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## President Joseph Biden Signs Historic Juneteenth Bill, Making June 19th, A Federal Holiday

President presents signing pen to Opal Lee, Grandmother of the Juneteenth Holiday Movement

*See story page 14*

# Ruse Burglaries on the Rise in Lake County

Northern Illinois tends to see an increase in ruse burglaries during the summer months. Ruse burglars have already been striking this summer in Lake County and surrounding areas.

A ruse burglary is a distraction technique used to lure homeowners outside of their home. After the homeowner is outside the home and distracted by one individual, another individual(s) enters the home typically targeting items to steal such as cash, jewelry, and other items of value. Suspects will use many excuses to lure homeowners outside the residence including claims of being subcontracted by local government, ploys of a broken pipe, schemes for landscaping services such as tree trimming, fence line questions, and so forth.

In addition to luring homeowners outside the home, some offenders will divert homeowners' attention inside their home. There are also instances when offenders will remain inside with homeowners, distracting them inside their residence, while other individuals will enter the home unbeknownst to homeowners. Senior citizens are frequently the intended target of these crimes.

## Below are some reminders:

**#1** Never allow anyone inside your home without a prescheduled appointment. If an individual claims affiliation with your local government, ask the person to produce identification and call the government office to verify the individual.

**#2** Do not exit your home with an unscheduled visitor, leaving your home and valuables as potential targets.

**#3** Keep an extra watch on elderly neighbors and family members reminding them of these types of criminal behaviors.

**#4** Educate your relatives and neighbors (especially the elderly), informing them ruse burglaries are on the increase in Lake County.

**#5** Immediately report any suspicious activity by calling 911.

The Sheriff's Office Reports that, "When these con artists strike, we often see the vulnerable lose valuable keepsakes that have tremendous sentimental value. Please tell your neighbors, family, and friends about these scams. Never hesitate to call your local law-enforcement if you see suspicious activity or a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood."

*Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.*  
Proverbs 19: 1

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*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. - Matthew 6:33*

# Employee Connections Hosts Healing Illinois Events

A Peoples Voice Special Report

During the month of June, Employee Connections, Inc. of Lake County hosted several events as part of the Chicago Community Trust and the Illinois Department of Health's Healing Illinois initiative. Through the Healing Illinois initiative, designed to activate the work of racial healing, the Chicago Community Trust distributed \$4.5 million in grants to organizations across the state. Employee Connections, led by Cynthia Harris, one of the grant recipients, partnered locally with the Chocolate Chips Association, the City of North Chicago, Community Action Partnership, The Mosaic House Ministries, The North Chicago School District, The Shining Stars Scholarship Program, the City of Zion and the Coalition for Healthy Communities to present specific events.

These events included a track meet between Lake County Police Officers and Lake County High School

Students, a Pop-up Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Lunch and Learn where free meals were given away, a Day of Prayer at the Mosaic House in North Chicago, a Walk and Run with the Shining Stars Youth and a Healing Zion Steam Project Fair and Awards Celebration which was a virtual event facilitated by the Chocolate Chips Association..

The highlight of the series of events was an open Block Party held at the Joanna Park in Zion. Here several community organizations presented their supportive services to the community, free food, and entertainment was provided. Pictured are scenes from the day's events.



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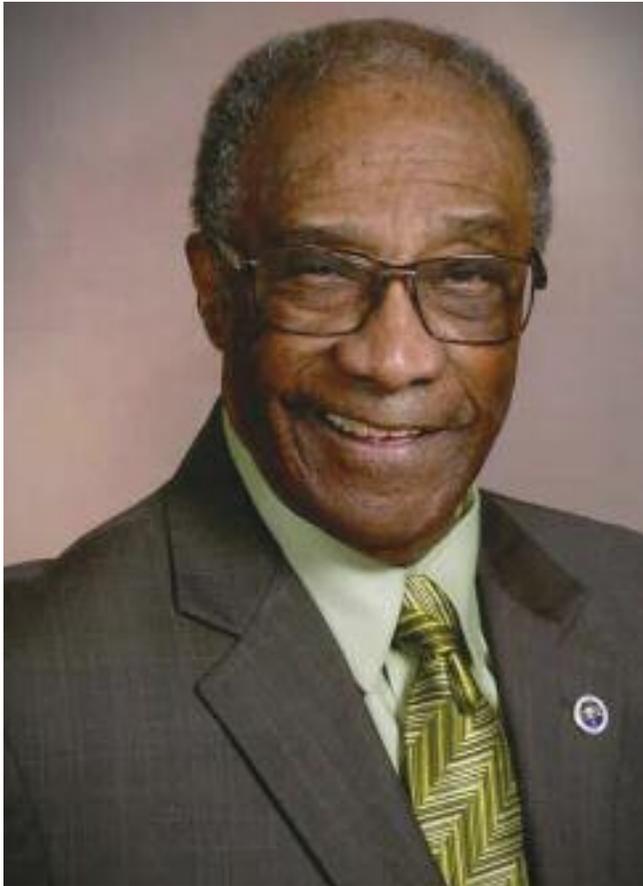
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# Runnels Retires From City of North Chicago

*City of North Chicago Sixth Ward Alderman retires from public service*



*Alderman Robert Runnels*

With a distinguished career spanning most of a century, North Chicago Sixth Ward Alderman Robert "Bob" Runnels has announced he is stepping down from public service.

He's leaving his role on both the North Chicago City Council and the North Chicago Public Library Board at the end of this month. Runnels was first elected Sixth Ward Alderman in 2007.

"It has been a privilege to work with Alderman Runnels

on the City Council." North Chicago Mayor, Leon Rockingham, Jr. said. "As the chair of the Finance Committee, Bob brought leadership and valuable insight to the City. He has served attentively to the constituents in his ward. He has also been a friend and advocate for everyone in this city."

"I feel blessed to have been able to have spent such a large part of my life serving our Nation and our City," Runnels said. "With my new free time, I plan to see more of my family and more of the Foss Park Golf Course."

After growing up in Chicago, Runnels enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War in 1953.

Eventually in 1963, he was stationed at the Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago. Raising a family in North Chicago, all but one of Runnel's seven children graduated from the North Chicago Community High School. As part of his 20-year Naval career, Runnels spent a tour in Vietnam, working as a Force Historian Journalist in 1968 and 1969. Runnels assisted Navy officer historians and wrote documents recording the Navy and Marine Corps. roles in South Vietnam.

Throughout his Naval career, Runnels worked as the editor and sports editor of several Navy command newspapers, including the distinction as the "last uniformed military editor of the Great Lakes Bulletin," the base newspaper for Naval Station Great Lakes.

After retiring from the Navy, Runnels joined the staff of KMTV television in Omaha, Nebraska. He worked as a general and beat assignment reporter and host of the community affairs program, "Expressions." Runnels was inducted into the Omaha Press Club Journalist of Excellence Hall of Fame in 2018. While in Omaha, he was a board member of the Greater Omaha Girl Scout Council, and served many years on the board of the Mid-Columbia Girl Scout Council in Washington State.

For his service to Girls Scouts, he earned a 25-year Girl Scouts pin and certificate. He has been a Big Brother, a YMCA (Omaha) Camping Committeeman.

Following his television career, he spent ten years as a journalism instructor at Big Bend Community College in Washington State. Runnels served as a Foundation Board member of the National Museum of the American Sailor. Additionally, he is an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Lifetime Member); American Legion Post #397 (North Chicago); Little Fort Elks Lodge #1359 (North Chicago); PGA Tour Partners Club (Lifetime Member)' United States Golf Association (USGA).

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*2 Chronicles 30:20*



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Has it been 2 weeks since your final shot?

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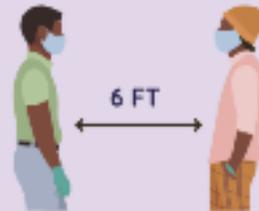
Keep practicing the 3Ws!

Here's a list of things you can now do:

## 3Ws of COVID-19 Safety



**WEAR** a mask that covers your mouth & nose.



**WATCH** your distance. Stay 6 feet apart and avoid crowds.



**WASH** your hands with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

### WITHOUT A MASK

- ✓ Walk, run, or bike outdoors
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- ✓ Gather indoors or outdoors with vaccinated or unvaccinated people
- ✓ Dine indoors or outdoors
- ✓ Visit public indoor spaces (mall, hair salon, movie theatre)

### WITHOUT TESTING

- ✓ NO regular COVID-19 testing or quarantine needed unless you have symptoms, even if you come in contact with a person who has COVID-19
- ✓ Travel in the US without a pre- or post- travel test and without quarantining
- ✓ Travel out of the US without a pre-travel test and without quarantining

You still need to follow the 3Ws when you are:

- Traveling on public transport
- In a healthcare setting
- In a school or daycare
- Required by a local municipality or business

You may not know who around you has been vaccinated. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk of infection to you, your family and community when interacting with others.

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## How do I make a decision about whether or not to get vaccinated?

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## Rep. Schneider Introduces Bill to Help Communities with Stranded Nuclear Waste, Including Zion

WASHINGTON— Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10) announced in June the introduction of the Sensible, Timely Relief for America's Nuclear Districts' Economic Development (STRANDED) Act.

This legislation would provide funding to communities like Zion, IL that currently house spent nuclear fuel, as well as assistance for communities facing the recent closure of a nuclear power plant. The STRANDED Act would also provide tax incentives to promote homeownership as well as fund research on how to spur development in these communities.

The Zion Nuclear Power Station closed in 1998. The site now has more than 1,020 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel just yards from Lake Michigan awaiting a final, permanent storage location. The failure of the federal government to follow through on its commitments under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act has stranded this waste in Zion and other communities across the country.

“As the nation seeks a permanent solution, we have a moral responsibility to help communities like Zion left housing the stranded spent nuclear fuel,” said Congressman Schneider. “I am proud to reintroduce the STRANDED Act with increased congressional support and expanded resources for these communities. This is an important step forward for nuclear-affected communities striving to move past the legacy of their decommissioned plants, boost their local economies and create a brighter future for their residents.”

Specifically, the STRANDED Act would:

- Create within the Economic Development Administration (EDA) a non-competitive economic impact grant program to provide funding for communities currently storing spent nuclear fuel, based on the amount of waste held on-site.

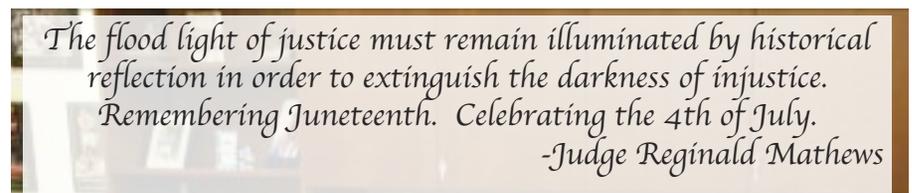
- This economic impact grant program would also provide federal funds to assist communities in making up a revenue shortfall, caused by the closure of a nuclear power plant which typically represent a significant portion of a community's tax base. This assistance would be phased down over 8 years.

- These programs build on the assistance of “nuclear closure communities” from the EDA that was first funded in the December 2019 omnibus appropriations legislation.

- Help expand homeownership in nuclear-affected communities by making them eligible for the first-time homebuyer tax credit.

- Establish an “Innovative Solutions Prize” competition to develop ideas on how nuclear-affected communities can successfully move past the legacy of their decommissioned nuclear power plants.

Rep. Schneider previously introduced the STRANDED Act during the 115th and 116th Congresses. Original cosponsors of the legislation introduced include Reps. Marcy Kaptur, Salud Carbajal, Jared Huffman, Andy Kim, Ron Kind, Chellie Pingree, and Peter Welch.



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# North Chicago Salutatorian, Jazmine Willis, A Schuler Scholar, Earns 4-year Tuition



Jazmine Willis's love of learning was evident at a small age. She was always reading, always having her nose in a book, said family members.

Recently, the 18-year-old was named Salutatorian for the Class of 2021 at North Chicago High School, where she graduated with a 4.5 average. She credits her successes to her parents, Frederick Willis and Annis Wilson, who instilled a love of learning in her.

"I thank my mom and dad for believing in me. I could not have achieved so much without them," she said, smiling. "They did so much to encourage my learning."

Jazmine also sings praises to the Schuler Scholar Program, which she participated in since her freshmen year at North Chicago High School. Established in 2001, the Schuler Scholar Program equips high-achieving and underrepresented students to gain access to and succeed at highly selective colleges and beyond. According to the or-

ganization's website, Schuler Scholars are typically first-generation college-bound, are students of color, or come from low-income families.

"I enjoyed being a Schuler Scholar because it not only helped me academically and in the classroom, it helped me grow personally as well," she said of the program that provides personal coaching and counseling from Schuler's professional staff. "I was exposed to new things like plays, restaurants, developing new friendships, and even learning new etiquette skills. I had great counselors and advisors, and I especially thank Mrs. Jones for her mentorship."

"Jazmine is a motivated student with established goals for her education. This was evident as an 8th grader when she was selected for our program," said Gwen Jones, North Chicago High School Director. "Jazmine consistently excels academically. She has an eagerness to learn all that she can; she enjoys the process of learning and being exposed to new opportunities to expand her knowledge," she continued. "Jazmine stands out as a sensitive and nurturing intellectual with high expectations of herself and others. She also has strong leadership qualities."

Maylo Parker, the teens Schuler coach, shared similar sentiment. "Jasmine is someone most likely to fight for what she believes in. She is a scholar who is always willing to dig deep, ask the difficult questions, and go beyond the surface."

Jazmine smiles brightly at graduating from high school, and having the second-highest rank in the graduation class. In the fall, she's headed to Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts on a full-ride scholarship from Schuler. She's looking forward to learning, growing, and becoming an excellent attorney.

"Jazmine is someone very likely to lead the world in the future," Parker noted. "She has such strength and power in her voice, and really knows how to take care of herself and others, which would make her a great leader wherever she ends up in the future!"

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- North Chicago Virtual Reading Challenge & Family Literacy Night
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# Independence Day Traffic Safety Campaign

Beginning June 17, 2021, through July 6, 2021, the Lake County Sheriff's Office will be participating in a traffic safety campaign. The safety campaign will encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day and Sheriff's Deputies will focus their efforts on impaired drivers and occupants riding in a vehicle unbuckled.

"We're asking all of our residents and visitors to celebrate Independence Day safely," said Sheriff John D Idleburg. "It's simple: If you're driving, don't drink, use marijuana or other drugs. Our deputies will be working around the clock to keep impaired drivers off the road and enforce all other traffic laws."

Other important tips include:

- Give your designated driver your keys before you go out.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report drunk drivers to law enforcement by pulling over and

dialing 911.

Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. Not only is it the law, it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" programs are made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement period runs concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that impaired driving has "Life or Death" consequences.

Visit [LifeOrDeathIllinois.com](http://LifeOrDeathIllinois.com) for more information.

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# Grandparent and Kins Raising Children Hosts Annual Picnic



Grandparent and Kins Raising Children of Lake County held their annual picnic on June 4th at Bowen Park,

Certificates of achievements were presented to children who complete the financial literacy program, and one student, who has been in the program for five years was presented with a scholarship. She graduated from High School and will be going off to college in the fall. There was sweets, hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken, and games for the

young peoples. Harriet Holley, the Founder of the organization says that the day was a day of respite for the grandparents and that everyone truly enjoyed themselves.

Grandparent and Kins Raising Children will hold their annual gala virtually on September 18th. To find out more, contact Harriet Holley at 847-641-6845.

-A Peoples Voice Special Report

## African American Community Partnership Group Lake County July 2021 Facebook Spotlight

Mondays in July at 5 pm  
Covid-19 Info, Vaccine  
registration & facts

Tuesdays in July at 4 pm  
Gardening tricks and tips



Thursdays in July at 2 pm  
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Fridays in July at 12pm  
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# Congressman Schneider, State Rep Mayfield Honors Gideon Graduates, Visits Westside Community Garden

Congressman Brad Schneider along with State Representative Rita Mayfield honored local graduates at the opening of West Side Community Garden, located at Gideon Baptist Missionary Church. After a ceremony honoring high school graduates who attend Gideon Baptist, the graduates led Congressman Schneider and other attendees on a tour of the newly-opened West Side Community Garden in Waukegan. The event occurred on Saturday, June 26, 2021.



“Our graduates are our nation’s future, and I am inspired to see so many graduates stepping up to lead the West Side Community Garden. The garden will provide a valuable source of community, support and healing, particularly as our communities continue to rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations to all of today’s graduates, and I look forward to watching the success of the community garden,” said Schneider.

The West Side Community Garden is a program designed to help com-

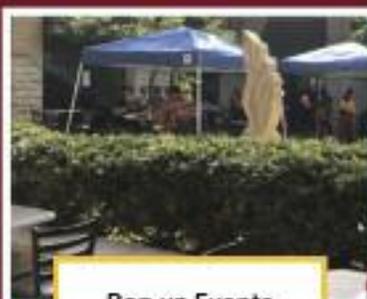
munity youth learn about growing healthy foods, healthy eating and agriculture. Local students will spend the summer cultivating the garden, and the harvest will be shared with community families whom have signed up to receive food. The West Side Community Garden is funded by UWOLC (United Way of Lake County), JLE-NS (Junior League of Evanston-North Shore), and supported by community.



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# 9 Things You Should Know About Juneteenth

By Ko Bragg and Elroy Reed

President Joe Biden signed a bill on June 17 that makes Juneteenth a federal holiday. Juneteenth marked the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in the last Southern holdout state, Texas, on June 19, 1865. Slaves in Texas were told on that day that they were free.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached its third year of bloody civil war. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free."

It was two and a half years later that slaves in Texas were informed. They stopped work, and held a celebration that is now become known as Juneteenth Independence Day, and is the oldest known celebration honoring the end of slavery in the United States.

On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger led thousands of federal troops to Galveston, Texas to announce that the Civil War had ended, and slaves had been freed. Approximately 250,000 Texan slaves had no idea that their freedom had been secured by the government.

Here are nine facts about the historical moment, and what led up to it.

1. You may recall Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation from elementary social studies classes. In the condensed version, many learn that this executive order meant immediate freedom for slaves throughout the nation. However, since the country was in the midst of the Civil War, those states that had seceded from the Union did not adhere to the Proclamation, and slaves in those states remained unfree.

2. Though much of the language in the Emancipation Proclamation suggests otherwise, Lincoln's primary objective was not to ameliorate the lives of those in bondage. Rather, his intent was preserving the Union.



In August 1862, Horace Greely, the editor of the New York Tribune, published an editorial addressed to Lincoln pressuring his stance on slavery and urging him to abolish it. Lincoln responded in an open letter to Greely, published in the Tribune that same August:

"My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union and is not either to save or destroy Slavery," Lincoln wrote. "What I do about Slavery and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps to save this Union..."

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# Juneteenth Continued

3. Lincoln and the Union army used slavery as a political motive to justify

strengthened military endeavors against the Confederacy. Black soldiers were able to fight for the Union when Lincoln passed the Proclamation. Though they faced discrimination and often performed menial roles because of presumed incompetence, they increased the Union army in size.

4. The Civil War ended in April of 1865. In June of that year, General Gordon Granger and his troops traveled to Galveston, Texas to announce "General Orders No. 3" It stated: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.

5. Throughout the war, Texas was not as closely monitored as other battle states. For this reason, many slave owners went to Texas with their slaves. With its relatively negligible Union presence, slavery continued there for much longer. After the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, slaves in wartorn states often escaped behind Union lines or fought on its behalf

6. The slaves who got the news were jubilant to hear of their freedom on Juneteenth. In the book, "Lone Star Past: Memory and History in Texas," Felix Haywood, a former slave who gave a testimony about Juneteenth as part of a New Deal project recalled:

"The end of the war, it come jus' like that—like you snap your fingers....Hallelujah broke out....Soldiers, all of a sudden, was everywhere—comin' in bunches, crossin', walkin' and ridin'. Everyone was a-singin.' We was all walkin' on golden clouds....Everybody went wild...We was free. Just like that we was free."

7. Freedom did not come at the "snap of a finger" for everyone in Texas. Some peo-



ple who should've been freed continued to work through the harvest season because their masters withheld this announcement to reap more wages out of their slaves. This left many former slaves treated as though they were still in bondage.

In "Lone Star Past" Susan Merritt reported:

"Lots of Negroes were killed after freedom...bushwhacked, shot down while they were trying to get away. You could see lots of Negroes hanging from trees in Sabine bottom right after freedom."

8. In the 1870s, a group former slaves pooled \$800 together through local churches to purchase ten acres of land and create Emancipation Park to host future Juneteenth celebrations in modern-day Houston.

9. In 1980 "Emancipation Day in Texas" became a legal state holiday in recognition of Juneteenth. However state offices do not completely close, as it is considered a "partial staffing holiday." Elsewhere, the holiday is also referred to as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day.

And now, it's official across America. We are free. Unfortunately some people (Black and White) are still unaware. They don't know that we are free.



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