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Arden Shore CEO honored as Notable Latino Leader

Submitted by Amanda Levinson

Arden Shore Child & Family Services has announced that Dr. Dora Maya, president and CEO, has been recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as one of its 2024 Notable Latino Leaders.

This honor celebrates Maya's 25 years of visionary leadership at Arden Shore and her exceptional contributions to child welfare and mental health services in Illinois.

Maya has redefined child welfare services through her remarkable leadership to prioritize equity, cultural inclusivity, and long-term well-being.

Andrea Durbin, CEO of the Illinois Collaboration on Youth, praised Maya, saying, "Dora provides true dedication, intentionality and advocacy on behalf of children, youth and families. Her biggest



Dr. Dora Maya

particularly in Spanish-speaking communities.

Maya's achievements include launching a behavioral health program that has become a teaching site for bilingual Medicaid counseling services, overseeing a 120% growth in Intact Family Preservation Services, and expanding foster care by 90%.

Arden Shore is now a \$10 million organization, where she manages a team of 50 employees serving thousands of children and families annually.

"Dr. Maya consistently energizes and inspires her team with her exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to child welfare," said Shelly Christian, senior vice president at Old National Bank and Arden Shore's board president-elect.

"Her deep insights, charisma, and passion make

her a standout leader who prioritizes community and leads by example daily."

As an immigrant from Cali, Colombia, and a former foster parent, Maya profoundly understands the challenges underserved communities face.

She has dedicated her career to improving outcomes for families with limited resources and those affected by the child welfare system. Her impact extends beyond Arden Shore through active participation in organizations like the Illinois Collaboration on Youth, Illinois Partners for Human Service, and the Latino Policy Forum.

"I have observed her deep understanding of the foster care system and its strengths and weaknesses," said Julia Wold, vice president of The Lake County Initiative at The

Grainger Foundation. "I also know she works daily to provide the best possible service for parents and their children."

This award highlights Maya's decades-long career as a tireless advocate for vulnerable children and families, her leadership in building collaborative partnerships, and her commitment to systemic improvements in child welfare and mental health services.

To learn more about Arden Shore and its mission to rebuild children's lives in a caring community, visit ardenshore.com.

Arden Shore Child & Family Services

The mission of Arden Shore Child and Family Services is to rebuild children's lives in a caring community. To ensure

everyone has the opportunity to thrive, Arden Shore builds social and emotional competence, nurturing, attachment, healthy life choices, school persistence, and parental resilience for children and families through its bilingual services and three primary programs:

- Intact Family Preservation Services keep children and families together with support services.

- Foster Care Services protect kids and strengthen families so kids can return home safely.

- Behavioral Health and Support Services help adults, children, and families heal from trauma.

Last year, Arden Shore's professional team provided care and resources to 1,600 children and adults.

Learn more at ardenshore.com or follow @ardenshore on Facebook.

Lake County Retired Teachers Association to meet Dec. 10

Submitted by Allan Meyer

The Lake County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Lambs Farm Restaurant at the junction of Highways 176 and I-94 in Libertyville. The pre-luncheon get-together begins at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$18 per person.

In addition to some holiday fun involving prizes, Allan Meyer will be back by request showing his handmade Christmas cards, beginning with his first, which he made in the fifth grade in 1950.

All retired educators are welcome to attend and no reservations are necessary.

Pet of the week

Save-A-Pet Adoption Center, 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake, has dogs and cats available for adoption to approved homes. Call (847) 740-7788 or visit saveapetil.org.

Meet **Lance Bass**, a 4-year-old, brown tabby. This foodie is always ready to eat. He often stands there, looking at you with his innocent and adorable look, hoping to get an extra serving. Instead, he gets some loving, which is calorie free. This mellow guy enjoys relaxing, watching the birds outside and taking little strolls through the cat room in order to "get his steps in."

As we near the end of the year, some of our cats and dogs, including Lance Bass, are part of Save-A-Pet's "Home for The Holidays" promotion, so his adoption



Lance Bass

fee is 50% off if adopted by Dec. 31.

Other pets looking for a home are:

- **Toby** is a 9-year-old Bichon Frise mix. He is an affectionate little dog that loves car rides.

- **Dough** is a 7-month-old fox hound mix that does great with other dogs, and

wouldn't mind a couple of kids ready to have fun.

While walk-ins are welcome, adoptions are by appointment only to ensure Save-A-Pet has the staff available to help adopters.

For information or to complete an online application, visit saveapetil.org/adopt.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 for 2024 will be held on December 17, 2024, 7:00 P.M., in the EDC Room of Ivy Hall School, 1072 Ivy Hall Lane, Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Jonathan G. Hitcho, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations/CSBO, 1050 Ivy Hall Lane, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089, 847-459-4260.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$58,988,580.88, plus the amount abated by the taxing district prior to extension.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$64,975,052.40. This represents an 10.15% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 was \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$0. This represents an 0% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$59,113,016.41.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$65,111,931.48. This represents an 10.15% increase over the previous year.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Gavin School District #37

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Gavin School District #37 for 2024 will be held on December 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Gavin South Middle School Library, 25775 W. Highway 134, Ingleside, IL.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Scott Schwartz, Superintendent, 25775 W. Highway 134, Ingleside, 847-546-2916.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$6,795,302.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes estimated to be levied for 2024 are \$7,133,175. This represents a 4.97% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$435,776.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$437,997. This represents a 0.50% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$7,231,078.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$7,571,172. This represents a 4.70% increase over the previous year.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 76

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Diamond Lake School District for 2024 will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Diamond Lake Elementary School, 25807 Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein, IL 60060.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Bhavna Sharma-Lewis, Supt. of Schools, 26156 N. Acorn Lane, Mundelein, IL 60060; phone 847-566-9221.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2023 were \$14,890,586. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$16,277,525. This represents a 9.31 percent increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$884,514.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$881,484. This represents a 0.34 percent decrease from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2023 were \$15,775,100.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$17,159,009. This represents a 8.77 percent increase over the previous year.

Dated: December 5, 2024

Elisa Bailis
Secretary,
Diamond Lake Schools
Board of Education
Lake County, Illinois