Viaducts may get a sprucing up



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The first week of October sure took us rather quickly into fall. It's time for caramel apples, candy corn, pumpkin lattes, bratwurst and a good German beer.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During October, people across the world show their support for those affected by breast cancer. Wear pink, the color adopted by the American Cancer Society as a color for breast cancer awareness.

My husband and I had the pleasure of meeting with 23rd Ward Ald. Silvana Tabares late last month, under the viaduct at 59th and Central Park. Alderman Tabares is working on cleaning up the viaduct with the hopes of having a mural painted by next spring.

Included in the meeting were representatives from CSX Railroad, Chicago Department of Transportation, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Department of Planning & Development and Streets and Sanitation. Everyone seemed very helpful and excited in getting this project completed. It certainly would make for a much nicer 59th Street.

Over in the Garfield Ridge neighborhood, Aldermen Tabares and Quinn, along with State Representative Michael Madigan, are hosting a "Get Behind the Vest" pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 25. It will occur in the parking lot of St. Daniel the Prophet, from 8 a.m. to noon. The price is $5 per person. Because of the pandemic, it will be a drive-up/walk-up event.

The Archer Heights Branch Library offers many virtual events. For instance, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 there will be virtual job consultations to provide assistance with resumes, interview preparation, etc.

The virtual meetings take place via Zoom and you must register by 2 p.m. the day before the program. There are also reading programs for children and virtual book clubs. For more information visit your librarian or chipublib.org.

Outside of the lawn work, 57th Place is now in the final process of our gas meter replacement. We spent the greater part of the morning with the gas company on Oct. 2. The process took a good three hours, but our home now has the new meter. Shout out to all the Peoples Gas employees. My dad was one of them as well, for his entire career.

Just a friendly reminder to all of us pet owners. Please don't take your eyes off your pets when left outside. There have been reported dog napping instances on social media in our area. One instance I have been following did end happily, but I can imagine the owner was heartsick in the interim. I know if that happened to my Oliver, I would be devastated.

Special thanks go to Lorraine from Brighton Park. She reads our paper at her doctor's office. She read how I was looking for a cake recipe so to my surprise a package arrived with a vintage cookbook. It was a gift from Lorraine. It's by the editors of Consumer Guide, "Favorite Brand Name Recipe Cookbook". Each recipe incorporates a brand name product in it. I love it and am going to start with "Buddig Turkey Bonnets", which places Buddig Sliced Turkey in a baking dish with cream of chicken soup and a Pillsbury biscuit on top.