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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

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News from the Mayor John Ryan



The Village of Alsip will be having a Memorial for all that lost their lives on Saturday, September 11 at the Veteran's Plaza at 11801 South Pulaski, Alsip. The event will start at 8:30 am. At 8:46 am we

have asked the surrounding churches to sound their bells 20 times. To represent the first plane that hit the World Trade Center, that changed everyone's lives forever.

The churches will also ring on the other times as well. I have also reached out to the surrounding communities to do the same. Therefore, when you hear the bells stop, and remember all those who lost their lives.

- 8:46 am Flight 11 hit Tower 1
- 9:03 am Flight 175 hit Tower 2

- 9:37 am Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon
- 10:03 am Flight 93 crashes in the field in Pennsylvania

I myself can't believe it's been 20 years, and I remember where I was and what I was doing when it all happened, I am sure you all do as well. I feel with everything that is going on in our country, from the middle east to first responders to all of the dealing with Covid, we need to come together to remember the importance of this nation.

Mayor John D. Ryan

Moraine Valley Offering Noncredit Programs This Fall

Moraine Valley Community College is offering more noncredit community classes in-person as well as online for the fall semester.

Arts and Crafts

Unleash the inner artist through a variety of arts and crafts classes. Multi-week courses include Jewelry-Metal Fabrication, Crocheting, Stained Glass and Watercolors. One-day classes include Wreath Buddy. Fall Wreath, Acrylic Pour, Bottle Cutting and Candle Making, and Soap from Scratch.

Culinary Delights

Cook along with chefs Kristyn Slick or Lampros Tzimas as they take students through an array of culinary adventures. Classes include Air Frying, Chinese Take-Out, Charcuterie Boards, Pressure Cooking, Basic Knife Skills and Mexican Food Made Easy.

Birding and Ornithology

The birding expert is back with three new classes aimed to expand students' knowledge of Illinois wildlife, including Backyard Bird Feeding, Woodpeckers of Illinois or Mammals of Illinois.

Health and Wellness

Explore the essential pillars of wellness, and learn ways to set realistic, achievable and sustainable goals for eating right, fitness and managing stress with Yoga in Action, Whole Food Plant-Based Living, Set Your Heart on Good Health, Daily Habits to Keep Chronic Disease Away, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction and more.

Travel

Traveling in 2021 will look a bit different. Students will learn what has

changed and how to find the best deals in Traveling in 2021 and Beyond, and How to Find Travel Deals.

Computer Technology

Maintaining a Healthy Computer/Laptop will help students understand how to keep a computer or laptop functioning properly as well as providing techniques to ensure the machine runs smoothly. Students also can learn tactics that scammers use to take personal information in Social Engineering Attacks & How Not to Be a Victim.

Writing Skills

Creative Writing I and II teaches students the basics of fiction writing through principles and techniques for short stories and novels. Discover the art of varied writing in Writing for Different Genres. Preparing Your Manuscript for Publication will show students how to become a professional writer.

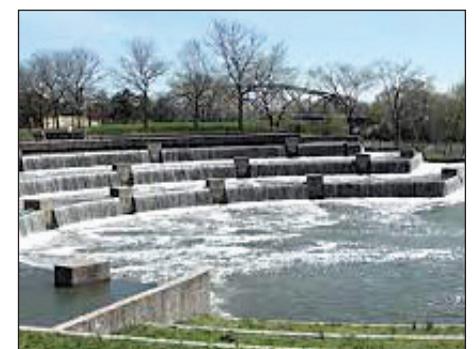
Masks are required inside all buildings as well as outdoors when a six-foot distance cannot be maintained. A CampusClear self-screening must be completed on the app or website before coming to campus.

For start dates and times, visit www.morainevalley.edu/cccefall2021. Registration is ongoing and can be done online at morainevalley.edu/ccce/register or by calling (708) 974-2110. For more information on noncredit classes, contact Corporate, Community and Continuing Education at (708) 974-5735 or communityeducation@morainevalley.edu.

Cruise at the Falls

Blue Island Park District is teaming up with Korbakes Liquors to bring cruise night to Blue Island's Waterfall Park! This family-friendly event will feature food, music, and awards for some of the top cars participating.

Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Waterfall Park, Fulton St & Irving Ave, Blue Island, IL from 12 Noon to 6pm. Cost is \$10.00 per car. Contact: lmontoya@blueislandparks.org





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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

From The Desk of Robert E Maloney; Palos Township Assessor

We wish to inform the residents of Palos Township that the time period to file a property assessment appeal application at the Palos Township location will be through September 13, 2021.

Palos Township is located at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL. The hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. (If you have already filled the forms in the lobby. Then your appeal will be filed for you).

The cutoff date for the

appeal is Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the township due to preparing and entering all documentation before the September 13 deadline at the Cook County Assessor's Office.

If you want to file an appeal after the Palos Township location deadline (between September 9 and September 13), you can file it yourself online at cookcountyassessor.com. If you need comparable properties, please call Heather at 708-598-4449 and they will be made available to you.

2021 Autumn In The Park Festival



The Parade beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021. The parade kicks off with bands, floats, civic groups, fire and police vehicles, horses, dogs, walkers, riders and community for this wonderful tradition. The parade kicks off at 82nd Avenue on 123rd

Street in Palos Park and travels westbound to 90th Avenue ending near the festival grounds.

Live Music

Grounds open up at 6pm on Friday, September 17, Libido Funk Circus and Saturday, September 18, 2021 Big Dog Mercer and Mike and Joe, Grounds open on Saturday after the parade.

Free Trolley/Shuttle and Parking

Free Festival parking can be located at: Palos Park Presbyterian Church - 12312 S. 88th Avenue, The Village Courtyard at 8301 W 123rd Street, Metra Parking lot at 12100-12114 South 82nd Avenue. Trolley/Shuttle Service and Pick up/Drop Off Locations: Palos Park Metra Lot, Front

of Recreation Center, and Village Courtyard. Trolley Hours: Friday 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Saturday 11:30 am to 11:00 pm,

Amateur BBQ Competition

On Saturday, September 18 you have the opportunity to put you BBQ skills to the test in this Amateur BBQ Rib and Chicken Cook-off Competition. Contestant will prepare and cook 10 Rib Slabs (provided) and chicken (cooks bring their own) on-site. Grilling beings at 9:00 am, turn-in for judging at 3:30 pm for chicken and 4:30 pm for ribs. At 4:35 pm the grilling area is open for public tasting or ribs where you can also win the People's Choice Award.

Schedule

- 7:30 am - 9:00 am - BBQ contestant set up, and inspection of contestants chicken
 - 9:00 am - Cooks meeting - Rib meat distributed promptly following meeting.
 - 3:30 PM - Chicken Turn In
 - 4:30 PM - Rib Turn In for Judging
 - 4:35 PM - Public Rib Tasting Begins
 - 6:30 PM - BBQ Awards Announced
- Kids Area**
Saturday, September 18, 2021 from Noon to 3:30 pm for The Center of Palos Park Petting Zoo 11 am to 6:00 pm, and Bounce House from Dino Jump.
Everyone is welcome, Free Admission.

Village of Chicago Ridge Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing

The purpose of smoke testing is to find potential points of inflow and infiltration in the public portion of the sanitary sewer system that could lead to high flows during storms. Smoke testing can also help locate the following: • Buildings that have downspout, cellar, yard or basement drains, and sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system; • Points of groundwater or surface water intrusion into the sewer; • Any cross connections between sanitary sewers and storm drains; and • Defective sewer connections that could allow sewer gases into a building.

The Village of Chicago Ridge or select Contractor will notify impacted

residents, building owners by mail and will inform the Fire and Police Departments of where they will be conducting smoke testing each day. During smoke testing, field crews blow air and smoke into the sanitary sewer system in the street and monitor where smoke escapes the system. For instance, if smoke permeates up through a yard, it indicates breaks in the sewer line. Only enough force to overcome atmospheric pressure is required and smoke should escape from building roof vents. If you have any doubt as to the source of the smoke in your home or yard, phone 9-1-1 immediately.

The "smoke" is not true

smoke, but rather a mist containing a large percentage of atmospheric moisture that is highly visible at low concentrations. It will not harm your health or leave a stain and will disappear rapidly without leaving an odor. Since any vapor can be an irritant, direct contact with the "smoke" may cause minor respiratory irritation in some people. Individuals with respiratory problems such as chronic asthma, emphysema or other respiratory conditions should avoid direct exposure to the smoke. Please contact Stan Barwick - Public Works Director at (708) 425-7700 to discuss your situation in further detail.

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Oak Lawn Farmer's Market

The Village of Oak Lawn hosts an annual Farmer's Market every Wednesday from 7am to 1pm, till October 13, 2021. Location 9446 South Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL. There will be no market on Wednesday, September 8, will be setting up for Fall on the Green.

Some of the many items for sale at this

market: Baked goods, Arts & Crafts, Flowers, Vegetables, Honey, Jams, Nuts, Plants, Fresh Bakery, Coffee, Fruits, Juices, Pet Food, and Live Music starts at 10 am. Some of the vendors take Credit Cards.

For more information call the Oak Lawn Village Hall at 708-636-4400, or the Oak Lawn Chamber at 708-424-8300.



Oak Lawn Public Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library is pleased to announce upcoming events, virtual and live programs from Sept. 1-15.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., is offering free tickets to Brookfield Zoo (plus a parking pass) for all residents who do not have an OLPL card. If you are new to Oak Lawn, or have lived in Oak Lawn but don't have a card, now is the perfect time to get one. All new registrations automatically receive a giveaway bag that includes a free pass to Brookfield Zoo and other giveaways.

If you have any questions, please contact the Customer Service desk at 708-422-4990.

Library Closures
Youth Services Virtual Programs

Virtual: Little Wigglers (recommended for ages 6 months-3 years)

Babies, toddlers and parents will enjoy moving and singing along to a variety of fingerplays, songs and action rhymes revolving around a weekly theme. For more information, please call 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org, or use the Ask a Librarian feature on our website.

Virtual: Super Skills (recommended for ages 3-5)

Share stories, songs, rhymes and fine and gross motor activities to help young children prepare for school. Registration is required and opens Wednesday, Sept. 1. Pick up kits at the library from Sept. 8-13. Supplies are limited. For more information, please call 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org, or use the Ask a Librarian feature on our website.

Virtual: Create Club (recommended for ages 8-10)

Use our instruction videos to make a fun project on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Register up to 10 days before the date of the program. For more information, please call 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org.

OSF on Call Opens in Evergreen Park



Mayor Kelly Burke, along with members of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce, welcomed OSF OnCall Urgent Care to the Village with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The new facility is located at 2917 W. 95th Street (across 95th Street from the main hospital and one block west).

OSF OnCall is a new, quick and convenient option that provides you and your family safe, personalized high-quality care. They are available to treat minor illnesses or injuries from 8am-8pm every day.

Check out our website at www.vvnew.com

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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Orland Park Honors Lives Lost on 20th Anniversary of Sept. 11 Attacks

The Village of Orland Park will hold a commemorative ceremony on the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks that took the lives of 2,996 victims. The event begins at 10 a.m. at the Ara Pace Memorial (14700 Ravinia Avenue Orland Park, IL) and will feature tributes from community members.

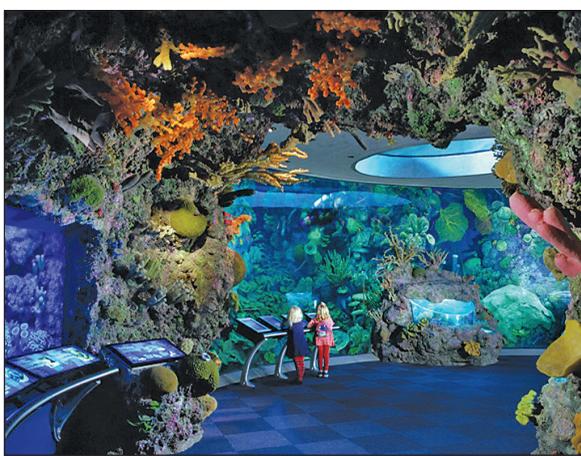
"We invite everyone to join us in remembrance of the tragic loss our nation suffered 20 years ago," said Orland Park Mayor Keith Pekau.

Pekau will be the program emcee and will address those in attendance prior to the posting of colors by Orland Fire Protection District, Orland Park Police, American Legion Orland Memorial Post 111 and Orland-Palos Reber-

Tesmond VFW Memorial Post 2604.

Pastor Don Borling of All Saints Lutheran Church in Orland Park will offer the ceremony's invocation. Chief Michael Schofield and Dave Nagel of Orland Fire Protection District will share personal reflections on the tragedy with a bell ringing. Orland Park Police Chief Joseph Mitchell will offer a message to those in attendance. Presentations will also be given by military as well as civilian representatives of the community.

"I am honored to stand with the brave men and women who continue to serve and protect our community every day," said Pekau. "Especially on a day such as this one, be sure to thank a first responder."



Illinois Residents Free Days at Shedd

Following Labor Day, Shedd Aquarium will offer Illinois Resident Free Days in September on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the month. On select dates, the aquarium will also extend its hours to expand access for an unforgettable experience with animals from sea lions to stingrays and penguins to Pacific white-sided dolphins and so much more.

With valid ID, Illinois residents receive free general admission, which includes access to all exhibits at Shedd. Large or small, freshwater or marine, favorite friends or new ones, the animals at Shedd will surprise, mesmerize, inspire and move you! Guests can also dive deeper daily with special, add-on experiences like a Stingray Feeding, 4-D Experiences or Virtual Reality Experiences to enhance their visit.

Tickets must be secured either online or by phone ahead of a visit to reduce wait time, ensure it's not sold-out, and for the best possible guest experience. Free admis-

sion will not be granted to guests who walk up without a reservation. To reserve tickets and find the latest COVID-19 guidelines, visit <https://www.sheddaquarium.org/plan-a-visit>.

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, starting Sept. 7 through Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 7pm and Tuesday, Sept. 28 will be from 9-5.

Shedd Aquarium

1200 S Lake Shore Drive

Chicago, IL 60605

Tickets must be secured ahead of a visit on Shedd's website or by phone: 312-939-2438.

All adults must provide proof of residency in person when redeeming tickets at a discounted rate. For the latest information about the aquarium hours and discounts, please visit the "Plan a Visit" page or call 312-939-2438.

Please note: A \$3 transaction fee applies to Illinois Resident Free Day tickets reserved online. This helps ensure access to as many neighbors as possible by validating orders.

Village to host Patriot Day events Sept. 11

The Village of Tinley Park has a full day of activities planned this Patriot Day to honor the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and remember those that were lost.

The day will begin with a ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Fire Station 46, 17355 S. 68th Court, featuring a bag piper, a speech by Mayor Michael Glotz, a moment of silence, and a chance to view the Village's World Trade Center beam. The event will be streamed live on the Village's Facebook page at Village of Tinley Park Illinois Government - Home | Facebook.

The day will continue with the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Open House from 9 to 11 a.m. at Station 46. Come out to practice fire safety drills, learn hands-only CPR, take the Junior Firefighter Challenge and see other fire

safety displays.

When you're done, stop by the Downtown Tinley Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon in Zabrocki Plaza to see a patriotic performance by the Tinley Park Community Band's "Sax in the Suburbs" ensemble and peruse a great selection of fruits, vegetables and fresh flowers.

The Austin Edwards Band will close out the day's events with a concert honoring first responder from 8 to 10 p.m. in Zabrocki Plaza. Come early to listen to performances by the Tinley Park High School Symphonic Band from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and the 144th Illinois Army National Guard Band from Chicago from 7:15 to 7:50 p.m. Veterans, first responders and those who lost family on 9/11 will have an honored place at the front of the stage. Patriotic patches and T-shirts will be sold.

Community Shred Event



Make sure your identity is protected! Bring your important documents to be shredded to the Community Shred Event hosted by State Representative Robert "Bob" Rita and Mayor Hank Kuspa at the Oak Forest City Hall Campus, 15440 S. Central Avenue

next Saturday, September 11, 2021, from Noon to 2:00 pm.

Each ton (2,000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water.

Call 708-396-2822 with any questions.

20th Anniversary of 9/11



Join the City of Oak Forest Firefighters/Paramedics, Police Department and Veterans Commission for a brief ceremony commemorating the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday, September 11, at 10 am by the 9-11 Memorial Display on the Oak Forest City Hall Campus at 15440 S. Central Avenue.

Secretary of State's Office Now Requires Appointments

Secretary of State (SoS) Jesse White is now expanding the list of offices that require appointments for driver's licenses and ID card appointments. Secretary White has extended the expiration date for all IDs until January 1st, 2022.

Beginning September 7th, all SoS facilities in Chicago will require appointments. To learn more about how to book an appointment and other new rules about renewing your ID visit The Official Website (ilsos.gov).

Evergreen Park Sticker Purchase Deadline is Approaching



BUY VEHICLE STICKERS ONLINE

The easiest, fastest way to get your sticker is to order them online (evergreenpark-ill.com) (no extra fee!) on our

website.

If your forms are complete, you can also drop off the envelope and payment in our parking lot drop box and stickers will be mailed to you.

Occupancy in the Village Hall will be very limited beginning Monday, September 13, so do yourself a favor, avoid ALL the crowds and order online.

We are always looking for great news. Email us at vvnew@sbcglobal.net or call us at 708-425-1910.

Oak Lawn Village View Newspaper Archive

Explore digitized microfilm from the Oak Lawn Village View. Papers range from 1973 to 2013 and are hosted by the Internet Archive. Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

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| Blue Island Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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Homeowners: Are you missing exemptions on your property tax bill?

How to apply for Certificate(s) of Error

As homeowners in Cook County receive their 2020 Second Installment Tax Bills (tax bill) in the mail they are encouraged to look at the bottom left corner to ensure that the correct exemption(s) are applied.

If a homeowner believes they are entitled to an exemption that is not reflected on their tax bill, they can apply for what is called a **Certificate of Error**. The Certificate of Error process provides homeowners an opportunity to redeem missing exemptions for up to three years in addition to the current tax year. Homeowners can now apply for the 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017 tax years.

Taxing Districts	2020 Tax	2020 Rate	2020 %	Penalty	2019 Tax
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES					
DW Home Equity Assurance Chicago	5.00	0.045	0.05%		7.33
Metro Water Reclamation Dist of Chicago	42.01	0.378	5.43%	4.60	64.83
Park-Museum/Aquarium Bond	0.00	0.000	0.00%		0.00
Chicago Park District	38.57	0.329	4.73%	1.55	54.33
Miscellaneous Taxes Total	85.58	0.752	10.81%		126.49
SCHOOL TAXES					
Board of Education Chicago	406.36				
Chicago Community College District	16.78				
School Taxes Total	423.14				
MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP TAXES					
Chicago School Bldg & Imp Fund	19.45				
Chicago Library Fund	15.56				
City of Chicago	175.02				
Municipality/Township Taxes Total	209.03				
COOK COUNTY TAXES					
Cook County Forest Preserve District	8.45				
County of Cook	30.24				
Cook County Public Safety	14.67				
Cook County Health Facilities	5.45				
Cook County Taxes Total	58.81				
(Do not pay these totals)	773.16				

2019 Assessed Value	11,888	2020 Total Tax Before Exemptions	2,372.27
2020 Property Value	105,800	Homeowner's Exemption	-695.60
2020 Assessment Level	X 10%	Senior Citizen Exemption	-556.48
2020 Assessed Value	10,580	Senior Freeze Exemption	-347.03
2020 State Equalizer	X 3.2234		
2020 Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)	34,504	2020 Total Tax After Exemptions	773.16
2020 Local Tax Rate	X 6.956%	First Installment	635.55
2020 Total Tax Before Exemptions	2,372.27	Second Installment +	137.61
		Total 2020 Tax (Payable in 2021)	773.16

Property Tax Bill

Certificate of Error applications with copies of supporting documentation can be filed online, by mail, or in person. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to apply online as representatives from the Assessor's Office can easily provide updates on the status of applications.

Please see the full list of property tax exemptions administered by the Assessor's Office here: cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

This year, many exemptions auto-renewed to make the process more convenient for homeowners. In addition to the Homeowner and Senior exemptions, the Assessor's Office processed auto-renewals for the "Senior Freeze", Veterans with Disabilities, and Persons with Disabilities exemptions. In total, more than 1.1 million exemptions were auto-renewed, which provided millions of dollars in tax relief to homeowners in Cook County.

As a reminder, homeowners are responsible for paying the entirety of the tax bill to the Cook County Treasurer's Office by October 1, 2021. If the Certificate of Error application is granted, either a corrected tax bill or a refund for the difference will be issued.

Please download a copy of the new brochure, How to Apply for Missing Property Tax Exemptions that is available in six languages. Call us at (312) 443-7550.

Senior Citizens Commission September Luncheon



Phil and Amy will be performing at the next Senior Luncheon on September 23

The commission provides programming on the fourth Thursday of each month (except December) at 11 a.m. at the Oak Forest Park District Park Place at Central at 15601 Central Avenue. Tickets are \$5.00 each and include entertainment, lunch and cash bingo. Tickets are available at City Hall.

Please note that current CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed!

Blood Drive

St. John's United Church of Christ in Mokena, IL - in conjunction with Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois is having a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center next to the church at 11100 Second Street.

New donors 16+ welcome; 16-year old must have consent.

Vaccinated donors (3 days after either vaccination) or recovered COVID-19 patients (2 weeks without symptoms) are eligible to donate blood.

Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will have preference. Schedule your appointment by calling the church office at (708) 479-5123.

Senior Cafe Open

The Bremen Township Senior Cafe is now open for hot meals TO GO, Monday through Wednesday at Bremen Twp. Senior Cafe, 15350 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Forest (rear building).

Reservations are required one week in advance for Seniors age 60+. Please call 687-8220 for reservations and information.

Pick up time is from 10:30-11:30 am and meals

can be brought out to your car once the Registration form has been completed.

A \$4 Donation is requested for this lunch which includes a carton of 1% milk or juice, bread or muffin and a balanced meal.

Monthly menus are available at the Senior Center & Cafe for pick up and also online at www.brementownship.net and click on the link to Senior Services.



Poppy Weekend

Poppy Weekend is coming to again September 10th & 11th to Tinley Park! Each year we here at VFW Post 2791 go out into our community and attempt to raise donations and awareness to help our veterans and their families in need.

With the tragic events that have unfolded recently it has made us all remember that we have thousands of veterans both in uniform and out that have sacrificed so much for their country and you can help us help them and

their families in their time of need. Many Veterans are very private about their struggles, which are mental as well as physical, but we can assure you that they have them and they are very real.

So, please be generous when you see our members out there with their Yellow Poppy Vests and Poppy Jars, thank you! For further information please visit our website at www.vfw2791.org or call us at 708-532-2333.

Register Now for Classes at SSCC



It's not too late to get registered for classes at South Suburban College. SSC's Office of Continuing Education offers a variety of non-credit courses throughout the Fall Semester, with registration open right up to the start of class.

- Food Service Sanitation
- Introduction to Photography
- DUI and the Law
- Conversational Spanish I
- Computer Viruses
- Real Estate Principles

=Classes are starting September 13th and later. For more information about SSC's non-credit classes or to register, please contact the Office of Continuing Education at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2231, or visit www.ssc.edu. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

2021 Golf Outing Presented by Bria Health Services

The golf outing is September 23rd at Palos Country Club \$100 includes cart, lunch and dinner. For more information contact Todd Probasco at 708.205.2983 or email t.probasco@lakesidebank.com



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Bonanza Starts at 6:30

Bingo to follow

Food Kitchen | Bar | Gaming Machines

Evergreen Park American Legion

9701 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park, IL

708-422-9513

alpost845il@aol.com



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The purpose of this event is to celebrate the journey of the Monarch Butterfly and bring much needed awareness to the issues they face today and as they migrate to Mexico. There will be fun and educational activities for all ages that include:

- Butterfly Arts & Crafts
- Live Butterfly Tagging

- Caterpillar Aquarium
- Interactive Migration Game
- Educational Booths
- Movie on Butterfly Migration to Mexico
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"This is always one of our favorite events to do because it brings our community together," said Tom Hartwig, executive director.

This event earned the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) Outstanding Program or Special Event Award back in 2016. For more information, please call 708-857-2200.

Oktoberfest at Brookfield Zoo



On September 25, the Die Musikmeisters will entertain guests

Show off your best lederhosen and enjoy live Polka music at Brookfield Zoo during this year's Oktoberfest, presented by Leinenkugel's. "Prost!" (Cheers!) to the season with authentic food, beer, and music on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26.

Zoogoers can visit the Beer Garden on Brookfield Zoo's East Mall from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to find Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest beer. Guests can also purchase fall favorite fare from a selection of seasonal menu items such as bratwurst, sausages, pretzels with beer cheese, and more.

What's Oktoberfest without Polka music? On September 25, get up and dance to live music from the Die Musikmeisters from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

Alpine Thunder from 2:30 to 5 p.m. And, celebrate on September 26 with The Happy Wanderers, who will entertain guests 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or, catch the tunes throughout the park both days between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. while the mo-

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Admission to Brookfield Zoo is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3 to 11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15. For additional information, visit CZS.org/Oktoberfest2021.

Ceremony in Mokena

Pioneer Cemetery will be the solemn site for a ceremony Saturday, September 11, at 11 a.m. to remember those that tragically lost their lives September 11, 2001, in the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and near Shanksville, PA.

The observance will feature personnel from William Martin VFW Post 725, as well as first responders from the Mokena Fire Protection District and the Mokena Police Department, with U. S. Air Force Major General Mark W. Anderson (Retired) presenting the keynote address. Mayor Frank Fleischer will also make remarks. The public is invited to attend.

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Social Security Trusts to Run Out of Money Sooner Than Expected

An annual government trustees report released by the Treasury Department and the Social Security Administration stated that the Social Security trust fund most Americans rely on for their retirement will run out of money in 12 years (2034), one year sooner than expected. These Social Security programs are designed to provide a source of income to former workers who have retired at the end of their careers or to those who cannot work due to a disability. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, shrinking retirement payments and increased health-care costs have become an enormous and growing threat for older Americans.

According to the report, Social Security's costs in the form of monthly payments to retirees now exceed the income it takes in from U.S. workers. We've all known Social Security has been at the center of a simple mathematical problem: More than 10,000 baby boomers retire every day, far outpacing the number of younger people entering the workforce to help offset the cost. Compounding the issue, Americans' life expectancy is increasing and birth rates are declining. According to the Social Security Administration's estimates, the number of Americans 65 or older will increase to more than 79 million by 2035, up from the current 54 million, according to Census data. Meanwhile, the number of births in the U.S. declined last year by 4% from 2019, double the average annual rate of decline of 2% since 2014, as stated by the CDC in May.

If this problem continues without intervention

from Congress, Social Security law would cut benefit checks for retirees by about 20% across the board. As some Americans in this demographic have depended, at least partially, on those payments for retirement (with very few additional avenues for an income stream), a 20% reduction could prove disastrous and threaten to throw many Americans into poverty. Those who are anxious may be tempted to claim retirement benefits when they first become eligible at age 62. However, these actions come with financial reverberations for your loved ones. According to Edward Jones investment strategist Scott Thoma, by starting monthly checks that soon, beneficiaries take a 25% to 30% reduction on their monthly checks depending on their full retirement age.

As worrisome as this may sound, those fears and worries should not prompt you to claim benefits early. Experts are suggesting to base your claiming decision on your longevity, employment status, financial need and marital status. The combined funds will continue to make full pay-

ments through 2034, with the program still able to pay 78% of the benefits. Optimism also lies in the fact that lawmakers have traditionally stepped in to preserve Social Security benefits by balancing spending and revenues.

Dowling Legacy & Retirement can help you review and/or establish your Social Security claiming strategy. If you need a checklist, we can be of assistance. Reviewing your financial 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.

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Ramping up volunteerism for the DAV Transportation Network is critical as the pandemic restrictions lift, as it is anticipated that higher than average numbers of veterans will return to the VA both for routine appointments and for care that was delayed over the past year.

VolunteerMatch's survey, "The Impact of COVID-19 on Volunteering" found many in the nonprofit sector are rethinking volunteer engagement strategies to accommodate the current environment. While this strategy works for some sectors, it can be challenging for others. Nonprofits, such as DAV,

are hopeful that there is light at the end of the pandemic tunnel as vaccines are made widely available, restrictions are lifted and communities can safely get back to volunteering. "We know there are many passionate and dedicated volunteers who are ready to step up and support our nation's veterans and with added safety measures in place we're beginning to see more people coming out to help. We can only hope it will be enough to keep pace with those veterans in need," added Kleindienst.

Learn More If you are a veteran in need of support or want to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the community, go to dav.org/volunteer.

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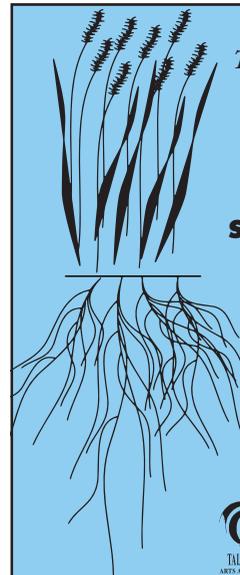
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(NAPS)—There are certain aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic that many Americans may not have thought about. For example, one area that saw a sharp decline was volunteerism—placing heavy burdens on nonprofit organizations that rely on the compassion of their volunteer forces.

According to a recent research survey by Fidelity Charitable, a nonprofit organization created by Fidelity Investments, two-thirds of all U.S. volunteers had either decreased volunteer hours or stopped volunteering altogether because of the pandemic.

Volunteer to Help Veterans

One nonprofit feeling the effects is DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and its Transportation Network, which has helped get veterans to and from medical appointments since 1987, when the government-run system was shut down. The nationwide DAV Transportation Network provides no-cost rides to veterans who need help getting to their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers and clinics. Prior to 2020, volunteer drivers spent more than one million hours and logged over

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This seems particularly true of those 55 years and older. In a recent T-Mobile survey of older Americans, most said they want to jump in the car and go for a road trip to see... you guessed it... family. In fact, 43% plan to visit with children and grand-

children, according to the survey. And they can afford it. The AARP reports that 58 percent of Boomers have been saving their money for travel. **The Digital Nomad Trend** The phrase, "on the road," however, may have a new meaning for some. The pandemic ushered in a new travel-meets-work trend for people over 55 who are redefining work

and taking the "Nomadland" path. While digital nomads have typically been in their 20s and 30s, working and traveling the world before settling down, Boomers (and older GenX-ers) are reevaluating the latter years of their careers. They now want to include a splash of freedom. That can mean choosing to live and work remotely, selling their possessions, working flexible full-time or part-time gigs or starting their own businesses. **Living an "On the Road" Lifestyle** Having the right technologies—from smartphones to wifi antennas and hotspots—make working and living from the

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