



## Protests and Our Kids



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I spent the last couple of days talking to some mostly Hispanic young people in our community. I asked their opinions of what was transpiring. Some asked my opinion and I said "No, I want your honest answers". I did tell them that growing up and being in college in the '60's, I lived through three real riots. Most of their responses seem to be interested in their own home life. One response was, "My dad would kill me if I got arrested and would never bail me out." A young lady stated that "it was really sad to see that some people that agreed with the protesters still got looted." Two brothers

told me, "My mom would notice if I came home with anything I did not leave with. I don't know why these guys loot." One of the individuals noticed from TV that some gang members tried to defend 26th Street from outside looters. People they know like that but the mayor still hated it.

It seemed to be a consensus that these groups were not very interested and some have just stopped watching TV news. Some bring up inaccuracies that are on. One was a young girl saying all four cops must be imprisoned because they sat on the back of the man who died. We know from the video it was one knee, not four bodies.

There are all types of signs and chants. Some you may agree with and some you don't. But the choice should be yours, not anyone else because we all come with different histories.

A mother of three I talked with brought up a very interesting point. She was glad school was not in session. She trusts herself and her husband to keep her students safe more than she does the schools. In her opinion, they are less likely to stay away from partisan politics at home because she has seen teachers on TV being very radical.

## Awards Recipients For Math, Science



M. RHYMES

De La Salle Institute announces that Shiwen (Cecilia) Yang '20 and Marc Rhymes '20 were recipients of the Kamaal

### Phase Three Of City Reopening

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the City's phased approach for ticketing and enforcement to help residents who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. On June 8th, the City resumed several services and reopened many of its buildings.

The Department of Finance will send notices and educate residents about the upcoming dates when the city will resume full enforcement for violations that were temporarily suspended. Beginning July 1st, the City will phase in the collection of business taxes that have been deferred, as well as resume regular ticketing and collections.

Those who may need assistance with outstanding debt are encouraged to visit New Start Chicago, a source found on the City of Chicago's website that provides information on payment plans, hardship qualifications and other FAQs related to fines and fees reforms.

By clicking, www.Chicago.gov/newstartchicago, residents can sign up for a flexible payment plans for tickets and utility bills with a lower down payment and up to 60 months to repay amounts due. Residents can learn more or make payments online at Chicago.gov/finance.



S. YANG

Khazen Award, which is presented annually to graduating seniors who excel in the fields of science and mathematics.

The award is named for longtime faculty member and academic dean Kamaal Khazen, who taught math and science at De La Salle from 1966-2013. Rhymes was enrolled in the Honors Program, while Wang was in the College Prep Program. Rhymes graduated in the top 1.6 percent of the Class of 2020 while Yang was in the top 26.2 percent.

### Fund To Rebuild Looted Stores

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined Dr. Helene Gayle, President & CEO of The Chicago Community Trust, and local partners to announce the launch of Together Now: Chicago's Fund to Rebuild Our Neighborhoods.

Money raised by philanthropies, corporations, and individuals will be disbursed to small businesses and not-for-profits that have experienced damage as a result of protests and looting. The fund is starting out with an initial \$10 million City.

A pin pad campaign at all 37 Chicago Jewel locations will allow customers to donate select dollar amounts, \$1, \$3 or \$5 to the Together Now fund through July 31st. More information about the eligibility requirements and size of grants is available at cct.org/togethernow.

## Virtual Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct Virtual Events and Summer Camps via Zoom.

Seth Magle, Ph.D., director of the Urban Wildlife Institute will conduct a Beer & Conservation: A Virtual Happy Hour on Thursdays, June 11th and 25th at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Ages 21+ are encouraged to grab an adult beverage. The cost is \$15.

On Saturdays, June 13th and 27th at 10 a.m., enjoy a Virtual Meet-and-Greet with Zoo Animals, join Mike Murray, curator of mammals, on a journey to learn more about a special animal group - from their habits and diets to their individualized care and personality traits. The cost is \$15.

On Thursday, June 18th at 6 p.m., join illusionist, Jeanette Andres, in a magic workshop about hidden sensory abilities in animals and humans. While focusing on the incredible senses and personality behaviors of Japanese macaques, guests will explore specific (and shared) visual and perceptual trains. Jeanette will lead participants through interactive sensory illusions and conclude the event by teaching a magic trick, involving only a sheet of paper and a pencil, that you can use to entertain friends and family. The cost is \$15.

On Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m., Bartlett Tree Experts will present Virtual Gardening. The cost is \$15.

On Sunday, June 21st at 10 a.m., enjoy Virtual

Breakfast with the Animals: Amphibians and Reptiles. The cost is \$15.

On Sunday, June 28th at 9:30 a.m., a Virtual Zumba Class will feature Salsa, Merengue, Mambo, and Hip-Hop in one 90-minute class. No experience or dance training is necessary. The cost is \$15.

A five day Virtual Conservation Camp for ages Pre-K to 4 will be offered Monday thru Friday thru July 31st. Campers will participate in movement activities, games, crafts, will get to see animals at the zoo, meet zoo scientists doing important conservation work, and interact with their peers in breakout sessions from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m. \$60 per household per session.

On July 6th-17th, 20th-31st during Virtual Zoo Crew, campers in grades 5-8 will engage in important conservation topics from their own homes from 10 a.m. - noon and 2-3 p.m. Zoo educators and scientists will work directly with campers to explore new ideas and share experiences. During each session, campers will see zoo animals and work together to complete a conservation project. Virtual Zoo Crew is a two-week program. In between sessions, campers can take part in independent activities that will contribute to their conservation projects. The cost is \$90 per household per session.

For more information, visit lpzoo.org/events.

## Virtual Graduation For High Schoolers

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced that the City's first virtual graduation for high school seniors will take place on Sunday, June 14th at 1 p.m.

"Hamilton" star, Miguel Cervantes will emcee the ceremony and "The Voice's" Katie Kadan, will perform the national anthem. Oprah Winfrey, will give the commencement address. The ceremony will include a comedy skit from Second City plus graduate shout outs from celebrities and sports figures.

A single Valedictorian speech will celebrate the class of 2020. The ceremony will include a

### Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls at (312) 554-2001 from the public and offer legal advice on Saturday, June 20th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Citizens may explain their situation to an attorney who will then suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

If callers need further legal services or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service. For more information visit www.chicagobar.org.

diverse array of student performances, including the Dunbar Vocational Career Academy drumline, a Class of 2020 poem written and performed by ChiArts students and a spoken word performance by Kenwood High School students.

Mayor Lightfoot is encouraging all graduating seniors to participate by submitting a "Grad Walk" video at: www.chicagograd2020.com

The virtual graduation ceremony will be broadcast on: ABC7, WGN-TV, WTTW, FOX32, Univision Chicago (WGBO-TV), and streaming live on the ABC Localish Network. WBEZ will air portions of the graduation on 91.5 and stream it live on WBEZ.org. CBS2 will be running a delayed broadcast later that evening.

The City of Chicago will be providing a live-stream feed from its website and its social media channels.

### Edwards Honored

Katrina Jade-Edwards (60632), was named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List at Georgia State University.

To be eligible, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for a minimum of nine semester honors of academic credit during the fall or spring term with no incomplete for the semester.

## Spring Dean's List At Bradley University

Bradley University of Peoria, Illinois has named more than 2600 students to the Dean's List for Spring 2020. Honorees must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Local scholars and their major are: Salvador Rosas-Viveros (60632) Electrical Engineering; Nicole Frontczak (60638) Elementary Education ESL Endorsement; Melissa Martin (60638) English Education (9-12); Klaryssa Vargas-Hernandez (60638) Health Science; Jennifer

Rubio (60638) Management and Leadership; Christopher Kawa (60638) Marketing Global Supply Chain Management; Zoe Zamora (60608) Nursing; Mary Allen (60609) Nursing; Cytlali Gonzalez-Garcia (60609) Nursing; Sarah Harmon (60638) Philosophy; Priscila Calderon (60632) Political Science; Giovanna Zacarias (60632) Psychology; Michelle Carchi (60638) Public Health Education; Demina Maldonado (60638) Social Work; and Madelynn Ouimette (60638) Social Work.

## Park District Begins Reopening

The Chicago Park District has moved into Phase Three of the City's "Protecting Chicago" framework to begin reopening.

Restrictions will be eased on select park facilities including lakefront parks west of Lake Shore Drive, inland golf courses and park fieldhouses with limited programming, including a modified day camp at 148 parks.

This includes Lincoln Park, Grant Park, Burnham Park, Harold Washington Park and Jackson Park. Maggie Daley Park will reopen Monday, June 15. Millennium Park, managed by the City's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will reopen in mid-June.

Social distancing ambassadors will help educate the public and manage the flow of patrons.

All park fieldhouses will reopen to the public, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for washrooms and shelter only.

A modified version of summer day camp will operate from July 6th and a two-week extended

camp from August 17th through 28th. Campers will engage in STEAM activities, reading, journal writing as well as modified sports and outdoor activities.

Free lunch and snacks will be provided for all registered camp participants.

Summer programs are available on the Chicago Park District website. Online registration will begin June 11th for parks west of California ave. and June 12th for parks east of California ave. In-person registration is scheduled for June 13th if public health guidance permits.

No child will be turned away for inability to pay. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify.

Virtual programs to keep residents active while at home. Offerings include sports, wellness, arts and crafts and fitness programs. Residents can access additional park experiences, including fitness demonstrations, storytelling and virtual park tours by visiting the Chicago Park District's YouTube channel.

Chicago's lakefront and swimming pools will remain closed while public health officials advise the District on options to open safely. All park playgrounds remain closed and equipment is not being cleaned or sanitized.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

### Graduates At DePauw University

DePauw University of Greencastle, Indiana held a virtual recognition ceremony on May 17th to celebrate the achievements of the Graduating Class of 2020.

The ceremony can be viewed on the University website and on Depauw University's YouTube channel.

Local graduates are: Amanda Chavez (60632), Megha Pappachen (60608), and Noemi Rojas (60632).

### Guerrero Graduates

Luis Miguel Guerrero of 60632 graduated with a major in government and legal studies and Hispanic studies during an online celebration of Bowdoin College's Class of 2020, held May 23rd.

The event was not a replacement for the traditional cap-and-gown Commencement that will be held on campus next May for the class of 2020.

### Rodriguez Honored

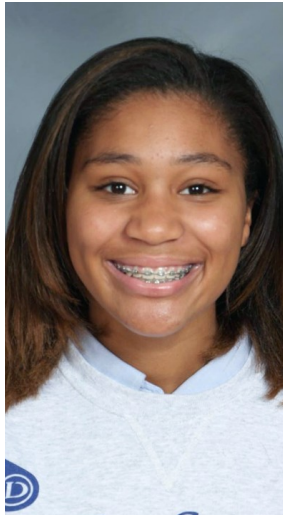
Frida Rodriguez of 60632 has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Indiana.

Honorees must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incomplete, and no grades lower than a C.

### Sevila Graduates

Paloma Camarena Sevilla was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College on May 29th. Sevilla majored in Sociology and Human Development.

## French Honor Society Induction Ceremony



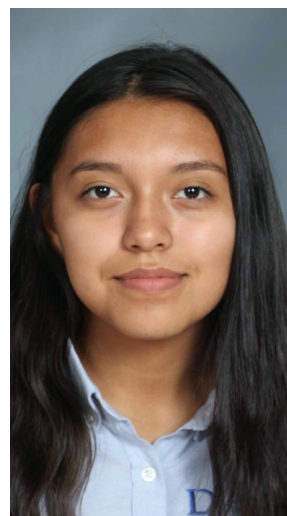
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De La Salle's Institute's French Honor Society recently held its 2020 Induction and Cording Ceremony via Zoom.

Earning membership were Mackenzie Capers '22, Pamela Gonzalez '21, Sofia Leanos '22 and Luz Perez '22.

Comprising the program were the welcome from faculty moderator and French teacher Kenya Madison-Gabler, history of the French Honor Society, reading of the admission criteria, "La Course du Flambeau", French Honor Society pledge, presentation of honors,

introduction of guest speakers and panel discussion featuring faculty members Bethany Costello-Stebelon, Rolando Danzine, Alison Duffy and Kenya Madison-Gabler.

The final remarks were provided by principal Dr. Diane Brown.

### 12 Week Employment Training Program

Growing Home is a paid 12-week training program that builds skills for job readiness and success through classroom instruction and on-the-job training.

It combines time spent working on the on-site urban farm, with lessons on work readiness and environmental literacy, an emotional resilience curriculum, and ongoing support for career success post-graduation.

Participants have opportunities to earn professional certifications, access to free legal consultation for record sealing and expungement, and the support of a case manager.

Applicants must be a Chicago resident, be age 18 or older, be currently unemployed, have basic reading and math skills, be able to complete a written application and be comfortable with basic computer navigation.

Pay is \$16 per hour, paid every 2 weeks, work hours average 16-20 hours per week.

Visit www.growing-homeinc.org/opportunities to learn more about the program and submit an online application.

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## IDHS Launches Family Programs

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced two COVID-19 response programs designed to provide a summer youth program for more than 2,000 at-risk youth and an Immigrant Family Support Project for more than 3,600 families who have been generally excluded from or ineligible for federal relief and unemployment insurance.

Grantees of the program will partner with local employers in need of summer employees. Participating youth will be placed in age-appropriate, ability-appropriate, and experience-appropriate Work-Based Learning Opportunities, Career Development Experience Opportunities, or Pre-Apprenticeship programs.

Eligible youth include those low income and/or at-risk youth ages 16-24

### CBA Offers Legal Service

As consumer and employment complaints relating to the Coronavirus are surging, the Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone. The lawyer referral fee will be waived in the wake of the public health pandemic.

The Lawyer Referral Service has been in operation for nearly 80 years and offers services including consumer protection, personal injury, domestic relations, estate planning, real estate, and employment law.

The Federal Trade Commission is reporting that public inquiries related to the coronavirus have increased significantly in recent weeks, including complaints related to travel refunds, online shopping, mobile texting scams and government and business impersonator scams.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, June 20th, the public can call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on the CBA's website at [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org).

who have Illinois residency and are able to provide an I-9.

The COVID-19 Immigrant Family Support Project, will provide pandemic-related emergency assistance funding regardless of immigration status – who are facing unemployment, loss of income, medical costs, and food and housing insecurity and are ineligible for any federal funding relief. IDHS will dedicate \$2 million to the effort and the IFC, a private foundation funders' collaboration, is raising an initial \$750,000 to support the project.

Immigrants will also be screened for eligibility for SNAP for eligible children of immigrants, Pandemic-EBT, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Moms & Babies – temporary health-care coverage for pregnant women. Illinois currently provides immigrants with a wide range of services, such as crisis intervention and services for health, food and housing needs at Welcoming Centers.

Information can be found about the COVID-19 Immigrant Family Support Project at [www.DHS.Illinois.gov/Welcome](http://www.DHS.Illinois.gov/Welcome)

Information can be found about the Summer Youth Employment Program at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=103366>

### Food Available During Pandemic

Food banks through Chicago will be distributing food to those impacted by COVID-19. Use [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org) interactive map to find the nearest pantry.

Local participating pantries are Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2745 W. 44th st., (773) 523-1402, Friday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and mobile pantry every 4th Thursday of the month 4 to 6 p.m.

New Life Community Church - Midway, 5101 S. Keeler ave. Saturday 2 to 4 p.m.

New Life Centers of Chicagoland - Brighton Park, 4155 S. Rockwell st., weekly Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Obituaries



**LUIS CARLOS CALDERON**, passed away on May 23rd at the age of 58. He was born August 24th, 1961 in Mexico D F.; grew up in Venice Beach California and became a lifelong resident of Chicago's Pilsen Community. Survivors are his wife, Gloria Calderon; children, Luis Dane ( Miranda), Carlos Angelo , Fabian Librado, Ivan Ulysses ( Jockeyln) and Sonia Gloria; grandchildren, Vincent Vaeda, Jordan Ethan, Ivan Jr., Joshua, Julian, Jaida, Jayla and Jayleen; Parents Angelina Rosiles and Rafael (Pilar) Calderon; brother to Rafael, Anna (John Garcia) Rosa, Martha and Veronica Calderon and siblings (Rosiles Family). Funeral services were held June 3rd at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S Archer. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**MARIA A. GAYTAN**, passed away on May 30th at the age of 69. She was the wife of Juan Gaytan; mother of Martha (Javier), Maria Isabel, Rosalba, Juan Carlos (Beatrice), and Rose; sister of Fidencio, Arnulfo, Francisco, and Socorro; grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of 2. Visitation was held June 8th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 8th at St. Rita Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.

**DIEGO HERNANDEZ**, passed away suddenly on May 30th the age of 15. He was the son of Jose & Enequina Hernandez; brother of Michelle, Jose, Javier, Mariela, Christina, Carlos, and Francisca. A student at Kelly High School, he was active in volleyball, soccer, football, softball and was proficient in violin, guitar and ukulele. Visitation was held June 6th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.



**EMIL KIELBASA**, of Garfield Ridge, passed away on June 4th at the age of 66. He was the husband of ate Maria (nee Matonog); father of Alina (Grzegorz) Czarnocki, Piotr, Pawel (Anna) and Krzysztof Kielbasa; grandfather of Julia, Lidia, Tymoteusz, Victoria and Nina; brother of Wally (Stella) and John (Irena) Kielbasa. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 13th from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. St. Faustina Kowalska (formerly St. Jane de Chantal) Funeral Mass will follow at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels.

**JAN SKALANY**, passed away on May 29th at the age of 64. he was the father of Joseph (Stella), and Chris; brother of Stanislaw, Czeslawa, and Krystyna; grandfather of 2. He was an active member of the Polish Highlanders. Visitation was held June 10th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



**MARGARET E. TROSTEL** (nee Kopriva), longtime McKinley Park area resident, passed away on June 3rd at the age of 92. She was the wife of late Roy Trostel; mother of Sue (Rob) Benetti, Carol, Roy (Peggy), Jim (Savannah), late Rob (Joan), late Margaret, and late Richard Trostel; grandmother of Jennifer (Rob) Hough, Rob (Katie), Amy (Matt) Pulda, Jason Benetti, Jeremy, Richard, Melissa (Ron) Heath, Melody (Haydeen) Williams and Amelia Brackman; great-grandmother of Julia (Bailey) Rinehart, Jordan, Joe Hardcastle, Nathan, Justin Hardcastle, Ryan, Ronnie Heath, Matthew, Hadley Williams, Evan Pulda and Macklen Williams; and great-great grandmother of Derrick Rinehart. Preceding her in death were her parents William & Anna Kopriva, her brother William and sister Geraldine (late Bob) James. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Arrangements were entrusted to Wollschlaeger Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne.

**JOSE ANTONIO VARELA**, passed away on May 27th at the age of 48. He was the husband of Candy (nee O'Reilly); father of Cynthia, Tammy, Jose, Javier, and Adriana; son of Guadalupe Mendoza and the late Roberto Varela; brother of Martha, Cindia, Virginia, Estela, Roberto, and Ricardo; grandfather of 3. Visitation was held June 5th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 5th at St. Joseph Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.

### Income Tax Filing Help

The federal income tax filing deadline has been extended to July 15th, 2020. GetYourRefund.org is a non-profit service built by Code for America in partnership with IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites to provide free filing assistance to families earning less than \$66,000 a year.

## Appropriation For CARES Act Funding

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined City Budget Director Susie Park, City Chief Finance Officer Jennie Huang Bennett and City Comptroller Reshma Soni to announce that the City will be seeking authority from the City Council Committee on Budget and Government Operations to appropriate \$1.13 billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant funding.

The appropriation will provide supports for residents who are struggling from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including persons experiencing homelessness as well as homeowners and renters, small businesses and those in need of additional mental health resources among others.

CARES Act grants total \$1,130,724,000, and proposed appropriations include funding for: Airport Assistance: \$376,744,000; Public Health Response: \$189,346,000; Homeless Services: \$39,602,270; Small Business Assistance: \$35,000,000; Housing Assistance: \$16,500,000; Community Healthcare Infrastructure: \$11,000,000; Workforce Assistance: \$10,000,000; Violence Prevention: \$10,000,000; Mental Health: \$10,000,000; Senior Assistance: \$10,505,420; Food Assistance: \$4,510,501; Broadband Initiative: \$5,000,000; Housing for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS: \$1,539,000; Human Services: \$259,270; Domestic Violence: \$207,000 and COVID-19 Direct Response: \$410,510,539.

The CARES Act appropriations come on the

heels of the City's announcement of an estimated \$700 million 2020 budget shortfall. The decline in City revenues come from a combination of economically sensitive areas including the amusement tax, hotel tax, parking tax and restaurant tax.

Losses from March and April alone reached \$175 million and projections show similar losses from May, in large part due to the State mandated Stay at Home order. To close the shortfall, the City will use \$100 million in refinancing savings while seeking further savings and efficiencies by looking within departments and reprioritizing hires for 2020.

For more information, visit [Chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://Chicago.gov/coronavirus).

### Marketplace For Health Insurance

Illinoisans applying for unemployment insurance may also need health insurance after losing job-based coverage. The Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace is offering a Special Enrollment Period for certain qualifying life events, including involuntarily losing job-based coverage and expiration of COBRA benefits.

Get Covered Illinois Executive Director Laura Pellikan reminds consumers that the SEP has limits, "You have up to 60 days to enroll in a health insurance plan after your job loss, but you can enroll before your current coverage ends to avoid a gap in coverage."

Consumers should take one of these steps: Visit GetCoveredIllinois.gov to find a certified Navigator to help you enroll; call the ACA Marketplace at (800) 318-2596 or apply on your own at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

ACA Marketplace plans also offer subsidies (tax credits) to help reduce monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs, if you qualify for financial assistance. There are 142 plans available this year, and most consumers will have more than one plan to choose from, depending on where they live.

Get Covered Illinois is the official health marketplace for Illinois consumers to purchase health insurance.

For more information, visit: <https://getcovered.illinois.gov/en/special-enrollment-periods>

## Scout Virtual Camping



Members of the Boy Scout Troop 1441 held their first Virtual Unit campout in their back yards on June 5th. The following morning scouts cooked breakfast for their families and used their home computers to participate in a virtual scout orientated scavenger hunt. Any boys ages 6 to 17 who are interested in Scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information.

## Online Resources At Adler Planetarium

Even though the Adler Planetarium has closed its doors for now, you can stay connected by visiting [adlerplanetarium.org/learn/resources/online-resources](http://adlerplanetarium.org/learn/resources/online-resources). Use @adlerplanet on Twitter and Instagram and like Adler Planetarium page on Facebook.

Space from Home weekly email series will land in your inbox every Wednesdays at 12 p.m. CST. Go to [adlerplanetarium.org](http://adlerplanetarium.org) and scroll down to subscribe.

The Adler 'Scope Blog will provide an insider look at behind-the-scenes of the museum.

Stories from the YOUiverse Podcast features local people who have made the Adler so special over the last 90 years. To find out, subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. Leave a voicemail at (312) 935-1990 with your name,

contact information, and Adler memory for a chance to appear in a future episode.

Planetarium's partnership with Google Arts and Culture provide an online exhibition space.

Zooniverse volunteers contribute to scientific research and have discovered new planets, helped route supplies to hurricane victims, and more.

Use materials around your house to try a variety of experiments, encourage exploration with the Adler's Let's Do Science video series designed for families and educators.

If you have a space or astronomy-related question, send a Tweet using the #AskAdler hashtag, email [askadler@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:askadler@adlerplanetarium.org) or call (312) 322-0323. Your question may get answered in a future video!

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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), signed into law on March 27, 2020, contains several provisions that are relevant to charitable giving.

Individuals who do not itemize their deductions on their federal tax returns can claim a deduction for up to \$300 (\$600 for a household filing jointly) in charitable giving. This new deduction (on top of the standard deduction) reduces a donor's adjusted gross income, resulting in a reduction of taxable income and tax savings.

Individuals who itemize may deduct cash gifts up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) compared to the typical 60% allowance.

Before acting on any of the provisions, please consider discussing them with your professional advisors to determine their applicability to your individual tax situation.

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## Expand Support For Mental Health

The Chicago Department of Public Health announced a package of mental health supports for residents who may be facing challenges due to the pandemic. The event has impacted the psychological and emotional wellbeing of many people, with national surveys indicating increased levels of social isolation, stress, and worries about the future.

CDPH will be partnering with four leading community mental health organizations and providing \$1.2 million in funding to expand access for persons living with serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or co-occurring disorders.

CDPH is also announcing the purchase of a HIPAA compliant telemedicine platform – to deliver digital behavioral health services

at its mental health centers in Bronzeville, Englewood, West Elsdon, Lawndale, and North River.

Telehealth technology is a powerful tool for enhancing access to mental health services and will allow mental health centers to offer psychotherapy, psychiatry, psychosocial groups, and case management services regardless of income, health insurance status, or immigration status.

Through a partnership with Ten Percent Happier, CDPH is supporting the self-care through a microsite, ‘Windy City Wellness,’ which includes a curated collection of talks, guided mindfulness activities and sleep supports from a diverse set of wellness experts. Those interested can find Windy City Wellness at <https://www.tenpercent.com/chicago/>.

## Free Counseling For Homeowners

The Illinois Housing Development Authority Board of Directors awarded \$3.89 million to 33 housing counseling agencies and community based organizations to assist current and prospective homeowners.

Awarded via a competitive application process under the state’s Foreclosure Prevention Program and Foreclosure Prevention Program Graduated Fund Program, the funding will allow grantees to provide free pre- and post-purchase counseling, financial coaching, foreclosure counseling, counselor training and capacity building and will pay for operational expenses incurred serving clients.

Both FPP and FPPG are funded via a foreclosure filing fee paid by plaintiffs to the respective County Clerk. IHDA provides grants to community based organizations and housing counseling agencies approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for foreclosure prevention and homeownership education activities.

This assistance connects current and prospective homeowners with trained professionals who can advise on pre-

venting foreclosure, protecting your credit, buying a home and other issues to help you make educated choices based on your individual goals and circumstances.


Counselors can also communicate with a homeowner’s lender or servicer on their behalf and help find legal representation if necessary. All foreclosure prevention counseling and financial education services are free of charge through IHDA’s housing counseling programs.

Homeowners and renters who are having difficulty making their monthly payments should contact a housing counselor by visiting [www.IHDA.org](http://www.IHDA.org). Agencies remain open and are currently serving clients remotely via phone and video conferencing.

### Virtual Gaming For Teenagers

Chicago Public Library YOUmedia will conduct Virtual Gaming for ages 14 to 18 on Tuesdays, June 9th to 30th from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. Access to Zoom is required. Register at [chipublib](mailto:chipublib) or send us a DM @youmediahicago.

## Leadership Awards



**V. DEVILA**

De La Salle Institute announces that Victor DeAvila '20 and Emily McManus '20 were chosen winners of the annual George Eastman Young Leaders Award. DeAvila graduated from Keller Region Gifted Center and



**E. MCMANUS**

is from St. Albert the Great Parish.

McManus graduated from St. Gabriel’s Grade School and is also from St. Gabriel Parish. Both students were enrolled in the Honors Program.

## Contact Tracing To Hire 600

The Chicago Department of Public Health announced a plan to expand contact tracing for COVID-19 cases at the community level. This operation includes a Request for Proposals, in which the City has allocated \$56 million in COVID-19 relief funding from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health for community organizations in areas of high economic hardship to train and certify a 600-person workforce to support contact tracing.

Employees hired through this program will be supported by an “Earn-and-Learn” program that helps them pursue higher education and credentialing, which will give contact tracers the ability to pursue stable, middle-income jobs that can support their livelihoods beyond the pandemic. Contact tracers will earn \$20 an hour with supervisors earning \$24 an hour.

Since the early days of the pandemic, CDPH has been conducting case investigations and contact tracing, primarily among persons diagnosed in congregate settings and healthcare workers.

The City has been working alongside medical providers, shelter operators, academic centers and advocacy organizations to prevent transmission of COVID-19 among congregate populations, using data to guide the response.

### Awareness Month For Alzheimers

June is Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing public awareness of Alzheimer’s disease, available resources and how people can get involved to support the cause. 230,000 Illinois residents are currently living with Alzheimer’s disease.

For additional information, visit [www.alz.org/abam](http://www.alz.org/abam) or call (800) 272-3900.

## COVID-19 Who Should I Call ?

I want to know more about COVID-19, who should I call?

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH COVID-19 Hotline at 1 800 889 3931 or email [DPH.SICK@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.SICK@illinois.gov). Note the Hotline does not make decisions about who should be tested for COVID-19.

I am not feeling well and have respiratory symptoms, what should I do?

- Stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or 72 hours after your fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, whichever is longer.

You should consult with your doctor if you have:

- Fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other flu like symptoms that are not better or are worsening after 24-48 hours.
- Mild symptoms and are pregnant, have a weakened immune system, have chronic health conditions or are an older adult (60+).

Don’t call the health department about getting testing

- Your health care provider will determine if you should be tested and, if necessary, contact the health department.
- Health departments do not collect specimens for COVID-19

I think I need immediate medical attention, who should I call?

- If you need immediate medical attention, and you think you may have COVID-19, call ahead to your health care provider before going in for care. This will allow them to take the right steps to protect themselves and other patients
- If you think you are having a medical emergency, call 911; if you have been exposed to COVID-19, notify dispatch personnel so emergency medical services personnel are prepared.

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Illinois Department of Public Health - [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov)

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## Online Resources At Science Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago is providing free online resources to keep kids learning at home.

The website offers online games as well as numerous hands-on experiments that teach scientific principals and use common household items such as rubber bands, newspaper, left-over straws, cardboard and more.

Experiments include: Sound sandwich - see how the vibration inside musical instruments produces sound by building your own, Newspaper fortress - putting engineering basics front and center, kids can learn how and why the triangles are considered the strongest shape.

Insulation challenge: With the weather getting colder, kids can test the materials that best keep an ice cube from melting and understand how buildings stay warm during the winter.

Comeback can: Learn more about why you can predict when a can will reverse motion using potential and kinetic energy.

At the start of the 2019-20 school year, MSI provided free family vouchers to Chicago Public Schools student inside their information packets.

## Virtual Field Trips To Cultural Sites

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and Citadel announced the launch of *Stay Home. Hit Play.*, a weekly video series that will bring engaging, educational programming from museums and cultural institutions on Wednesdays at [www.HitPlayChicago.org](http://www.HitPlayChicago.org).

Museum curators and staff will lead virtual tours of their most popular exhibits and even share hidden treasures not usually seen by the public. Viewers will take virtual field trips to the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, DuSable Museum of African American History, Museum of Science and Industry, National Museum of Mexican Art, Art Institute of Chicago and Lincoln Park Zoo. Along with each episode, students will find corresponding worksheet activities to further engage with each museum experience.

Subsequent episodes will air each Wednesday online and Fridays on WTTW (11.1) and Mondays on WTTW Prime (11.2) TV. All segments and related student worksheets will be available on the website.

## Morale Campaign For Veteran Homes

The Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs launched “Operation Rising Spirit,” a campaign challenging service organizations, volunteers, and patriots to raise the spirits of military veterans and the heroic staff who care for them at state veterans’ homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno, and Quincy, Illinois.

Cards, emails, and video messages can be sent to the homes and socially distant on-site activities can be coordinated with the staff.

These include Illinois Veterans’ Home at Anna; 792 N. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906; Anthony. Barnett2@illinois.gov.

Illinois Veterans’ Home at LaSalle; 1015 O’Conor Avenue, LaSalle, Illinois 61301; Susan. Scully@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans’ Home at Manteno; 1 Veterans Drive, Manteno, Illinois 60950;

### National Museum Of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 852 W. 19th st., is closed during the pandemic. The staff has created activities for children and adults to enjoy at home.


These include lesson plans from its permanent collection, coloring sheets for all ages, counting worksheets for pre-K and K, I Spy Game for pre-K and K, word search for 1st and 2nd grade, and craft activities for ages 8 and up.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 738-1503 or visit [nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](http://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org).

### Virtual Class For Citizenship

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council is offering free citizenship classes via WhatsApp. To register, call Adrianna Morales at (773) 540-4033.

## Notable Births At Shedd Aquarium



Shedd Aquarium celebrated World Environment Day on June 5th with animal birth announcement and recently welcomed four Magellanic penguin chicks, four species of seahorse babies, more than 30 endangered Barrens topminnows, two caiman lizard hatchlings, six bonnethead shark pups, and six cownose ray pups.

Two of the belugas, Naya and Bella, and one of the Pacific white-sided dolphins, Katri, are pregnant.

Although a reopening

### Honor Flight For Female Veterans

Sparkling Ice beverage, who has partnered with the Honor Flight for the past five years, has pledged to donate a portion of their sales at Jewel-Osco to Operation HerStory during the month of June.

The Honor Flight Network honors veterans by flying them to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials dedicated to honor their service.

The new program, HerStory, has embarked on a mission to send 100 women in Illinois who served between 1940 and 1975 on an Honor Flight from Chicago to Washington, D.C. on Oct. 7th, 2020.

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