-streamed on the Village's Facebook page.

There is a wonderful ceremony that you will enjoy that takes place there. This only happens twice a year so stop on by if you have the time you will not be disappointed.

St. John's Drive Thru Carry-Out Turkey Dinner



Saturday November 06, 2021 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at St. John's United Church of Christ, 11100 Second Street, Mokena IL.

Complete drive thru carry-out dinner ONLY! In place of St. John's annual sit-down Turkey Dinner.

Tickets must be purchased in advance (\$13/each). Tickets can be purchased now, in the office of St. John's United Church of Christ, in the (office hours: M-F 9 am - 3 pm). Everyone is Welcome!



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Chicago Ridge Welcomes New Magnolia Garden Center



New Magnolia Garden Center, LLC, 9620 Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, IL

by Jan Glaz

The Village of Chicago Ridge granted a business license to the New Magnolia Garden Center, LLC to be located at 9620 Ridgeland Avenue. The New Magnolia Garden Center originated in the back of the yards neighborhood in Chicago, IL. as more than a garden center. It's also a 'Tea Garden' with fresh blended herbal teas, a 'Micro Café' and a 'U-Pick' veggie farm. They offer a variety of indoor and outdoor plants, shopping online, landscaping services, as well

as classes and workshops. From July to September the New Magnolia Garden's website www.newmagnoliagarden.com, states that customers can pick their own veggies from Magnolia's urban U-Pick farm.

Other new businesses granted licenses include: Weil Foot and Ankle Institute, LLC, to be located at 10255 Southwest Highway and A & R Auto Repair, LLC, to be located at 6154 111th Street. The Chicago Ridge board of trustees denied a request from 'Prime Mobile,

Inc.' located at 10600 Ridgeland Avenue to expand its business by adding tobacco sales and accessories.

Expenses approved by Chicago Ridge trustees on October 19, 2021, include: A Senior Bus Proposal from Midwest Transit Equipment in the amount of \$50,208.00; a quote from Automatic Mechanical Services in a posted amount of \$219,305.00 for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades; and a camcorder in the amount of \$229.99 for the Police & Fire Commission.

Chicago Ridge Sewer Lining Project

At the beginning of November, the Village of Chicago Ridge is scheduled to begin work on lining sewer pipes. The limits of construction are as scheduled:

Ridge Drive (Sycamore Dr. to Forest Ln.)

Forest Lane (107th St. to Pamela Ln.)

Pamela Lane (Forest Ln. to Ridgeland Ave.)

Construction is anticipated to be completed by mid-December.

Hoerr Construction Incorporated has been contracted by the Village of Chicago Ridge to rehabilitate the sanitary sewers with cured-in-place pipe liners. This form of trenchless sewer rehabilitation is much quicker, safer, less invasive, and more cost effective than traditional open cut sewer replacement methods. Hoerr Construction Incorporated will be staging construction at different

times and locations. Traffic control will be present at all times and may cause an inconvenience to existing traffic patterns but is necessary to provide a safe work environment for the crews, noise from equipment, and separating the public from odors from the resins used in the lining process. Please note that there will be a temporary disruption to your sanitary services and that residents are being asked to limit their use of shower, laundry, toilet, and general water use when installation of the liners has begun. For any questions regarding health and safety, construction related disturbances, or strange odors, the direct 24-hour contact is: Dan Wiegand (Hoerr Construction Inc.) (309) 208-5161 or Email: dwiegand@hoerr.com.

The Resident Engineer

overseeing the project is Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. (CBBEL). If you have any questions about the project or would like to receive construction updates by email, please contact the Resident Engineer for the Project: Dan Schroeder (CBBEL) call (224) 315-0185 or Email: dschroeder@cbbel.com.

The Village of Chicago Ridge and Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. are committed to minimizing inconveniences that may arise and we look forward to the successful completion of this project. This project has been contracted by the Village of Chicago Ridge Public Works Department. Stanley Barwick, Director of Public Works (708) 425-7700 or Email: sbarwick@chicagoridge.org.

Palos Park Police Foundation

The Palos Park Police Foundation was established in 2010 to support the Palos Park Police Department and its sworn members. The Foundation's assistance helps us meet our mission of enhancing the quality of life in Palos Park with commitment, professionalism, and in partnership with our community. The support of the Foundation greatly enhances our ability to continue to meet the challenging demands of policing in 2021 & beyond.

While the Village of Palos Park provides the necessary funds for the department to operate effectively, it is the goal of the Palos Park Police Foundation to give added support to our officers by raising donat-

ed funds to support police training, educational opportunities, and to purchase supplemental equipment. The Board of Directors of the Police Foundation is comprised of a group of very dedicated community members who work diligently to secure generous contributions of individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations to provide the necessary financial support required to maintain quality training, equipment, and programs for the Palos Park Police Department.

A changing of the guard has taken place at the Palos Park Police Foundation as Melissa Gracias, long time Palos Parker, is the new President. The organization had been led by Attorney & former Mayor Carolyn Baca since the inception of Illinois' first Police Foundation. It was in 2010 the group realized that modern public safety demands require police departments be better trained, better

equipped, and more in touch with specific needs of their community than ever before.

"The Palos Park Police Foundation has the great privilege of being the bridge between the community and the Police Department. Their goal is to support those who protect us and make Palos Park a better and safer place to live through programs designed to enhance public safety using community partnerships and outreach."

Melissa Gracias, long time Palos Parker & new President of the Palos Park Police Foundation.

Melissa Gracias has served on the School District 230 Board of Education since 2013. She currently serves as the Board Vice President as well as the Chair of the Student Services Committee. Melissa is an active supporter of the Amos Alonzo Stagg community, and actively volunteers throughout the entire district.

Melissa is also involved in the Palos Park community. She is a founding member of the Palos Park Police Foundation and volunteers annually at the Autumn in the Park Festival. Melissa earned her bachelor's degree from Davenport University in Grand Rapids, MI. She has obtained a Master Board member status and is also a Leadership Fellow.

We all appreciate the generosity of our community and continued support of the Palos Park Police Foundation and its commitment to working with us, to provide high-quality professional policing in economically challenging times. As we began year twelve, we want to thank you for your time and dedication to the PPPF, to all our members and supporters past and present!!

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,
Joe Miller





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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Oak Lawn addresses rodent activity

by Jan Glaz

Village of Oak Lawn Trustee, William Stalker, and Oak Lawn Village Manager, Thomas Phelan, reported at a recent board of trustees meeting that District 5 had held a meeting with around 100 attendees to discuss the problems surrounding rodent activity in the village. John Bombard, from Rose Pest Solutions, www.rosepestcontrol.com attended the meeting and offered advice.

"People should clean the area around garbage cans, clean up after pets, and make certain that there's no food around to attract animals."

Village Manager Phelan stated, "A widespread rodent problem goes beyond Oak Lawn's borders, but through the efforts of Steve Radice and the Property Maintenance Department, and the Public Works Department, a 'heat map' has been de-

vised where you can see the clear center points of activity." Phelan went on to assure the board that by far this is a property maintenance issue, whether a business or unkept residences, and that the problem is preventable.

"Utility work is also an issue. Major digging has been done by ComEd lately, which involved large 6 to 8 foot holes, disrupting rodent burrows. Jeff Sebek with Public Works is going



Village of Oak Lawn Manager, Thomas Phelan

to contact ComEd. There's been some large poles sit-

ting in piles untouched for months at a time. There is no one solution the village can provide, we all have to work together," concluded Phelan.

In other board meeting news: A resolution passed with an unanimous vote to approve and authorize the 'Execution of Estoppel Letters' requested by MEPT Stony Creek, LLC regarding the Stony Creek Promenade Development at the Northwest corner of Cicero Avenue and 111th Street. MEPT

Stony Creek, LLC is selling their interest in the Stony Creek Promenade Development and the estoppel letters are confirmation from the village, to the buyer, that items such as easements, crossovers, etc or anything in the master lease is clear and not in breach.

Trustees voted to deny the Liquor and Tobacco Commissions referral to approve a tobacco license at 9637 Southwest Highway from petitioner, Sher- een Auon.

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Evergreen Park Senior Council Luncheon and Program

Please join us on Thursday, November 18, 2021, for our luncheon, speaker, and entertainment.

Our program will begin with a big welcome to Mayor Kelly Burke as she presents her first "State of the Village" address. She will then join us in honoring all the veterans in attendance. Today we will feast on a turkey dinner with all the "extras". After lunch we will enjoy the musical entertainment of Country Western singer, Johnny Gray. He will have a special program "Honoring our Vets".

This meeting and program will be held at the Community Center at 11:00 AM. Everyone must register. While we are honoring ALL veterans, if you are a veteran residing in Evergreen Park, the Senior Council would like to treat you to a free luncheon. Please give your information when registering for your ticket. The charge for the luncheon is \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, November 15, 2021, at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park, Call 708- 422-8776.

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Mayor Burke Wishes Nicki Seidl Well

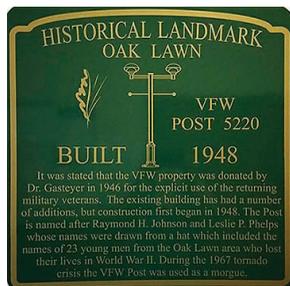
Mayor Burke joined the current Evergreen Park Library Trustees in honoring Nicki Seidl at her retirement dinner, who led the Library for 20 years and has created a welcoming community resource with events and programs for every age.



Mayor Kelly Burke of Evergreen Park & Nicki Seidl

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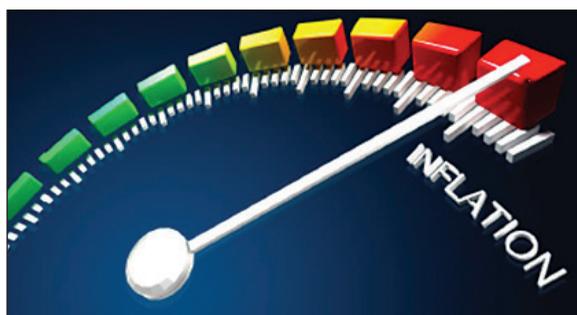
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Early 2020s Gearing Towards a 1970s-Style Inflation?

By now, we've all heard the economy-driven buzz words seeping into our everyday life. Oil, semiconductor chips, lumber, corn and demand in a variety of other surging commodities have created a supply-chain bottleneck. This disruption spans across many markets including housing, new & used cars, shipping & freight, even labor, all creating price pressures driving prices to historical highs. Let's take a look at what may lie ahead and how to best approach it for your retirement.

STAGFLATION IS COMING

We've heard of inflation, but what about stagflation? How will it affect our everyday lives? Stagflation is an economic term that refers to pressures that push prices higher during periods of slowing growth, typically caused by supply chain issues. Economist Stephen Roach, former Morgan Stanley Asia chairman, on the potential impact of energy price spikes on China's struggling supply chain and hinting at the U.S. being on a collision course with 1970s-style inflation: "We've had supply chain issues really now for the past year and a half. They've afflicted many commodities, inputs like semiconductors and now there's energy and power related shortages in China," Roach told CNBC's "Trading Nation". Similarly, many economists have grown worrisome for the overall economic outlook and have raised serious questions about central bank policies lately — especially that of the Federal Reserve — in an effort to avoid economic disaster.



The biggest comparison that many top economists draw to the early 1970s is the continued supply chain bottleneck moving from commodity to commodity or from one area of the economy to the next, something that is eerily reminiscent to the overall economic environment 50+ years ago. This has led many to contend that if inflation stays at these elevated levels for longer than anticipated and stagflation materializes, it could coincide with holiday spending season sending prices soaring even further. The Fed has stated that

if the need to intervene to tackle rising inflation concerns were to arise, they would do so. There are several tools at the Fed's disposal to control inflation through a contractionary monetary policy. One example being decreasing bond prices and increasing interest rates. These actions could prove detrimental to other aspects of the economy, however, including potential risks to retirement funds. Thankfully, there are some ways to prepare for a potential downturn in the market and overall economy. Dowling Legacy & Retirement prepares & executes strategies that will keep (and grow) your money

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Mental Health First Aide for Adults and Youth

NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago affiliate and Sertoma Centre, Inc. will be offering two separate programs on Mental Health First Aid at Bremen Township, Senior Center, 15350 Oak Park Avenue, Oak Forest, IL.

- Youth Mental Health First Aid will be on Friday, November 12, 2021, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration required by November 1.

- Adult Mental Health First Aid will be on Friday, November 19, 2021 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration is required by November 8.

Contact Lisa Guardiola, Sertoma Centre, Inc. 708-638-8394, lguardiola@sertomacentre.org or Marianne Bithos, NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago 709-852-9126, namisouthsuburbsofchicago@gmail.com.

The programs are free and registration is required. Space is limited to 30 participants with social distancing. What Participants Learn:

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This evidence-based program is funded by the SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Honor Our Veterans

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Refreshments will be served by our Auxiliary in the Firehouse from 10am to 11am - Presentation of wreaths and ceremonies begin at 11am sharp. Food & camaraderie at our great post following the event. Come on out!!!

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The Auxiliary will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, backpacks & school supplies, to be distributed to children ages toddler to 16 years.

As always, I encourage you to visit <http://www.legion-aux.org/> to find out more about who we are and what we do, Marris Meyer American Legion Post # 991, 11001 South Depot Street, Worth, IL.



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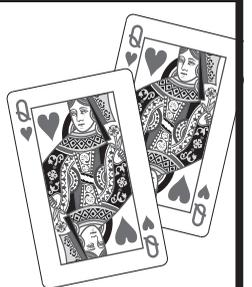


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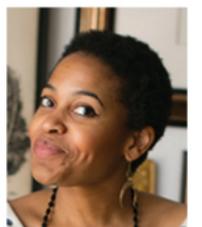
Author Events



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The Chi Biz Strong Grant Program will provide grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000, based on annual revenue, to Chicago small business and nonprofit organizations that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 from lost revenue or increased costs.

The Outdoor Dining Grant Program will issue grants of \$5,000 to eligible bars and restaurants in Chicago that continue to face significant challenges due to COVID. The money can be used to purchase outdoor furniture, pandemic-related signage and personal protective equipment. Visit [Home\(chicago.gov\)](http://Home(chicago.gov))

Fitness Fun at Local Establishments

Working out works up a thirst. Tinley Fitness Perfect Pairing Events take fitness on the road making it easy to get the workout you need and the refreshments.

This Perfect Pair Event begins at 6 pm with a 45-minute invigorating bootcamp class at Vogt Visual Arts Center, 17420 S. 67th Court. The class is led by certified instructors from Tinley Fitness. Immediately following partic-

ipants walk directly across Oak Park Avenue for a refreshing craft beer at the Banging Gavel Brewery, 17400 S. Oak Park Avenue. Class fee of \$25 includes your beverage.

For wine lovers looking to relax, try the Warriors & Wine Perfect Pairing Event hosted with Sip Wine Bar, 17424 S. Oak Park Avenue. Start off with a 45-minute yoga class at Vogt Visual Arts Center before enjoying a

delicious glass of wine at Sip. This is a two-event series: Sunday, November 14, class begins at 10:00 am, and Thursday, December 2, class begins at 6:00 pm. Fee for each class is \$25 and includes your beverage; register for both and receive a \$5 discount on the second class, it's like getting a glass of wine for free!

"Tinley Park businesses are moving forward in the post-pandemic economy,"

said Carol Bradtke, Marketing Manager at Tinley Park-Park District. "Perfect Pairing Events bring health and wellness events to the community and include a fun social aspect to introduce new customers to our local eateries, taprooms and wine shops."

For additional information regarding Tinley Fitness memberships and events, please call 708-342-4200 or visit www.tinleyparkdistrict.org.

ComEd PIPP/LIHEAP

To help eligible customers stay current on their bills, and help them avoid unnecessary fees come spring, ComEd regularly works with state and federal agencies to provide assistance options to those facing financial hardship.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federal program that can help you stay warm in during winter by providing eligible customers with a one-time payment towards your energy bills. Benefits are

available once per program year, Now through May 2022, or until funds are exhausted. Whether you rent or own your home, LIHEAP offers financial help to limited-income households to pay heat and electric bills.

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Applications for LIHEAP and PIPP can be submitted online, by phone or in person and are available at your Local Administering Agency. Visit LIHEAPillinois.com for details. Prefer to call instead? Residents of Chicago and Cook County can call 800-571-2332 for information. Residents of other counties may call 877-411-9276.

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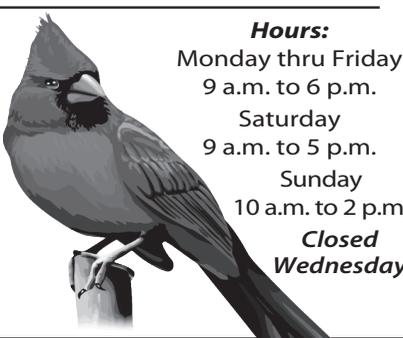
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Florencia en el Amazonas



Join Lyric Opera of Chicago on a journey down the Amazon with the company premiere of *Florencia en el Amazonas*, the first Spanish-language work to be presented as part of Lyric's mainstage opera season.

The opera's lush music was composed by the late Daniel Catán, who has been hailed as Mexico's finest composer. Marcela Fuentes-Berain wrote the opera's libretto, suffusing it with the trademark magical realism of her mentor, Gabriel García Márquez. Conductor Jordan de Souza makes his Lyric debut leading the Lyric Opera

Orchestra in interpreting Catán's dreamlike score. Director Francesca Zambello revisits her world-premiere production to present a fresh take on this contemporary classic, created especially for Chicago audiences.

Audience favorite Ana María Martínez returns to Lyric in the title role. The cast also includes Gabriella Reyes in her Lyric debut as Rosalba, Mario Rojas as Arcadio, Deborah Nansteel as Paula, Levi Hernandez as Álvaro, Ethan Vincent in his Lyric debut as Riolobo, and Raymond Aceto as the Captain.

Sung in Spanish with projected English texts. From November 13 to November 28, 2021, at The Lyric Opera House 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago. For Tickets call 312.827.5600.

Gene Siskel Film Center

The week of October 24th through the 31st, classic films featured such films as Jean Luc Godard's film *Breathless*. Nobuhiko Obayashi's final film *Labyrinth of Cinema* and Bergman *Island*. If you can remember that far back, we saw Jean Paul Belmondo, who just passed away in 2021. Roger Ebert gave it 4 Stars and stated "modern movies begin here, with Jean Luc Godard's *Breathless*". Obayashi's film was about pacifism in the form of an exploration of Japanese film history.

The New York Times critic pick was Bergman *Island*, the film within a film from one of France's most refreshing voices. Starting November 5th, until December 2, Chicago Black Film Festival begins with Will Smith, acting as father to Serena and Venus Williams in *King Richard*.

The Chicago Palestine Film Festival concludes with *It Must Be Heaven*, with a sell out. Coming soon! The French Dispatch *Ascension*, *The Wheel of Fortune* and *The Howling*. The Gene Siske Film Center is using all State and City requirements for the safety of patrons as well as the staff.

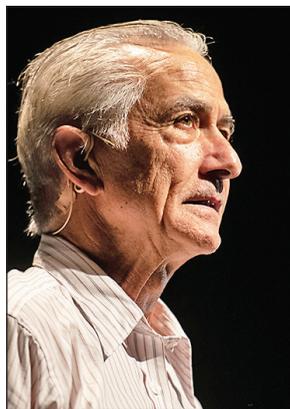
Goodman Theater presents Fannie until November 21

E. Faye Butler hasn't missed a beat, for she is truly a professional actor portraying Fannie, *The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer*. The person, Fannie Lou Hamer, would have been known in today's standard as an activist with a good purpose, but in 1962 it was another era, and therefore in Mississippi, she was known as a rebel rouser. Her idealism was to establish that all people had the right to vote and sought out ways to accomplish this injustice, firstly in Mississippi. It took her years to accomplish her goals, but with her endurance against all odds, she was

able to succeed, first with the registration and then the right to vote. I know what it was like, for I was living in Alabama in 1962. Some of the states refused to comply with the amendment to give everyone the right to vote, that they would start a pole tax, knowing many people would not pay it.

Nothing would stop Fannie, she fiercely moved on and dedicated her life to getting all citizens their due justice and voting amongst blacks prevailed. The cast, musicians and creative team, all helped to put the word success into this wonderful production of Fannie.

Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski



Emmy Award-winner and Academy Award-nominee David Strathairn (*Good Night, and Good Luck*, *Nomadland*, and

Lincoln) takes centerstage in a tour-de-force performance. World War II hero Jan Karski survived the devastation of his native Poland by Nazi Germany and risked his life to carry the first eyewitness reports of the Holocaust to the White House, only to be met with inaction and disbelief. By Clark Young and Derek Goldman, directed by Derek Goldman.

Tickets start \$43 for this two-week engagement, November 3-14. Stay afterwards for a 20-minute

discussion with David Strathairn and the show's creators. Early performances with the best availability include Wed, November 3, 7:45 pm, Thu, November 4, 7:45 pm, Fri, November 5, 7:45 pm.

The Box Office can also be reached at 312.595.5600, Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5:00, and Sunday, noon to 4:00 pm. Chicago Shakespeare Theater, 800 E. Grand Ave. on Navy Pier, Chicago, IL 60611.

What the Constitution Means to Me

After a successful run with sold out engagements on Broadway, Washington, D.C. Los Angeles, Chicago, and was nominated for a Tony, and also a Pulitzer finalist. *What the Constitution Means to Me* was written by Heidi Schreck, directed by Oliver Butler, and starring Cassie Beck. This production is by far the best, for it was the first performance since 2020 with a live audience, and the charisma of Cassie, with the audience, comes alive packed with humor. It is a must see, until November 7th, at the Broadway in Chicago's Broadway Playhouse, 175 East Chestnut, Chicago.

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Oak Lawn's Burke Channels Caddy Experience for Personal Success on Course



Grace Burke

Written by Brian Frangel-la, OLCBS Staff Writer

Meaningful experiences usually translate into growth in any aspect of life. For Oak Lawn Community High School girls golfer Grace Burke, it was her experience as a caddy that has provided the breeding ground for success.

Even though this is only Burke's second year of playing golf in high school, she recorded the lowest overall average score on the team for all matches this year. And she definitely performed well at the South Subur-

ban Conference meet by shooting a 109 and at the Illinois High School Association Regional meet by shooting an even more impressive 107.

"Grace has been a great asset to the team," said head coach Kate Mellone. "Playing last year for the first time really showed through this year. Her knowledge of the game from being a caddy really helped the team. She has been a great leader both

on and off the course."

Most likely the most meaningful experience for Burke may have come just last year in seeing her older sibling Lauren Burke (a 2020 OLCBS graduate) earn a Chick Evans Scholarship to the University of Wisconsin because of her academic success and caddying career. Grace followed in those caddying footsteps and now is finding her own success on the golf course.

Library Program to Offer Tips for a Plant-Based Diet

Whole-food, plant-based diets have been demonstrated to prevent and reverse heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and obesity. Anyone who would like to become more informed and inspired to implement a diet rich in vegetables, fruits, legumes and whole grains may find what they seek in "The Power of a Plant-Based Diet," presented by Midlothian Public Library, Tuesday, November 9, from 6:30-8:00 pm, online via Zoom.

This online program will be presented by Mary Ellen Pinzino, co-founder of Vegging Out, a local community initiative in support of a whole-food, plant-based diet based in Homewood, IL, and member organization of PlantPure Communities.

The program is free, but registration is requested. To register, call the library at (708) 535-2027 or visit the library website, www.midlothianlibrary.org

Midlothian Public Library- 14701 S. Kenton Ave. Midlothian, IL 60445 (708) 535-2027, and click the "Events" tab. The Zoom link will be emailed to those who register with their email address. Those who choose not to register with their email address may call the library for the Zoom link.

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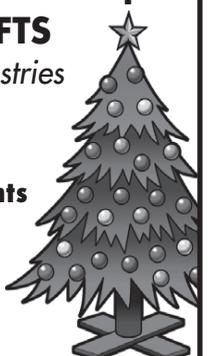
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Hajduk Drives to Lead Spartans on Gold Course

Written by Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer

As a three-year varsity player on the Oak Lawn Community High School boys golf team, junior Michael Hajduk knows that he only has one more year to possibly win a South Suburban Conference Red championship. The best way to give the Spartans that opportunity is to continue to improve.

In each of his three seasons on the course, he has done just that, improving his personal nine-hole average each and every year. The key to his success is driving accuracy, so he has led the team in that category each of his three years on the team as well.

"Michael has worked hard to become one of the top Spartan golfers in his three years on



Michael Hajduk

the team," head coach Pat Mayer said. "He has been a starter on varsity all three years. Michael's goal is to lead the Spartans to a conference title in his senior year."

Clearly focused on hitting fairways with his drives and landing on the greens for birdie, Hajduk is more than prepared to get the job done next year.

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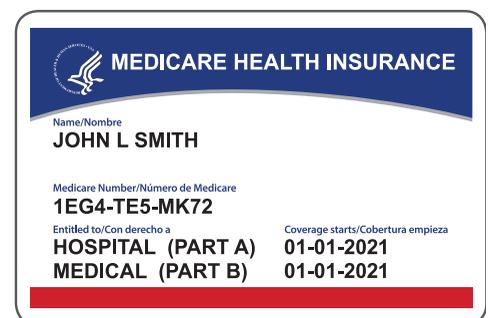
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