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Chicago's Memorial Day Parade



Chicago's Memorial Day Parade honors all men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin at 11am at the Eternal Flame on Daley Plaza (Dearborn and Washington Streets). The parade will step off at noon and proceed south on State Street from Lake Street to Van Buren Street.

The City of Chicago will give special recognition to our fallen heroes and their survivors at the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony and Memorial Day Parade. Gold Star family members are identified by the Gold Star Lapel Pin and the Next of Kin Lapel Pin that are presented to families who have lost a loved one in the United States Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty. Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, the Gold Star Pins are not an award, but symbols of honor worn by family members in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and the ultimate sacrifice they made.

The Chicago parade is considered one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the nation. Since 1870, Memorial Day parades have graced the streets of Chicago.

Dates: Saturday, May 23, 2015

Hours: Wreath Laying Ceremony begins @ 11 am; Parade begins @ 12 Noon

Location: State St. from Lake St. to Van Buren; State St. & Lake St.; Chicago, IL 60602

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Memorial Day has a rich history. It began shortly after the Civil War ended when General John Logan proclaimed that the 30th day of May be designated for the purpose of decorating the graves of soldiers who died; the day was called Decoration Day. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. The modern day event is similar, but the original idea has been expanded and now honors all fallen soldiers.

The Chicago parade is considered one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the nation. Participants in the parade include area high school marching bands, drum and bugle corps as well as many veterans' groups, 6,000 JROTC cadets and the military. The Chicago Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony is presented by the City of Chicago. For more information about the Illinois Gold Star visit, goldstarpins.org and for more information regarding the parade, please call the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events at 312.744.3316 or visit cityofchicago.org/dcse

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is one of our most patriotic holidays in the United States of America. It is the day we have set aside to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and for all of us.

These fallen heroes, recent and past, fought for the United States to create and preserve the freedoms and liberties with which we are blessed, that go far beyond those that any other nation on earth has ever had.

One day, reserved for so many, is very little time taken out of 365 days in the entire year to remember and to thank our heroes. This is also a time when we should ask the question of ourselves how to best contribute our efforts to insure that all the world knows how very special we are as a Country.

Although America is having difficult times right now, we are fortunate to still have those who are still giving their all in defending our amazing American way of life.

We are forever grateful for their service and we pray that God blesses them in their mission.



(See Pages 8 & 9 For Local Tributes)

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Please See Page 9 For Our Parade Route Map

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Community First Medical Center

June Health Events For Area Residents

Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, will offer the following health events in June.

Free skin screenings will be offered Friday, June 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; and Monday, June 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Taraneh Firoozi, M.D., will perform a total body screening or check specific sites of concern. Registration is required by calling 773-794-8486.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, June 12, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Salme Drunge, Director of Health Information Management, will discuss the Health Information Portability Act and patients' rights to confidentiality. Registration is not required.

Maryville Crisis Nursery will present a parenting session titled "What's Up Doc," Tuesday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. A free dinner and childcare service will be provided. Registration is required by June 15, at 3:00 p.m., by calling 773-205-3637.

Staff from the Social Services Department will lecture on caring for the caregiver and grief support Wednesday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Centennial Conference room A. Registration is required by calling 773-794-8486. Free with refreshments provided.

A diabetes screening will be held on Thursday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. No fasting/preparation needed. There is a \$10 fee payable in cash or check at the screening. To register please call 773-794-8486.

In honor of National Aphasia Awareness Month, there will be a free lecture, "Aphasia: Let's Talk." Shawn Ehlert-Katzman, Speech Pathologist, will define aphasia, its causes and treatment. The lecture will be held Thursday, June 25 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. In Conference room A. Registration is required by calling 773-794-8486.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Friday, June 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

American Cancer Society And National Council On Skin Cancer Prevention Encourage Everyone To Protect Their Skin Against The Sun On May 22

Summer is upon us and the Friday prior to Memorial Day weekend has been designated by the American Cancer Society and the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention as "Don't Fry Day," to encourage sun safety awareness. As you head outdoors this holiday weekend and throughout the summer, Don't Fry Day is a good reminder to protect your skin from harmful UV rays by using a broad spectrum sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), wearing clothing that limits the amount of skin exposed and a wide-brimmed hat, as well as sunglasses to protect your eyes and the skin around them.

While skin cancer is largely preventable, it continues to be the most common type of cancer in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 3.5 million cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed this year, more than breast, lung, colon and prostate cancers combined. Although melanoma accounts for less than 2 percent of all skin cancer cases, it is the most deadly form of skin cancer, with 73,870 cases and more than 9,900 deaths expected in the U.S. in 2015. In Illinois, approximately 2,380 cases of melanoma are expected to be diagnosed this year, and more than 360 patients are expected to die from the disease.

"It's important to remember that skin cancer comes from UV radiation exposure and to protect your skin during the peak times from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day," explains Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer for the American Cancer Society. "A tan isn't worth putting yourself at risk of a skin cancer diagnosis."

Thankfully there is an easy way to reduce your risk of skin cancer. The American Cancer Society reminds you to "Slip! Slop! Slap! and Wrap" to protect yourself from harmful UV radiation:

Slip on a shirt

Slop on broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher

Slap on a hat

Wrap on sunglasses to protect the eyes and sensitive skin around them from ultraviolet light.

An important part of sun safety is knowing what to look for and being able to identify skin cancer early. Use the ABCD rule to look for any suspicious or unusual moles:

Asymmetry—one half of the mole does not match the other.

Border—edges of the mole are irregular (blurred, ragged).

Color—color is not uniform and may have patches of pink, red, white or black.

Diameter—melanoma moles are usually larger than 1/4 inch, but this is not always the case.

Additionally, any change in appearance on your skin should be checked out by a medical professional.

"It is imperative to catch skin cancer early, when it is in its most treatable and curable stages," said Dr. Lichtenfeld. "Nothing increases cancer survival rates more than early detection, and nothing lowers skin cancer rates more than prevention. Enjoy the great outdoors this summer, but remember to protect your skin while exposed to UV rays. Wearing a broad spectrum sunblock is just one way to prevent skin damage, but don't forget to reapply often and cover your skin with clothing or seek shade."

For more information on skin cancer detection or prevention, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.



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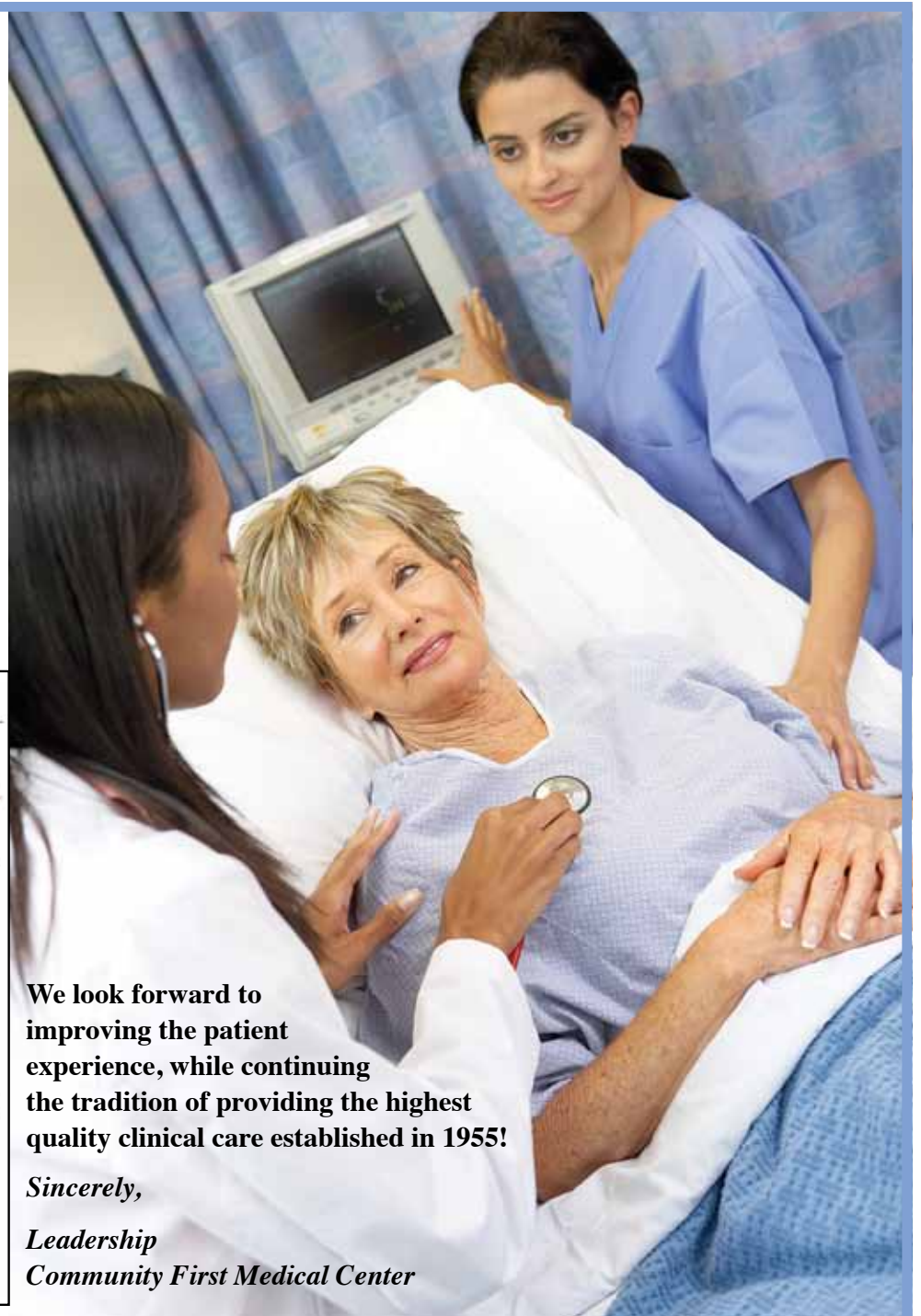
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Awards and Recognition



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Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America Travels Through Chicago June 12-14

Registration is open for the first-ever Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America presented by Bank of America. The Unified Relay will give anyone in the country a chance to carry the Flame of Hope that will be lit in Athens, Greece and help deliver it to Los Angeles for the Special Olympics World Summer Games. Over the course of 46 days, in a hand-to-hand exchange, thousands of participants will run, walk or bike a segment of the relay in this team and individual fundraising event as it passes through all 50 states. The deadline to register to sign up in Illinois is May 25.

The relay will culminate at the Opening Ceremony of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles on July 25, 2015. ESPN, the official broadcaster of the World Games, will produce the Opening Ceremony live as well as a nightly highlights program throughout the nine-day event.

"In a time when there is so much dividing people, our World Games offer an opportunity for our nation to come together to celebrate differences and unify in the spirit of respect and inclusion," said Special Olympics CEO Janet Froetscher. "With so many people coming to the U.S. for the World Games, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for every citizen to carry the Flame of Hope through their communities where it will light the caldron that burns during the Games. As the torch makes its way across our country it will bring us together in a unique way that will open hearts and minds."

"The Unified Relay Across America is a wonderful way for anyone interested or involved in Special Olympics to support the movement," said Special Olympics Illinois President & CEO Dave Breen. "We encourage athletes, families, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and law enforcement to either run with the Unified Relay or support someone who is as we build communities of acceptance and inclusion."

The Unified Relay will arrive in southern Illinois on June 8 in Marion and will travel from Marion to St. Louis on June 9, running through Marion, Carterville, Carbondale, DeSoto, DuQuoin and Belleville.

The Northern Route of the Unified Relay will arrive in northern Illinois on June 12 traveling to Chicago where there will be a community celebration on June 13 before the Unified Relay travels from Chicago to Milwaukee, Wis., on June 14.

Supporters will have the opportunity to run with the Flame of Hope by signing up as an individual torchbearer or as a team of torchbearers for a half-mile walk or run segment or a 5-mile bike segment in an area of interest across the United States. Torchbearers will also have the opportunity to keep the torch they ran with by meeting certain fundraising goals. Funds raised from the Unified Relay will go to Special Olympics to provide sports training, competition opportunities and additional programming that empowers people with intellectual disabilities to become accepted and valued members of their communities, which leads to a more respectful and inclusive society for all. Participants can find out more information and sign up for Illinois routes of the Unified Relay Across America presented by Bank of America at www.soill.org/unified-relay.

When the three relays arrive in Los Angeles, the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg Team, comprised of law enforcement officers representing 36 countries, along with 10 Special Olympics athletes, will accept the torches and continue the Flame of Hope's journey to communities throughout California, including Host Towns where Special Olympics World Games delegations from more than 170 countries will participate in pre-Games cultural exchanges.

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Victoria Schwieger
Taft H.S. Pictured with Principal Mark Grishaber

Meghan Crump
Garvy Elementary Pictured with Principal Julie McGlade

This year the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce proudly recognizes winning scholars — Taft Senior, Victoria Schwieger & Meghan Crump, Garvy 8th grader. The Scholars will be recognized at the Memorial Day Parade Tribute Ceremony at Taft H.S. on 5/25/15. Victoria will receive a \$500 check payable to Purdue University & Meghan will receive a check for \$500 payable to Resurrection College Prep High School. Congratulations!

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On The Passing of Maurie Berman, "Superdawg" Founder

Maurie Berman, founder of the iconic Superdawg on Milwaukee Avenue in Norwood Park, passed away on Sunday, May 17th at the age of 89. Through the years, locals and visitors from as far as one can imagine, knew and loved him and this destination spot.

In fact, it is, as we know, such a well recognized landmark, that people coming to the Northwest Side of Chicago are given directions based on heading either North, South, East or West of "Superdawg". The twinkling eyes of the emblems sitting atop the building are shining a bit less bright today with his passing!

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his Family. We thank them for his wonderful and long lasting contributions to our City and neighborhood.

The Owners and Staff of Our Village News

Statement From Mayor Emanuel On The Passing Of B.B. King

"B.B. King brought blues from Mississippi to the mainstream. Through his velvety voice and his guitar, Lucille, he influenced the most famous musicians in the world, but more importantly, his music comforted people when they needed it most. Anyone could sing a song about falling in love, but only Mr. King could sing a song about heartbreak. Today, everyone's hearts are heavier with the passing of the greatest bluesman in history. May he and Lucille continue to play on in eternity."

Jill Godmilow To Receive Knight's Cross Of The Republic Of Poland

The President of Poland, Bronislaw Komorowski, announced that American independent filmmaker Jill Godmilow will receive the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland on April 25, 2015 during the premiere of her film, Far from Poland, at the Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, Poland.

The award is being given in recognition of Godmilow's "artistic commitment to the cause of the 'Solidarity' movement and Polish culture." Godmilow will be decorated by Henryk Wujec, one of the most important and heroic activists of the Solidarity movement, and Advisor to the President of Poland.

Denied a visa to travel to Poland in 1984, Godmilow re-invented the documentary to deal with the suppression of the Solidarity movement during martial law imposed in Poland. Using snippets of documentary footage, Godmilow reenacts Solidarity texts, vignettes and dramatic moments to engage the audience in the Polish struggle. Four long interviews published in the Solidarity press - with Anna Walentynowicz, the fired crane operator for whom the strike started in the Gdansk shipyard, an ex-censor, K-62, now looking for a new job, a Polish miner, and General Jaruzelski - are the centerpieces of the film.

Referred to "as careful as Ophuls' The Sorrow and the Pity" (East Village Eye), "like the best of Godard, it is film criticism and social criticism at the same time" (Pat Aufderheide, In These Times), and a film which "boldly stretches the familiar resources of the documentary" (David Denby, New York Magazine), Far from Poland is today considered a landmark in the development of the documentary form.

Far from Poland, along with other films by Jill Godmilow, is published by and available from Facets at www.facets.org or by calling 1-800-331-6197.

For further information, please contact Milos Stehlik, 773-281-9075 ext. 3027

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Comptroller Munger Meets With Polish American Advisory Board

Board discusses fiscal challenges facing businesses and nonprofits in first meeting



Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger kicked off the first Polish American Advisory Board meeting at the James R. Thompson Center, Wednesday, April 22 and highlighted the importance of open communication between government and community leaders in these tough economic times.

In a successful first meeting, the Board made brief introductions and got right to business discussing the state's financial situation. The group spoke about the effects of state payment delays and shared details for minimizing financial hardships for small businesses. Meetings will be held regularly to maintain an ongoing dialogue.

Polish American Advisory Board Members include:

Mary Anselmo	President, Polish American Congress – Illinois Division
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Chicago Author Stan "Tex" Banash Receives State Award For Roadside History Of Illinois Book

Stan Banash, aka "Tex," a resident of Chicago's Norwood Park community, was recently presented with a Superior Achievement Award for his book, Roadside History of Illinois, at the 2015 Annual Awards Program of the Illinois State Historical Society. The presentation was made in the House of Representatives in the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

The judges' descriptive remarks about the book cited it as "A straight-forward, well-written and informative travel book that includes many helpful extras—a history timeline, interesting factoids, a complete index, and an extensive bibliography. This is the most indispensable history book, reference book, and travel guide I have come across in Illinois. I want to have this book with me whenever I explore the Prairie State."

Banash, who has spoken at libraries, before historical societies, to community organizations, at schools, and before other groups, is promoting a greater interest in our state's history among young people and others. "I'm very pleased to receive the award because it calls attention to our state in a positive way," he said. "To have pride in our state, we need to know our Illinois history. Each of us should be an ambassador to boost tourism and encourage visits to our local historical sites. Many small towns depend on tourism to help their local economy, and we should be supportive by visiting the sites in our state as opposed to visiting neighboring states that might have something similar. We have as much or more to offer here, including Cahokia Mounds, a United Nations World Heritage Site. Let's make Illinois our next destination."

The book takes readers from the Ice Age to the present along old U.S. highways, state roadways and county roads, leading to the people, places and events that contributed to the state's development. It is the first book on Illinois history in more than 30 years. Both former U.S. Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III and Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives, have endorsed the book in back cover blurbs.

In May 2014, the Illinois House of Representatives recognized the importance of Roadside History of Illinois to promoting the state's history by passing a House Resolution that congratulated the author on its publication.

Active in his local community, Banash is a six-term past president of a local chamber of commerce and chaired a local zoning advisory board for 19 years. He also operated his own home-based public relations firm for more than 30 years. The author graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in Political Science and obtained a Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Roosevelt University. His two earlier books were Best of Dee Brown's West and Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology. He also reviews books for a number of western publications, and is a member of Western Writers of America, the Society of Midland Authors, Illinois State Historical Society, Western History Association, and the Westerners—Chicago Corral, where he served as its sheriff for five years.



Russell Lewis (left), outgoing Illinois State Historical Society president, presents a Superior Achievement Award to Stan "Tex" Banash for his book, Roadside History of Illinois.

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2015 Schedule Of Downtown And Neighborhood Farmers Markets

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*Lincoln Square

(Lincoln/Leland/Western)

June 2 – October 27; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Devon Community Night Market - New Market

(2720 W. Devon Ave.)

July 8 – September 9; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Argyle Night Market

(Argyle & Sheridan Rd.)

July 9 – September 3; 5-9 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Lincoln Park

(Armitage & Orchard)

May 9 – October 24; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Northcenter

(Belle Plaine/Damen/Lincoln)

June 13 – October 24; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Downtown Markets

TUESDAYS

*Federal Plaza (Adams & Dearborn)

May 19 – October 27; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA)

(Chicago & Mies van der Rohe Way)

June 2 – October 27; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

THURSDAYS

*Daley Plaza (Washington & Dearborn)

May 14 – October 29; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Willis Tower (233 S. Wacker Dr.)

June 25 – October 29; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

*MARKET ACCEPTS LINK



Mark Your Calendars for the Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the Skokie Farmers' Market opening on Sunday, June 14, 2015. The Market will be open every Sunday through Sunday, October 25, 2015. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The Market is relocating back to the west half of the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A wide selection of fresh grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Also available are fresh baked goods, farm fresh eggs, a variety of mushrooms and cheeses, fresh cut flowers and plants and much more.

Special attractions to the Market include:

- June 14 - Grand opening!
- June 21 - Music by Gene
- June 28 - Steve Martin Blues
- July 5 - Meet members of the Consumer Affairs Commission
- July 12 - Music by Doug Blake
- July 19 - RC Juggle and music by Steve Martin Blues
- July 26 - Chef Demo with Sweetie Pies Bakery and music by Gene
- August 2 - Music by Doug Blake

August 9 - Music by Gene

August 16 - RC Juggle & Music by Gene

August 23 - Music by Doug Blake

August 30 - Backlot Bash & Music by Gene

September 6 - Amadeo String Duo

September 13 - Music by Doug Blake

September 20 - Document Destruction event & Music by Gene

September 27 - RC Juggle & Music by the Amadeo String Duo

October 4 - Music by Doug Blake

October 11 - Music by Gene

October 18 - RC Juggle

October 25 - Trick or Treat!

Sponsored by the Consumer Affairs Commission, there will be some new vendors and other fun surprises at this year's Farmers' Market for families including chef demos, document destruction event on September 20, balloon artist and a variety of musicians. Visit www.skokie.org for details. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market contact Janelle Silva, Market Manager, at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.

Jefferson Park Sunday Market

The Jefferson Park Sunday Market which is held in Jefferson Park from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on alternate summer Sundays will begin on June 14th. The market which sells fresh produce, bake goods, and food from food trucks is held on the corner of Long and Lawrence. Volunteers are always welcome. Entertainment by local musicians often brightens the days. For more information contact Merril at 847 902 2961 or Jefferson Park Sunday Market or facebook.com/JeffersonParkSundayMarket. Dates for the summer are June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, October 25. The Sunday Market will go on rain or shine. Volunteers do not have to commit for the entire season; one day will help.

Edison Park Farmers Market

Wednesday, May 27 • 4-8PM

6730 N. Olmsted

Center Metra Parking Lot (Across From Edison Park Inn)

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*Please note this parking lot will be closed at 7am. Violators will be towed at owner's expense. Alternate parking is available in the east and west Metra parking lots).



Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market 40TH Year Begins May 9

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market kicks off its 40th year this Saturday, May 9. It features fresh and locally grown fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants, along with meat, cheese, eggs and bakery items.

The market will take place every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November 7 at the intersection of University Pl. and Oak Ave., behind the Hilton Garden Inn. Parking is free in the adjacent 1800 Maple Avenue Self Park Garage with ticket validation at the City of Evanston tent (click on map to expand).

LINK cards are accepted and reusable bags are sold on site. Popular canning and food preservation workshops will be back at the market again this year in June, July and August, with exact dates to be announced.

For more information, visit cityofevanston.org/market, or call 311 (847-448- 4311 outside of Evanston). Community members can also sign up to receive information about Farmers' Market vendors, upcoming programs and events at cityofevanston.org/newsletter.

Diamond Frost is a Gardener's Best Friend

By Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

In the past few years, an exciting new plant has been introduced which is unlike any you've ever seen or grown. This plant was recently the U.K.'s Plant of the Year, and it has won numerous awards and honors at trials all over the United States. The name of this new unique plant is Diamond Frost, and it is a member of the Euphorbia family. This plant is an annual which will survive as long as temperatures stay above 30 degrees F.

Diamond Frost boasts nonstop clouds of airy white blooms. This plant is very easy to grow due to its exceptional heat and drought tolerance. It simply never goes out of bloom. Diamond Frost is versatile, as it can grow anywhere from a full sun to a part shade location. The plant should be watered when the soil is dry and periodically fertilized with any well balanced fertilizer.

The uses for Diamond Frost are as abundant as its blooms. The plant can be grown in planters, hanging baskets, or the ground. In all uses, it can be planted alone for a dramatic, elegant display of white flowers, or combined with other plants and used as an accent plant. The tiny white blooms will brighten up any mixed planting. Diamond Frost has a mounding upright habit, and will grow into a robust 12" wide by 16" tall plant.

Everyone should try at least one Diamond Frost plant in their plantings this year. Whether you are an expert or a casual gardener, you will be pleased with the results. It is likely that Diamond Frost will become a staple of your plantings, and you will be growing this plant for many seasons to come.

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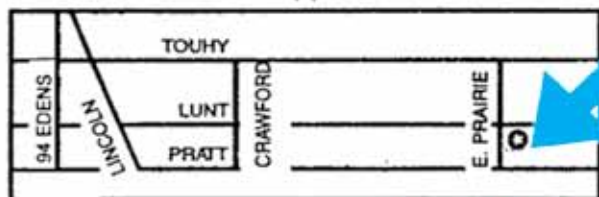
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May 28th - May 31st Lincoln & Leland Ave.

Maifest (or Mayfest in English) is the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring. Maifest is still celebrated throughout Germany with the maibaum (maypole) decorated to show off the history and crafts of the town.

Maifest, similar to Oktoberfest, has now become a popular celebration. The fest opens Thursday, May 28 at 6pm with a "Kickoff Party" in the main tent and runs through Sunday, May 31.

Raise a stein to spring at the 16th annual Lincoln Square festival, featuring live music and maypole dancing, German food and beer, plus a traditional keg tapping and crowning of the Mayfest queen on Friday night, May 29.

Mayfest 2015 is brought to you by the Mayfest Committee, President Joe Matuschka, and with special thanks to the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce (www.lincolnsquare.org) and 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar (chicago47.org).

Mayfest Chicago, NFP is a 501(c)(3) to promote Chicago's German heritage. Mayfest Chicago benefits a number of German organizations including the DANK HAUS, the American Aid Society, the Donauschwaben Youth Group, Kinderchor and others.

**For further information, please go to
www.mayfestchicago.com**

Thursday, May 28th — 5:00pm - 9:30pm

Main Tent Entertainment

6:00pm: Old Town School of Folk Music
7:30pm: The Captain Blood Expedition

Friday, May 29th — 5:00pm - 11:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment

6:00pm: Paloma
8:00pm: Official Opening Ceremony, Traditional Keg Tapping and May Queen Crowning

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment

6:00pm: The Polkaholics

Saturday, May 30th — 12:00pm - 11:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment

1:00pm: Paloma • 6:00pm: Phenix

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment

1:00pm: Back Then Band • 3:00pm: Alte Kamarade
7:00pm: Pin Drop Theatre

Sunday, May 31st — 12:00pm - 10:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment

1:00pm: Die Perlen • 5:00pm: Phenix

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment

1:30pm: German/American Ethnic Program
4:30pm: The Captain Blood Expedition
7:30: Country Doctors

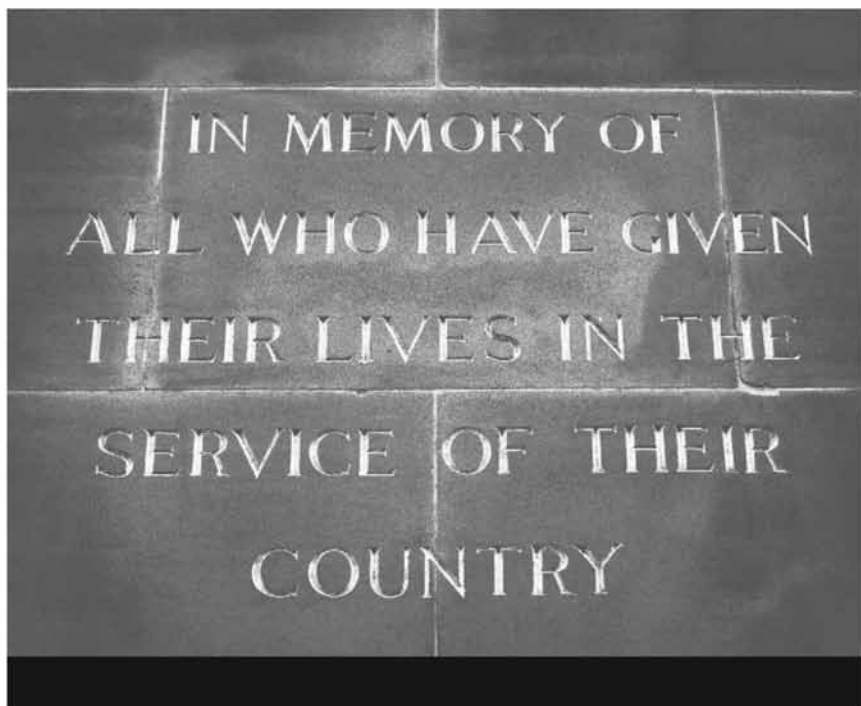
Maifest is brought to you by the May Fest Committee, President: Joe Matuschka, Vice-President: Matt Lodge
Special thanks to the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce and 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar

For more information visit www.lincolnsquare.org
Additional parking available at St. Mathias Church and MB Financial Bank
Schedule Subject to Change.
Maifest is not accepting new vendor applications.

MEMORIAL DAY

Four Generations Of The Haben Family And Staff Decorate Veterans' Graves At Local Cemeteries

Four generations of the Haben Family and the staff of Haben Funeral Home in Skokie have been decorating the graves of war veterans buried at the three church-based cemeteries in Skokie for many years. Over 500 flags are placed on the graves of our war veterans each Memorial Day weekend. The flags are provided by Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion. The manpower is provided by John Haben, a third generation funeral director at Haben Funeral Home and Crematory, his family and staff. Veterans' records have been kept by the funeral home for over 85 years. Ray Haben, founder of Haben Funeral Home, began the volunteer project many years ago. He served in the U.S. Army during WWI, was a longtime member of Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion, the Skokie Valley Post No. 3854 Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past member and Past Commander of the Morton Grove Post No. 134 of the American Legion. Bill Haben served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was also a member of the Skokie American Legion Post and Skokie Valley V.F.W.. Gary J. Haben, recently retired U.S. Navy Captain after 29 years of service to his Country, is the third generation of the Haben Family to have served our Country during wartime. "It's an honor to recognize our past military heroes who so selflessly served our Country for the preservation of our freedom. We willingly and gratefully dedicate our time to remember these courageous men and women", says John Haben. Those families who would like a flag to decorate a grave of a veteran that happens to be buried in another cemetery may pick up a flag from Haben Funeral Home at 8057 Niles Center Road in Skokie.



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The American's Creed

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I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. (Authorized Version)

The Creed was written in 1918 by William Tyler Page of Friendship Heights, Maryland in the course of a nation wide contest on the subject. Page was a descendent of President Tyler, and Representative John Page, who served in the Congress from 1789-97. William Tyler Page began his government career as a Congressional page in December of 1881. In 1919 he was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, and held that position until December of 1931. A new post, Emeritus Minority Clerk, was then created for him which he occupied until his death on October 20, 1942.

May 24 Memorial Day Mass and Picnic

The American Aid Society of German Descendants will remember all their deceased relatives and friends on Sunday, May 24, 2015, on the picnic grounds of their Cultural Center, 259 W. Grand Avenue, in Lake Villa, IL. Admission fee is \$3.00 per person for people over 15 years of age, and parking is free.

A bilingual German-English Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am at the Nick Pesch monument, with Rev. Steven Bauer as the celebrant. The wreath laying ceremony will follow the Mass, with participation by various organizations as well as individuals, and at this occasion, all the soldiers who lost their lives in the wars will be especially remembered. In case of rain, the Mass and other events will take place in the large banquet hall. Delicious food will then be served for all to enjoy, and drinks are available, all at reasonable prices. Please pass this information on to your relatives and friends.

The American Aid Society's club house is located at 6540 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. This is where many of the meetings by members take place, such as lunches, dinners, fundraisers, etc.

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert, AAS Member

American Legion Memorial Day activities

The American Legion Edison Park Post 541 invites all to our Memorial Day ceremony which will be held at monument Park located at 6679 N. Avondale Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

Date/Time: May 25th and start at 9 A.M..

We also extend an invitation to all Veterans to march with us as we carry our nations colors in the Norwood Park Parade. We will assemble in front of the Onahan School, 6634 N. Raven Ave. Chicago, IL 60631, at 10 A.M. and lead the parade to Taft High Scholl, 6530 West Bryn Mawr Ave Chicago, where a presentation ceremony will be held.

Skokie Memorial Day Observance

The Village of Skokie 2015 Memorial Day observance ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2015. The ceremony takes place at Veterans Park at the intersection of Lincoln and Cleveland Avenues.

Local Veterans posts will be present at the ceremony and Taps will be performed.

Village Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015.

For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.



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MEMORIAL DAY



National Veterans Art Museum To Observe Memorial Day 2015 With New Exhibition

The Joe Bonham Project, Drawing The Stories Of America's Wounded Veterans, Features Artwork By Combat And Civilian Artists

On Monday, May 25, 2015, the National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) will honor Memorial Day with the opening reception of The Joe Bonham Project. The Joe Bonham Project aims to keep the dedication, sacrifices and indomitable spirit of our wounded warriors present and accounted for with more than a hundred drawings and illustrations created during the time spent patients at VA Hospitals throughout the United States. Admission to the NVAM will be free from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with light refreshments offered from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Keynote speakers will commence at 2 p.m. and include Michael D. Fay, a former Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer and Combat Artist and Founder of The Joe Bonham Project, and Dr. Anna Stachyra, Chief of Education Services at Edward Hines, Jr., Veterans Affairs Hospital.

The Joe Bonham Project is named after the central character in Dalton Trumbo's 1938 novel Johnny Got His Gun. Joe loses all his limbs and his face to an artillery explosion, yet survives only to be eventually 'warehoused' beyond human interaction. Featuring artwork created in a variety of media by fifteen combat and civilian artists, The Joe Bonham Project seeks to show the real face of war and its aftermath to the public with images that portray the realities and human consequences of combat.

Several of the artists in The Joe Bonham Project are seasoned war artists including Michael Fay, Richard Johnson, Steve Mumford, Kristopher Battles, Victor Juhasz, Roman Genn, and Robert Bates. Other artists, such as Jeffery Fisher, Fred Harper, Jess Ruliffson, Ray Alma, Bill Harris, and Josh Korenblat, have friends and family who have, or are currently serving in the armed forces. Working primarily in in-patient surgical shock-trauma wards, these artists have spent significant amounts of time with some of the most physically battle damaged soldiers, sailors and Marines. Most have endured multiple traumatic amputation injuries and disfiguring facial wounds, and will endure months of operations and challenging physical therapy. With them on this journey back to wholeness are often equally traumatized family members. All have volunteered to be sketched.

Gallery Coordinator Destinee Oitzinger notes that this exhibit is not only a series

of portraits of wounded veterans, but collectively represents a side of combat that is too-often overlooked or misunderstood. Oitzinger states, "The awe-inspiring power of this exhibit lies in the fact that the artists are bringing recognition to an aspect of war that is often inconceivable to those who haven't experienced these realities first hand. More importantly they humanize the veterans by capturing their individual personalities, and their strength and perseverance rather than equating them to merely the sum of their wounds."

NVAM Executive Director Brendan Foster applauded the show, "The Joe Bonham Project exemplifies the heart of the National Veterans Art Museum's mission to foster a greater understanding of the real impact of war. This exhibit brings to the forefront the conversations that society must have about the tangible cost of war. We are proud and honored to exhibit The Joe Bonham Project, and provide a venue in which, for many people, these conversa-

tions can begin. For those already impacted by the cost of war, this exhibition will provide an opportunity to continue these conversations."

Artist and founder of the project, Michael Fay states, "Art and war have been interwoven with culture since man began articulating his experiences. From epic poems, myths and the earliest cave art, images and tales of warriors have shaped human consciousness through artistic expression. Today the National Veterans Art Museum continues that tradition by highlighting artistic expressions by, of and for America's warriors. The Joe Bonham Project, a group of artists and illustrators dedicated to capturing the experiences of some of our Nation's most profoundly physically and psychically impacted Soldiers and Marines, is honored to exhibit our work at the National Veterans Art Museum in America's Second City."

The exhibit will be display from Monday, May 25th through August 28th, 2015.

About the National Veterans Art Museum

The National Veterans Art Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of art inspired by combat and created by veterans. No other gallery in the world focuses on the subject of war from an artistic perspective, making this collection truly unique. The National Veterans Art Museum addresses both historical and contemporary issues related to military service in order to give patrons of all backgrounds insight into the effects of war and to provide veterans an artistic outlet to work through their military and combat experiences.

The National Veterans Art Museum is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The National Veterans Art Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. For group admission reservations, call the Museum at 312-326-0270 or visit www.nvam.org.

Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade - May 25, 2015

To register or find out more information, please visit www.norwoodpark.org

We welcome 2015 Grand Marshal - U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Ramina Orah



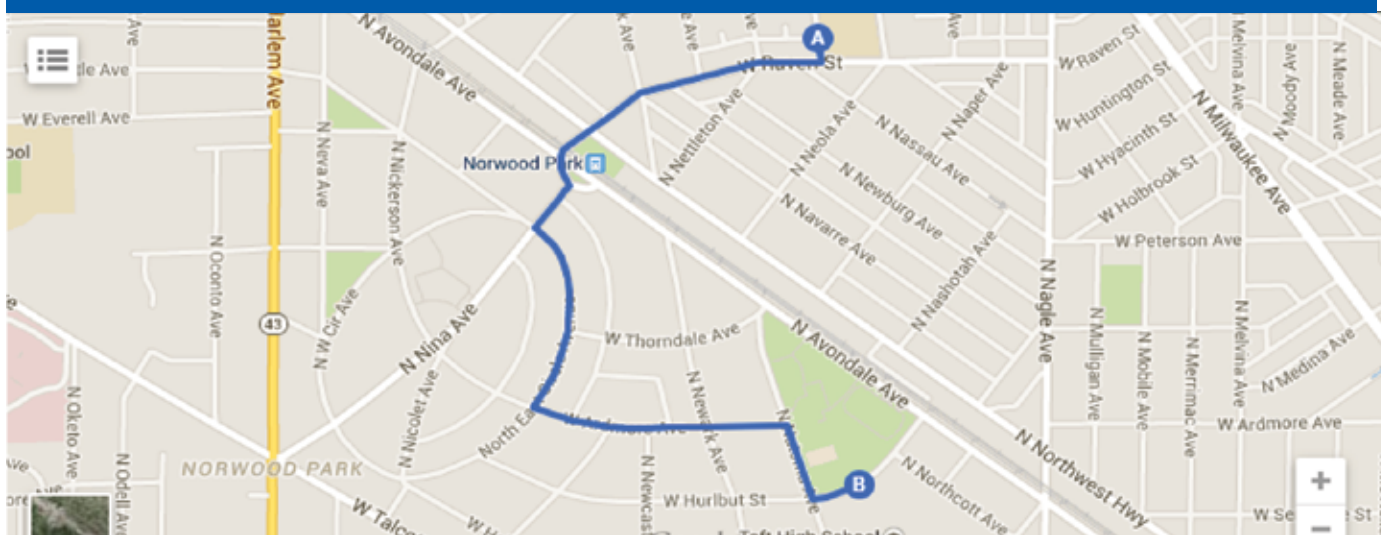
Ramina Orah was born in 1985, a 2003 graduate of Resurrection High School, who enlisted in the Air Force in 2005. In 2006 Ramina was deployed to the Iraq War where she sustained an injury. She was a senior Airman in 28th Force Support Squad stationed at Talil Air Base when the base was bombed by mortar attack. In January, 2008 while home on leave on her 23rd birthday, Ramina suffered a stroke, which paralyzed her right side and has limited her vision and speech. The aneurism is said to have been influenced from her injuries at war. She lives with her parents, Elizabeth & Albert Orah in the Chicago northwest side and through successful therapy she now can walk and enjoys being more independent, spending time with her two dogs. Ramina also participates in the Valor Games, Wounded Warrior Program and the Paralympics.

The Norwood Park community salutes Ramina and thanks her for her commitment and service to our country. Meet her at the Memorial Day Parade Tribute Ceremony at Taft H.S. on May 25, 2015 at 12:15pm.

In almost 5 years, Ramina achieved Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Metal, Iraq Campaign Metal with 1 service star, Global War on Terrorism Service Metal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border AF Training Ribbon.

Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade Route

Refer to our ad on page 1 for time and date



American Legion Meetings

Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Edison Park Field House, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. and is open to all Veterans who served in any branch of the United States military services during the armed conflicts listed below.

We are also forming a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The requirement for becoming a member is:

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such males descendants of veterans who died in service during WWI - WWII - Korean War - the Vietnam War - Lebanon Grenada - Panama and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article 1 of the National Constitution of the The American Legion or who died subsequent to their Honorable Discharge form such Service shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion.

Please visit our website at <http://americanlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541>



Peer-to-Peer Boat Rentals: What Do You Need To Know?

10 Tips From Boat Us For Owners And Renters

Airbnb may a popular “peer-to-peer” lodging site on the web, but if you want to rent a boat in your local area or away, you’ve got options, too. Boatbound.com, Boatsetter.com and Cruzin.com are just a few of the new crop of online websites offering a chance to rent a boat for the day or weekend. These services, which connect private boat owners to renters, can help owners recoup some expenses, and can also give non-owners a chance to get on the water with friends without the cost of full-time ownership. So what do you need to know? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has some information for both boat owners and renters.

Renters do not want boats that are not safe and or can barely get out of the marina, so these services are often better suited to newer vessels less than 10 years old. Older, larger or faster boats may require a survey or inspection. Rental costs vary widely based on boat size and location, and renters typically are required to have some boating experience as well as a deposit.

These peer-to-peer boat rental websites generally handle every part of the transaction, including taking deposits and payments. They typically take 30%-40% of the rental fee, which covers overhead, profit, as well as insurance and on water towing services (more on both of those in a second...read on).

For boat owners, most boat insurance policies don’t provide coverage during the rental period and some companies may not provide coverage at any time simply if you list your boat with a rental program. If you happen to own and insure your boat but desire to rent another, your insurance company (including BoatUS Marine Insurance) may offer a temporary endorsement for liability coverage while operating the rental boat – but damage to the rental boat still is not covered. That’s why these “peer-to-peer” boat rental companies often provide additional insurance coverage. However, it’s up to owners – and renters – to read the fine print. For owners, know what happens if your boat is damaged, the claims process, how depreciation may figure in, and, in the event of total loss, how the insurance will value your boat. For renters, ensure you are OK with the level of liability coverage being offered during the rental, know how much you would have to pay if you damage the boat, and whether injuries to both you and your passengers would be

covered.

TowBoatUS and Vessel Assist towing fleets provide on water towing and assistance service to some peer-to-peer rental services at no additional charge to the renter or owner. For the renter that means simply calling BoatUS’ 24-hour nationwide dispatch (800-391-4869) if there is a breakdown.

Renters need to ask about any other costs or fees, including fuel or other charges like pump-outs. They should also clarify with the owner what happens if the boat breaks down and becomes unusable.

Boat owners have the full right to say “no” to a renter, starting with an initial phone call. BoatUS member Bob Kellet, who has successfully rented his 30-foot sailboat, says owners are in full control of the process, from pricing to vetting renters. After speaking to a potential renter on the phone, if he’s comfortable, Kellet will meet at his boat for a full run-through. He may even take the renter out for a few minutes to show how everything works.

Kellet also suggests having a detailed instruction guide for the boat’s equipment and a step-by-step guide for things like starting the engine. Be sure to include safety gear.

Having a walk-through, pre-rental checklist is good for both parties, as is taking a few date-stamped photos showing the condition of the vessel.

While there is a certain element of trust, owner and renter reviews tend to weed out bad apples quickly, so be sure to check the renter’s history or the owner’s reviews from past renters. “Reviews are the best indicator of whether there will be a positive rental experience,” says BoatUS Consumer Affairs Director Charles Fort, who adds, “These services may also help those looking to buy a certain boat to try it out, if you will, before they purchase.”

One man’s experience: BoatUS Member Kellet said he was apprehensive the first few times he rented his sailboat to a stranger, but after a couple rentals he realized the renters cared about his boat, too, and they were there for the same reason: a love of the water and boating. A couple rentals a month easily pays his Seattle, Washington, area moorage fees. The only downside Kellet reports are scheduling conflicts when he’d like to use the boat himself.

For more, see the BoatUS Magazine story, “Is Peer-to-Peer Boating for You?” at BoatUS.com/thinkingofrenting.

Don’t Miss Out On Car-Free Bicycling On Lake Shore Drive!

Registration Is Still Open For Mb Financial Bank Bike The Drive

If you’ve been waiting to see what the weather looks like for MB Financial Bank Bike the Drive on Sunday, May 24, wait no longer. The Active Transportation Alliance is predicting a great day for a bike ride.

Signing up early ensures you’ll enjoy the ride to its fullest extent. You’ll get nearly five hours of car-free bicycling on Lake Shore Drive. The post-ride festival offers live music, food, giveaways, raffles and good times.

The event is a fundraiser that is produced by and benefits the Active Transportation Alliance, a nonprofit that works on behalf of people who walk, bike and use transit in Chicagoland.

There are still several ways to register for the event.

Register online at www.bikethedrive.org until Saturday, May 23 at noon.

Register in person and get your rider materials at one of our packet pick up locations: <http://www.bikethedrive.org/getpacket>

Consider registering before prices go up \$5 on Monday, May 4.

The last day to register and have your rider materials mailed to you is Sunday, May 10.

If you plan to register the day-of-the-event at Butler Field at Columbus Avenue and Jackson Boulevard, we recommend arriving as early as 4:30 a.m. so you can sign up and fully enjoy the event. (Day-of registration price is \$63 and does not include a T-shirt.)

All event participants riding on Lake Shore Drive must be registered and must wear their rider numbers and wristbands.

The Active Transportation Alliance reminds Chicago residents and visitors that Lake Shore Drive will temporarily be open only to bicyclists this Memorial Day Weekend for the 14th annual MB Financial Bank Bike the Drive.

On Sunday, May 24, Lake Shore Drive will close to car traffic at 5:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m., from Hollywood Avenue south to 59th Street. Cars will be able to access the Museum Campus via 18th Street and Navy Pier via Illinois Street. Get all the important details at www.bikethedrive.org.

The Active Transportation Alliance is a non-profit, member-based advocacy organization that works to make bicycling, walking and public transit so safe, convenient and fun that we will achieve a significant shift from environmentally harmful, sedentary travel to clean, active travel. The organization builds a movement around active transportation, encourages physical activity, increases safety and builds a world-class transportation network. The Active Transportation Alliance is supported by more than 7,000 members, 1,000 volunteers and 35 full-time staff. For more information about the Active Transportation Alliance, visit www.activetrans.org or call 312.427.3325.

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May 2015 is “Bike Kick-off Month” in Evanston!

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Three Must-Have Boating Skills You’ll Need This Summer

What are three of the most common skills any boater will need to know this summer? “Docking is often seen as a spectator sport, but everyone needs to know how to do it safely,” said BoatUS Magazine Executive Editor Mike Vatalaro. “Beaching your boat is also a common maneuver, as is using your boat’s trim tabs to get the best ride, so we’ve done three short videos that address each.” The videos are part of the magazine’s Practical Boater series that offers skills building, techniques and best practices to get the most out of boating.

The videos can be found at:

1. Trim Tab Basics: BoatUS.com/trimtabbasics.
2. How To Beach Your Boat And Leave Again: BoatUS.com/howtobeach.
3. Four Steps For Coming Alongside A Dock: BoatUS.com/docking.

More Practical Boater tips, from how to remove fishing line entangled around a prop to a pre-launch checklist, can be found in the most recent issue of BoatUS Magazine at BoatUS.com/practicalboaterapril15.

What’s Really In Your Marina Dock Contract?

BoatUS Consumer Protection Looks at the “Risk Shifting” of Marina Dock Contract

Be sure to read your dock contract carefully, or you may be surprised to find that you can be held legally responsible for damages and injuries, even if you or your boat were not the cause. It all could be in the fine print of the marina or boatyard dock contract that hundreds of thousands of boat owners sign this time of year as the boating season returns. Before boaters sign any dock contract, the national advocacy, services and safety organization Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has some tips for recreational boaters searching for a marina for their boat.

“While the enforcement of dock contract provisions vary and your options to walk away may be limited, it’s important to know how a dock contract’s language can contain various provisions that may affect your insurance coverage and ability to recover for damages,” said BoatUS Consumer Affairs Director Charles Fort.

BoatUS has identified a trend with some marinas including “risk shifting” language in their customer dock contracts that transfers the responsibility for defense and payment of claims to the boat owner and the boat’s insurance policy, even when the cause of the accident and responsibility for the resulting damages rests with the marina or staff. This includes “Exculpatory Provisions” which attempts to hold the marina harmless for negligent activity, “due to fire, theft, vandalism, collision, marina equipment failure, windstorm, rain, hurricane or other casualty loss.”

Other clauses, such as “Waiver of Subrogation,” may prevent an insurance company from suing a marina or boatyard to recoup its claims payment after damage caused by the marina. Once the waiver is signed, a boat owner has in essence agreed that the marina isn’t responsible if marina staff is negligent, for example, of gouging the gelcoat while hauling out the boat.

“Indemnification” applies to boating guests or invited workers. A boat owner agrees to defend the marina and pay any damages the marina may owe if one of these parties is injured – even if it’s the marina’s fault.

“Requirement of Insurance With Additional Named Insured Clause” asks the boat owner to add the marina as an additional insured on the boat policy at the owner’s expense, essentially asking that the marina be protected the same way as the policyholder is – sort of like adding your Uncle Bob to your policy. That means the marina is also covered, if, while hauling your boat, a marina staffer bumps the vessel into a steel bulkhead and causes damage, much in the same way if the boat owner had done the same thing. But note that it’s the insurer that decides to add this coverage and at what cost. Don’t assume the insurer will pay.

“Let’s also remember that the vast majority of marinas want to keep customers and reputable marinas and yards will often pay when they damage a customer’s boat. But you should always immediately report a claim to your own insurance company,” added Fort. “It’s also not a bad idea to share a marina contract with your insurance company before you sign it so you know where you stand, as some insurers, such as BoatUS, may provide coverage for risk shifting provisions.”

For a full look at dock contracts, go to BoatUS.com/marinacontract.

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MadKap 2015-16 Play Series Announced

By Wayne Mell – Artistic Director

By the time you read this, we will be in our last weekend of David Mamet's Oleanna. This electrifying drama closes out the first season of plays that Wendy Kaplan and I put together under the MadKap Productions banner. We started last September with Sweet Charity, continued on in the winter months with Crimes of the Heart and Same Time, Next Year. And now are closing the season with this powerful play about political correctness and how one capricious joke or inventive comment can destroy a life and a family.

We have been overwhelmed with the support and compliments we've received about our first season. So with that in mind, it's time to announce our plans for next year. We hope all of our existing subscribers will return, and that some of you will try us for the first time.

First up in September is the award winning Next to Normal, a quirky, contemporary musical that turned out to be one of Broadway's biggest hits. This riveting musical won three Tony Awards in 2009 and the Pulitzer Prize for its heartbreaking, humorous and unflinchingly authentic look at a modern family struggling with the effects of bipolar disorder. Each character's journey is punctuated by powerful music scored by Tom Kitt, featuring 30 original songs, including "Just Another Day," "You Don't Know" and "Superboy and the Invisible Girl." Next to Normal is, in the words of The New York Times, "much more than a feel-good musical; it is a feel-everything musical." The show is directed by Andy Park with music direction from Gary Powell, the team behind last year's Sweet Charity, and stars Molly LeCaptain, Whitney Morse, Jordan Gryzbowski, and Brian Zealand.

In November, we have Monarchical mayhem at its roaring best. James Goldman's The Lion in Winter is known for having the sharpest and wittiest dialogue ever seen on stage. It's Christmas, 1183, and King Henry II of England must choose an heir to the throne from his three sons. His wife Eleanor, is on hand for the holidays after being in prison for conspiring with the kids to overthrow him. Part comedy, part drama, the sibling rivalries and marital sparring take on new heights with the crown of England at stake. The play is directed by Maggie Speer with myself and my real wife, Debra Criche, assuming the throne as King Henry and Queen Eleanor.

February is the time for romantic comedies, and nothing fits the bill like James Sherman's Beau Jest. This warmhearted comedy tells the story of Sarah Goldman, who doesn't think her traditional Jewish parents will respond favorably to her boyfriend, a gentile guy named Chris. So what's a nice girl to do but create a fictional Jewish doctor as her imaginary beau and hire a male escort to play him in front of the family? The problem is, her charade is a little too successful and Sarah starts falling for the fake! This sweet romantic comedy originated at the Victory Gardens theatre in Chicago and is now coming to you in downtown Skokie.

Finally, in May, we present the grandest grand dame of all time. Jean Brodie is in the business of putting old heads on young shoulders, and all of her pupils are the crème de la crème. The Brodie Set, as her students at the Marcia Blaine School for Girls are famously known, hang on Miss Brodie's every word as she - with reckless abandon - dismisses the standard curriculum in favor of lessons in subjects as wide-ranging as Giotto to Hitler to her own romances. Based on the book by Muriel Sparks, the movie version of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie earned Maggie Smith her Oscar, and the stage version is even more exhilarating.

You can subscribe to all four shows for the low price of only \$97, seniors for only \$84, and students for only \$65. And if you order your subscription before June 1, we'll say thank you by giving you a Skokie Theatre gift card worth \$25. Use it to bring a friend, or to sample one of our other events. Call 847-677-7761 or order online at SkokieTheatre.org. And if you don't want to wait until September, come see Oleanna at 7:30 pm Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 pm on Sundays through May 10.

We thank you for your support, and hope to see you at the theatre soon.



'Around the Corner' Art Exhibit

An Art Exhibit by Northwest Side Artists Who Are Coming of Age

Teen artists who are 'around the corner' from their adult lives exhibited works for one day only on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Artorium, Inc., an arts center at 5719 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Northwest Arts Connection (NAC), a grassroots organization dedicated to supporting Northwest Side Chicago artists and to making their work accessible to its residents, presents this celebration of artists who are coming of age.

The artists' pieces look back on significant life experiences. As one artist commented, 'My journey pot shows moments in my life that have shaped me into the person I am today.'

Students from two area high schools are participating in the exhibit—Luther North College Prep and Lydia Urban Academy.

Luther North's Visual Art Program focuses on the development of students' technical skills and critical thinking in a variety of media. For this exhibit, Ceramics Instructor Linda Galek asked students to begin the creative process by writing a list of key life events that shaped their lives and using those lists to create journey pots, a tangible visual experience for others to enjoy.

Lydia Urban Academy is an accredited, non-traditional high school that provides a safe, nurturing environment for students who may have experienced academic adversity in the past. Karen Anderson, Lydia Urban Academy director, explained that the students have each made individual pieces which are being combined into one sculpture. 'Each student has his or her own story, but they come together in a community... The different pieces of art create a unique and beautiful whole.'

Artorium, Inc. is owned by the Niedorezo family, visual artists who nurture young talent. Jakub Niedorezo said they are 'very happy to support upcoming Chicago artists from the schools and overjoyed to give them the opportunity to show their work to the public.'

For more information on the event, contact Marlena Ascher. marlenaascher@sbcglobal.net

For more information about arts programming on the northwest side, visit www.northwestartsconnection.com or visit the Facebook page.



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Got Your Summer Vacation all Planned?



Chester M. Przybylo

When the inhabitants of Gilligan's Island went out for their three-hour tour aboard the S. S. Minnow, chances are they were not prepared for what was about to befall them. Of course, Thurston and Eunice "Lovey" Howell (being the money-savvy individuals they were) probably had a comprehensive estate plan, complete with a Revocable Living Trust. But what about the rest of them? If they had never been rescued—or worse yet, died at sea—would Mary Ann's family be stuck in probate court attempting to divide her property even today?

It's easy to discuss life after disaster when we're dealing with fictional characters, but what if it were you? Before you take a trip, you need to ask yourself some important questions: What measures have I taken to protect my legacy if something were to happen to me? Who would make medical decisions for me if I were incapacitated? Is my family aware of my wishes regarding my kids, health, and finances?

You may have booked your flight, reserved your hotel and arranged for a private tour of the Louvre, but if you haven't made legal provisions for yourself and

your family, you haven't planned well enough. A postcard of the Champs-Élysées will not be enough to remind your loved ones of your individuality, your values, and your legacy.

So let's take a leaf out of the Howells' book. Here's what you should have in place before you pack your bags: First of all, you should have a Will. A Will designates guardians for your minor children, as well as divides and distributes your assets among your beneficiaries.

In addition to a Will, you should establish a General Durable Power of Attorney and a Health Care Directive. These documents name an "agent" who will take charge of your financial affairs and medical decisions if you are unable to do so.

Finally, you should set up a Revocable Living Trust. Among the many benefits of a Living Trust is the fact that your loved ones will not have to deal with the possible delays and costs of probate. Furthermore, you will be able to designate not only to whom your assets are given, but when, and how. You may also establish guidelines for the use of the inheritance and protect it from things like divorce, creditors, remarriage, and unwise spending of your heirs.

Once these measures are put in place, you will be able to relax and enjoy the lights of Paris, the beaches of Hawaii, or even the oasis of the Sahara the way they were meant to be enjoyed: worry-free!

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A Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On June 2 & 4

Are you up-to-date on changes to the "Rules of the Road" in Illinois or want to improve your defensive driving knowledge? If so, consider enrolling in the two half-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older. Classes will be held on June 2 and June 4, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Many who have attended the classes remarked how much they learned about safe driving practices and changes to traffic laws. Completion of the course may qualify participants for a multi-year discount on their liability insurance, an aggregate savings that could exceed \$100. Cost of the class is \$20 per person (\$15 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Center at (773) 775-6071 or email them at info@npseniorcenter.org.

The Norwood Park 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.

Mayor Emanuel Takes Action To Help Chicago Become First City With Universal Taxi App

Chicago launches competitive selection process to provide an app that will allow users to hail a taxi on a smartphone

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, through the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), today launched a competitive selection process for a universal taxi smartphone app that will include every taxi in the City of Chicago. The app will improve rider experience and increase customer access to taxis throughout Chicago's neighborhoods.

"Technology knows no boundaries and with the universal taxi app Chicago residents stand to benefit," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Residents from all across Chicago will be able to request a ride and be connected to a nearby taxi with the click of a button."

"This app will be a win for the taxi industry, who can remain competitive, and for passengers, who will reap the benefits with premium service," said Maria Guerra Lapacek, Commissioner of BACP. "It will allow customers to find a taxi more efficiently, without having to make an advance reservation or wait on a busy street corner."

The universal taxi app will allow residents to connect to licensed taxis using their smartphones. All licensed taxicab drivers will be required to use the universal app while on duty. The City will select one or more companies through a competitive bidding process to serve as the provider of the universal app.

Respondents who submit a successful proposal will be required to maintain a number of high standards to ensure customers receive the best service possible. The app will provide features like a secure electronic payment option, an estimated wait time, and a fare quote, all of which will allow customers to make informed decisions when requesting a ride.

This new service will increase customer access to all licensed taxis across the City of Chicago, especially in historically underserved communities where residents have difficulty finding a ride. Chicagoans across the City stand to benefit as this technology will allow for the rapid dispatch of safe, reliable transportation to neighborhoods that are not typically populated with taxis.

To further improve customer accessibility to the service, the City encourages bidders for universal taxi app to propose a phone dispatch component in addition to the smartphone app. The service must be made accessible to and usable by those who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 15th, 2015 at 3:00PM at 121 N. LaSalle Street, City Hall Room 805 for potential bidders for the Universal Taxi Application RFP. Attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged. More information about the bidding process can be found at www.cityofchicago.org/BACP.

Today, BACP also launched a competitive bidding process for a Centralized Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Taxi Dispatch Service. Interested parties can find out more at www.cityofchicago.org/BACP.

BACP oversees the licensing of Chicago's public chauffeurs and public vehicles including taxicabs, liveries, charter and site seeing buses, horse drawn carriages, ambulances, water taxis and tour boats. The department oversees the purchasing of taxicab medallions, vehicle inspections and rates of fare. Learn more about BACP's Public Vehicle Operations at www.cityofchicago.org/BACP.

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Gan Israel Day Camp Celebrates Its 38th Summer of Activities

When Gan Israel Day Camp opened its doors in the summer of 1977, the model was simple enough. Throw together some organized sports, lively cheers, Jewish traditions, and a trip every few days, and the program was more than enough to attract hundreds of children from across Chicago the North Suburbs.

"Forty-years later," says Gan Israel director Schneur Scheiman, "day camp has become a highly specialized business, with parents signing their children up for a variety of camps touting a specific sport, skill or adventure."

In order to give his campers that experience without compromising the idyllic tried-and-true model that's kept children coming back for decades, Scheiman began offering a week of "Specialty Camp" before the six-week long summer session.

"We put together specialty packages that include science, theater, percussions, Lego and more," he says, "allowing kids to really hone in on one passion or another before getting into the regular day-camp routine."

Mother of four, Leah Gurvich of Deerfield says she's excited about the new possibilities the program opens up for her son, Samuel, a 4th-grade student at Hillel Torah Day School in Skokie.

"Ever since my oldest son went to Gan Israel 10 years ago, camp has been the highlight of their year," she says. "And now 'Specialty Camp' really brings camp to the next level of fun and professionalism."

So what will Samuel sign up for? She's not sure yet. "It'll probably be sports or Legos," she explains. "He loves them both, and the choice is his."

The specialty camps program will run from 6/22 - 6/26 and includes choices for all campers between ages 6 - 14. Spaces are limited in each of the specialty camp programs, so please register today!

Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations. Learn more about Camp Gan Israel at: <http://www.ganisraelchicago.com/>. If you have any questions, please email info@GanIsraelChicago.com or call 847-345-6406.



Community First Medical Center Nursing Wall Of Cards



We here at Community First Medical Center (CFMC) received wonderful surprise nurses week cards from Onahan 1st-5th grade Elementary School to honor the Community First Nurses. There were many that said thank you for being hero's, nurses rock, nurses help people, work hard, and many other adorable sayings with wonderful artwork. The students also sent nursing caps which they made. The staff here at CFMC enjoyed the cards so much we created a wall of cards outside our cafeteria so all the nurses and visitors could enjoy the beautiful cards. A few staff members gathered to take a picture of the nurses caps and many wore white for the day.

Niles Township Donates Equipment To Help The ARK

As the Niles Township Food Pantry prepares for a renovation this summer, a portion of the pantry equipment is being donated to local charities to help with their food pantry operations. Niles Township Supervisor Marilyn D. Glazer and Food Pantry Manager Tony Araque provided a tour of the Niles Township Pantry to Marc Swatez, Executive Director of The ARK Chicago. The ARK is receiving a three-door, commercial grade, reach-in freezer for use at their Rhea Segal Food Pantry that distributes nutritious kosher food, to 550 families each month.



L-R, Tony Araque, Food Pantry Manager and Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township donate a walk-in freezer to Marc Swatez, Executive Director of The ARK, Chicago.

Ms. Glazer stated, "We were pleased to help our friends at The ARK who do a wonderful job providing food to distressed members of the Chicagoland Jewish community. The need for food support is everywhere, food pantries helping one another in these challenging times is critically important."

Since 1850, Niles Township Government has been dedicated to improving life for its residents. Niles Township is located in the

northeast corner of Cook County. With a population of over 102,000 the Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf, and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview

Tuesday's Child Helps Children and Parents Improve Their Behavior

Tuesday's Child, a Chicago nonprofit that was established in 1980, serves parents and their children under six years old throughout the city and neighboring suburbs. It offers families a variety of support services, programs and activities that address behavioral issues and challenges for both parents and children. Its evidence-based program and individualized approach enables it to address each family's specific situation.

As a result of their rewarding experiences, many participants share their stories with others and also volunteer for years afterward.

Tuesday's Child's most life-changing experience is the 12-week, Behavioral Intervention program, an evidence-based approach that works with parents and children simultaneously. That is, during each session behavior experts and peer mentors offer parents strategies that can help them regain parental control and build a positive trusting bond with their child. While parents are being helped, their children are being introduced to similar techniques in a nearby classroom by child behavior experts. At the end of the 12 weeks each has learned new, more constructive approaches.

"I was referred to Tuesday's Child more than 30 years ago, when my first child was just

three years old," Jill explains. "Our daughter and I had a terrific relationship until we had a second child. Given the fact that my eldest daughter no longer received my full attention, critical behavioral issues developed. I needed professional help to learn how to address my behavior...as well as my daughter's."

When their family's issues settled down – both responding to new insights and approaches – Jill saw that many other parents, who had also benefitted from the nonprofit's services, decided to volunteer in its Parents Training Parents program. After going through the program, she has been volunteering for 32 years. Many other parents also share, on Tuesday's Child's site, similar stories and outcomes.

Tuesday's Child was established in 1980 by a clinical psychologist and early childhood specialist, and in 1984, was incorporated at a 501(c) (3) in 1984. It is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and has given presentations during the Illinois Chapter's conferences.

It is located at 3633 N. California, Chicago. On Sunday, May 3, parents and children enjoyed another Family Fun Day Walkathon and Carnival. You can find more information on its site, tuesdayschildchicago.org or by calling 773-423-5055.

Skokie Fire Department Helps Niles Township Food Pantry

A crew of Skokie Fire Department officers recently visited the Niles Township Food Pantry with a generous supply of goods for pantry clients. The fire crew led by Deputy Chief Ken Borre arrived with a full truck of food collected and donated by students at Niles West High School.

Deputy Chief Borre stated, "We are public servants and we're glad to help the Niles West students and the Township Food Pantry staff with this project. The Township is a great place to live and work largely because of the spirit of community we see here every day."

Marilyn Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township echoed Chief Borre's thoughts stating, "our food pantry is part of what makes this township complete. People are willing to donate food to help neighbors that may be experiencing hard times. We are grateful to the Niles West students and Skokie Fire Department for their help in feeding our community members."



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For more information on the Niles Township Food Pantry phone (847) 983-0073

Summer Camp 2015 Opportunity Through Your Local American Legion Post #134

American Legion Post #134 In Morton Grove Offers Options For Summer Camp 2015 For Teen Girls And Boys!

Greetings Neighbors,

I am a veteran and member of American Legion Post #134 in Morton Grove serving our neighborhood. I want to present to you an option for a summer camp in 2015 called Illinois Boys State and Illinois Girls State. The Post will pay for two boys to attend this week long summer camp at Eastern Illinois University from June 13-19. Girls State, which runs June 21-27, and is also at Eastern Illinois University is also available. Youth may attend if self-funded too.

More information is available from the respective websites listed below. Please contact me Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com with questions.

Illinois Girls State and Boys State is a youth citizenship development initiative of the American Legion. It is for girls and boys who have completed their junior year in high school and have at least one semester/quarter left to complete after attending Illinois Boys State 2015 (June 13-19) or Illinois Girls State (June 21-27). American Legion Post #134 will sponsor two boys to attend for free. Illinois Girls State and Illinois Boys State is held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

If you are interested, please contact Jac Charlier, American Legion Post 134 at jac.charlier@gmail.com.

More information about Illinois Boys State is here: <http://illinoisboysstate.org>. More information about Illinois Girls State is here: <http://ilala.org/igs.html>

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

St. Thecla Seniors located at 6725 W. Devon meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Queen of Peace room. There is a short meeting followed by sweet rolls and coffee. Bingo and cards are played. We have parties!!! Please join us as you may like us! For information, please call Joanie at 312/608-4092.

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at 5801 N Natoma Chicago meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We play pinochle and baingo, have parties on special occasions. Meetings start at 10:30 with coffee and a sweet roll. Call Joan at 773-774-7075.

A Word About Home Inspections



Karen Feldman

Once you purchase a home you will have a set amount of days to perform a home inspection. This is when you really get to see what's beneath all the beautiful decorating in a home. You can find a home inspector yourself or your Realtor can give you a handful of names. The most important thing is to make sure that the home inspector is a licensed professional. Ask about any professional affiliations and/or credentials and whether they carry errors and omissions insurance. Many people fear that their Realtor may be in collusion with the home inspector that they recommend. I find that is not the case, your Realtor is working on behalf of the buyer and has a fiduciary responsibility to their client. Usually, they prefer you know everything about that house and that the sale works out well, so that you will be happy and possibly refer them business in the future as well.

The home inspection is performed in order to check out the systems of the home and to make sure that all is in working order. The home inspector can also arrange for Radon, Mold, and Lead testing if desired. Usually, inspectors start outside in, and from top to

bottom. One benefit of the home inspection is that the purchaser can ask questions and learn how systems in the home operate along the way. One thing to note is that the inspectors are human and may miss something and that their report is their opinion and not necessarily 100% accurate, but usually pretty close. This is why an experienced inspector with proper credentials is important. There are also some things that a home inspector may not touch in the home. For example, at a home my buyer purchased, the inspector couldn't test a fireplace because the gas was turned off to it. He said he was prohibited to turn the gas on for liability issues.

After the report is written, the report is the buyer's property because they paid for the it. The buyer would have to give permission to share it with the seller if the seller wants to see it. At this point, you would consult with your Realtor and attorney to see if the home passed inspection and whether there are concerns to be negotiated. Keep in mind that the home is a used product and that there is no such thing as a perfect house. The items you should be concerned with are the major ones. Structural issues, working order of mechanicals and appliances, and safety hazards should be addressed. Minor ones like broken floor tile in the bathroom really shouldn't be. Another good idea is to also have new construction inspected.

In the end, the inspector you choose may decide your purchase. Choose a knowledgeable one who is not an alarmist but rather an educator, so that you can make the best informed decisions regarding your purchase.

For questions and more information, please visit www.athomewithkaren.com.



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Reminder - Deadline Extension 2nd Annual Juried Art Fair!

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Saturday, June 27th, 10am-6pm and Sunday,
June 28th, 10am-5pm

Due to a number artists' requests, the deadline for Art in the Village has been extended to Monday, 3/9/15.

Find our application on Zapplication.com. If you would rather apply by mail, please print from the application PDF link on our website or contact our office and we can mail you a paper application. The jury will be meeting later in the week of 3/9.

Be a part of this early show and get the summer started in beautiful Winnetka! Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope you will join us at our show this summer! Thank you!

Questions? www.northshoreartleague.org or 847-446-2870.

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Bears Nominated for "Above & Beyond" Award

Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care nominated Bears of Hope, a volunteer organization, for its "Above & Beyond" award. The award is given to an organization doing something 'extra' special for patients. The winner was announced on Saturday, April 25th at its Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Northwest Suburban Quilt Guild won the award for lap quilts made for patients. Bears of Hope founder, Carolyn Reiner, replied, "Even though we weren't given the award, it was an honor to be nominated." Kathy Kuber, Rainbow Volunteer Coordinator, added, "The bears bring a ray of sunshine to our patients faces." and Rainbow President & CEO, Michael McHale, commented, "When I walk into the care units, all I see are bears. Our patients truly love them. We thank Bears of Hope for the bears."



Rainbow President CEO, Michael McHale with Bears volunteer, Carol Preece (left) and Bears Founder, Carolyn Reiner (right)

Bears of Hope also gives bears to fourteen (14) other social service agencies which include: hospices, children's agencies, women's shelters, the Skokie Police & Fire Departments and a VA Hospice for terminally ill and dying veterans. Before getting bears, these agencies rarely had, if ever, any niceties to give to those under their care. Now they have bears to comfort the children and adults they serve.

This is Bears of Hope's eighth year making bears for individuals in crises. For more information, visit their website Bears@bearsofhope.com or e-mail Beaorsofhope.com

Mather's More Than A Cafe Hiring!

Join our team of Culinary Delighters! We're looking for a skilled and friendly cook who enjoys plenty of face time with customers. This is not a standard kitchen job: not only will you prepare quality food in a timely fashion, you may host cooking demonstrations, dress in costume, and possibly sing and dance with customers. You'll work in a fun, ageless environment, for an organization that has been ranked as a Chicago Tribune Top Workplace multiple times. This position requires at least one year of cooking experience, with basic knowledge and understanding of cooking techniques; ability to communicate with supervisor, coworkers, and customers; ability to follow standardized recipes; ability to operate kitchen equipment; and a current sanitation certification. Preferred: Formal culinary training.

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The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service hosts Call-A-Lawyer on the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will give free legal advice over the phone to Chicagoland residents who call (312) 554-2001.

Attorneys will be available to answer general questions on a variety of legal issues including (but not limited to) bankruptcy, domestic relations, immigration, personal injury and Social Security. Callers can explain their situations to attorneys who will suggest self-help strategies to resolve their legal issues. If callers need further legal services, they will be advised to see their attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

The CBA Lawyer Referral Service is one of few bar associations in the country to meet the American Bar Association Standards for lawyer referral and approved to use its logo and slogan, "The Right Call for the Right Lawyer™." For referral to an experienced attorney, the public can contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service at 312-554-2001 during business hours or through the Web site at www.chicagobar.org.

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How To Avoid An Online Vacation Rental Scam

By Jason Alderman

Imagine renting a home on a beautiful beachfront from a trusted website, arriving to start your vacation and finding out you've been scammed?

This scenario reflects thousands of complaints placed with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) last year involving local vacation rentals. The FTC reports some victims lost money by wiring cash to thieves posing as property owners. Others lost money through fake websites replicating legitimate sites.

In today's economy in which home sharing has become more popular, how do travelers protect themselves from a range of potential online scams? Here are some suggestions:

Review rental contracts carefully. Check the address of the property you're interested in with on-the-ground resources like the local tourism office or the leading real estate brokerage in the community. While you're speaking with the tourism office, ask if there have been any specific complaints against the rental service you have consulted or if there might be more reliable and possibly more affordable rental resources in town.

Be wary of your source. Legitimate property owners may use free print or web classified ads to save money, but it's important to vet any free listing very carefully. Also, confirm with a live representative to ensure the site is legitimate.

Compare rental rates in the immediate area. A good deal might be tempting to seize immediately, but the FTC notes that severely below-market pricing for rentals and other vacation services in a community might indicate a scam. Crosscheck the pricing of home rentals and related services in the community before you make a reservation. Given the example above, don't rely on the Internet alone. Pick up the phone and talk directly to a representative.

Check transient license law in your destination city. Transient licenses regulate properties rented to guests for time periods generally 30 days or less. Call your destination city to get details on their transient license law and whether you can confirm the registration of the property you're considering. Ask the property owner for a copy of his or her transient license and see if the city will share the same license for your inspection to make sure they match. Also ask the city whether any specific complaints are available for the property you are considering.

Be wary of phishing scams. Be on the lookout for email and phone scammers who masquerade as employees of businesses you trust – they're after your bank or credit information. If you receive emails or phone calls demanding advance payments, contact the original website to confirm your reservation and payment policy. Recently, travel site Booking.com had to pay out compensation to more than 10,000 customers from the U.S., UK, France, Italy, Portugal and the UAE who were victims of a phishing scam.

Follow recommendations. Personal recommendations from friends and family can ensure a safe transaction. If you know someone who has visited a destination or rented property recently, ask which companies or individuals they would recommend.

Report fraud. Inform the local police at your vacation destination, the local Better Business Bureau and the FTC. When you get home, notify your local police or your state attorney general's consumer protection office to alert them to this particular cybercrime if you made the money transfer from your home state.

Bottom line: As online vacation rentals grow, so does cybercrime. Be cautious when booking arrangements online to protect your payments data.

Shop Around For Summer Lawn Care

Warmer weather is here and that means it's time to start caring for your lawn. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) has a few tips to keep in mind if you are thinking about hiring a business to care for your lawn.

In 2014, the BBB received 28,248 inquiries and 108 complaints against lawn care services. Many of the complaints were about shoddy workmanship, a faulty contract or billing and collection issues. For homeowners who choose to use a lawn care service, the first step to a beautiful lawn is making the right hire.

"It's important to get everything in writing when you're hiring a landscaper," said Steve Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "Find out exactly what you're getting before signing and never sign a contract that is partially blank."

BBB recommends the following when hiring a lawn care maintenance service:

- Know what you want. Have in mind the types of services you are seeking such as fertilizing, weeding, aerating, or mowing. Ask about the products used like seed, fertilizer, or weed killer and request a lawn inspection and estimate. Be wary of any business that offers a quote without first seeing your yard.

- Understanding pricing. While price is certainly a major factor in any purchasing decision, find out exactly what you are getting. Do you pay by the mow or by the

week? What happens when it rains? Does mowing include edging? Do they mulch or bag the clippings? Are services performed by employees or sub-contracted out?

- Shop around. Get written estimates from at least three different businesses. Check out BBB's Accredited Business Directory for landscaping contractors in the area. Keep in mind that the cheapest estimate is not necessarily the best option. Don't feel pressured to hire the contractor with the lowest estimate. Landscapers with more experience or higher quality materials may charge a little more for the job.

- Check first. Make sure the business has an up-to-date license as required by your jurisdiction, when appropriate. Always check their BBB Business Review at bbb.org/chicago. Ask for references and check the business' affiliation with national franchises or associations.

- Scrutinize the contract. Some landscaping contracts automatically renew unless you specify otherwise. If you do choose to sign a long-term contract, make sure you get information about your cancellation rights in writing, in case you find the services to be unsatisfactory.

- Understand the warranties and guarantees. If the service is not to your liking or the lawn doesn't look as you anticipated, understand what recourse you may have.

For more tips, visit www.bbb.org/chicago, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or add us on Pinterest.

New Fitness Class At The Norwood Park Senior Center!

Exercise designed for you!

We want you to know about a continuing health and fitness program offered at the Norwood Park Senior Center. If you or a family member are 66 or older, has stiffness or pain in the lower back, hips, knees, ankles or feet, has arthritis and are someone who has not been exercising but wants to - the "Fit and Strong" program is just the ticket to feeling stronger and more agile.

"Fit and Strong," is an 8-week, 3 times per week, fitness and lifestyle program where you will learn about the benefits of physical activity, how to manage arthritis, how to exercise safely and how to develop and maintain a more active lifestyle. "Fit and Strong" starts on March 9th.

Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma, Chicago, IL 60631
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Village Cooking Corner

CALAMARIA FRIED IN OLIVE OIL AND SEASONED WITH LEMON

From the Kitchens of Anastasia E. Weaver

Enough olive oil for frying the calamaria

Salt and Pepper to taste

Lemon wedges arranged on a platter surrounding the calamaria

All Purpose flour for dredging the calamaria

Small calamaria (squid) cleaned, left whole and patted dry with paper towels

This is a simple recipe but delicious! Greeks love calamaria (squid) and it is found all over Greece and on the menus of popular Greek cuisine restaurants in America. Frying calamaria is the most popular Greek way of serving calamaria and certainly my favorite although there are many ways to present this delectable seafood.

Some supermarkets carry squid already cleaned fresh or frozen. I usually buy cleaned and frozen calamaria at either Whole Foods or from Vital Choice via the internet, which is some of the best calamaria I have tasted.

Roll the calamaria in flour and shake so that all excess flour is removed.

Heat oil in a frying pan. Add the calamaria and fry until they have a golden color on both sides. Place on a platter with paper towels to absorb the oil from the calamaria. Season with salt and pepper and arrange on a platter and surround with lemon wedges. This dish can be served as an entree or as a first course to a Greek meal. This is one of many entrees that will be served at the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Chicago's Greek Fest which will take place on August 16, 17, 18. I know you will love it!

Northwest Side Artist Reveals Our Private Moments

Sara Peak Convery Exhibit Opens At PERKOLATOR

The work of painter and Northwest Side resident Sara Peak Convery will fill the walls of the PERKOLATOR coffeehouse May 15 through June 30. The exhibit will be presented in conjunction with the Northwest Arts Connection, a grassroots organization dedicated to highlighting the area's cultural opportunities and talents.

Convery's paintings have an intimacy that give us a glimpse into some of our own private moments. Her training was both as a painter and photographer. She found herself drawn to film as a more direct way to tell stories. Convery's early influences include the work of photographers Diane Arbus and Cindy Sherman. Her background as a photographer influences her compositional choices.

Her subjects and situations are familiar to us. They remind us of the snapshots we might take ourselves. They express emotional experience as much as physical reality. She invites us to participate in her creative process by allowing us to fill in little details in her canvases from our

own experience or imagination. The result is an involvement with the art that is both comforting and laced with tension.

While working on her graduate degree, she began to experiment with both 16mm film and video editing. Her first mid-length documentary "I Never Said I Wasn't Happy" was completed in 2013, winning Best Documentary at the Black Earth Film Festival and Best Concept in Documentary at Red Dirt International Film Festival. The film expands on themes in two earlier films, examining family dynamics through her parents' marriage. It has been shown at several film festivals, including St Louis International Film Festival and BornShorts in Denmark.

Convery's exhibit of paintings is the fifth in an ongoing collaborations between the Northwest Arts Connection and Perkolator, which opened last fall in the heart of Portage Park's Irving-Austin business district at 6032 W. Irving Park Road.

There will be a reception for the artist at PERKOLATOR on June 6, from 2:30 - 4:00pm

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