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Residents Help Shape the Future of Milwaukee Avenue in Logan Square



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Happy 95th Birthday

A delightful day was had by more than 35 guests at Judge Marjan P. "Pete" Staniec's 95th birthday party on August 2nd.

Judge Staniec is someone who has given so much to our country, it's difficult to list his accomplishments and contributions. He began his career in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C. As a young attorney he moved into the vital position of setting up the newly established Social Security system throughout much of the Country.

As a judge, he has set so many innovations into place that have helped people of all ages. He still sits on arbitration cases that effect senior citizens and serves on Mayor Daley's Council on Aging assisting in programs for the present and future of Chicago. He continues to perform weddings and handles legal cases on varying topics.

Judge Staniec is a young 95, and through his awareness of the past and the needs of today, his wisdom guides all of us on the road to progress.

Thank you, Judge Staniec, for a life of service.



Judge Marjan P. Staniec

AMERICAN LEGION FLEA MARKET

On Saturday August 15, American Legion Edison Park Post #541 will be conducting a flea market type sale in front of the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago (just west of Harlem Ave.). Starting at 8:00A.M. proceeds from this sale goes toward our military and active duty service personnel, I.E. Hines Veterans Hospital cash Bingo parties, O'Hare U.S.O., etc. We are also receptive to receiving donated saleable items. Just drop them off that morning. If you are unable to bring the items, please call Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448 or Robert Yahn at 773-252-1754 and they will gladly stop by your home and bring them to the event.

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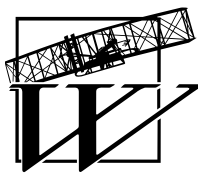
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Wright Seeks Crafters for Fair

Wright College is seeking artists and crafters for its indoor 42nd Annual Craft Fair on Sept. 13 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. Many good spots are still available.

Tables for this no-admission fair range from \$65 to \$100.

The fair is well-attended by thousands each year because of its long history and because much of the merchandise is hand-crafted.

Wright's Center for Lifelong Learning sponsors the fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables will be assigned on a "first-applied-for, first-assigned" basis.

For more information, contact Mary Dicks at (773) 481-8914. Also, a vendor application is on Wright's website: wright.ccc.edu.

Free Job Workshops Offered at Wright

Job seekers can take advantage of Wilbur Wright College's numerous free job counseling workshops organized by the college Job Placement Center and leading up to on Oct. 22 job fair.

Get helpful tips on resume writing at the **Resume Writing Workshop** to be held 11 a.m., Sept. 15; 5 p.m., Oct. 8, and 11 a.m. Nov. 4. All sessions are in Room S-128. This workshop will cover the basic of composing an resume taht will stand out from the ground.

The career you really desire could be revealed at the **Career Values Workshop** to be held 11 a.m., Oct. 1 and Nov. 18 in Room S-128. The session will explore your talents and long-term career goals to discover the career path you should be following.

A workshop title the **Art of Interviewing** will cover how to handle the basic interviewing questions as well as the tough ones. Three sessions will be held: 11 a.m., Sept. 23; 5 p.m. Oct. 15, and 11 a.m. Nov. 10. All sessions will be in Room S-128.

Workshop sessions will be held before and after the Wright College Fall 2009 Job Fair & Career Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 22 in the Atrium. For more information, call (773) 481-8527.

"Cut the Clutter" Workshop

Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 at 7pm to 8:30pm.

Learn from organization experts how to begin the task of "decluttering" for those of us who have too much stuff in our closets, corners, and cupboards. They will include: tips to get started, what to actually do, resources to help out, and a maintenance program. The audience is encouraged to ask questions. Northtown Branch, 6435 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60645, 312-744-2292

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers August Health Programs



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in August.

A free lecture about **single incision laparoscopic surgery** will be offered Tuesday, August 25, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. General surgeon Frederick Tiesenga, M.D., will explain this type of surgery, now used for hernia, gallbladder and bariatric surgeries. He will discuss how this type of surgery results in less pain, quicker healing and almost no scars. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, August 27, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

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St. Demetrios Greek Fest 2009 August 21, 22, 23

WORKING HARD TO PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD... WHILE BUILDING LOTS OF MEMORIES!

By Anastasia E. Weaver

It is true, we are working hard to be ready to put our best foot forward as we greet our guests at the entrance of our Festival. While, we are building great memories. Join us on August 21, 22, 23 at our Greek Fest 2009 and add to the memories! We are at 2727 West Winona in Chicago near the intersection of Foster and California. Here you will have an opportunity to savor a taste of authentic Greek cuisine, as described in last week's Our Village Publications and in this issue on page 4 a description of some delicious Greek pastries and Loukoumades that we will be ready to present for your enjoyment.

We have booked some great entertainment for your weekend with us. On their return visit we are presenting the Northside Band Chicago - a five-member group bringing back many memories from the 1970's to the present in the best of Rock n Roll. Best of all, is that they got there start right here at St. Demetrios. They will be playing 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday night August 21. We also have The John Linardakis Band with their incomparable renditions of Greek and American dance music or if you just want to sit back, sip a cool beverage, enjoy a freshly made meze (appetizer or two) you will hear some melodious sounds filling the Festival grounds for your enjoyment. Also, appearing will be two dance troupes for your enjoyment and inspiration to join in the dance! OPA!

Don't forget that we have many fun games and rides for adults and kids, with clown and puppet performances. We also have a Kid's Craft Korner this year with many crafts for the kids

Not only to have fun but participate in the festivities, spend time with a sibling or parents, and fellow parishioners and friends while creating something for themselves but finally offer them a memorable time at one of our biggest church events.

You may have seen in our publicity that we have planned an Agora (Marketplace) with some twenty-two vendors/crafters who will present their creative talents and entrepreneurship to our guests in our air-conditioned Miller Center. Are you wondering what is this Agora we are publicizing? Well, let us travel back in time to around 600 B.C. to the Ancient



City of Athens where you will find the most advanced cultural, social, scientific and commercial center on earth. Imagine for a moment, as we walk along and enter an area at the foot of the majestic Acropolis, whose Pentelic marble construction shines with brilliance in the sun. Look around and you can envision what was then called the Agora (the marketplace) and see the awesome splendor of its Temples - not one temple, but many dedicated to the Gods Hephaestus, Apollo, Aphrodite, and others. Then look around and envision what was one of the most splendid Government Counsel Halls where the Archons and Magistrates met in the Boule (City Counsel Chambers) and there in the midst of this bustling marketplace conducted the business of Athens. There you would also see concert halls, dance halls and shops with every possible merchandise throughout

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(Continued from previous issue)

by Anastasia E. Weaver

The Mediterranean Cuisine as you know is abundant with fresh vegetables - so try our GREEK SALAD, if you wish, which we prepare with all freshly tossed salad greens seasoned with our Greek dressing of olive oil, wine vinegar sprinkled with oregano and garnished with feta cheese and Greek olives and anchovies. A meal in itself!

Most Greek pastries including our Tyropita and Spanakopites (Spinach Triangles or Spinach Pie served in our Food Tent or Cheese Pie (served in our Food Tent) or Cheese Triangles (served in our Pastry Booth) are made with Filo Dough. This is a paper-thin dough which feels like baked sheets of paper, which easily crumble when touched. Many Greek cooks at home make the Filo by hand. The dough, of course, is made from flour and stretched by hand or machine until it becomes paper thin and delicate. It is an art! Many nationalities claim Filo as their own including the Germans who call their fillo, strudel but the original recipe was lost to antiquity but is recorded as having been developed by the Ancient Greeks. Many Greek cooks still make their own Filo, but because of the large quantities of pastries we make in our St. Demetrios Kitchen our Filo or Phyllo, whichever spelling you prefer, is machine made and is made fresh weekly. We buy a Filo that comes flat and has never been folded like the ones you can purchase in one of the supermarkets. It is that Filo that we use in all our pastries that require it.

A must have at our Festival is the plethora of desserts which are all hand made..... visit our Pastry Tent where you will find the best Greek Pastries made with recipes that have been prized by our families. Here are a few of your choices:

BAKLAVA - of Byzantine origin, it is the Aristocrat of all the pastries and is found in all of the countries of the Near East. The filling is of layers and layers of chopped walnuts, sugar, lemon rind, and cloves and topped with Filo Dough and soaked with syrup.

DIPLES - large and beautiful, fried pastry swirls which we sprinkle with honey, cinnamon and finely ground walnuts. It's an art to learn to swirl the dough while deep frying the Diplo!

GALATBOURIKO - a rich custard pita pie with a Filo dough covering and soaked with a honey syrup and baked to perfection it is a sweet, delicate delight. A perfect conclusion to an already sumptuous meal! This is a popular dessert for Easter dinner.

KOURAMBIEDES - this is a mouth watering and best-known Greek sweet and is served not only on all holidays but it is the Wedding Cookie. It is a Greek butter cookie sprinkled with lots of powdered sugar.

KOULOOURAKIA - or Easter Cookies - served throughout Greece and in Greek homes in America especially at Easter. They are often shaped

like a circle or ring and sometimes twisted but are the favorite "with coffee" cookie of the Greek dessert menu.

KATAIFI - similar to Baklava, except that the Filo is shredded and filled with ground walnuts and sprinkled with lots of syrup. Yummy!

RIZOGALON - HOME MADE RICE PUDDING - A rich creamy rice pudding that Greek homes always have on hand for their families and guests and it is topped with a sprinkling of cinnamon. Creamy and comforting!

MELOMAKAROUNA - a Greek spice cookie, dipped in honey and delicately sprinkled with ground walnuts and honey. When you eat one - you will want to take a dozen home!

or if you want our Festival all time favorite for dessert, you need to visit our **LOUKOUMADES TENT.....** just next to the **DESSERT TENT!** There you will find our deep fried **LOUKOUMADES - HONEY PUFFS.** They are made from scratch in our St. Demetrios Kitchen - no premixed products for us - and they are deep-fried and then they receive their hot honey and a sprinkling of cinnamon. Most importantly, we do not fry our Loukoumades in (peanut oil) so allergies be gone! These are finger licking good and the Favorite of our Festival!

A true delicacy!

Of course, we have home made cookies and cupcakes for the kids and those of us who want to feel like a kid again. You can also buy some pastries to enjoy at home as well. They are packaged! Or buy one of our cookbooks and surprise the family with an authentic Greek meal or pastry!

You can then visit our **KAFENIO TENT (COFFEE HOUSE).** You will find a Kafenio (coffee house) on almost every street in Athens! Our gracious hostesses will be happy to prepare a cup of Greek coffee right in front of your eyes or perhaps an Iced Coffee Frappe, my favorite, and if it is very warm and humid when you visit us, you will understand why an Iced Coffee Frappe is my favorite. Or perhaps just a regular or decaf American cup will suffice. And yes we also have home made Greek yogurt, assorted ice cream, taffy apples and popcorn available. We try to cater to kids of all ages!

If you are greeted with the words **KALOS ORISATE** (Kalos oresate) which translated literally in English means - good welcome. We welcome you with open arms to our home and hope your stay with us is memorable! When we raise our glass of water or other beverage and say to you **STHN UGIA SAS (estin eyea sas)** we mean in English "TO YOUR HEALTH" We are thanking you for gracing our church home with your presence!

See you in August! For further information you may call the Church Office at 773-561-5992 or visit our website at www.StDemetriosGreekFestChicago.com

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this commercial marketplace besides, schools and even a prison. By the way, it was at this same location and prison that Socrates was executed by being given hemlock to drink in 399 B. C. At the entrance is a magnificent fountain area. Remember all this splendor existed around 600 B.C.

If, however, you have been to the area I am describing, or if you plan to go there soon, you may not recognize from this description the magnificence of this area. Since the time of its glory, many natural and unnatural happenings have taken place in that ancient city and the beauty of its original state is no longer in existence. Today visitors would be greeted with the rubble and dry, sandy soil at this site of excavation and the few items that

the American School of Classical Studies has unearthed painstakingly while excavating there since 1931 to the present time. Painstakingly they have been putting together that which once represented some of the most artistic and architectural accomplishments of our time. It did not endure, as did the Acropolis which still stands in all its glory and never fails to inspire!

The Agora, still lives though, as we present it at our Festival recreating a similar version of the ancient marketplace each year by bringing together some of the best talent and crafts people we could find, some of the most energetic entrepreneurs and present them in our air-conditioned Miller Center for your shopping enjoyment and convenience. This year we are fortunate to have several jewelers with unusual designs, Pablo coming in from Pasadena, California with some beautiful art work to enhance anyone's home decor, hand-crafted toys that the kid's will love. Religious books and Icons, and other religious artifacts, handbag creations, scarves, hand crafted wooden frames and other things, Greek kites, and children's computer designed tee shirts and Illinois grown honey; quilts and other hand sewn designs and much more. Don't forget to visit our youngest entrepreneur with his own home grown and cared for Sweet Basil plants, which brings fragrance to our homes and enhances the Mediterranean cuisine. You may have noticed like at the Ancient Agora in Athens, we even have a Fountain Room at the entrance of our Miller Center, and as you may suspect our Miller Center is used as a banquet hall, meeting area, and major gathering hall. During the Festival, if you choose to eat your dinner in air-conditioned comfort, you will have that chance in the Miller Center.

If you haven't booked a flight to Greece this year don't fret, just join us on the far Northside of the City of Chicago where we will do our best to offer you some of the best cuisine of our ethnic culture, while we offer what we do best, our warm hospitality, to make your weekend a pleasant journey. You already know the weather of Chicago, especially this year, so whether we are granted sunny skies and balmy nights or cloudy skies and a rain drop or two we will do our best to make your time with us a happy experience. If you need further information or just direction on how to find us you may want to check our Festival website - www.StDemetriosChicagoGreekFest.com or just call our church office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at 773-561-5992. See you there!

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Logan Square

Chicago's Farmers Markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to over 20 neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago.

Dates: Weekly: Every Sunday

From: Jun 7, 2009 to Oct 25, 2009 Hours: Sundays, 10 am - 3 pm

Location: Logan Square, 3107 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago, IL 60647 Admission: FREE

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Dates: Jun 14: Jun 28: Jul 12: Jul 26: Aug 9; Aug 23: Sep 13: Sep 27: Oct 11 Hours: 9 am - 1 pm

Location: South side of Irving Park btwn. Springfield and Hamlin, W. Irving Park Rd. & Springfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 Admission: FREE

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Chicago's Farmers Markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to over 20 neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago.

Dates: Every Tuesday From: Jun 9, 2009 to Oct 27, 2009

Hours: 7 am - 2 pm

Location: City Parking Lot adjacent to Brown Line Station, 4700 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625 Admission: FREE

Website: For additional information please visit, www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood's 3rd Annual Farmers Market will run every Thursday through August 20th, between the hours of 8 am - 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Avenue. This location was chosen because of its visibility from Pratt Avenue, accessibility of parking, and neighborhood location. The goal of the Lincolnwood Farmers Market is to offer an event that brings residents and the business community together, while offering the opportunity for individuals living and working in Lincolnwood to buy fresh produce and natural products. Our vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, bread, pastries, cheese, flowers, honey, and more.

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Canoe Fund Raiser For Clark Park

Come out for an evening of paddling in the quiet moonlight; enjoy the finest natural scenery and wildlife of the North Branch of the Chicago River.

A riverine tour will be given by Ryan Chew of Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, followed by a delicious catered dinner by SemiRamis. (Rain or Shine - If weather is unsafe for canoeing, dinner will be held in the historic main hall of Revere Park - 2509 W. Irving Prk).

What: Moonlight canoe on the North Branch, includes all canoe equipment and catered dinner.

When: Sunday September 13th, 5:30pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Richard Clark Park- Rockwell and Roscoe (2600 W/3400 N)

Cost: \$50 per person payable to: Clark Park Advisory Council/Friends of the Parks, Attn: William Donahue, 2334 W Melrose, Chicago, IL 60618

**Please RSVP your attendance, BY Aug 24th, via e-mail to

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Urban Wildlife Coalition: Migrating Monarchs

August is a magical month for butterflies. Most Midwesterners are familiar with the annual Monarch butterfly migration. As fall draws near, millions in our area ready themselves for a southward migration of some 2,500 miles.

Monarchs are the only species of butterfly to make this trip, but did you know that only a small subset of these actually make the journey? Strange, but true. Only those born during the late summer, usually during the middle to end of August, go south for the winter. Why? As autumn approaches, the shorter days and dropping temperatures prevent these butterflies from maturing fully enough to reproduce. While their earlier-born cousins live a week or two, migrating Monarchs live six months, and females lay eggs as they make the trip back north in the spring.

Did you also know? Monarchs lay eggs only on milkweed plants and that is the plant Monarch caterpillars eat. To attract Monarchs to your garden, avoid using pesticides and plant plenty of milkweed!

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urban-wildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urban-wildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

Nat'l Wildlife Federation: Fireflies!

It's midsummer, which means it's the perfect time to encounter the iconic night flying insect: the firefly. The best way to experience fireflies is to turn off the TV, put away the video games and get outside!

Fireflies are actually beetles, not flies. Lightning bug, their other common name, is also inaccurate since bugs are their own order of insects, distinct from beetles.

Fireflies create their "fire" by mixing oxygen with a chemical called luciferin in their abdomen, which creates light without any heat. Each species has a unique flash pattern, which they use to attract mates.

Firefly larvae are carnivorous, feeding on slugs, worms and other soft-bodied invertebrates around streams and ponds.

As adults, some firefly species feed on nectar, and some don't feed at all, but females in the genus Photuris mimic the flashes of females in the genus Photinus. When a Photinus male approaches looking for a mate, the female Photuris devours him!

In the U.S. almost all firefly species are found east of the Mississippi, which gives folks from the western states an excuse to vacation back east!

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- Sunday School Rally Day Kick-Off at 9:30 AM
- Church Picnic at 1:00 PM

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St. Hyacinth Celebrates Annual Carnival – Family Fest

St. Hyacinth Basilica Parish prepares itself for the annual parish Family Fest. The carnival – fest takes place on the parish grounds:

Thursday, August 20 – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, August 21 – 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, August 22 – 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday, August 23 – 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A grand raffle of several thousand dollars and premium prizes takes place on Sunday evening at 9:30 p.m.

Booths with toys, kitchen ware, liquor and other prizes, as well as Pot-of-Gold and other tab games will abound the parish grounds.

Rides for children and adults are a standard of the carnival-fest, as well as ethnic foods, a beer garden and ice cream and desserts will be available.

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BUCKTOWN: A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship – III

The Bucktown – A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship Reunion reaches its 3rd anniversary at the White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant on Sunday, November 8, 2009

When Village Publications was to enter the Bucktown area (Western – Fullerton – Damen – Armitage, as well as immediate surroundings to its south and west) the editors interviewed the Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R., who was born, grew up and later worked as a Catholic priest at the Bucktown parish, St. Hedwig. The interview began with the interesting question of its title “Why was the area called Bucktown?”, which has become well-known for almost 100 years by that name, and currently is advertised for its locale and successful restaurants and businesses.

The answer was interesting and was answered in the initial article (July, 2006). The Polish immigrants settled on the northwest prairie – farmland of Chicago in the early 1800’s. Three specific areas were quickly named: Goose Island, Cabbage Patch and Bucktown. The names applied to the rabbit and duck hunting area of Goose Island, the growing of cabbage, a staple in the Polish family diet, and the raising of goats, of which goat milk was another staple of the Polish table.

The Village Publication office received a number of responses on the article and an interest for the 28 articles to follow through 2007. Not only did the interest of articles grow, but a request was made for a “reunion.” Reluctantly, Fr. Rog together with Vivian Kolpak (co-owner of the House of White Eagle), whose husband Paul, was a Bucktownian – but more especially a member of the St. Hedwig – Holstein Park softball and basketball teams, which were under the guidance of the priest. The teams of the late 1950’s and early 1960’s accumulated over 30 area and city championships. Interest in the “reunion” grew!

The First Bucktown: A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship Dinner – through the Village Publications – attracted a response of 250 former Bucktownians in 2007.

Fr. Rog thought this would be laid to rest – when the attendees at the Celebration unanimously applauded for another Celebration for 2008. It also was now looked upon as an annual early November event.

With a committee of Doug Gill, Art Malinowski, Ron and Carol Obuchowski and Tony Pawlicki, the third Celebration has been planned for Sunday, November 8, 2009.

The format of the Celebration is a 3 p.m. cocktail hour (open bar); 4 p.m. dinner promptly served and a 5 to 7 p.m. time of Friendship. Although no speeches are the hallmark of the previous celebrations, the Grand Raffle and an interesting Poor Man’s Raffle take place during the designated time of Friendship. (See the advertisement below.)

Bucktown A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship Dinner

Sunday, November 8, 2009

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Residents Help Shape the Future of Milwaukee Avenue in Logan Square

More than 80 residents "built" the type of development they want to see along Milwaukee Avenue at the second Logan Square Corridor Development Initiative (CDI) meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5. Residents got a taste of the development process through a block-building exercise, through which they built small-scale buildings and worked with developers, architects, and fellow neighbors, to come up with financially feasible buildings that appealed to a variety of residents.

The CDI is a three-part meeting series that not only lets residents learn about development tools available in their neighborhood, but also allows gives them an opportunity to influence the type of development that will occur. This summer, the Metropolitan Planning Council is working with Ald. Rey Colon and a steering committee of neighborhood organizations and residents to host the Logan Square CDI.

The final Logan Square CDI meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug. 26 (time and location below). At this meeting, a panel of developers will respond to the proposals created during the block exercise. This meeting is open to anyone, regardless of whether they came to the first or second meeting. Here are the details:



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How do residents' development proposals stack up? Developers will give their professional opinion on the buildings residents "built" at the block-building exercise meeting.

For more information, please contact Karin Sommer, at ksommer@metroplanning.org or 312-863-6044.

ACADEMY OF ST. PRISCILLA TO OPEN AT DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH

Sr. M. Paul McCaughey, O.P., Superintendent of Catholic Schools, announced today that the new Academy of St. Priscilla will open its doors at Divine Savior Parish, 7740 W. Montrose Avenue in Norridge, on September 2, 2009. The Academy will provide 3-through 8-year-olds a Catholic faith-based education using the teaching methods of Differentiated Instruction and Project-Based Learning in a Montessori approach.

The Academy of St. Priscilla at Divine Savior will be the first school in the Archdiocese of Chicago to solely use these teaching methods, with the focus primarily on Early Childhood Catholic Education. Here the children will not only receive a quality faith-based education, but an education tailored to meet the needs of all students.

"The Academy of St. Priscilla Board of Specified Jurisdiction worked tirelessly the past eight months to serve the mission of Catholic education," remarked Sr. McCaughey. "The Academy's Director, Jennifer Hodge, herself a St. Priscilla grad, brings a thorough knowledge of the curriculum and high energy to the new school. We are grateful to Bishop Thomas Paprocki and Fr. Richard LoBianco for opening up a site, which will be student-ready for the start of the school year."

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to truly excel and become proficient in various content areas," said Ms. Hodge. "Our children will also have the use of laptops in the classrooms, which will aide in recognizing the variance in learning styles of the children. I am delighted to be apart of the new Academy for the Archdiocese of Chicago. The school has been transformed into an academic center of faith-based education for our early childhood students."

"The opportunity these children will have in a hands-on environment will make a huge difference in their overall learning," said Tanya Boyle, pre-kindergarten teacher. "Not all children learn in the same way, and a learning environment such as ours is sensitive to that. Children will have a higher chance of success in a differentiated, instruction-based classroom."

The decision to locate the Academy at Divine Savior Parish comes while construction for capital and leasehold improvements are being conducted at St. Priscilla Parish. The Academy's Board of Specified Jurisdiction plans to work throughout the course of the school year with St. Priscilla pastor Fr. Idzi Stacherczak to determine the best uses of the school building at St. Priscilla Parish.

When the Academy of St. Priscilla opens on September 2, it will welcome children ages three to eight, from 3-year-old preschool through second grade. Applications are still being accepted. For more information, please contact Jennifer Hodge, jhodge79@gmail.com.

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"A Theatre Review"

"Blackbird"

Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre
 2433 N. Lincoln Avenue
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Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Probably one of the hottest tickets for regional theatre currently is David Harrower the Scottish playwright's show titled "Blackbird" at the Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre.

The main draw is William L. Peterson, the star of the hit crime show "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation." Peterson is a Chicago actor who has hit it big in Hollywood and is a strong actor and gives a strong performance.

Audiences who are lucky enough to see the show should come out talking about Mattie Hawkinson who gives a breathtaking performance. She has me mesmerized for the 90 minutes of the show, that's how strong and good she was in her role as Una.

Many people wonder how the play "Blackbird" received its name – well it's the British vernacular for jailbird.

Peterson as Ray had a sexual affair with Una 15 years ago. At the time she was 12 and he was 40. Una shows up at Ray's work place to confront him concerning their affair. The playwright tries to bring both sides to their audience as Ray is a sexual predator.

Dennis Zacek's direction of this two character harrowing play deserves credit for keeping his audience on their toes for 90 minutes. The play was performed in New York in 2007 with Jeff Daniels and Alison Pill and both I'm sure gave strong performances but I think the two of Peterson and Hawkinson give even stronger performances.

Una and Ray had a three month affair and both met at Una's parent's barbecue. It wouldn't be fair to tell you how the play ends but it is dark and some might find it depressing. You don't come out of the theatre feeling good and many are looking for happy times for the summer. It is worth seeing in its brief run through August 16th.

For reservations, performance times and dates call 773-871-3000. Tickets are \$30.00 - \$58.00

-Three Stars-

"A Minister's Wife"


Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

George Bernard Shaw is a famous playwright and "A Minister's Wife" is based on his 1894 play "Candida." The show has been made into a musical in collaboration with Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Austin Pendleton with music and lyrics by Josh Schmidt and Jan Tranan. Writers Theatre's artistic director Michael Halberstam has assembled an exceptional cast for this 95-minute world premiere production that he has directed. Schmidt's other world premier musical "The Adding Machine" was first presented at the Next Theatre in Evanston before moving to an off Broadway theatre in New York. After viewing this haunting and beautifully done production I felt it was more of an operetta.

Kevin Gudahl is the Reverend James Morell who is a charismatic minister and while he is a talented actor he is merely an adequate singer, as you'll discover when he sings "sermon" along with the cast to let you in on what is about to unfold. Gudahl has appeared in several musicals over the years but is best off in dramas and comedies. The beautiful and talented Kate Fry is back on stage after a maternity leave and plays the minister's wife Candida. We find that Morell is a pious minister but one wonders if their marriage is a happy one. A young poet played by Alan Schmuckler thinks he is in love with the minister's wife. Schmuckler is a rising handsome talent who has a beautiful singing voice and we only hope we will see more of his work on stage.

Liz Baites is Prosperine the secretary of the minister and Adam Estes is Alexander Mill, an apprentice minister. Both are "yes" people to every whim of the Reverend. We get far more out in the open in the show's climax. "A Minister's Wife" is a chamber musical or operetta and runs at the Writer's Theatre until August 16. It is a most enjoyable evening of entertainment. For performance days, show times and reservations call 847-242-6000. Tickets are \$45 - \$60.

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Chester M. Przybylo

When your child turns eighteen, it may feel like nothing has changed. But, disconcerting as it may be, for all legal purposes, turning eighteen makes your child an adult. Even more disturbing is the fact that without proper legal safeguards, you may no longer have any say in their medical care or financial matters. This article reviews the barriers that may prevent you from accessing your child's medical information in case of an accident or illness. Also discussed in this article are several legal safeguards that can be used to prevent this from happening to you and your child.

Your child has just turned 6,570 days old, and on the surface nothing seems to have changed. He still mixes the reds with the whites in the wash-she drove off with her book bag on the roof of her car again. But, disconcerting as it may be, for all legal purposes, turning 18 makes your child an adult.

Even more disturbing is the fact that without proper legal safeguards, you may no longer have any say in their medical care or financial matters. Should something terrible befall your child, you would be powerless to help them.

Each year, approximately 20,000 college-age kids die in the United States. What sets this population apart from the rest of the country is that almost half of these deaths are accident related. In general, our kids are not having heart attacks or getting lung cancer-instead they are more likely to be crashing cars or suffering other accidents.

I know it's difficult to even consider the possibility of something bad happening to your child. No one sits around imagining such scenarios. But the unpleasant truth is that no matter how responsible, how healthy, or how young your child is, they are at risk.

We all protect the things we value. You buy homeowners insurance to protect your house from natural disasters, fire, and other catastrophes. The odds are pretty slim that your house will be destroyed by lightning, but because your home is important to you, you protect it. Well, the same logic applies to your children. You have every expectation that they'll be safe at college, but because you love and care about them, protecting them in case the unexpected happens just makes sense.

Here's why you need to act: On April 14, 2003, the privacy rule of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) went into effect. The intent of this act is to prevent anyone from accessing and abusing an individual's personal medical information.

Fortunately and unfortunately, this privacy applies to your 18-year-old as well. The downside, of course, is that if your son or daughter has an accident or is incapacitated in some way, you may not even be able to discuss their medical situation with a doctor because it may violate HIPAA. In order to prevent this, you need your child's legal consent to access their medical records and make decisions for them, based on their own wishes, in the event of an emergency. Specifically, you need a HIPAA Authorization Form and a Health Care Directive completed for them.

Another important legal safeguard is a Property Power of Attorney. This is especially helpful if your child travels abroad. It allows you to handle any unforeseen issues that may arise with your child's car, apartment, student loans, etc.

To be clear, these documents and safeguards do not in any way allow the designated agent to "interfere" with their child's medical care or financial decisions. These are simply emergency measures to protect the interests of your newly-minted "adult" child.

Becoming an adult is an exciting rite-of-passage for every young person, but with independence comes an important set of responsibilities. Getting these legal matters sorted out may be the most important birthday present you ever give to your child.

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The best cover letters are formal statements that point out the compatibility of your skills, accomplishments and background with the requirements of the job. Do not get caught up in listing your career background and work history. That is a resume, not a cover letter.

Beware of mistakes! There is absolutely nothing that will turn off a potential employer faster than a bunch of misspelled words and poorly constructed sentences. It is essential that you not only use your spell check, but also carefully read your cover letter. Ask a friend or family member to give it the onceover.

Always be respectful toward the company and the position you are seeking. Never include terms like "Although I am clearly overqualified..." or "I know this position is a step down for me." It is also important to never include anything that can be construed as negative about a past employer. Be positive in your cover letter.

A great way to show a possible employer that you are a proactive, intelligent job prospect is to include some of your research on the company. This distinctly tells hiring managers that you have done your homework and that you are not simply submitting resumes to every business with a job posting.

At the end of every cover letter should be a request for an interview. "I would love to meet with you to discuss how I can add to your company." or "I am available next week and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you." And after having written a winning cover letter, your chances of landing that interview have vastly increased!

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Dog vs. Cat & Dog Wins!

By Bosley

Hello my furry friends, is everyone enjoying the summer? Well, I have certainly been a busy pooch! My Human has me meeting and greeting everyone at the new place; it's great to make some new friends but I think I am do for a vacation!

Speaking of which, I might just take one by myself, turns out that I got in trouble recently. I will only confess to you my friends that I am somewhat guilty; I did say somewhat. One of the cats, Tootsie, I am forced to live with was in the garbage can at home; curious (curiosity kills cats not dogs!) I went to investigate. Well, she was happily enjoying the leftovers from my Humans supper; there were some great bones in there so I thought I would share in the treasure! Unfortunately, that is when my Human came in and caught me! Of course the sneaky Tootsie was nowhere to be found and didn't share in the punishment. I was very angry at that cat, I know I am partly to blame, but it's her fault too!

So, I devised a woofing good plan! Now all of you must raise your paw and not confess to any Humans what I am about to tell you! Ready? Did you really raise your paw? So I thought, how can I get back at her, then the magic milkbone appeared over my head! I have to continually push the cats away from my favorite bed; well this time I invited Tootsie to join in the comfort! Yes, I know that is against the dog code, but remember I have a plan! As we cuddled (I know gross) I began to lick Tootsie; I normally wouldn't be caught dead doing such behavior with a cat, but desperate times call for desperate measures! Anyway, Tootsie has a very thick long coat, after spending so much time at my Human's Grooming Shop I know that by me licking the coat I would cause tangles to form. Now tangles aren't good for any animal, they hurt, but remember revenge is sweet! So, after degrading myself to the cat, I secretly snickered.

Later that evening my Human was petting Tootsie when she proclaimed, "Wow when did you get to be such a mess? You are coming with me tomorrow to the shop for a good grooming!" Yes, my Human grooms cats all the time at the shop; and yes, cats do need grooming, but some hate it more than others. Ahh sweet revenge, you see what Tootsie hates most in the world is grooming and the bath!

Well, I showed her, don't mess with the Poodle! Ok I know revenge isn't the good dog thing to do, but I am talking about a cat here; so I think I am still a good pup (and very clever one too)!

Play on, Bosley

Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.

Vaccinations in Dogs & Cats

Part 3

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

Vaccines

The term vaccine comes from the Latin word for cow. It is actually honoring Dr. Edward Jenner and the use of the cowpox virus to protect people against the deadly disease of smallpox in the late 18th century. Cowpox produced a mild disease, however the antibodies produced against it were shown to be protective against smallpox-thus people were "given" cowpox and saved from smallpox-the first "vaccination".

Early veterinary vaccines were relatively impure mixtures of live or dead viruses/bacteria or their by-products. The first vaccines against canine distemper were prepared by using ground up tissues of infected animals and subsequently inactivated. These vaccines had low potency and high risk of adverse reactions. In the early 1950's special cultures for viruses (called tissue cultures) were used and greatly improved the quality of the vaccines.

Vaccine production, licensing and marketing are rigidly controlled by the USDA. They are evaluated for safety, effectiveness and the risk of adverse side effects. Therefore it is very important to strictly follow the manufacturers guidelines as improper usage can lead to harmful effects or lack of a proper level of protection. Different products should never be mixed to provide combined vaccines unless it is permitted in the instructions. Expired vaccines should not be used due to diminished effectiveness.

Types of Vaccines

Live Vaccines

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Live agents in vaccines must be modified (attenuated or weakened) so that they retain the ability to generate an immune response but do not produce illness. There are many different means of weakening the organisms. The vaccinations are then prepared in a freeze dried (lyophilized) form which increases stability and storage lifespan. They are stored in the refrigerator and when ready for use sterile water is added. The vaccination is then administered, usually under the skin (subcutaneously).

The most effective vaccines are those that mimic the route and type of infection they are trying to prevent. Modified live vaccines that develop within the animal provide great protection. However, because they are a live organism precautions must be taken accompanying their usage. We will cover these in the next installment.

Inactivated (Killed) Virus

These are produced in a similar fashion to the live vaccines, however they are subjected to various forms of denaturation to kill the organism but not destroy the ability to stimulate an immune response. They may not be quite as effective as a modified live vaccine but you are not dealing with a live organism.

Next article we will deal with more differences between the types of vaccines, factors affecting the effectiveness of vaccinations, precautions, and then providing a rational vaccination schedule.

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Scharpenberg Gallery Features Art Influenced by Midsummer Night's Dream

The Scharpenberg Gallery at the DANK-Haus will present "Midsummer," featuring art influenced by Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. The exhibition is an extension of Bach & Beyond's Midsummer performance. Exhibitors include EU and American artists Cyd Smillie, Sally Swingewood, Laura Keeble, Michelle Izzard, Elaine Jones, Jill Arena, Amanda C. Cox and more. The exhibition will run July 12- September 19.

Art will be available for purchase with 30% of the proceeds going to arts funding at the DANK-Haus.

Scharpenberg Gallery hours:

Wednesdays and Fridays, 2-5pm and Saturdays from 11-3 or by appt
Free and open to the public

DANK-Haus, German American Cultural Center, 4740 North Western Avenue, 4th Floor. Contact: Susan Barton at 773.561.9181 or visit www.dankhaus.com.

Village Cooking Corner

With autumn fast approaching, here's a delicious way to enjoy those fresh apples of any type.

Apple Cake

1 box yellow cake mix. Mix according to directions on box.

Add:

1 1/2 t. cinnamon

2 1/2 cups grated apples

1/3 cup butter

1/2 cup (7 squares) crushed Graham crackers

Mix thoroughly and pour into 9 x 13" pan. Sprinkle top of cake with 3/4 cup brown sugar. Bake according to temperature on box. Test with wooden pick in center of cake for doneness.

From the Kitchens of Rose Suter

St. Paul Lutheran School News

St. Paul Lutheran School, 5650 N. Canfield Ave. in Chicago, educating children for over 100 years on Chicago's Northwest side is currently accepting new student enrollment for PreK 3 year old- Eighth Grade. St. Paul Lutheran is pleased to offer new families enrolling for the first time in a full, five day per week program in grades Kindergarten through 3rd Grade a Tuition Discount of 50% Off Savings for the 2009-2010 school year's tuition if enrolled before September 1, 2009. Open enrollment registration will be held on August 18th in the school gymnasium 1:00-6:00pm. St. Paul offers Christ centered values, caring certified teachers, comprehensive curriculum including Spanish Kindergarten-8th Grade, art, music, physical education, library, computers in the classrooms as well as a mobile computer lab of laptops. Additional highlights include: a Full-time Special Education Resource Teacher; Full Day Pre-K 3 and 4 year old Program available; flexible half-day and full-day Kindergarten; many extra-curricular and service opportunities; before and after school care from 7:00am to 6:00pm; on-site hot lunch program; multiple child discounts; and tuition assistance available. For more information, view www.stpaulwildcats.org and contact Debbie Townsend, School Principal at 708-867-5044 with questions and or to schedule a visit.



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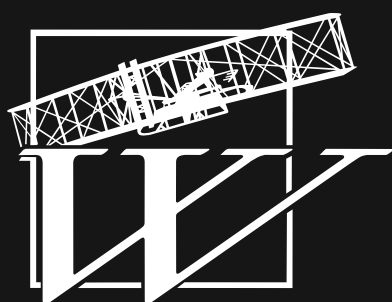
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