Good year for beautiful roses in West Lawn



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Summer is here. I love driving around our neighborhood and seeing all the nice flowers and landscaping. This must be a good year for roses. I've seen some beautiful ones all around West Lawn.

Summer also means an increase in crime. Be a part of the solution by attending the next CAPS meeting for Beats 813 and 833 on Tuesday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

As far as I know, the meetings are still being held online. I will be glad when the meetings are held in person so that those without Internet connections can attend. I am looking forward to seeing my neighbors gather together. Call the 8th District CAPS office at 312-747-8724 for more information.

Twenty-third Ward Ald. Silvana Tabares stands with our police. She recently stated, "Propaganda is when radicals try to convince us that police are the reason for blood on our streets."

Tabares focuses on working together with those who wear the badge. She said, "I'll be announcing a program in the coming days on how the 23rd Ward residents and businesses can give back."

Things are looking up

Talk about looking up, our own neighborhood astronomer, Joe Guzman, invites all to join him at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th St., for a sky show on Saturday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. "Astro Joe" will be guiding everyone across the cosmos via telescopes and an informative lecture. This free event is family friendly. There is a rain date of Saturday, June 26 if the weather is not cooperative.

The West Lawn Branch Library has had some building improvements recently. The library was closed during that time. I haven't had a chance to visit, but I look forward to seeing the new improvements. I haven't heard about any activities going on at our library yet, but you can always go there and browse the shelves for a summer read.

I visited the Chicago Public Library website and saw there are some job opportunities at some of the branches. I was hoping to find West Lawn branch library jobs. Sadly, I found the website to be a bit confusing when trying to obtain information on exactly how to apply for library jobs. I suggest going to our library, 63rd and Komensky, in person and inquire. Here is the website if you enjoy a challenge: chipublib.org.

I did see that there are some online library activities for all ages. There are adult book clubs and some classes for children. There are classes for teens on how to apply make up. These are gender identity classes and are targeted to teenagers who want makeup tips from professional female impersonators. This Chicago Public Library program is called Radical Fit and is funded by the state of Illinois.

Lee School, 6448 S. Tripp, is currently giving out breakfast, lunch and dinner bags from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. weekdays. Go to door #26, next to the main entrance, to receive bags of food. This program, called Grab and Go, will continue throughout the summer. All are invited to partake.

St. Mary Star of the Sea School, 6424 S. Kenneth, also has a Grab and Go program. Every Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the school will give visitors three days' worth of breakfasts, lunches and dinners, as well as a supply of milk. This program is for the entire community. You do not need to be registered at St. Mary's School or Church to participate.

Thank you to the Lee School and to St. Mary Star of the Sea School for helping our community.

As the weekend approaches, I would like to wish a happy Fathers Day to all. I would also like to wish a very happy birthday to my granddaughter, Greta!

Thank you, as always, for reading my column.