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Mayor Daley's **Clean & Green** Citywide Volunteer Clean-Up

Saturday, April 17, 2010

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, you and community groups in your area can make an immediate difference in your neighborhood by volunteering your time and efforts to take part in Mayor Daley's Spring Clean & Green Day.

For two decades Chicagoans like yourself have teamed up with community groups and the City of Chicago to help beautify your communities by cleaning up and recycling accumulated litter & trash. All you have to do is sign up and join us at a location close to you that could really use a good cleaning. The City will work with you and your community organization to provide use on that day of all the brooms, rakes, shovels and bags needed to get the job done.

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The buzz of the news media personnel and their interviewing people shocked with the news: "The President is Dead." Did we not all experience utter shock and sorrow as the news spread throughout the United States ... throughout the world ... throughout each mind and heart upon hearing of this tragedy of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others, who were all, in one way or another, very important at this time in Poland's history: political, economic, legislative leaders ... and Chicago's own artist/sculptor, Wojciech Seweryn.

Not too long ago, Seweryn completed a tribute to the "slaughter," in the Katyn Forest of 20,000 highly influential Polish military and intelligencia, who 70 years ago, after the Second World War, would be capable of leading the Nation at the end of the Soviet and Nazi war, which tore Poland apart. Seweryn's Father was one of the 20,000 massacred at Katyn.

At the entrance gate of St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Niles, the large cross with angelic wings, the statue of the Blessed Mother holding her own Son in her lap at the foot of this cross ... another Pieta, was the design and the dream of Wojciech. Another tribute at this monument was meant to be held in the first days of May, when President Kaczynski was to be in Chicago for the Polish Independence Day parade.

There was supreme joy in the Seweryn household that Wojciech was invited to the original location in the Katyn Forest for the 70th anniversary memorial as part of the presidential delegation ... accompanying President Kaczynski on the Polish Air One.

The questions are many: why were so many political, economic, military and influential Polish people on one flight?

The Polish are accustomed to walking in pilgrimage for miles - even days - in the annual tribute to Our Lady of Czestochowa during the month of August. Thousands march from St. Michael Church on South Shore Drive to Merrillville, IN in a prayerful procession. Two thousand Poles marched along Milwaukee Avenue from the original "port of entry" of years ago (Division and Milwaukee) to St. Hyacinth Basilica (Milwaukee and Central Park) to celebrate at Mass the death of another most beloved world leader, the Polish Pope, John Paul II.

On Sunday, April 11th, three hundred walked from Chopin Park (Long at Belmont) to St. Hyacinth Basilica Parish.

As three thousand people filled the Basilica, they heard each name of the deceased announced individually. They came to pray for each of them.

Afterwards they struggled to find the words which would somehow express how they felt about the tragedy ... words of grief ... words of gratitude ... words of hope ... words of love of Country ... for the leadership which is bringing Poland from the grips of Communism.

From this difficult and painful, yet communal experience, strong and peaceful might describe the sentiments of these Polish people: powerless and helpless, yet strong; sad, yet divinely peaceful; broken, yet whole.

It is faith in God which unites the praying community, connecting this world with divine life. All that matters is simply a communion of people with no words needed. The deaths of our brothers and sisters bring us all together here, and at many other churches where the memory of these people will be celebrated in masses at various churches throughout the world.

Eucharist is thanksgiving.

They rest in peace. May they inspire us to live in the memory of Katyn of 70 years ago and the Katyn of today.

We remember ... their patriotism ... love of Country and family.

We celebrate ... their dedication.

We believe ... we will see them in the eternal life.

By: Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R., St. Hyacinth Basilica Parish

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers April Health Programs

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

Free **hearing screenings** will be given Tuesday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologist Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., will perform the screenings in a soundproof booth in the second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free lecture titled "**Menopause—The Facts**" will be presented Tuesday, April 20, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Menopause can affect women's overall health and well-being, including mood, insomnia and hot flashes. Kornelia Krol, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist, will discuss menopause signs, symptoms and coping strategies. She also will discuss controversies in treatment options as well as ongoing health concerns. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, April 22, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Tuesday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

39th Annual International Camera & Image Show And Sale To Be Held In Skokie

The Chicago Photographic Collectors Society will present its 39th Annual International Camera & Image Show And Sale on Sunday, May 2nd at the North Shore Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Ave, Skokie, from 10 am to 3 pm. Free parking. Admission is \$6.00 donation; children under 12 and photography students (with school ID) are \$4.00 donation. Free camera appraisals and free camera check-ups will be available on-site from Kim Camera Service.

According to show director Marv Chait, "This is the largest show of its type in the Midwest and will include over 80 dealers from across the U.S., Canada and Japan. Dealers buy, sell and trade contemporary, antique, collectable, and digital cameras, photo equipment, books and images of all kinds. We suggest that people who have old unused cameras and photo equipment stored in their attic or basement bring them to the show for a free appraisal...they may have real cash value."

Note that a limited number of dealer and exhibitor tables are still available.

For further information and directions view the CPCS web site at: www.chicagophotographic.org or e-mail: marv5555@aol.com

GARAGE & YARD SALES PERMIT INFORMATION for the CITY OF CHICAGO

THE PERMIT PROCESS Since October of 1996, a permit is required for all garage sales, yard sales, apartment sales and similar occasional sales of household goods that are conducted on residential property within the City of Chicago. The action was taken by the Chicago City Council to eliminate the many sales operating week after week that actually were unlicensed retail operations. Issued by the Department of Streets and Sanitation, or an agent appointed by the department, these permits are free and must be displayed during the sale period. Each household is entitled to two permits per year, with a third sale authorized only if the occupants are moving permanently from their residence. If more than one household is joining in a single sale, each household needs its own permit, even if the sale is at the address of only one participating household.

The ordinance also prohibits any signs advertising these sales on light poles or other property except at the site of the sale itself. These sales are limited to three consecutive days between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset. In case of rain, the sale can be held during the next three days after the permit period, but is still limited to three total days.

Violators face fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, with each day representing a separate offense. Charitable organizations, synagogues, churches, and schools are exempt from the ordinance.

If you are a resident of the 50th Ward, you may obtain your permit by visiting Alderman Stone's Lincoln Avenue Ward office, 6199 N. LINCOLN AVENUE 2nd Floor CHICAGO, IL 60659 (elevator available). A driver's license, state I.D., or utility bill is required when filling out the permit application, to show proof of residency.

ATTENTION U.S. MILITARY VETERANS and ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday April 8th and also April 22ND starting at 7:30PM at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy (just west of Harlem Ave.) Chicago. We are seeking new members. If you've been thinking about joining a veteran's organization, stop in and visit our meeting. You might find that our post might be for you.

For additional information please contact: Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448 or Sr Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738

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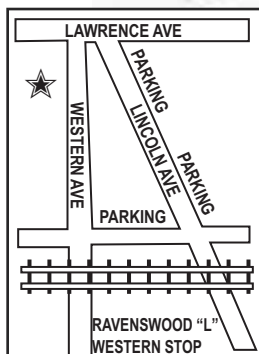
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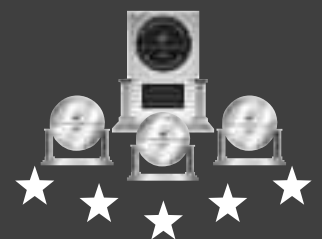


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Are you receiving all of the senior benefits to which you are entitled from the state, county and city? If you are unsure, then you might want to schedule a free appointment for a Benefits Eligibility Checklist at the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago. Conferences are private, confidential, last 15 minutes, and will be conducted between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., on Mondays, March 28, April 5, April 12, April 19, and April 26.

Representatives of the not-for-profit Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights will review your status to determine if you meet age, income and other eligibility criteria to qualify for the Circuit Breaker and additional state, county and city programs.

Heartland Alliance, established in 1888, focuses on housing, health care, economic security, and legal protections services. This service is provided through a grant from The Chicago Community Trust. The Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center is a partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Park District and Norwood Seniors Network.

Appointments to schedule a private session can be made by calling the Senior Center at (773) 775-6071.

Kites, Kilts and Ogres...oh my!

Now that spring has sprung, outdoor festival season is just about here. Early May brings a May Day special - Mayor Daley's Kids & Kites Festival, May 1 at Lincoln Park and Montrose, presented by the City of Chicago and Harris Bank, in partnership with Anixter Center.

In addition to free kite kits, Plaster of Paradise returns with kite-shaped refrigerator magnet that kids can decorate and take home courtesy of Anixter Center.

Those attending will have the chance to win a family four-pack of tickets to Tony and Drama Desk award-winning, SHREK the Musical, which will play the Cadillac Palace Theatre for a limited engagement beginning July 13 - September 5.

And on the following weekend May 8 and 9 Celtic Fest Chicago, presented by flynovascotia.com, moves to Millennium Park bringing with it the popular Men in Kilts Contest. Brave lads will show off their legs in kilts for a contest unlike any other. The contest will take place Saturday, May 8 at 4:45 p.m. on the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Contestants can enter the day of the contest, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the two information booths located throughout the park. Spots are limited; arrive early to sign up! Prizes include airline tickets, a Lobster dinner from FlyNovaScotia.com and more.

If you don't have the legs for it and your talents lean more toward the written word, tell Mum know how much you love her and enter the Mother's Day Limerick Contest to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Prizes will be awarded to the winner based on theme, originality, sentiment, wit and use of the limerick rhyme and meter. Limericks will be accepted via email at moseinquiry@cityofchicago.org now through April 16. Visit the Celtic Fest Website for details. Prizes include tickets to SHREK, The Musical.

NORWOOD PARK SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER TO HOST AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Keeping up-to-date on changes in traffic laws and signage is an important part of maintaining sharp driving skills. Persons age 55 or older can refresh their driving knowledge by enrolling in the two-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center. The sessions will be held on May 4 and May 6, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

Completion of the course may qualify motorists for an insurance discount. Cost of the class is \$14 per person (\$12 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Senior Center at (773) 775-6071.

The Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center is managed by Norwood Seniors Network, a community outreach program, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District.

Celebrate the Earth with the Chicago Park District!

Participate in Various Community Park Clean Up Events in April and May!

Join the Chicago Park District and a couple hundred volunteers to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day activities at various park locations and dates throughout Chicago. Help give back to the earth by participating in a community park clean-up event or celebration taking place in the months of April and May.

"Earth Day and Arbor Day is a great time for us to come together and give back to our planet," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent Tim Mitchell. "The Park District offers the community a chance to get outdoors and connect to nature through various volunteer opportunities and events we offer throughout the city."

For more information go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312.742.play.

Skokie Art Guild Meetings

Skokie Art Guild demo/meetings are held at on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. in the Mary Radmacher room. Nonmembers are welcome.

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QUIGLEY INTRODUCES BILL TO NAME LOCAL POST OFFICE FOR MUSICIAN STEVE GOODMAN

Songwriter created “Go Cubs Go,” “City of New Orleans,” devoted life to Chicago, music

Today, Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL) introduced a bill to name a North Side Chicago post office for the late songwriter and performer Steve Goodman. Quigley’s effort to memorialize and celebrate Goodman’s life at the Lakeview Post Office, located at 1343 W. Irving Park Road, has the full support of the Illinois Congressional delegation, the Old Town School of Folk Music, and a growing list of local and nationally known recording artists.

“While most Chicagoans know him for the song we sing after every Cubs’ win, Steve Goodman’s contributions reach far beyond the ivy-covered walls of Wrigley,” said Quigley. “Goodman was one of the most prolific American songwriters and performers of our time whose songs have been played by Willie Nelson, Jimmy Buffett, and John Denver and whose short but tremendous life reminds us how one person can impact so many others.”

Steve Goodman was among the group of talented Chicago songwriters who emerged from the 1960s folk scene that began at Old Town School and emigrated to the Earl of Old Town, the Fifth Peg, and ultimately the whole country. Along with John Prine, Bonnie Koloc, Bob Gibson, and a host of others, Steve Goodman made Chicago one of the focal points of the American folk music scene. Steve’s monumental “City of New Orleans,” made famous by Arlo Guthrie and Willie Nelson, was a celebration of railroading and the American Midwest. The song earned him one of his two posthumous Grammy Awards.

Most remarkable, however, is that Goodman crafted such an illustrious music career while battling leukemia for 15 years until his death at age 36 in 1984. On the day he was scheduled to sing the “Star Spangled Banner,” Jimmy Buffett filled in and dedicated the national anthem to his friend at Wrigley Field, where Goodman’s ashes were later scattered and his song is still sung after every Cubs’ win. In 2007, then-Lt. Governor Pat Quinn declared October 5th to be “Steve Goodman Day” in the State of Illinois. (A full biography is available below.)

“It is entirely fitting for Steve Goodman to be recognized through the naming of a post office – a public building used indiscriminately by everybody, from all walks of life, in the course of pursuing the business of everyday life, which provided the inspiration for so much of his life’s work,” said James Bau Graves, Executive Director of the Old Town School of Folk Music. “On behalf of the Old Town community, I enthusiastically lend our voices in support of this effort.”

Along with Graves, musicians John Prine, Bonnie Koloc, and Corky Siegel have submitted a letter in support of Quigley’s initiative. More artists are expected to join in the coming weeks.

Post offices have been renamed by Congressional law since 1971. Steve Goodman becomes the second honoree in the 5th District joining Roger McAuliffe, a member of the Chicago Police Department and Illinois House of representatives, who was recognized at the 6441 W. Irving Park USPS location in 1996. Except in special cases for high-ranking officials such as the President of the United States, post offices may only be named in honor of the deceased.

Quigley’s resolution has been referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, on which Quigley sits. Once the measure is approved, Quigley is planning a “musical” unveiling event at the post office for the community. More details will be made available as the legislation and plans progress.

SAILING CLASSES NOW OFFERED THROUGH THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Registration for Summer Classes Begins April 19

The Chicago Park District is now offering a new class: competitively priced sailing lessons at the Judd Goldman Sailing Center at Burnham Harbor, 1362 S. Lynn White Dr., for youth ages 10-18 and for adults 18 and older. Programs can now be viewed online and registration begins online Monday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com. In-person registration at most parks begins on Saturday, April 24. The summer session runs June 12 – Aug. 22.

“We are excited to provide the public with an opportunity to take sailing classes at an affordable cost compared to a private club,” said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Timothy J. Mitchell.

Students will learn the basics of sailing on small keelboats and dinghies. Adult students will complete 15 hours of sailing that will be broken down into six lessons. Instructors are U.S. Sailing certified. The classes are offered through a partnership with the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation.

If parents are interested in lessons for their children, they will have an opportunity to sign them up for two or four-week youth sessions this summer. Additionally, lessons are offered for families, people with disabilities and people who are interested in racing.

The Chicago Park District offers programs for all ages from children and teens to adults and seniors. In addition to after-school programs, fitness and recreational opportunities, such as club sports, camps and individual classes, are offered.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY.

MOTHER’S DAY GIFTS THAT LOOK GREAT AND TASTE EVEN BETTER!

EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS OF EVANSTON TAKES THE JOY OF CELEBRATING MOTHERS TO AN ENTICING NEW LEVEL

Each year, devoted offspring often find themselves baffled over selecting the right Mother’s Day gift that conveys love and appreciation, along with a flair of creativity. More often than not, the choice comes down to either a beautiful, fragrant bouquet of flowers delivered right to her doorstep or dinner at her favorite restaurant. But now, there’s another option that’s sure to delight. Edible Arrangements, the pioneer and leader in hand-sculpted, fresh fruit arrangements, has created a variety of stunning Mother’s Day gifts that offer all the beauty and color of a floral bouquet, but are over-brimming with ripe and succulent fruit within in a dazzling arrangement.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 83 million mothers in the United States today. The National Retail Federation estimates that Americans will spend more than \$15 billion this year honoring their mothers on May 9th. Dining out is expected to be the number one expense, with flowers following behind in a close second.

TIME FOR A FRESHER IDEA?

“While studies have shown flowers offer joy to the recipient, the feeling is fleeting due to a flower’s limited duration,” said Steve Thomas, vice president of marketing for Edible Arrangements. “To truly hit the mark, we have created a variety of Mothers Day displays that serve more than one delight -- the joy of a floral arrangement, the healthy, better-for-you aspect, and the opportunity to share her gift with the ones she loves the most. Each centerpiece is hand-crafted to order, using fresh fruit selected at the peak of ripeness.”

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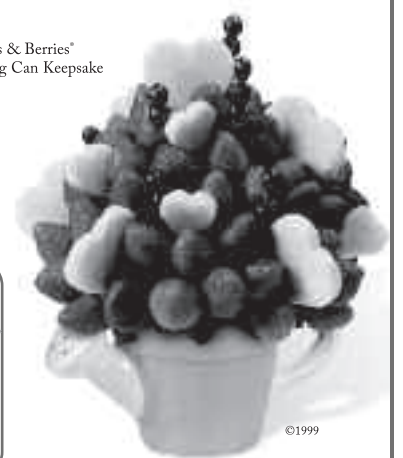
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The Edgebrook Book Club discusses this spring's One Book, One Chicago selection Brooklyn by Colm Toibin on Wednesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Avenue. This moving, hauntingly beautiful, historical novel set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s concerns a young woman torn between her family and her past in Ireland and the American who wins her heart.

Chicagoan Nick De Leonardis, a die-hard Holmesian, meets every other month with the Sherlock Holmes discussion group to dissect the world of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. On Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. the group discusses the short story, 'The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans.' The strongest assets of this story are the international intrigue and the elements of Victorian high technology of both submarines and railroads. The reader also encounters Holmes' usually invisible brother, Mycroft, seven years his senior and very much Holmes' superior in logic.

On Wednesday, May 12th at 1 p.m., Matt Fishbune, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones and Social Security Administration Specialist Mayra Salazar, discuss the options available with Social Security both now and in the future. Key considerations are important age markers, earnings and other income, health and longevity, cost of living adjustments, and dependent benefits.

The Edgebrook Book Club discusses The Lucky One by the inimitable storyteller, Nicholas Sparks, on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. This story about a man whose scrape with death leads to his one true love will keep you up at night and then make you sleep more soundly.

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Free Computer Classes: How Do I Get Online? Wednesday, May 12 from 7 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 22 from 11 - 12.; Email Basics Wednesday, May 26, 7-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 29, 11 - 12.; Mouse Clinic Saturday, May 8, 11 - 12.; Saving Computer Documents, 7-8 p.m.; Learning a Language Online with Mango, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Paid computer Classes: Microsoft Word Part 1 and 2 Monday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 19, 7 - 8:45 p.m. \$20.00 charge

Prairie State Primer – Monday, May 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m. The surprising and entertaining story of Illinois' history is captured in this slide-lecture presentation. John Lynn, having walked the 400-mile length of Illinois and visited all of its 2400 towns, provides insight into what makes Illinois special.

The \$5 Cup of Coffee is Ruining My Retirement – Thursday, May 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m. The \$5 Cup of Coffee is Ruining My Retirement will teach you the lifestyle changes necessary to eliminate waste and pay off debt in order to start building your nest egg. It will help you develop your own personalized financial plan and make your money work for you.

Summer Salads – Thursday, May 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m. \$3 tasting fee. Create the perfect summer salads for your next picnic. Learn new recipes and taste a few, as well!

Bus trip to Pullman – a Walking Tour. Friday, May 21, p-3 p.m. 20.00 Visit historic Pullman on this walking tour of the area. We'll stop for lunch at Pier 37 Bar & Grill where you can order off the menu.

Please register for all programs by calling (708) 867-7828.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Introduces Zumba® Fitness Party!

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is infusing party fun into fitness this Summer with the launch of Zumba®. Zumba disguises the "work" from "working out" by combining amazing, irresistible Latin and international music with dynamic, yet simple dance exercise moves, using an intermittent training format.

While Zumba embraces all the fundamental principles of fitness, the key to Zumba's success is how the music and movement motivate the body to efficiently burn calories, effectively tone all muscle groups, incorporate full range of motion, and improve the cardiovascular system. Fun and music are the two special motivational ingredients. Utilizing the natural beat, tempo, and music transitions, the Zumba dances seamlessly flow from one toning, strengthening, or cardio move into the next. Participants are constantly engaged and entertained with the variety of rhythms including salsa, merengue, samba, belly dancing, cumbia, flamenco, reggaeton, and more! Zumba breaks away from the typical aerobic class format and uses the passion of the music as it was meant to be experienced. Even those who believe they have "two left feet" are successful in a Zumba class because of the natural flow of the simple steps that radiate through the body in synch with the music.

Zumba is recognized by the world's leading fitness educators, including the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, the American Council on Exercise, and CanFitPro, a Canadian national fitness accreditation organization. With sanctioned training programs in countries like China, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Venezuela, Zumba is taking the world by storm.

A free Zumba demonstration class will be held at the Lincolnwood Community Center on Tuesday, April 27 at 10:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Registration is currently underway. For more information, please contact the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit the department's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org, where online registration is available.

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Afterschool Café. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Spring session begins Apr. 7. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows. Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Spring session begins Apr. 7. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Spring session begins Apr. 6. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome. Register for morning or afternoon session with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Monday Movies. Films for children and teens on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m. Apr. 19: Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel."

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

Poetry Month Celebration. April 1-30, during library hours. Lincolnwood Library will hold a "Poetry Pirate Scavenger Hunt" during the month of April for Poetry Month. All school-aged children in Lincolnwood can come to the library to search for hidden poems and receive a bit of sweet treasure. Adults are also welcome to read or share a poem for a sweet treat.

This-N-That Thursdays. Apr. 15 and 22, 3:30 p.m. Students in grades 3-5 are invited to stop by the library for video games, crafts, and afterschool fun!

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

Free Job Workshops, Job Fair Offered at Wright

Job seekers can take advantage of Wilbur Wright College's numerous free job counseling workshops in April, leading up to the job fair at the end of the month.

Organized by Wright's Career Placement Center, the 16th Annual Job Fair will feature dozens of employers accepting resumes. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 29 in the college's atrium, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave.

Several workshops, all of which are in Room S-128, will provide preparation for the job fair. "Art of Interviewing" will cover how to handle basic interview questions as well as the tough ones. This session will be held at 5 p.m., April 8.

"Top 10 Reasons Employers Want You" will be held at 11 a.m. on April 14. "Resume Writing Workshop" to be held 5 p.m., April 22, will teach how to compose a resume that will stand out from the crowd.

For more information, call (773) 481-8527.

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day May 4 Celebrates the Kings, Queens of the Crosswalk

In honor of Crossing Guard Appreciation Day May 4, 2010, Chicago Department of Transportation and the Active Transportation Alliance are asking neighbors to share stories about their local crossing guards. Chicago and suburban residents can share how much they value their crossing guard at www.active-trans.org/crossingguard

The survey will be open until through May 4, 2010, the day Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn declared as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day "in recognition of the services that these dedicated professionals provide to keep our citizens and their children safe."

"Crossing guards provide an invaluable service to our communities," said Rob Sadowsky, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance. "They are out there every day making the streets safer by helping children get to school and guiding residents as they walk to the bus."

There are plenty of ways you can show your crossing guard appreciation May 4. Drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians all owe a bit of thanks to our unsung heroes. Download and present them with this certificate of appreciation

Write a thank you note

Draw a picture of you and your crossing guard

Respect the crossing guard's authority

Bring them flowers from your garden

Pay attention when driving through the intersection

Introduce yourself

Smile! Wave! Wish them a Happy Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

The Trials of Mrs. Lincoln

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 Time: 6:30 PM

For Ages 12 and up. No registration required.

Join author and storyteller, Lynn Rymarz, as she follows Mary's journey, which takes her from her days in Springfield, Illinois where she meets and marries Abraham Lincoln. The road leads her to the White House where she becomes the nation's "First Lady." Hear of her joys and the trials she experiences along the way, including her stay in an insane asylum in Batavia, Illinois.

Lynn Rymarz has entertained audiences with her portrayals of historical women since 2005. Her performances include Mary Pickersgill, Martha Washington, Nellie Bly and Susan B. Anthony.

Roden Branch, 6083 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631, 312-744-1478

Let Your Child Grow With Harvest Garden

The Chicago Park District has the perfect program for little garden enthusiasts. Harvest Garden is kicking off its spring session on May 3 at 15 parks across Chicago.

"The Harvest Garden program is a great way for children to learn about plants, gardening and the importance of nature in a hands-on environment," said Timothy J. Mitchell, general superintendent of the Chicago Park District.

Harvest Garden teaches children, 8-12 years old, how to start an organic garden and keep it growing, how to harvest and use the produce and then how to "put the garden to bed" for the winter. Participants can prepare foods that they grow and participate in a variety of activities related to their gardens including crafts, music and cooking. This year the program focuses on teaching children nutrition and healthy eating from the garden.

The Harvest Garden's spring session, which is a five-week program, runs May 4 - June 5. The after-school program is in session between the hours of 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The program, which also has an eight-week summer session and a five-week fall session, is offered at 16 parks.

During the summer session, Harvest Garden participants exhibit their produce, compete for prizes and participate in county fair themed activities at the Harvest Garden Festival scheduled for August 5 this year.

The public can register now for Harvest Garden by calling the local parks listed above. Registration is ongoing until filled. Costs vary by park and range from free to \$5 per student.

For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 7700 acres of parkland, 570 parks, 32 beaches, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, 10 bird and wildlife gardens, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312/742.PLAY.

Stage Wright Presents Spelling Bee

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," the musical featured in Stage Wright's 11th season, will open Friday, April 16, in the Events Building Theater of Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. Performances will continue Saturday, April 17, Thursday, April 22, Friday, April 23, Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

In this musical comedy, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grownups who barely managed to escape childhood, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. For the contestants, a quirky set of outsiders, the spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors, staff, and students, and \$5 for Wright/City Colleges of Chicago students. Preview of the play will be offered Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday, April 15, with a ticket price of \$3.

Tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to show time or can be reserved at the box office by calling (773) 481-8037.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

Local Teens Showcase Visual, Performing and Culinary Arts at the Legendary Chicago Theatre

More than 330 students showcase diverse talents at After School Matters City-wide Showcase

After several weeks of intense preparation, more than 330 Chicago teens displayed their distinguished talents and illustrated Chicago's diverse cultures on the Legendary Chicago Theatre stage during the fifth annual After School Matters City-wide Showcase on March 24.

Students honored the heritage of numerous ethnic groups through an extraordinary presentation of culinary, performing and visual arts, the skills for which were developed during their participation in the After School Matters program this semester. Nationally recognized for offering hands-on programming that exposes teens to rewarding careers and helps them develop marketable job skills, After School Matters is one of the nation's largest providers of after-school programs for high school students.

"The Citywide Showcase is a wonderful opportunity for teens from across Chicago to share their talents and the results of their hard work," said After School Matters Executive Director David Sinski. "In our 450 spring programs at more than 160 program locations all over the city, brighter futures are being shaped as these young people discover and develop skills that will carry them into adulthood."

Embracing a range of global influences, the showcase featured a traditional Flamenco Dance from Kelly High School, a Korean drumming demonstration from the Korean American Resources & Cultural Center, a performance by Curie High School's Gospel Choir, a hip hop dance from apprentices at gallery37 Center for the Arts, Melange Movement from Prosser High School, a marching band demonstration by Queen Ngizana's Brigade, a routine by Austin Polytechnical High School's dance program, and a musical performance by Foster Park Artist Development.

"Participating in the Showcase is a big opportunity for us to share the skills that we learned in After School Matters," said Jennifer Nghiem, a 17-year-old senior at Lane Tech High School. "It is very exciting to perform in front of such a great audience."

Although all eyes were on the stage, students behind the scenes were also stunning the crowd with their talents. After School Matters culinary arts programs at Hegewish Community Committee, Careers Through Culinary Arts, and gallery37 Center for the Arts assisted with the preparation and service of hors d'oeuvres and desserts for guests to enjoy. In addition, an on-site gallery featured the teens' artwork in various mediums, highlighting painting, photography and soft sculpture. All artwork on display was made available for purchase.

"It is a great honor to perform in the Citywide Showcase," said 18-year-old Marisol Saucedo, a senior at Kelly High School. "This is a reflection of our dedication to perform at a higher level and attain excellence."

After School Matters is one of the only programs of its size and scale in the country that provides out-of-school-time activities specifically for teens in the fields of arts, sports, science, technology and communications. According to the Chapin Hall Center for Children, teens that participate in After School Matters for four or more semesters are nearly two-and-a-half times more likely to graduate than students who did not participate. After School Matters helps Chicago teens shape their future by creating positive relationships between teens and adults through hands-on experiential learning, in safe and structured environments. www.afterschoolmatters.org

CRUISE SEASON BEGINS FOR THE CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

The official Chicago Architecture Foundation architecture river cruise season opens May 1, but tickets are available now. New this year: two "date night" cruises every Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm starting in June.

Seeing the city from the vantage point of the river gives a whole new feel to the experience. The architecture river cruise is offered aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises cruising yachts, with open-air decks as well as air conditioned interior seating.

Chicago Architecture Foundation - certified volunteer docents provide the fact-filled and enjoyable commentary on Chicago's architecture during the ninety-minute tour. "People from as far away as Australia and Argentina or as close as the south loop enjoy the cruise," said Jason Neises, Chicago Architecture Foundation VP of Tours. "The experience is always new because our docents keep up-to-date with new construction along the river and include all the news in their commentary."

The cruise highlights 53 historic and architecturally significant sites including: the Trump Tower, Merchandise Mart, 333 W. Wacker, the Wrigley Building, the Tribune Tower, the Sears Tower, River City, and Marina City. The cruise also includes the North Branch of the Chicago River with buildings such as The Montgomery, formerly the world headquarters for Montgomery Ward; the Chicago Tribune printing press plant; Goose Island; Kinzie Park development; Riverbend and the clustered glass River Cottages.

All Chicago Architecture Foundation cruises depart from the lower level and southeast corner of the Michigan Avenue Bridge at Wacker Drive. The staircase to the ticket window and dock is marked by a blue awning. The 2010 Tour Schedule runs through November 21. The Chicago Architecture Foundation sells advance tickets (online or by telephone) through TicketMaster. The print-at-home option allows quicker check-in for passengers at the dock. Tickets are \$32/person and are available at the Chicago Architecture Foundation Shop, 224 S. Michigan Avenue or at the Chicago's First Lady ticket window at the dock. Individual tickets are available by phone at 1-800-982-2787, or online at www.ticketmaster.com/rivercruise. Special group rates/groups of 20 or more - 312-322 1131.

"Kinderchor" to Celebrate 75 Years

In today's ever changing world, it is rare to find an organization that has thrived for 75 years and still holds true to the tenets on which it was founded. But so it is with the renowned German-American Children's Chorus, more commonly known as "Kinderchor" (children's choir), as they prepare for a gala anniversary concert and dinner-dance on Sunday, May 16 at the Avalon Ballroom in Elk Grove Village.

It was 1935 when the flourishing men's and ladies' German choruses in Chicago gave birth to the "Deutsch-Amerikanischer Kinderchor" (German-American Children's Choir). Founded by active members of the United Male Choruses of Chicago, the Kinderchor was formed for children ages five through fourteen.

The large number of children who enrolled in those early years necessitated the formation of four groups in the Chicago area by geographical region: The young group flourished and gained recognition by performances at Chicago's International Amphitheater as 3,000 children's voices were raised at the 1938 National Saengerfest of the Nord Amerikanischer Saengerbund. Another performance accompanied by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra earned the Kinderchor a special citation which is on file in the United States Library of Congress. The four groups continued successfully until membership began to decline and in 1958 the then two remaining North and South Side groups merged under the direction of Mr. Ludwig Lohmiller until his retirement in 1972. Successor directors Marilyn Kern and Rose Dick, together with their very able assistants, kept Kinderchor in the spotlight and allowed them to remain a bright shining star in Chicago's German-American Community.

Today, the same dynamic energy and enthusiastic spirit remains imbedded within Kinderchor. Under the very capable direction of Ms. Carol Himmel, Kinderchor remains focused on fostering its heritage through song in today's multi-ethnic environment. The children perform two major concerts annually - a Mothers' Day and a Christmas Concert - and are in great demand to perform at numerous civic, community and ethnic functions. Most recently, they performed in concert on April 3 at the Irish-American Heritage Center with the world-famous Bielefelder Kinderchor from Bielefeld, Germany.

In June 2002, Kinderchor undertook its first successful concert tour through Germany and a second European tour in 2007 with performances in Munich, Salzburg, Passau, Reutlingen and Seefeld. Between tours was a visit to Florida's Disney World and EPCOT - and whether Germany, Austria or Florida, the friendship, music and travel are experiences the children will remember throughout their lives.

The gala 75th anniversary concert and dinner-dance will be a celebration to remember for all attendees - but will provide former Kinderchor members with a unique opportunity to reunite, recollect and rekindle friendships enjoyed while being a part of Kinderchor's history. For ticket information, contact Mrs. Irene Stoepler at 847-297-2231.

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Registration Information

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- All camps are open to boys and girls entering the fifth through eighth grades in the fall, and incoming freshmen to Guerin Prep.

Cost: \$50 per camp session.

Registration must be received by the Thursday before the start of the Camp Week.

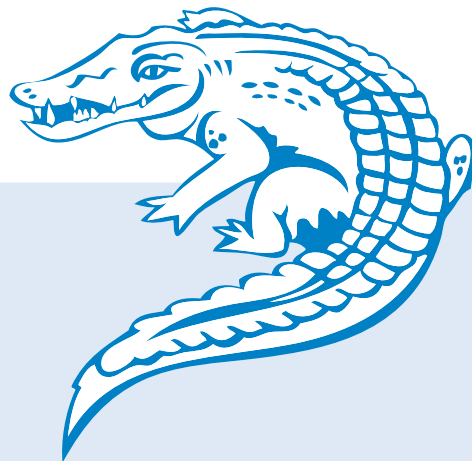
\$5 discount per camp if registered by May 15.

Download a Registration Form

- Registration forms are available at: www.guerinprep.org
- To register or for more information, contact:

Mrs. Valerie Reiss,
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GP Coach Karen Booth

Brunswick Lanes is the site of friendly competition while improving bowling skills. Transportation via GP bus.

Ceramics (additional \$5 fee)

GP Fine Arts Teacher Tina Gauthier

Learn to work with clay using hand building techniques. Oven-baked clay will be used. Sign up early, spots went fast last year!

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GP Art Teacher Tom Susin

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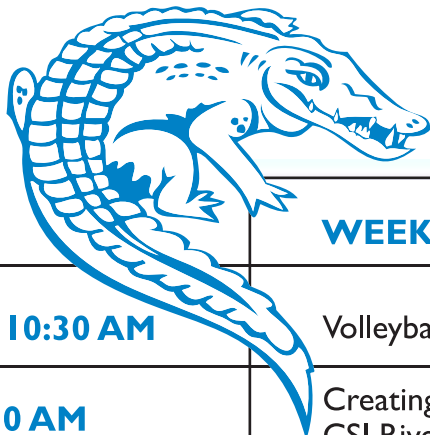
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9-10:30 AM	Creating Action Figures CSI River Grove	Color Me Fun Musical Theatre
10:30 - Noon	Be Crafty Bowling	Ceramics Italian Culture and Cuisine
12:30 - 2 PM	Basketball Offensive FUNdamentals Computer Art	Basketball Defensive FUNdamentals Learning by Design

Summer Camps (continued)

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Learning by Design

GP Science Teacher Becky Kniebusch

There is no better way to learn than by doing something fun. Come build an airplane, a kite, a bridge & who knows what else & see what you'll learn.

Musical Theatre Live at GP

GP Dance Instructor Tina Gauthier & Music Teacher Jordan Chua

Lots of singing and dancing are on the agenda as campers will re-enact some of musical theatre's best loved numbers.

Volleyball for the Serious-Minded I (additional \$10 fee)

Volleyball Coaches Dominic DiSilvio, Dee Susin and Karen Booth

The focus of the first week of this two-week camp is skill analysis, skill building and individual instruction.

Volleyball for the Serious-Minded II (additional \$10 fee)

Volleyball Coaches Dominic DiSilvio, Dee Susin and Karen Booth

The focus of this second camp week is team competition so that game-time situations can be experienced. Should have taken Week I.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recycling in the 41st Ward

My office has been receiving a steady stream of requests for information regarding the City of Chicago Recycling Program, and most importantly, why the program is not currently in place in the 41st Ward.

First I would like to give a little background. The City is mandated by the State of Illinois to have a recycling program. In 2007 the City switched from the former Blue Bag Program to a new blue cart system. Under the old Blue Bag Program, recyclables were separated in blue bags and picked up with the regular garbage. This was a more cost effective system but unfortunately many homeowners did not participate in this program for a variety reasons. It needs to be pointed out that the 41st Ward had one of the highest compliance rates in the City.

The new Blue Cart Recycling Program is more costly. It requires a separate truck, driver and laborer. The City's plan was to start with 4 locations across the City and to expand outward from those areas until the entire city was included. In an attempt to be fair, they divided the City into 4 quadrants and expand out from those four areas. As a result, the wards located on the perimeter of the City were consequently scheduled to be last. Unfortunately, this left the 41st Ward to be one of the last wards to be included in the Blue Cart Recycling Program.

In the second half of 2009, the City stopped the expansion of the Blue Cart Program due to fiscal constraints. At that time, 17 Wards were operational with the new program and 240,000 households in the City were participating. That leaves approximately 600,000 households waiting for inclusion in the new recycling program.

The City has made available, in the interim, drop boxes for those Chicago residents who would like to recycle until their wards are included in the new program. Two are located in the 41st Ward: Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve, 6358 W. Devon and Chevalier Woods Forest Preserve, 5530 N. East River Road. There is also one located at Schiller Woods East Forest Preserve, 8700 W. Irving Park Road.

People must understand that although recycling is the right thing to do, it is a very expensive program. In the long run we save money by avoiding the cost for additional land fill space that we would need if we did not recycle. However, we need funds for additional trucks, drivers and laborers to implement the Blue Cart Program. Also, the fluctuating value of recyclable materials is a factor. In the end, it costs us more as taxpayers to implement the program. In these tough economic times, we are forced to save money where we can so this places another burden on taxpayers.

I, along with the residents of the 41st Ward, am frustrated with the current status of recycling options in the 41st Ward. I have made an argument to Mayor Daley and to the Department of Streets and Sanitation that it would be more cost effective to include the 41st Ward in the next recycling expansion phase, as we have an outstanding record of compliance for recycling. Please find enclosed letter I have written to Mayor Daley and Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Thomas Byrne.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Doherty, Alderman, 41st Ward
6650 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL 60631, 773.792-1991

NORWOOD PARK SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER ADDS NURSE TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago is introducing the weekly services of an on-site registered nurse for persons 55 years of age and older, placing major emphasis on staying healthy as we age. There is no charge for the service.

Beginning Apr. 5 and every Monday thereafter from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Paula Krupka, RN, will be available at the Senior Center. She will check blood pressure and be available to consult with you about your health concerns and ways to enhance your wellness, as well as coordinate special health management groups.

Krupka received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Loyola University School of Nursing and completed her nursing internship at the University of Chicago Hospital Clinic. Afterward, she worked at several Chicago hospitals in ambulatory care and held other health-related positions, including providing nurse assessments in care management for a home health care company. In her free time, she is a volunteer docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation and a volunteer wedding coordinator at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chicago.

Her nursing services are provided by White Crane Wellness Center under a contract with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services. White Crane Wellness is an independent non-profit organization whose objectives are to offer health and wellness services to older adults who seek ways to improve their health and to serve as a model for a new approach to health and aging.

The Norwood Pak Satellite Senior Center is a partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Park District and Norwood Seniors Network.

Membership in the senior center is not needed to consult with the nurse. To make an appointment with the nurse, please call the senior center at (773) 775-6071.

ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

“ANNE & EMMETT: AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION BETWEEN ANNE FRANK & EMMETT TILL”

“Anne & Emmett, an Imaginary Conversation Between Anne Frank & Emmett Till,” is a one-act play by Janet Langhart Cohen. This performance is presented in cooperation with the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and Temple Jeremiah.

Saturday, April 24 8:00 p.m.

\$5.00 – limit 6 tickets per family

For reservations or information, call 847.441.5760

Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield

FAMILY PROGRAM: STORIES BY MARGRET & H.A. REY

Join the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center as we welcome one of the most familiar faces in morning news, Roz Varon, ABC 7 reporter, to read Curious George books to Museum visitors. This program complements the Museum's temporary exhibition, “The Wartime Escape: Margret & H.A. Rey's Journey from France.” Seating is very limited.

Sunday, April 25, 2:30 p.m.

Roz Varon, ABC 7 morning news reporter

Free with Museum admission

For reservations or information, call 847.967.4889 or visit www.ilholocaust-museum.org

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Miller Family Youth Exhibition Miller Family Youth Exhibition, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

“WRITING ABOUT CURIOUS GEORGE” WITH LOUISE BORDEN

Louise Borden is author of the book, “The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey,” on which the Museum's current temporary exhibition is based. Growing up, Borden was fascinated by the stories of ordinary people and their relation to historical events. She began working on her first children's book while her own children were young and has since published 25 books. Borden will discuss her experience researching and writing about Margret and H.A. Rey, the intrepid creators of Curious George.

Thursday, April 29 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Louise Borden, children's author

Free with museum membership

For reservations or information, call 847.967.4507 or email membership@ilhmec.org

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Miller Family Youth Exhibition, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

JUST AROUND THE CORNER: THE 2010 TALKING PICTURES FESTIVAL

Now in its second year, the 2010 Talking Pictures Festival takes place May 6 - 9 in Evanston and celebrates independent films from around the world mixed with brand new offerings by local filmmakers. From animation to documentaries and fiction films, this year's four-day festival features 18 full-length films and five programs of shorts, including regional premieres from the US, Japan, Israel, Canada and Georgia/Kazakhstan, among others.

The 2010 Talking Pictures Festival opens with the regional premiere of George Ovashvili's THE OTHER BANK (Georgia/Kazakhstan), winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Seattle International Film Festival. THE OTHER BANK draws strong performances from non-professional actors as it follows a child's dangerous journey across a war-ravaged land. Other regional premieres include FIGHTING FISH, a simmering sibling drama by first-time director Annette Apitz, and Atsuhiko Yamada's “anti-romantic” comedy HAPPY ENDING (Japan). The festival's strong documentary line-up includes several regional premieres as well: Laura Israel's look at the unexpected hazards of green energy in WINDFALL; Tom Shepard's science doc WHIZ KIDS; and AUTOMORPHOSIS, Harrod Blank's charming take on cars that have been transformed into full-blown artworks.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL: Founded in 2009, The Talking Pictures Festival is a project of Percolator Films (www.percolatorfilms.org), a new non-profit film organization that now also organizes Evanston's popular, ten-year old REELTIME film and discussion series. Independent filmmakers Kathy Berger and Ines Sommer co-direct the fest.

For the festival, Percolator Films partners with local organizations, community groups, and businesses, to bring new independent films to Evanston and beyond. Major festival sponsors include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, ROSCOR Media and Information Technologies, and Hotel Orrington, along with other Evanston businesses and organizations. Media sponsors for the 2010 Talking Pictures Festival are: The Onion (“America's Finest News Source”) and AV Club Chicago; WCPT AM & FM – Chicago's Progressive Talk Radio; and the Evanston Roundtable.

Festival venues include NEXT Theatre at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Hotel Orrington's Hinman Theater, Century 12 Evanston/CineArts 6, and the Evanston Public Library

Detailed ticket and venue information will be available at the festival website: www.talkingpicturesfestival.org

For more info, please contact: Kathy Berger, Festival Co-Director, or Ines Sommer, Festival Co-Director, 847.371.2804, filmvideoforum@yahoo.com, www.talkingpicturesfestival.org

Local Arts and Entertainment

Ten Unknowns

Will Act For Food presents the Chicago premiere of Jon Robin Baitz's remarkable exploration of human relevance and artistic integrity at the Athenaeum Theatre, Studio 1 April 23-May 29, 2010.

This spring, Will Act For Food will be bringing Ten Unknowns, by Jon Robin Baitz, to life for the first time on a Chicago stage. WAFF Executive Director Scott Pasko directs, and the play will feature all original oil paintings by Andrew Jordan.

Once-lauded New York painter Malcolm Raphaelson found himself out of favor and out of work when abstract expressionism came into fashion, driving him to flee to rural Mexico to live in self-inflicted exile. Some forty years later, he has been rediscovered by art dealer Trevor Fabricant, who risks everything to facilitate Malcolm's retrospective return to the art world and installs his former lover Judd as assistant (and babysitter). Complicating the plan is the appearance of Julia, an American graduate student studying endangered frogs at the nearby lake, who simultaneously inspires and distracts Malcolm. It seems some endangered species just don't want to be saved.

Nominated for five Lucille Lortel Awards (including outstanding play), and three Outer Critics Circle Awards when it debuted in 2001, Jon Robin Baitz's Ten Unknowns is a study of human relevance and artistic authenticity, as well as the often-conflicting relationship between art and commerce. WAFF is thrilled to present this thoughtful, haunting, and often funny play for artists and art appreciators alike.

Performances will take place at The Athenaeum Theatre, Studio 1, 2936 N. Southport, Thursdays-Saturdays at 8PM and Sundays at 3PM from April 23 to May 29, 2010. Members of the press are invited to a preview April 22 at 8PM. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 with nonperishable food donation (minimum 3 items), and \$10 for students/seniors. More information can be found at www.willactforfood.com; tickets are available at Ticketmaster Outlets, by phone at 800-982-2787, at www.ticketmaster.com, or at the Athenaeum box office.

Cans For Cash: Will Act For Food designates one performance of every production as our special food-raising event, Cans For Cash. On Saturday May 1, immediately after the show, join the cast and crew for a reception with refreshments and drink specials. All donated food benefits Lakeview Pantry, Will Act For Food's partner in community service. The special ticket price for this event is \$30, payable partially or completely with nonperishable food items. Look, a chart!

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Chicago Philharmonic Presents Blockbuster Beethoven's Ninth: Ode to Joy

The Chicago Philharmonic will present the classical masterpiece Beethoven's Ninth: "Ode to Joy" on May 2, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Pick-Staiger Hall in Evanston. The concert will feature rising stars from the Ryan Center for Young Artists at Lyric Opera and the North Shore Choral Society. Larry Rachleff will conduct.

The evening will open with a cappella excerpts from 'The Peaceable Kingdom' by Randall Thompson presented by the North Shore Choral Society, conducted by the Society's music director, Dr. Julia Davids. The group will perform Have Ye Not Heard? and Ye Shall Have a Song. Following the choral pieces will be Beethoven's Romance for Violin and Orchestra No. 1 in G Major Opus 40 with David Perry, Violin. Beethoven's Symphony No. 9: "The Choral" presented in its entirety will conclude the evening.

One of the most influential symphonies ever written, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 is complicated, powerful and exciting. Symphony No. 9 was Ludwig van Beethoven's last complete symphony. It was completed in 1824, only three years before his death in 1827. Beethoven was completely deaf at the time that he composed this epic piece. It is regarded by most as a masterpiece, and one of the greatest accomplishments of his very productive life. Symphony No. 9 was also the first example of a major composer incorporating voice into a symphonic work. In the fourth and final movement, Beethoven adapted a poem written by Friedrich Schiller in 1785 - An die Freude ("Ode to Joy"). The elaborate movement features four soloists and a full chorus. The North Shore Choral Society and soloists from Ryan Center for Young Artists at Lyric Opera will join the Chicago Philharmonic to deliver this final movement and the spectacular "Ode to Joy".

The Chicago Philharmonic will also welcome to the stage a small group of very talented budding young artists. As part of the orchestra's Side by Side program, in partnership with New Trier High School, seven exceptional young players have been working very hard alongside of some of the orchestra's finest mentor members. These promising young talents will have the great honor of joining the renowned Chicago Philharmonic in presenting Beethoven's incredible masterpiece. Beethoven's Ninth has been a favorite of classical music fans and this concert will constitute a brilliant finish to the Chicago Philharmonic's 20th anniversary season.

Tickets are \$20-\$70. Performance takes place at Pick-Staiger Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, IL, 60201. Call 847.866.6888 or visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org for more information.

"The Old Settler"

Writers' Theatre, 376 Park Avenue, Glencoe, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Writers' Theatre in Glencoe, Illinois, is honoring Black History Month with their production of John Henry Redwood's play "The Old Settler."

I know I've seen the show once before but I don't remember if it was at "The Goodman Theatre," "Court Theatre," "Steppenwolf Theatre" or "Northlight Theatre."

While it takes two and a half hours to tell this warm, heart-breaking story with intermission it is an engrossing evening and it does have some funny scenes.

Ron OJ Parson has done a wonderful job in his direction and casting with Cheryl Lynn Bruce as Elizabeth Borny, Wanda Christine as Quilly McGarh, Kevin Rosten, Jr. as Husband and Alexis J. Rogers as Lou Bessie Preston.

The play is set in Harlem in the spring of 1943. Elizabeth and Quilly are sisters who share their quiet lives together. When Elizabeth encounters Husband who is from the country she invites him to rent a room since he is having a difficult time adjusting to the Big City.

Every actor in this production that is poetic, lyrical, melancholy, has its humor gives a powerful performance. Quilly is a spunky sister and at times at odds with Elizabeth who has a good heart but goes through her share of pain and suffering when she falls for the handsome Husband. Husband comes to Harlem chasing after the sexy Lou Bessie Preston who provides the comedy element in the show.

Husband thinks he is in love with Elizabeth in this poignant play but in the end Elizabeth realizes that the age difference between the two that their relationship won't work.

The two sisters find strength and forgiveness that families should have. I'm glad I saw this show as it gives audiences a lot to think about.

"The Old Settler" runs until March 28th and could get extended. For show sched-

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair. July 10-11, 2010. Fine Art. Held downtown Skokie on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton (next to the Library). Prizes and Awards! APPLY NOW! For information/application: skokieart@aol.com www.skokieartguild.org 847-677-8163.

The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 17-18, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 7-8. Set against the scenic backdrop of Evanston's lakefront, both festivals are held in Dawes Park, Church St. and Sheridan Road. Artist applications are now available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For more details, call 847-448-8260.

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Collars

Hello Furry friends, I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the nicer weather. I am meeting many new pups this year, all coming into my Human's spa to get spruced up. However, I have a bone to pick with you humans. What is the story with your dog's collars? I am grossed out by the condition of some of the items you Human's put on us dogs. I know you Humans are busy and all, but can't you look at your dogs neck? Unfortunately, collars do not last the lifetime of your beloved pooch and need replacing. Now I understand from my Human that times are tough, she keeps telling us we are going to form a sled team so she can save on gas. I am not sure what she is talking about, but I am guessing that the money stuff you Human's need is tight, but collars don't cost that much!



I know that many of my pup friends are now shaking their head in agreement. Us dogs have a very heightened smell, well take a whiff at that collar you are forcing us to wear! Yes, although my Human cleans and scrubs pups she is forced to put back on those nasty collars. Other Humans then complain about the smell, well it is in the collar! Us dogs know how good it is to role in duck poop (except me of course, I am above such things), well it that odor gets on the collar too. So does mud, dirt, rain, whatever all contributes to our doggie smell. However, some can be elevated with a new collar. Can't make it to the store, well many of the nylon collars can be thrown in the wash machine and that sometimes helps!

So, now that you are set on getting your pup some new bling, what do you get? Well there are as many varieties of collars as there are breeds of dogs, so get what you like. And of course what looks good on your pet. Please make sure the collar fits properly. Many of my pup friends have gotten loose (shame on them!) because they slipped out of their collar. The collar should be tight enough to slip two Human fingers through. Basically the Human should measure your neck and add 1-2 inches for the collar. If you buy a collar to big and have access length, please bring it back. I have seen a multitude of injuries caused by the unusual items Humans use to tie the access length. Of course this is unintentional but be aware!

A word of caution, if you decide to purchase a training collar (also called a choke chain) or a pinch collar, they should NEVER be left on us pooches without supervision. Because of their design, if we get an end stuck some places we can choke do death. I don't want to hear about any of that happening again! These collars are designed for "training purposes" and should be used like that. Also, these collars should also fit like the nylon collars. You should also consider the weight of these chains as well. I have seen a training collar made for a Lab on a Yorkie. Can you imagine this poor 4-pound Yorkie with a 2-pound collar on? Again be aware!

So, my pup friends try and bring this to the attention of your Humans, after all it is for our safety and overall good smell!! Bark Later, Bosley
Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Oscar is one super cute guy! He's only 3 years old and is a very handsome Schnauzer mix. He's a very sweet fellow who is affectionate and very happy-go-lucky! Oscar came to us as a transfer from another shelter, but we have been just thrilled to have gotten the chance to know him. Oscar would do best an all-adult home as he can be "body sensitive" and children may be too much for him. He very well-behaved and walks well on a leash, no tugging at all! Just think how good you'll look this Spring with someone like Oscar on your side! Oscar weighs in at a healthy 23 lbs. and is anxious to find someone to take him on long walks showing him off! So don't wait ... get here quick, Oscar is pretty sure there will be a line around the corner wanting to meet him! Oscar is at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for 9965807. This guy is a keeper! For more information about animals available for adoption, please call 312.644.8338 after 11:30 a.m.





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Stop Proposed City-Wide Raccoon Trap and Kill

A resolution has been introduced in the City Council proposing a city wide trap and kill plan for raccoons. I believe the vote is scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday). You all know I really like animals and it distresses me that in addition to destroying their habitat, we humans are now planning to destroy (rather than cherish) what's left of our urban wildlife.

But, whether or not you share my concern about animals, perhaps you'll share my outrage that in a time when essential city services are being slashed, when we are being told it's ok to have 37 children in a classroom, our elected officials are actually proposing that we spend our money this way! It's cruel and insulting.

The resolution's sponsors, Aldermen Solis and Fioretti are claiming that they are concerned about the spread of rabies. Yet, according to the Illinois Department of Health, no raccoons have tested positive for rabies in records dating back to 1990, and according to the Humane Society of the United States, only a single human death has EVER been attributed to the raccoon strain of rabies. (There's more information below if you are interested)

Please take a moment to voice your concern by contacting the following officials: Mayor Daley, the resolution's two sponsors (Solis and Fioretti), the aldermen on the health committee, and your own alderman. THANKS SO MUCH!!

Contact info:

Please contact the following officials: Mayor Daley; the resolution's two sponsors, aldermen Solis and Fioretti; the aldermen on the health committee; and your own alderman.

Mayor Daley 312-744-3300

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All other aldermen:

<http://www.chicityclerk.com/citycouncil/alderman/find.html>

About the resolution:

The resolution by Aldermen Solis (25th Ward) and Fioretti (2nd Ward) is based on assertions that raccoons carry rabies and that their constituents have had conflicts with raccoons. This would be a city-wide policy affecting every ward, not just theirs.

According to the Illinois Department of Health, no raccoons have tested positive for rabies in records dating back to 1990 and according to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), only a single human death has ever been documented as resulting from the raccoon strain of rabies.

Often what is perceived as conflict by humans is simply the contact that inevitably occurs with our furry neighbors in a shared habitat. In fact, all wildlife experience the same daily grind that people do: making a living, building a home and raising a family. Check out this link from HSUS for one such story: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/facts/labor_of_love.html

For those who are not as willing to meet their wild neighbors, there are simple non-lethal solutions for discouraging or removing raccoons from homes and yards. Many of you have attended Urban Wildlife Coalition seminars that are dedicated to critter-proofing and other tips for happily coexisting with wildlife. UWC and other animal advocacy groups plan to contact the two aldermen and offer to coordinate public education programs about how to coexist with wildlife. We also encourage you to direct any of your friends or neighbors who have wildlife questions or concerns to contact us by phone or email.

Aside from the ethics of destroying habitat and then punishing species for successfully adapting, lethal removal programs are also ineffective. They focus on eliminating effects rather than addressing underlying causes and inadvertently become self-perpetuating: Nature really does love a vacuum and newly immigrating animals continue to be drawn to the same conditions that attracted their predecessors. Wildlife also self-regulate reproduction and lethal removal often leads to an increase in the remaining animals' birthrates.

Administrations that begin lethal removal programs also rarely confine them to a single species and additional species are successively targeted, such as deer, geese and beaver.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Urban Wildlife Coalition:

Spring Urban Wildlife Tips

Spring is a wonderfully busy time for urban wildlife. Take advantage of the season and our wild neighbors by enjoying nature hikes, watching the dazzling array of birds in our area, and following these tips.

Drive carefully, especially near forest preserves, parks, and other natural areas. Especially later in the spring, inexperienced young animals may venture out into the road. Be especially cautious during the dawn and dusk hours. Keep to the speed limit; allow enough space between cars; and scan the edges of the road.

In spring, animals like squirrels, mice, raccoons, and foxes are looking for ideal nesting sites. If you prefer not to host wildlife in your home, prevention is key – so much easier than trying to rid your home of unwanted visitors later. Take an hour or two now to inventory your home for possible entry sites, and seal them before new residents move in. If wildlife has already started unpacking, a bit of patience goes a long way. Try to wait until newborns are on their own before trying to evict wildlife visitors.

Keep cats indoors. Outdoor pets are the leading cause of wildlife deaths in the spring.

Animals are establishing new nests in the spring, so avoid cutting trees and shrubs and applying pesticides and herbicides.

Think strategic gardening. Want to attract wildlife to your backyard? Consider plants and landscaping that lure birds, butterflies, and others. Hoping to deter animals from your garden? Now's the time to think about growing plants they do not enjoy and building fences around the types they do. Look to the next issue of Our Village for specific gardening tips.

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.

UPDATED START LOCATION

Go Green Go Dutch Go Bike! Event May 8 Celebrates Springtime Biking with Dutch Consulate General and Active Trans

What: Go Green Go Dutch Go Bike event with Active Trans and the Netherlands Consulate General

When: May 8, 2010 9:30 a.m.

Where: Updated Montrose Harbor Beach House

Registration: \$15, which includes an event T-shirt and raffle to win a Gazelle Toer Populair Dutch bike – worth \$1,400 – donated by Dutch Bike Co. Chicago. Increase your chances to win and buy additional raffle entries for \$5 each! Youth under 14 ride free.

Spring is in the air! Cruise down the Lakefront Trail May 8 with the Dutch Consulate General and the Active Transportation Alliance the Go Green Go Dutch Go Bike event on May 8.

Event registration automatically enters you into a raffle to win a brand new Dutch bike (worth \$1,400!)

Meet at the Waveland Clock Tower on the Lakefront Trail between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. (Look for the gray Active Trans tent south of the clock tower). Start your ride any time between 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. and go at your own pace.

Head 5 miles south to the Hancock Tower and enjoy the plaza's flower market and flower carpet display in front of the Hancock Building steps and fountain. Then the morning is yours!

Save the Date for Bark in the Park Saturday, May 1, 2010

Lincoln Park at Montrose Harbor (exit 4400 north Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, head east to the Lake and look for the tents).

Registration opens at 7a.m. and the walk steps off at 9a.m.

Activities include Hawk City K9 obstacle and agility courses, demonstrations by our behavior specialist, exhibits, and product samples from our small business sponsors, family fun tent where you can make a pin in honor of your cat -- plus free snacks, souvenir photos, Denise Zak animal intuitive, 50/50 raffle, contests with prizes awarded, and much more!

It's A Record Breaking Year: This year we are also attempting to break the Guinness Book of World Records® Largest Simultaneous Dog Stay record. The current record is 627 dogs sitting and staying for two minutes. We are determined to beat this record at this year's Bark in the Park.

To pre-register online or to find out more visit www.barkinthePark.org or call (312) 329-8726.

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18th Annual Green & Growing Fair at Garfield Park Conservatory on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kick off the growing season at the 18th Annual Green and Growing Fair on Saturday, April 24th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. The fair is free to attend with nominal fees for various workshops and activities.

The fair, sponsored by GreenNet, Chicago's Urban Greening Network, plunges into spring by hosting a variety of vendors, workshops, demonstrations, and family activities to get your rusty green thumb up and running.

Come prepared to shop as well as learn. Visitors will be able to buy a variety of items such as heirloom seeds, unique seedlings and other inspirational garden materials to jumpstart the growing season. Participate in family take home planting activities, drop-in learning stations and native landscape workshops. The native landscape workshops take place in the Community Room and each session is \$5 with registration beginning at 9a.m. All proceeds from workshops go towards GreenNet. For a list of take home planting activities, drop-in learning stations activities and workshops, [click here](#).

In addition, visitors can enjoy food, live music, participate in a silent auction of urban gardening treasures, shop the used gardening book sale and gather information about starting your own community gardens and green spaces from various organizations including Openlands Project, GreenCorp Chicago (part of the City of Chicago's Department of Environment), NeighborSpace, Chicago Park District, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Chicago Botanic Garden, Friends of the Parks, Archi-Treasures, American Community Garden Association, and University of Illinois Extension Program and Master Gardeners.

GreenNet is a coalition of organizations and public agencies committed to sharing information and resources and to developing joint efforts to improve the quality, amount, use, and wide geographic distribution of sustainable, green open space in the City of Chicago. For more information go to www.garfieldconservatory.org or call 773.638.1766.

Tree Spree Arbor Day Celebration at Joy Garden

Show off your green thumb with other eco-enthusiasts during an Arbor Day celebration at Joy Garden. Lend a hand with planting, then join festivities including live music by the Bon Mots, fare from Heartland Café (\$6), kids' activities, a raffle and a sneak peek at a new \$800,000 solar panel project on the grounds. Rain or shine.

Joy Garden is a multi-use site that showcases environmental initiatives and serves as an outdoor classroom for special education students.

It features wildlife-friendly plantings; 35 tons of recycled materials; sustainable elements such as a storm-water management system and permeable pavement; and handicapped accessible components like raised beds and wheelchair-height learning stations.

The garden is named in honor of project coordinator and Northside College Prep graduate Brianna Birman's deceased aunt, Samantha Joy Birman, who was profoundly disabled.

Presenters: Northside College Prep's Community for Alternative Sources of Energy, Urban Wildlife Coalition and Urban Habitat Chicago

Venue: Northside College Prep

Address: 5501 N. Kedzie Ave.

Date: noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 1

Price: Free

Phone: 773-545-8136

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Lincolnwood Farmers Market

Description: Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the Lincolnwood Farmers Market. In its 4th year, the market will run every Thursday through October 14 between the hours of 8am -1pm. The site will be the St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 4707 West Pratt Avenue.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and natural-products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, breads and pastries, flowers, cheese, honey and more.

NEW this year, is the opportunity for community groups, to apply for a table once during the market to showcase an organization and share membership and volunteer opportunities with residents and neighbors. Also NEW this year is the opportunity for local artisans and the business community to apply once for a space for a small fee. (A Village Business license is required to sell products.)

With a 20 week season we hope to accommodate all who wish to participate.

Entertainment and theme days will be provided on certain days of the Market. Watch for more details.

For further information or a community, artisan, or business application, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm.

What Keeps a New Mom Up at Night Besides the Baby?



Chester M. Przybylo

The birth of a new baby is a wondrous, joyous event. Henry David Thoreau said that "every child begins the world again." Your world certainly began anew with your new baby!

It was a long path and it all seemed to happen so fast! But, it seems like there are still so many decisions to be made now and as your baby grows from infant to toddler, to school-age, to young adult. And, who would make those decisions if something happened to you?

First, if you died or were mentally incapacitated, your baby would need a Guardian to look after their physical and financial well being. You "nominate," or

suggest, a Guardian for your child in your Will. When the court is determining who should be named your child's Guardian, it will give your preferred choice a lot of weight. The Guardian would have the privilege and responsibility of taking care of your child and providing for their material and emotional needs in the event of your death. Select --the person as Guardian whom you trust most to raise your child and provide them a loving, nurturing environment. However, be sure to discuss the matter with the person you intend to select to make sure they are willing and able to take on the responsibility.

The best person to serve as your child's Guardian may not have sufficient financial resources to provide the future you want for your child. And, you do not want your child to cause any financial hardship on the Guardian. Life insurance can provide the financial resources that could be used to pay for your child's living expenses and education, and enable the future you want for your child.

One of the most important ways you can plan for your baby's future is to plan for your own future. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you create a comprehensive plan:

- A Revocable Living Trust holds your property during your lifetime. If you become incapacitated, it allows for easy management of your property for you and your child. So, if you become ill, the person you designate, your successor "Trustee," can step in to make sure things are handled until you are up and around again. In the event of your death, that person would manage the assets for the benefit of your child in the manner you've set forth. Your life insurance can be paid to your Trust so that the money is managed for your child by a responsible adult, the Trustee you've selected.

- A Financial Power of Attorney allows your "Agent" to take care of assets outside the Trust.

- A Health Care Power of Attorney (also known as an Advance Health Care Directive or Health Care Proxy) allows you to appoint someone to make health decisions for you in the event you are unable to make them for yourself. Having your health decisions in capable hands means you'll be able to recover faster to be with your child.

- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prohibits the release of protected health care information without your permission. It is important to make sure your loved ones and prospective decision-makers can access your health information, when necessary. A HIPAA Authorization Form ensures access to your protected health information for people whom you designate. This way people you designate can continue to get your health records, which may be crucial to your baby's future well-being. For example, your child may need to know things about your medical history to diagnose their own medical issues.

A qualified estate planning attorney, who focuses his or her practice in estate planning, can help you put together a comprehensive plan that will care for you and your child in the event of your incapacity or even your death. Protect yourself and your baby from the unexpected. Call and schedule an appointment with an estate planning attorney today. You'll sleep better once you do.... at least when the baby lets you!

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By John Flynn, Social Security District Manager

Patty Duke is back — and this time she's brought the entire family. The cast of The Patty Duke Show reunited to create a series of public service announcements to promote Social Security's new online Medicare application and other services.

You can view the new spots at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

Patty Duke and her television family entertained American households on The Patty Duke Show in the 1960s. Now, they're telling families just how fast and easy it is to apply online for Medicare. It takes less than 10 minutes.

Even if you decide to wait until after you're age 65 to apply for retirement benefits, most people should start getting Medicare coverage at age 65. If you'd like to begin your Medicare coverage, you should apply within four months of reaching age 65.

It's important to note that people who already receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits do not need to apply; they will be automatically enrolled in Medicare.

Why apply online? Because it's fast, easy, and convenient. You don't need an appointment and you can avoid waiting in traffic or in line.

If you're within four months of turning age 65 or older, what are you waiting for? As Patty Duke and her television family will tell you, it takes less than 10 minutes! Visit www.socialsecurity.gov and select the "Retirement/Medicare" link in the middle of the page.

And be sure to catch TV's most famous identical cousins and the whole family at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

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NORWOOD SENIORS NETWORK SEEKS MEAL DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a way to assist others and give back to the community? Norwood Seniors Network, a not-for-profit community outreach program, is in dire need of volunteers to help deliver meals to area seniors.

Each week, the Seniors Network, with offices at 6009 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood, provides low-cost freshly-prepared meals to older adults who want to remain independent in their own homes. Neighborhoods and communities served by the Network include Edgebrook, Edison Park, Gladstone Park, Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Portage Park, Sauganash and the suburbs of Harwood Heights, Niles, Norridge, and Park Ridge.

Meal delivery volunteers bring hot nutritious meals and a lighter supper meal to more than 50 seniors, on Mondays through Fridays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., following carefully mapped routes. Most routes consist of eight-to-nine houses and can be completed within about one and one-half hours. The Network needs volunteers who can help for one or more days a week or as seldom as one day-a-month.

"It's a very rewarding experience," said Jim Del Medico, a community representative for 41st Ward Ald. Brian Doherty. Del Medico has been delivering meals twice-a-week for more than five years for the Seniors Network. "Many of these elderly are homebound and welcome the brief visit and a few lighthearted words of conversation," he said. "You know you've made their day when they open the door and welcome you with a beaming smile. Sometimes, it's those little situations that really make daily living worthwhile."

Persons interested in volunteering must have their own vehicle. For more information, please call Bryan Manasse, Norwood Life Care Foundation, at (773) 577-5387 or email him at bmanasse@norwoodlifecare.org.

Village Cooking Corner

Salmon Braise with Tomatoes and Peppers (Moroccan style)

4 salmon steaks or fillets, about ½ pound each
3 tomatoes, cut in chunks
2 red peppers
2 green bell peppers
3 garlic cloves - crushed
2 large shallots -chopped
4 tbl. spoons of olive oil
salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. of paprika
½ tsp. of cayenne pepper
bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, bay leaf)

In a skillet, lightly brown the steaks/fillets of salmon on both sides in the oil. Cut the bell peppers open, remove the seeds, and cut it into wide strips. Cut the tomatoes into large chunks.

In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over moderately low heat. Add the minced garlic and shallots and stir until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, peppers and bouquet garni and increase the heat to moderate. Season with salt, pepper, paprika, and cayenne pepper. Cook for about 5 minutes until the flavors are well blended. Add salmon steaks/fillets and sauté for about 10 minutes. Discard the bouquet garni. Transfer to a deep serving dish, garnished with lemon slices and serve hot for the main course.

Submitted by Elizabeth Elkayam

ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER NOW ACCEPTING DOCENT APPLICATIONS

Skokie Museum seeks dedicated volunteers eager to make a difference; serve as tour guides, ambassadors

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is looking for enthusiastic, motivated volunteers to serve as docents. Applications are available online now at www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Completed applications are due by April 30, 2010.

Docents advance the educational mission of the Museum by serving as the Museum's principal ambassadors. They conduct tours and facilitate conversations with school groups and visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Extensive prior knowledge of the Holocaust or other genocides is not required, but a working knowledge of European, world, or Holocaust history and a willingness to learn are recommended. Flexible hours and bilingual speaking ability are also a plus.

Successful docents have positive energy and enthusiasm, great teamwork skills, and are dependable and comfortable speaking in public. Docents should embrace change and challenge, enjoy interacting with new people, be capable of physical activity and have regular access to email.

All docents must be available to attend a two-week Summer Institute. The first week, June 14-18, will cover "Teaching the Holocaust" and the second, June 21-25, will address "Teaching Human Rights and Genocide." Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., plus two evening sessions each week. Friday sessions are optional. In addition, the Summer Institute will be followed by two sessions on technique training -- July 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to obtain an application, please visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org or call 847.967.4800.

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Q. Shouldn't I just put my child's name on the title to my property to avoid probate?

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