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Katie Horney of Glen Ellyn makes a wreath out of grapevine and other natural items during a Glen Ellyn Park District program Nov. 14 at Churchill Park in Glen Ellyn.

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VINE TIME

Program helps teach how to make wreaths

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D-200 middle, high schoolers shift to fully remote learning

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WHEATON – Wheaton-Warrenville Community Unit School District 200 moved middle and high school students to fully remote learning Nov. 16 in an “adaptive pause,” joining neighboring districts in Glen Ellyn and Elmhurst in shifting to e-learning amid rising COVID-19 cases and test positivity rates in DuPage County.

District 200 students in early childhood, elementary, the Transition program and specialized instructional programs will maintain their current learning models.

The district made the announcement Nov. 12 after Superintendent Jeff Schuler provided an update on a number of key areas, including county-level COVID-19 data, positive COVID-19 case counts among students and staff and student and staff absenteeism.

For the week of Nov. 2-8, district middle schools reported 12 positive cases and high schools reported 20 positive cases, with 68 staff members required to be out because of quarantine, isolation, child care or pending

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YOUR WEEKEND FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service



Friday
High: 59
Low: 39
Partly sunny



Saturday
High: 47
Low: 40
Chance of rain



Sunday
High: 46
Low: 32
Rain likely

New museum exhibit to focus on fight for fair housing

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ELMHURST – As the nation faces a historic moment of social justice re-awakening, the Elmhurst Art Museum announces a new exhibition that reflects on historical and contemporary responses to fair housing in the Chicago area.

“In Focus: The Chicago Freedom Movement and the Fight for Fair Housing” will be on view at the museum from March 4 to June 20.

Related programming will begin in December and continue through spring, including the opening of the complementary new exhibition “There is Black Housing in the Future: Equitable Public Housing as Memorial” in the McCormick House, which is adjacent to the museum, from Dec. 3 to May 8.

A virtual discussion about the Chicago Freedom Movement will take place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 18.

The “In Focus: The Chicago Freedom Movement and the Fight for Fair Housing” exhibit features some of the first color documentary photographs taken of King Jr., as well as Chicago civil rights leadership and organized public marches. All 32 photos were taken by 85-year-old photographer, activist and

Wheaton resident Bernard Kleina and provide context for the 1965-67 movement led by King, James Bevel and Al Raby, who fought against systemic racism and segregation of the Chicago area and inspired the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

“We believe that art is a powerful tool for change, and our mission as an art museum is always to inspire people to see and think differently through art,” said John McKinnon, executive director of the Elmhurst Art Museum. “We are proud to launch a number of events and exhibitions that further important conversations about inequities of the past leading up to today.”

“There is Black Housing in the Future: Equitable Public Housing as Memorial” will feature work by Pittsburgh-based interdisciplinary artist and cultural producer Alisha Wormsley and conceptual artist Ayanah Moor, professor of print media at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Wormsley and Moor will create an installation in the McCormick House as a means of activism and education to support mothers fighting for the future of Black housing. The exhibition references national, community and grassroots organizations such as Moms 4 Housing

that advocate for affordable, dignified housing for all.

“There is Black Housing in the Future” is inspired by artists and writers who affirm the visibility and well-being of Black communities across notions of space and time. An artist activity video for youth will complement Wormsley and Moor’s artwork. Using everyday household items, the artists will guide viewers in the production of message-based posters, yard signs and even kites to support communities’ voices.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be celebrated with pause, reflection and opportunities to learn more about the Chicago Freedom Movement and continued fights for fair housing in the Chicago area. The group discussion will include participants from the 1966 marches and other experts in the field. The virtual event is free and can be accessed at www.elmhurstartmuseum.org.

The museum encourages nonmembers to buy tickets online in advance of visiting the museum. Members, children and students may check in without an advance ticket purchase. All visitors must wear a face mask and are asked to review the museum’s COVID-19 protocols at www.elmhurstartmuseum.org/visit/covid before visiting the museum.

NEWS BRIEF

Critical need for COVID-19 convalescent plasma donors

Versiti Blood Centers is urging COVID-19 survivors to donate convalescent plasma.

According to a news release, the need for convalescent plasma at hospitals has doubled in the past four weeks and is expected to continue to increase rapidly as COVID-19 cases continue to surge.

There is a Versiti location at 6317 Fairview Ave. in Westmont and 1297 S. Naperville Blvd. in Naperville.

“We are facing a critical need,” Dr. Dan Waxman, vice president of transfusion medicine and senior medical officer at Versiti, said in the release. “This important therapy cannot be manufactured. It comes from generous volunteer donors in our communities who have recovered from COVID and now are able to help hospitalized patients in those very same communities.”

COVID-19 convalescent plasma is a blood-related therapy used by hospitals to treat the most severely affected patients, the release stated. The donated plasma contains antibodies, which can help seriously ill patients fight the infection.

Those who are interested in donating COVID-19 convalescent plasma are asked to visit versiti.org/covid19plasma.

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