



# RACIAL EQUITY

WEEK | SEPTEMBER 13 – 17, 2021

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## EVENT LINEUP

### Monday

**Kickoff Press Conference.** President Preckwinkle will be joined by fellow officials and senior staff to announce a new Racial Equity Policy and Racial Equity Action Plan. *Monday, September 13, 1 p.m. Virtual via Facebook Live at [Facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle](https://www.facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle).*

**Virtual Screenings with the Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP).** Cook County will provide two virtual programs to the public curated by QWOCMAP. These programs of short documentary films delve into the specificity of identity and experience for Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) individuals in the LGBTQ+ community. Each 60-minute program will be available to view from Monday, September 13 – Wednesday, September 15 at the viewer's leisure. One program will focus on Black stories and another will focus on Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander (API), and Native stories. Find details and register for both screenings at <https://qwocmap-screenings.eventbrite.com>.

### Tuesday

**The Next Generation of Latinx Leadership: Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Event.** This panel discussion moderated by the Latino Policy Forum and held on Facebook Live will feature young Latinx leaders in government who will discuss their strengths, goals, and strategies for bringing more Latinx leadership into civic spaces. *Tuesday, September 14, 10 a.m. Virtual via Facebook Live at [facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle](https://www.facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle). RSVP and find details at <https://latinx-forum.eventbrite.com/>.*

**Press conference with Public Defender and advocates celebrating the passage of HB 2790.** President Preckwinkle will be joined by Cook County Public Defender Sharone Mitchell, elected officials and advocates to celebrate the signing of HB 2790, legislation that provides public defenders in immigration court. *Tuesday, September 14, 12 p.m. 101 W. Congress. Virtual via Facebook Live at [Facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle](https://www.facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle).*

### Wednesday

**Racial Equity Table in Daley Plaza at Cook County Preparedness Fair.** Stop by the Racial Equity Week table to meet members of the Racial Equity Leadership Council (RELC) during Cook County's Annual Preparedness Fair. Members of the RELC Core Team will be available to talk about our racial equity work, answer questions, and share resources. *Wednesday, September 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Daley Plaza. In person.*

**Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project Moderated Discussion.** Find details and RSVP for the public panel discussion on **My Beautiful Resistance: Queer Native, API, and Latinx Films from QWOCMAP.** *Wednesday, September 15, 6 pm CT. Virtual via Zoom. RSVP and find details at <https://qwocmap-panel1.eventbrite.com/>.*

### Thursday

**The Floor is Theirs: Teens Reclaim and Reactivate History.** Cook County Manager of Archives, Skyla S. Hearn joins Chicago History Museum (CHM) Curator Julius L. Jones, and Director of Education Erica Griffin in a conversation exploring their roles in CHM's recent teen projects that join art with history to amplify overlooked histories and forgotten narratives of Black women in service to community and citizenship during the quest for universal suffrage, to reactivate voided spaces, and challenge key epistemologies of our city's history. *Thursday, September 16, 3 pm CT. Virtual via Facebook Live at [facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle](https://www.facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle). RSVP and find details at <https://rew-chicago-history.eventbrite.com>.*

### Friday

Updates and registration links for events will be posted at [cookcountyil.gov/service/racial-equity](https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/racial-equity).



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**Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) Stewardship Day.** President Preckwinkle will join the Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) and community members for a Stewardship Day. Possum Hollow stewardship days are special as they center the Latinx and BIPOC community and they are led by two Latinx Stewards: Xochitl Lopez of Friends of the Forest Preserves, and Raquel García-Álvarez of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. The event may be led in both English and Spanish. *Friday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Possum Hollow Woods, La Grange Park, IL. In person. Participation limited to 25 people. Find details and register on Eventbrite at [racialequity-fpcc.eventbrite.com](https://racialequity-fpcc.eventbrite.com).*

**Good Food Purchasing Policy (GFPP) Annual Public Update.** Cook County Department of Public Health, Chicago Food Policy Action Council, and members of the Cook County Good Food Task Force will discuss Cook County GFPP implementation progress, strategies being taken to ensure racially equitable outcomes, and actions the public can take. *Friday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Virtual via Zoom. Register and find details at <https://tinyurl.com/jbym6yy3>.*

**Courage to Connect! Live Storytelling with Dr. Ada Cheng.** Professor turned storyteller Dr. Ada Cheng will curate a series of intersectional and personal narratives by local performers that follow the theme of this year's Racial Equity Week. *Friday, September 17, 12 p.m. Virtual via Facebook Live at [facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle](https://facebook.com/PresidentPreckwinkle). Find details and register on Eventbrite at [couragetconnect.eventbrite.com](https://couragetconnect.eventbrite.com).*

## Throughout the week

**Talk With Toni: Racial Equity Week Edition.** President Preckwinkle will debut several episodes of Talk With Toni for Racial Equity Week to air throughout the week on the Cook County Cable Channel and be available on demand on the Cook County YouTube Channel. Episodes will include an in-depth interview with Cook County Assessor Kaegi and a special on-location episode at Brave Space Alliance with Founder and Executive Director LaSaia Wade and Associate Executive Director Stephanie Skora. *Virtual.*

**Story time with President Preckwinkle: a storytelling event for children in partnership with Seminary Co-op and 57<sup>th</sup> Street Books.** President Preckwinkle will host story time for young children that will be broadcast throughout the week on Cook County's Cable Channel. The stories curated by the Seminary Co-op will convey the theme of Racial Equity Week and spark conversations about racial justice and equity with the next generation. The Seminary Co-op Bookstore will also share a curated book list for the week as a resource for parents and educators. *Virtual.*

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