



OUR VILLAGE



FREE

Now Includes

STREET LEVEL

For the Collar Suburbs

Next Edition
November 18th

FREE

Volume XIX 773/633-4059
contact@ourvillagechicago.com

www.OurVillageChicago.com

P.O. Box 31391,
Chicago, IL 60631

Issue 21
November 4, 2015



**Mike's Barber Shop accepting donations
of new, unwrapped toys until December 23**
773-775-2771 • 6680 Northwest Highway, Chicago

Commemorate Veterans' Day, November 11th

We honor our vets every day of the year, but we observe November 11th as a special time to give thanks and prayers for all those who have served, and continue to serve, our great Country.



November Is Military Families Month

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

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)

Niles Township Holiday Food And Toy Collection Drives Underway

Residents and business owners in Niles Township are encouraged to share holiday season joy by making a donation to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation at 5255 Main Street in Skokie. The Township established the foundation to extend the work of its food pantry operation. Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township said, "We want to make certain everyone in the Township can enjoy holiday meals. Demand for supplemental food support is rising, and the help of generous donors permits us to serve more community members." The food pantry will be distributing holiday foods in November and again in December.

Niles Township is also collecting new, unwrapped toys for distribution to the children of food pantry clients. The ages of children receiving the gifts range from 0-17.

Toy donations can be dropped off at the Township office from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donors wishing to contribute funds for toy purchases can do so by checks made payable to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation at 5255 Main Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

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 105,000 the Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf, and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview.

VILLAGE PUBLICATIONS

Publishers of *Our Village/Street Level*

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to all of our readers and advertisers for following and contributing to the Our Village News through the many years we have been in print and on-line.

Our Country, State, City and County working together is vital to the success of our Communities. However, it is the Neighborhoods in which we individually live and work that are the foundation at the base of any successful efforts toward growth.

The Our Village News has always been pointed to those Neighborhoods and the activities and services that exist within them. We plan to continue in that same direction and to enhance our coverage even more. In order to do that, we need your help by sharing information with us about matters you feel are important to share with one another. We want to hear your thoughts, your concerns, your stories about people you admire and who contribute in special ways, your ideas for helping your Neighborhoods work more closely together and amongst the Communities that surround yours in order to make life even more full than it is now.

We want to be of value and perform the services we can provide in the best way we are able. The Our Village is your paper - we are merely the vehicle through which we can assist you, the local residents and businesses, in coming together. Please allow us to do just that.

We are available any time to accept your calls at 773/633-4059. If e-mail or posted letters are more to your liking, then please send to contact@ourvillagechicago.com or P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631. We look forward to hearing from you, soon and often.

Remember: *Bad things can only happen when good people do nothing. Get involved and stay informed.*

Regards,
The Publisher, Editor and Staff of Our Village News.

Chicago Public Library Celebrates Native American Heritage Month In November



Chicago Public Library is "Celebrating Diversity," with its annual observance of Native American Heritage Month. Throughout November, the Library offers a variety of programs highlighting the history, culture, traditions, and contributions Native Americans have made to Chicago, the state of Illinois, and to the U.S. In addition, a selected bibliography and the Library's 2015 Native American Heritage Month Calendar of Events are available at chipublib.org.

The opening program for Native American Heritage Month takes place on Saturday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m., at the Edgewater Branch, 6000 N. Broadway St. Debbie Reese, author, lecturer, and blogger will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Reese is tribally enrolled at Nambe Pueblo and has a PhD in Education from the University of Illinois and an MLIS from San Jose State University. Her research articles and book chapters on American Indians in Children's Literature are used in Education, Library Science, English, and Creative Writing courses in the U.S. and Canada. Andrea Perkins and the Chi-Nations Youth Council will provide drum performances. A film screening of, *From Old to Modern*, which focuses modern activism will also be presented by the Chi-Nations Youth Council.

During Native American Heritage Month, the Library will present interesting, entertaining and informative programs for all ages, including storytelling and crafts for children, lectures, film screenings, art exhibitions and workshops, and adult book discussions.

For more information about the film series, or for the complete listing of Native American Heritage Month events, dates and locations, please visit chipublib.org.

The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service



Need Legal Help? Don't Call Just Anyone.

We've been making referrals to local attorneys for more than 70 years. Our lawyers are screened and have an average of 20 years of experience. We can help **YOU** find the right lawyer!

Get a Lawyer Now:

312-554-2001 (M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.)

312-554-2055 (for the hearing impaired)

Evening/weekend help available for criminal, domestic relations and personal injury matters.

Visit www.chicagobar.org/LRS for 24-hour referrals.



Se Habla Español.



312-554-2001 or www.chicagobar.org/LRS



Community First Medical Center Nov. Health Events For Area Residents

Join our Community! Our new physician referral and event registration number is available for your convenience. Call our toll free number, 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

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

Courage to Quit Smoking will be offered Thursdays, November 5, 12, and 19, from 10:00-11:30 am. This free program will help individual's reach their smoke free goals. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

Henry Govekar, M.D. will lecture on hemorrhoids, treatment options and colorectal screening Thursday, November 5, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Centennial Conference room A. Refreshments will be served. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

Staff from Eye Specialists of Chicago will be conducting a free vision screening Tuesday, November 10, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please do not wear contacts lenses but bring your eyeglasses with you. Registration is required by calling 1-844-236-2362.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Friday, November 13, from 9:00-10:00 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.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, November 13, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Melissa from Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, a vision rehabilitation center, will discuss the services they offer and some techniques used to help individuals with limited vision. Registration is not required.

A diabetes screening will be held Tuesday, November 17, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. No fasting/preparation needed. There is a \$10 fee payable in cash or check at the screening. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, November 19, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

November Is Alzheimers Disease Awareness Month

We all hope for a cure and/or prevention of this debilitating illness. We all seem to know someone who is directly affected by its ravages or dealing, through a personal connection, with its symptoms.

Talk on Mental Illness, Nov 9 in Park Ridge

"How Can You Tell If It Is Mental Illness?" Meet Maxim Chasanov, M.D., Medical Director of Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, and a recipient of the Psychiatrist of the Year Award by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - Illinois. Dr. Chasanov will answer your questions about mental illness.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to this free program on Monday, November 9, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Maine East High School Auditorium, 2601 Dempster St, southeast corner of Potter, Park Ridge 60068. For more information, call 847-716-2252.

NAMI CCNS, founded in 1991, is a not-for-profit organization of individuals, families, and professionals dedicated to helping individuals overcome mental illness and supporting their families. We provide information, educational programs, advocacy, support, and referrals.

The communities we serve include north and northwest Chicago, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Highland Park, Kenilworth, south Lake County, Lake Forest, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mt. Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope And Opportunity To Families

With your help last year Metropolitan served more than 53,000 individuals and families in the Chicago area, helping them become more self-sufficient and strengthening family bonds. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website, metrofamily.org.

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.

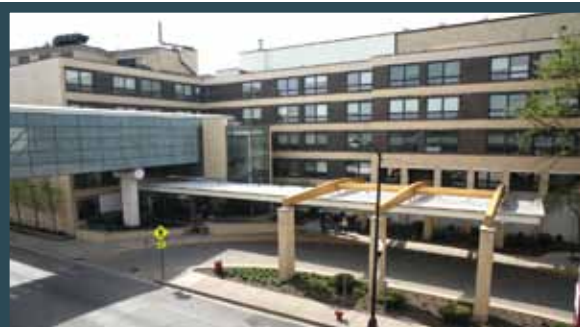
Norwood Park Seniors Club

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.

How to Book a Free AFSP IL Speaker

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Illinois Chapter speakers are available to speak for free thanks to the generosity of our walkers, donors, and volunteers. To request a free AFSP Illinois volunteer speaker at your company, organization, club, religious center, meeting or other group complete the simple form at www.AFSPILSpeaker.org. For free AFSP materials and resources thanks to the generosity of Walkers like you go to www.AFSPMaterials.org. To donate to support AFSP go to www.ChicagoWalk.org.

**If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at:
1-800-273-TALK • 1-800-273-8255**



Community First Medical Center

5645 W. Addison Street | Chicago IL 60634
1-773-282-7000 | www.cfmedicalcenter.com

*Join Our
Community!*

**Call our
toll free number
to find a physician
or register
for an event.**

**1-844-236-CFMC
(1-844-236-2362) toll free**



We're Hiring! Go To Our Website www.cfmedicalcenter.com for Career Opportunities

American Writers Museum Announces Prime Michigan Avenue Space In Downtown Chicago For Early 2017 Opening

Central Location Grants Visitors And Locals Easy Access To First Museum In United States Dedicated To American Writers, Past And Present

The American Writers Museum (AWM) has leased a prime space at 180 North Michigan Avenue, one of Chicago's busiest blocks, for its early 2017 opening.

The location's proximity to hotels, residential buildings, universities, cultural attractions, Millennium Park, and public transportation provides a vibrant home for the first and only museum to engage the public in celebrating American writers and their influence on our history, our identity, our culture, and our daily lives.

Showcasing the personal stories and literary works of diverse American writers, from Mark Twain to Dr. Seuss, the interactive, high-tech museum is expected to draw up to 120,000 visitors annually. The museum's esteemed curating team and National Advisory Council are working closely with internationally renowned museum and exhibit companies in the museum's development. AWM is also collaborating with 50 authors' homes and museums around the U.S. – now AWM Affiliates

– that will support its mission with author-specific knowledge and expertise and foster an exchange of ideas and experiences.

AWM will be a strong addition to the city's diverse landscape of museums and cultural institutions, says Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "I enthusiastically support the efforts to place a national writers museum in Chicago," he says. "Such a museum will complement the rich offerings of the city's theaters, museums, libraries, and musical activities and adds significantly to Chicago's vitality."

The museum's themed galleries, interactive exhibits, educational programs, and special events will change regularly to continually surprise and engage visitors of all ages. They will come face-to-face with great writers using their zip codes in Writers Hall; accompany roving writers such as Kerouac and Steinbeck on their literary travels; and "visit" writers' homes and fictional sites, such as "Tara," "Cannery Row," and "The House of the Seven Gables" in Nation of Writers. Exhibits such as The Mind of a Writer, A Writer's Room, and Word Play will de-mystify famed writers' lives and methodologies and invite visitor creativity with games and other immersive offerings. Readers Hall will host films, talks, readings, and presentations to school and other groups.

"We are thrilled to have found the perfect space in the heart of downtown Chicago, just steps from the city's major attractions," says AWM founder and President, Malcolm E. O'Hagan. "The American Writers Museum will become a beloved attraction for Chicago residents and visitors from all over the world, and will provide an exciting and unprecedented opportunity to showcase true Americana in one of the nation's most culturally rich cities."

The American Writers Museum is the culmination of O'Hagan's vision, and has garnered the enthusiastic support of scholars, publishers, writers, universities, booksellers, and others. For more information, including renderings, floorplans, and details about planned exhibits, visit www.americanwritersmuseum.org.

Mayor Emanuel Opens NewCity Development In Lincoln Park

Major Retail, Entertainment And Residential Project Creating Hundreds Of Jobs

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today cut the ribbon to open the NewCity development in Lincoln Park. The 8.5-acre "neighborhood within a neighborhood" combines retail, dining, entertainment, residential living and medical office space. The recently-completed \$265 million project began construction in December 2013 and employed more than 1,000 construction workers. The development will employ approximately 500 full-time and 700 part-time workers.

"From residential to retail, NewCity is bringing new opportunities and creating hundreds of jobs for Chicagoans," said Mayor Emanuel. "This project is a great example of how we can work together to reinvent and redefine communities to build a better Chicago for all."

"The NewCity development is creating good jobs and driving economic development throughout the area," said Alderman Walter Burnett Jr. "The 27th ward is a great place to live, work, and do business – and thanks to this development it is getting even better."

NewCity's 360,000-square-foot of retail space features a Mariano's Grocery and a number of entertainment and restaurant concepts. Additionally, the site features a one-acre landscaped plaza; pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, 1,000-space public parking garage, and valet service. The 200 rental unit residential tower has 16 levels and the project includes more than 30,000-square-foot of medical office space.

"NewCity is creating hundreds of jobs and will serve as a major economic driver for the area," said John Bucksbaum, CEO of Bucksbaum Retail Properties LLC. "We are excited to open this new retail, residential and entertainment option for the people of Chicago."

NewCity retailers include: Adobe Gila's; ArcLight Cinemas; Asha SalonSpa; AT&T Store; Capital One Café; DICK'S Sporting Goods; Earls Kitchen + Bar; Evereve; James & Sons Fine Jewelers; IT'SUGAR; Kings Bowl; LYFE Kitchen; Mariano's; Nando's PERI-PERI; Yard House; and Z Gallerie.

Studio Spaces Available At The Noyes Cultural Arts Center

Lease applications from individual professional artists and professional performing and visual arts organizations are being accepted for five studio spaces in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, located at 927 Noyes St., in Evanston.

The vibrant artists community is located in an elevator building on Noyes Street between Ridge and Sherman Avenues, just steps from the Noyes CTA Purple Line station. The center's mission is to provide long-term and short-term work and exhibition space to artists and arts organizations representing all disciplines, cultures and stages of development. It is dedicated to fostering high quality creative activity that is diverse and accessible to all.

Five garden-level, open floor plan spaces are available:

- Room B1: 820 square feet; rent is \$806.33 per month
- Room B2: 943 square feet; rent is \$927.28 per month
- Room B2A: 105 square feet; rent is \$103.25 per month
- Room B12: 327 square feet; rent is \$321.55 per month
- Room B13: 1,010 square feet; rent is \$993.16 per month



Features include:

- Wireless Internet, heat, electricity, and water included
- Open floor plan spaces with garden view windows
- Brand-new Skutt electric kiln is available to all tenants

Studio leases are available from Friday, January 1 through Saturday, December 31, 2016, with a renewal and potential rate increase for the following year. The application deadline is Friday, November 6, 2015.

Viewing is by appointment only; final approval of applicants is made by the Evanston City Council. For more information or to schedule a viewing, please email atheis@cityofevanston.org or call 847-866-5917.

"Fall Back" While Stepping Up Your Disaster Readiness

Sunday, November 1, Daylight Saving Time ends and we set our clocks back an hour. Take advantage of extra sleep, then take a few simple steps to make your home more disaster-resilient:

Verify your carbon monoxide and smoke detector work. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing the equipment to ensure it's functioning appropriately. Invest in new detectors if they're near or past the manufacturer's recommended replacement age.

Have a professional inspect the chimney and any fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves, coal stoves, space heaters and portable heaters) in your home to verify everything is working properly.

If you're using a fireplace, space heater or wood stove, make sure that anything flammable is at least three feet away. Space heaters are particularly dangerous if used improperly. Make sure to use heaters that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory and always operate according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic. Insulating pipes will help prevent them from freezing.

Find even more information and tips to better prepare your home for the winter months ahead at www.ready.gov/winter and www.usfa.fema.gov.

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood

The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets at Noon every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side. To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE NIGHT MINISTRY

For many of us, the holiday season is a time of twinkling lights and time-honored traditions, of exchanging gifts and gathering around the table with family and friends. For many of us, it is also a season to remember members of our community who are struggling with poverty and homelessness, with grief and loss.

Each year for the past 15 years, The Night Ministry has gathered its family of givers to create a community of care and celebration – on the street and in their shelter programs. Last year they provided holiday cheer in the form of cookies and cocoa, festive dinners, and gifts and stockings for hundreds of children and adults who might otherwise have gone without.

All are invited to join The Night Ministry in their 17th Annual Holiday Celebration by donating items that are most needed, such as stockings (mesh stockings or make your own cloth or felt stockings). They should be approximately 9" wide at the top, 12" across the foot, and 18" long. A drawing at the top is helpful but not required. All items should be new.

Stuffors that are needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste (small size), adult thermal socks, small first aid kits (99% size), small packs of tissue, full size deodorant, lip balm, hand cream, hand warmers, small memo pads & pens, assorted candy, chocolates, breath mints and gum, as well as decks of cards.

Especially needed are hats, gloves, and long underwear plus warm, sturdy winter gear for teens and adults. Dark colors and large men's sizes are preferred. Big or small, all donations are appreciated.

And last, but not least ... \$25 Gift Cards for Target, Marshalls and Walmart; \$10 Cards for Walgreens, CVS, Jewel-Osco and Mariano's; \$5 Cards for McDonald's, Subway, Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts. OF COURSE, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED AND WILL BE USED TO FULFILL SPECIFIC NEEDS SUCH AS BUYING TRANSIT PASSES.

Donations for The Night Ministry can be dropped off at 4711 N. Ravenswood Avenue Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 6 pm and Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm. They are not able to pick up donations and would appreciate to receive all donations by Friday, December 11, 2015.

For more information about the Holiday Celebration Program call 773-784-9000 X7012 or visit their website at www.thenightministry.org. The tel. # for their office is 773-506-6004.



Turn Back Time/ Check Smoke And Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The Skokie Fire Department also reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency accessory kits when they reset their clocks.

Chicago Police Superintendent Garry Mccarthy To Speak At City-Wide Kristallnacht Commemoration

Three prominent Chicagoland organizations consisting of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, the United States Holocaust Museum, and the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago will present a program recalling and commemorating Kristallnacht - the heinous happenings of November 9, 1938. The event will take place on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7 pm at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, Illinois. Over 800 people are expected to fill the theater and others may watch it on their computers

as it is being streamed over the Internet. Though the program is near capacity, members of the media are invited to attend, and must email amanda.berrios@ilhmc.org to reserve their spot. The program will include musical presentations by 5 great Cantors and a 55 person choir. Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and renowned Professor Robert Watson are scheduled to address the assembly. Other dignitaries will include the Consul Generals of Germany and Israel, together with mayors, elected Officials and diplomats.

Evanston Firewood Sale Set For Saturdays, November 7-28

The City of Evanston's annual firewood sale will take place on all four Saturdays of November, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2310 Oakton St., between the former Recycling Center and the Evanston Animal Shelter.

Only cash and checks will be accepted as payment. Employees will be available to help load firewood into customers' cars; wood cannot be delivered.

- Prices are:
- 4'x4'x1.5' x 2: \$150
 - 4'x4'x1.5': \$80
 - 2'x4'x1.5': \$50
 - 1'x4'x1.5': \$30



For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

Governor Announces Appointments To Unmanned Aerial System Oversight Task Force

Governor Bruce Rauner announced today he has appointed the members of the Unmanned Aerial System Oversight Task Force. They represent the interests of various stakeholders, local governments and State Agencies.

The Task Force will prepare comprehensive recommendations for the safe and lawful operation of unmanned aerial systems or drones in Illinois. A report with recommendations is due to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2016.

The Task Force was created when the Governor signed SB 44 earlier this year.

The following have been named to the Task Force:

- Steve Young, Illinois Department of Transportation - Division of Aeronautics
- Brian Miller, Illinois State Police
- Eric Rollins, Illinois Conservation Police
- Chuck Cawley, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Christine Dudley, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Ron Tremain, INSITU Inc. – a Boeing Company
- Cameron Eugenis, Illinois Attorney General
- Troy Williams, Illinois Conservation Police Lodge

- Scotty Bryant, Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources
- Doug Yoder, Illinois Farm Bureau
- Tom Collins, Collins Engineers
- Linda Rhodes, ComEd
- Lt. Col Clarence Pulcher, Illinois National Guard
- Alec Laird, Illinois Retail Merchants Association
- Brian Young, Archer Daniels Midland
- Eric Vanasdale, Country Financial
- Chief Frank Kaminski, City of Park Ridge
- Joseph Ciaccio, Illinois Railroad Association

Cook County Working To Bring Western Access To O'Hare International Airport First Formal Agreement Approved By Board Of Commissioners

Cook County has officially joined to drive to bring much-needed western access to O'Hare International Airport.

The Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) project, which carries a current price tag of \$3.4 billion, will allow travelers and commercial shipping and freight services to access the airport from the western suburbs. The project will also enhance access to major commercial and industrial centers in the northwest suburbs as well as remedy traffic congestion on I-294 and at interchanges on I-290 and I-90.

On Wednesday, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Itasca, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County for construction of EOWA. While the IGA is the first formal multi-governmental agreement for the EOWA, Cook County and its partners have been working together on the innovative transportation project since 2012.

The EOWA has the potential to transform the economy of communities surrounding the airport

while also benefiting motorists and air travelers, said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

"Transportation projects in this region need to be coordinated on a regional level," Preckwinkle said. "When I took office, I transformed Cook County's former Highway Department into a Department of Transportation so that when projects like this are being planned, we can play a major role in ensuring that regional projects serve multi-modal transportation needs."

Cook County has already invested Motor Fuel Tax funds toward the EOWA project. Early construction has begun and the entire project is expected to be completed by 2023.

President Preckwinkle said she is grateful to DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin for offering to work in collaboration with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways.

The Tollway Authority will design and construct the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, extending it from its eastern terminus at Rohlwing Road (Illinois Route 53) to O'Hare International Airport. The project will also connect the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Skokie Commission On Family Services Is Sponsoring Home Sweet Home: Aging In Place And Boomers And Beyond Community Resource Fair

The Skokie Commission on Family Services is hosting its second Boomers and Beyond community resource fair at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie. On Friday November 6, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., healthcare professionals and other experts in the field of aging will converge under one roof.

Kicking off the awaited return of Boomers and Beyond will be an informational panel presentation at the Skokie Public Library on Thursday, November 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place will offer information about aging in the community and the resources available to help promote quality of life and well-being.

The Boomers and Beyond community resource fair will offer programs and services designed to help people age with grace and independence while living an active lifestyle. Attendees will receive helpful information and expert advice about local resources, community-based programs, state and federal benefits, volunteer opportunities, fitness and nutrition, legal assistance, financial products, social and cultural activities, lifelong education, senior housing, assistive devices, technology and more. In addition to an exhibit area featuring more than 40 vendors, there will be free wellness screenings, education seminars, refreshments and numerous giveaways.

November marks the season for open enrollment for Medicare Part D and Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) advisors will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance about individual prescription medication benefits.

Join Boomers and Beyond community resource fair and Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place for this FREE educational experience. All are welcome, whether a resident of Skokie or a neighboring community, a senior, a boomer or a family member caring for a loved one.

For more information about Boomers and Beyond community resource fair, please contact Beth Lindley, Skokie Human Services at 847-933-8208 or www.skokie.org.

Department Of Streets And Sanitation To Coordinate Bagged Leaf Collection This Fall

As part of the citywide effort to clean up leaves before winter, the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) is coordinating dedicated bagged leaf and other yard waste collection trucks this fall to assist residents in clearing their yards, parkways and storm drains of leaf debris.

Residents can call 311 to request separate bagged leaf collection through November 27.

Leaves and other yard waste should be left in the alley or at the curb for collection, and bagged separately from garbage in the black carts and separately from recycling in the blue carts. A DSS truck will collect the bags based on 311 requests and take it to be composted.

DSS will continue street sweeping throughout the fall to capture leaf debris in city streets and help prevent draining issues during the winter. Residents are also encouraged to clear curb lanes and areas around storm drains.

To learn more about bagged leaf collection, visit www.cityofchicago.org/dss.

David J. Walsh – Newly Appointed Commissioner

Governor Bruce Rauner recently appointed David J. Walsh as a Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. The appointment fills the vacancy of former Commissioner Patrick Daley Thompson who was elected earlier this year to serve as Alderman of the Chicago 11th Ward.

Commissioner Walsh stated that he is excited to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Since 2011 Commissioner Walsh has worked as head of Business Development at Mark J. Walsh & Company, a Chicago based commodity trading advisor.

Commissioner Walsh was born in Chicago. He attained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1985. While at Illinois he served as an elected member of the faculty-student Senate. After graduation he served three terms as a director of the University of Illinois Alumni Board. In 2000 he successfully completed the General Management Executive Education program at Harvard Business School in Boston, Mass.



Skokie Synagogue Hosts Textile Recycling To Aid Environment

A "Clothing and Textile Recycling Drive" to aid the environment will be held at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, from Monday, November 16 to Thursday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Clothing that is somewhat worn, stained, faded or torn is all acceptable. Clothing that is in good condition will be donated to those in need. Material that is not in good shape will be repurposed; that is torn into rags or broken down to make filler. Items needed include shirts, blouses, dresses, pants, jackets, coats and suits. Also acceptable are pajamas, undergarments, socks and sweats pants. Linens such as sheets, towels, wash-cloths, drapes, curtains, bed sheets and blankets can be donated as well.

Purses and complete pairs of shoes and boots are acceptable, too.

Clean material should be brought to the synagogue in plastic bags; sorting and processing will be done by Chicago Textile Recycling and Wipeco, Inc.

For further information, please call Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation at 847-675-4141.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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.

KNOW YOUR WARD

WARD BOUNDARIES CHANGED MAY 2015

YOU NEED TO KNOW YOUR WARD & ALDERMAN

VISIT <http://bit.ly/UoqEnZ>

- BUSINESS INCENTIVES
- SERVICE REQUESTS (E.G., SIDEWALK REPAIRS, RECYCLING)
- PUBLIC WAY USE PERMITS
- ZONING INQUIRIES
- NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS
- PROBLEM BUSINESSES

@ChiSmallBiz @ChicagoBACP CityOfChicago.org/BACP

Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection
City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, Room 805, Chicago, IL 60602



We Honor All Of Those Who Serve And Have Served



Helping Veterans And Active Duty Military Members

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Chicago

On Veterans Day, the nation honors the men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the respect they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website answers many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

Learn more by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

Social Security is proud to support the veterans and active duty members of the military. Let these heroes know they can count on us when they need to take advantage of their earned benefits.

Norwood Crossing To Commemorate Veterans Day On Nov. 11 With Recognition Program

Veterans, residents, friends, and families are invited to attend and participate in a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program, on Wed., Nov. 11, at 2:00 p.m., at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

The program, "for veterans, about veterans, and by veterans," will include posting of the Colors by the American Legion Edison Park Post 541 Color Guard; National Anthem sung by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir; pledge of allegiance led by Norwood Crossing resident Mary Cormack, former First Vice President of VFW Post 1284 Ladies Auxiliary; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); individual recognition of attending veterans; and a special performance of patriotic songs by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir, commemorating the anniversary of World War I.

All active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to complete a form upon arrival that asks for their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where stationed, and dates of service in order to be properly recognized. Refreshments will be available.

Norwood Crossing is a not-for-profit senior living community, serving Norwood Park and surrounding Chicago and suburban communities since 1896. Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324 or email sbanash@norwood-lifecare.org.

Honor Flight Chicago – "Operation Locate a Hero" - 2016 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2016 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

There are approximately (21,000) WWII Veterans remaining in the Chicago area – which HFC is requesting assistance from the public to help locate these WWII Heroes.

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit (www.honorflightchicago.org)

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of flying our World War II veterans to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial built in their honor.

Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion



On November 11, 2015, 11 A.M. American Legion Post 541 will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony at Monument park, 6679 N Avondale Ave, Chicago, IL 60631 We will honor all members of the United State Military of All Wars. All are invited. Coffee will be served immediately after at Don Juan's Restaurant.

At 2 P.M. at, 6016 North Nina Ave, Chicago, IL 60631 we will Join veterans who are residents of Norwood Crossing and other veterans from the community in this special Veterans Day Commemorative Program.

The program will include:

- presentation of the Colors by American Legion Edison Park Post 541 ,
- recognition of each veteran in attendance for their years of service to a grateful Nation
- the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir.
- Light refreshments will be available.

Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on November 8th, Thursday 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 are:

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://amerlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541>

Remembering the Meaning of Veteran's Day

Red, white, and blue circulars announcing 50% off all mattresses. No school! The gas station's flag flying at half mast. For too many of us, these are our Veteran's Day associations. For those of us not directly impacted by the war in Iraq, for those without friends and family who have served, it is far too easy to forget the meaning of this important day.

Veteran's Day began as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I – optimistically coined "the war to end all wars." President Woodrow Wilson declared, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice..."

Though the War did not officially end until June 28, 1919, an informal armistice was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of the preceding year. For this reason, Veteran's Day falls on November 11. This was not always the case. Attempts were made to change the date so it would fall on Monday, making for convenient three-day weekends. Recognizing that this was not a holiday about a get-away to the Dells or shopping sprees at the mattress store, and realizing the significance of this important historic commemoration, President Gerald Ford responded to the American people and returned the holiday to November 11.

Most of us do not like war. But, we must separate those feelings from the gratitude we owe to those who have served. It is important that we take pause from our busy lives and imagine a day in the life of those in service – sleepless nights, grueling work, physical hardship, separation from loved ones, fear, and loss. It is important that we take a moment to thank the men and women who have made supreme sacrifices for our country. Come Wednesday, November 11, bake cookies for your local VFW; ask a veteran to share his or her remembrances of service; send a care package to our troops; gaze at the gas station's flag at half mast and remember exactly what that means.

For all
you've done.
We thank you.



On this Veterans Day and every day, we and the community extend sincere appreciation to the men and women who have served our country so proudly.



Proud Member
2015



Funeral Home & Crematory

Established 1923

8057 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL 60077-2599

Phone: (847) 673-6111/Fax: (847) 673-8976

A Prayer For Veterans

Lord, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the men and women, in the thousands, coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor the sacrifices of all the veterans of past wars.

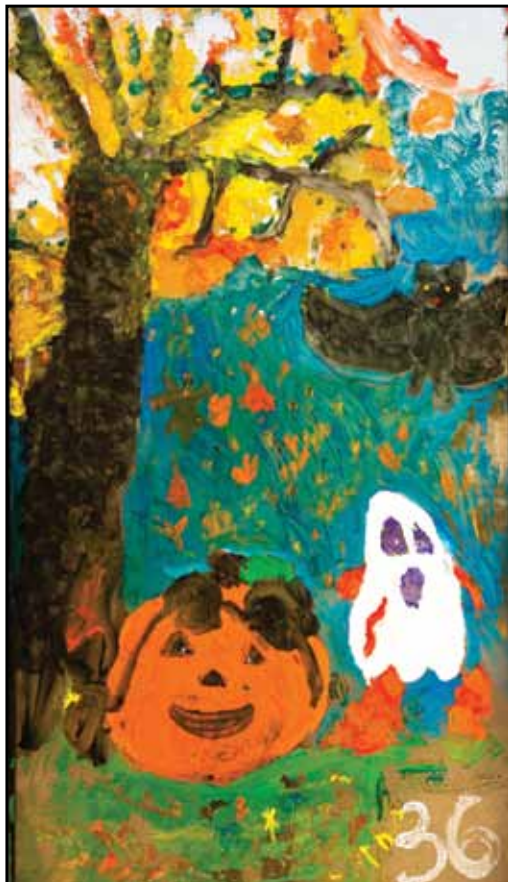
Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the men and women who have served in non-combatative posts; may their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us, Lord, the vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Taken from the Queen of Angels Church Bulletin (in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood) of November 11, 2012. Let us all honor our veterans on Veterans Day and always ...

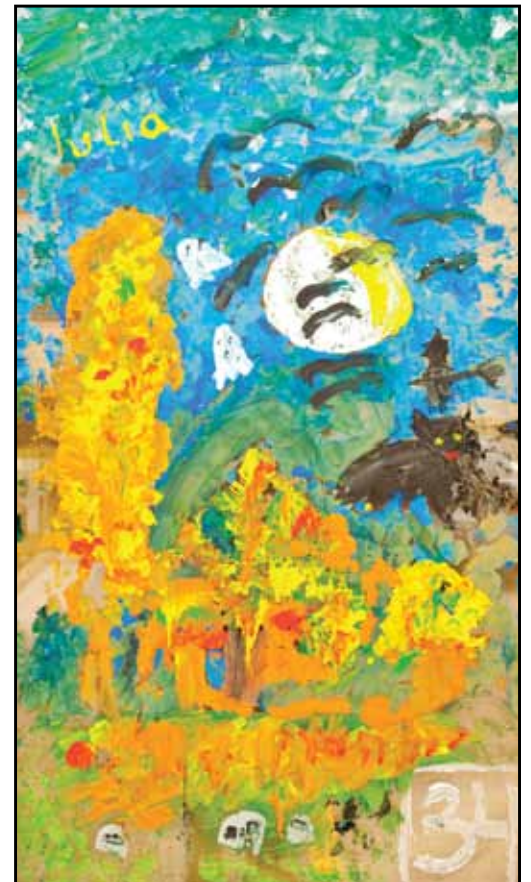
**Norwood
Park
Halloween
Window
Winners**



1st place — Sophie S., 6 years old



2nd place — Millie & Reganne 11 years old



3rd place — Julia S. 9 years old

The Resurrection Theatre presents



at Resurrection College Prep's
Little Theatre
7500 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago
Friday & Saturday
November 20 & 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm
and Sunday
November 22, 2015 at 3:00 pm
Tickets \$8.00
Call 773.775.6616 Ext 110 for details.

St. Thecla Women's Council is seeking crafters and vendors for it's 13th Annual Craft & Gift Show to be held on Nov. 21, 2015. For information or application call Maribeth - 773-266-3831 or Terri - 773-631-0215

Resurrection College Prep High School

Arts & Crafts Fair

7500 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago 60631

Saturday, November 14, 2015

10 am to 4 pm



Adult admission - \$5
Seniors & students - \$2
Children under 10 - free

Join us for our annual Fall Arts & Crafts Fair and shop at over 180 craft displays and vendors for unique hand-crafted gifts, housewares, jewelry, accessories, holiday decor, food items and more!

Enjoy lunch in the cafeteria, browse and enjoy the day at Resurrection.

Save the date!

Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, March 12, 2016

St. Thecla Women's Council
HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW
November 21, 2015
9:00 A.M. -- 4:00 P.M.
HOLIDAY CRAFTS..GIFTS....
.....& GOODIES
HOURLY RAFFLE
SNACK BAR
DEVON and OAK PARK AVES (6725 W Devon Ave)
ADMISSION \$1.00

A CHRISTMAS STORY
November 19 - December 27
By Philip Grecian
Based on the movie by Jean Shepherd
Directed by Linda Fortunato

Call 219 836-3255
Save big with groups of 11+
TheatreAtTheCenter.com

25th Anniversary
THEATRE AT THE CENTER
1040 Ridge Road
Munster, Indiana 46321

Arts & Entertainment

“Birds in Jeopardy” Debuts at Noyes Cultural Arts Center November 1

Community members are invited to flock to “Birds in Jeopardy,” a new art exhibition on display in the first floor gallery of the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, located at 927 Noyes St., from Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, December 1. The exhibit can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.



“Tenebrous Flight,” Kristina Knowski, 2015

An opening reception for the exhibition will take place on Sunday, November 1, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the center. The reception will feature a live performance by Josefien Stoppelenburg, an astonishing singer who has performed throughout the US and Europe. Food and beverages will be provided. Admission to the reception and exhibition is free and open to the public.

“Birds in Jeopardy” will showcase work about endangered and extinct birds. Artwork in this group show includes paintings by Peggy Macnamara, a resident illustrator at the Field Museum who also specializes in painting birds. Sarah Kaiser-Amaral has curated the exhibition, which also includes art by Kristina Knowski, Lindsey Sandbothe, Maggie Weiss and others. All artists in the exhibition will donate a portion of sales to a local bird conservation organization.

Peggy Macnamara will teach a free bird drawing workshop at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Room 106, on Saturday, November 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is limited to 10 people, so please RSVP by calling 773-318-0163.

For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

SKOKIE THEATRE

NOTHING COMPARES TO THE THRILL OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

7924 Lincoln Ave, Downtown Skokie

SkokieTheatre.org 847-677-7761

Family Dynamics on Display in *The Lion in Winter*

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

As we approach the holidays, we are reminded of the importance of families. Each winter we gather together to perform yearly rituals, share a meal or two, and give gifts of appreciation to the most important people in our lives. All of the bickering that take place during the rest of the year becomes unimportant, because after all, what family doesn't have its ups and downs.



This is the main theme of James Goldman's award winning play *The Lion in Winter*, which will be performed at Skokie Theatre from November 6 – 22. Part family comedy, part historical drama, this unique play takes Kings and Queens from the 12th century and paints them as a modern day family. Aging King Henry II must choose an heir to the throne from among his three sons. He favors his youngest while his strong-willed wife, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, favors their eldest. Sparks fly as they try to out-manuever each other in this wickedly clever story.

King Henry is the “man of the house” with his wife Eleanor, who is every bit as capable and refuses to be just a housewife living in a man's world. Their eldest son Richard is the best and the brightest, and the family sports hero (if you count the crusades as a sport). Young John is the baby of the family, and is handed everything the other children had to work for. And Geoffrey is invisible to his parents in that special way that only a middle-child can be. The play takes place at Christmas, which wasn't actually celebrated in 1183, but what better setting is there to put these dysfunctional family dynamics on display. As they bicker over who takes over which parts of the family business, audiences see themselves and their families in the squabbles, and that what makes it so entertaining.

I appeared in the play for the first time when I was just a teenager. I played the youngest son, Prince John. Although I doubt that I solved any personal issues with my father and my brother through the experience, I at least enjoyed working through the situation in the context of the play. In fact, almost every actor I know has wanted to perform this play at some point for the same reason.

Now that I'm old, I get to move into the role of family patriarch. And although I had no sympathy for Henry in my youth, becoming an adult and raising my own child has put his story in a whole new light for me. And just to keep me in line, my real-life wife Debra Criche Mell joins me on stage as Queen Eleanor. We met performing on stage together 30 years ago, but have rarely appeared together since. This royal family reunion serves as a personal reunion for us as well.

The Lion in Winter performs from November 6 – 22, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, and on Wednesday November 11 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students. It's not too late to sign up for a three-show subscription package, which will include tickets for the romantic comedy *Beau Jest* in February, and the powerful *Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* in April / May. Call 847-677-7761 or order online at SkokieTheatre.org.

I hope you can join us for the holidays.

Young Local Artists Encouraged To Sell Their Work At Goaled Gallery Holiday Sale

Local artists, crafters and makers ages 13 to 21 are invited to participate in the City's first-ever GOALed Gallery Holiday Sale to sell their work, network with other artists, and learn about entrepreneurship. The sale will be held at various locations throughout Evanston in November and December.

Interested artists must apply no later than Tuesday, November 10 by emailing their name, contact information and a photo of their work to Angela Allyn, at aallyn@cityofevanston.org. Applications can also be mailed to GOALed Gallery, City of Evanston Cultural Arts Programs, Room 1116, Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201.

There is no fee to participate in the program. Holiday sale dates and locations will be announced in the coming weeks.

For questions about the program, please contact Angela Allyn at 847-448-8263.

Theatre for Young Audiences: Professional Development Webinar - Age Appropriate Casting - Wed Nov 18 @ 11 AM CENTRAL

Inspired by Brian Guehring's TYA Blog post, this webinar is a discussion around the age appropriate casting of young people, and the challenges, ethics, and possible best practices. The panelists will discuss their experiences in directing, acting alongside, and overseeing the young actor's experiences in cultivating their professional and personal development.

By Attending this Workshop, participants will be able to...

1. Identify new strategies in casting young

people in theatre productions.

2. Learn from the successes and challenges that other theatre artists and companies encounter when casting young people.

3. Engage in dialogue around casting young people with the perspective of administration, playwriting, and directing

<http://assitej-usa.org/programs/professional-development/> for further information on our Professional Development Webinars and to suggest topics and guests for future events.

The Artscene At Queen Of Angels Presents Suit And Tie By Chicago-Based Accapella Female Vocal Trio Artemisia

Saturday, Nov. 14th at 7:00 pm.

All concerts take place at Queen of Angels parish (2330 W. Sunnyside) and are free to the public.

About *Suit and Tie*: From Georgian horseback songs to Irish sea chanties to boy bands, this program investigates the rich tradition of male ensemble singing, freshly presented by a female one.

This staged, immersive performance is not your typical “sit and clap” concert. Instead, Artemisia joyfully brings audiences into an active world of work, play, worship, performance, and romance, across time and borders.

Come asking, “Why women?”

Leave asking, “Why not?”

Visit our website at www.artemisiatrio.com

Up All Night With Architecture At The Chicago Cultural Center

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is pleased to collaborate with the inaugural Chicago Architecture Biennial on several FREE public programs at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. From a lecture series exploring architecture through the lens of the visual arts, dance and other genres to a late-night celebration of architecture this Friday at “The People's Palace,” DCASE will present programs for architecture buffs as well as beginners October 30 through December 17.

All programs are presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) in collaboration with the Chicago Architecture Biennial. More information at chicagoculturalcenter.org.

Kids are invited to create, build, draw and design at a FREE slumber party during the Chicago Architectural Biennial on November 20-21

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events invites kids and their families to the first-ever slumber party at the Chicago Cultural Center on Friday, November 20. The Up All Night With Architecture – Family Overnight begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 21. Kids will create, build, draw and design – and explore the Chicago Architectural Biennial exhibitions with behind-the-scenes tours. This event is for children ages 6 to 12 only, and all attendees must be accompanied by an adult.

The Up All Night With Architecture – Family Overnight is free, but space is limited. Advanced registration opens at 10 a.m. on October 26 at chicagoculturalcenter.org.

EXCELLENT GERMAN and AMERICAN CUISINE
Entertainment Nightly:
Wed.-Mon.
(Also Sat. & Sun. beginning @ 1:00 p.m.)
SPECIAL GROUP ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE

Chicago Brauhaus

4732 N. Lincoln Avenue — Chicago, IL 60625

LUNCH AND DINNER SPECIALTIES:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wiener Schnitzel ■ Chicken Schnitzel ■ Roast Veal Shank ■ Sauerbraten ■ Pork Shanks ■ Roast Duckling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bratwurst ■ Steak Tartar ■ Homemade Soups ■ Homemade Apple Strudel ■ Fresh Fish of the Day
---	--

VENISON SPECIALS All Winter Long

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL:
(773) 784-4444

Visit our website at www.chicagobrauhaus.com

Open for Lunch and Dinner Wednesday thru Monday

Music & Dancing
Fine Food & Drinks
Closed Tuesday



Home, Sweet Home



Karen Feldman

Trends

I have seen a lot of new trends this year in homes for sale and what the buyers plan to do once they purchase a home. Here are just some of the trends I have spotted.

In the kitchen, white cabinets are still the rage. Clean environment with quartz countertops. Designers are starting to lose upper cabinets which allows for more functional counter space and more windows. Walk-in pantries are priceless can hide all kinds of small kitchen appliances to keep the kitchen clean. Adding color appliances and/or cabinets to personalize your kitchen is very popular now. Built-in eating areas are also a wonderful way to open a room up and make the traffic flow work. People are opting for built in microwaves and one oven plus a warming drawer and forego double ovens and a microwave on the counter. Separate built-in refrigerators and freezers.

Buyers are opting for smaller houses on larger lots with smarter and more functional square footage. Floor plans are losing the living rooms and dining rooms, making the dining room the home's new office. Open floor plans are still desired. No longer do people want to walk through a laundry room to the garage. Fewer and larger or shared bedrooms are preferred to more bedrooms that may not have a function. Gorgeous laundry rooms are hidden away and laundry facilities in a closet are dreaded.

Texture is key and bold statements of colors are in. Gold is the new accent color and yes, brass hardware is making a comeback. Neutral décor is super outdated.

In short, everything in today's homes have a place. People want clutter free space and want to be able to see their family members from each main room. Everyone wants something they love and is unique in their home design. People are no longer afraid to personalize their space and color it too. It is the sign of the times

karenfeldman@atproperties.com
www.athomewithkaren.com



Karen Feldman
@properties
North Shore
847/858-5875

Breathe Healthier Air This Winter

For those who like change this is a wonderful time of year. The passage of summer, to autumn, to winter can be exciting for some and a bit scary for other. Many people experience health challenges from weather changes getting caught by cold or flu bugs. Midwesterners are typically a hardy lot and know it's time for scarves and hats and gloves. Being prepared for the season is no sneezing matter. It's also the time of year we rely on our heating systems to keep us nice and comfy in our homes.

Flu viruses are more common in the heating season because they like drier, cooler air. Scientific studies show that influenza enjoys a relative humidity of around 20%. That's about the level of humidity that often exists in homes when the furnace is running. This is why proper humidity control in the heating season may reduce the chance of getting a flu virus or cold.

Keeping the air in your home clean with a high-efficiency air cleaner and proper humidity levels can be very helpful for your health and comfort. Air that is too dry in your home creates static shocks, itchy skin, and sore throats. Proper humidity also protects wood floors, instruments, art and furniture from dry air.

If you have a whole-home humidifier in your home, good for you! All you need to do is be sure the water panel in your humidifier is clean and working properly. If you do not have a whole-home humidifier you may want to further investigate the health and comfort advantages of installing the appropriate one for your home. Along with the advantages of a whole-home humidifier, a whole-home air purifier can trap all allergens, and bacteria and viruses, helping to keep your family healthy all year long.

A basic furnace will heat the air in your home, that's what it's designed to do. Making sure the air you breathe is healthy and provides the proper air quality and humidity are the jobs of your air filtration system and humidifier. Remember, even while you sleep, a complete heating and air quality system is important for the air you breathe in your own home. Make sure your entire system is designed properly for your needs, installed properly and maintained by qualified technicians.

Your Home Comfort Services Team

- Heating • Cooling • Air Quality • Plumbing • Electrical • Remodeling
- Home Comfort.net • 847-COMFORT
- 6881 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714
- Visit our NEW Showroom!



847-824-4336
HomeComfort.net

Yard Gear Readying for Winter Storage

Set up a safe work zone. Identify a safe location with plenty of work space that is out of the way of children and pets. Work only in a well-ventilated area that is away from heat sources, sparks or flames.

Collect your outdoor power equipment. This might include a lawn mower, generator, string trimmer, chain saw, edger, power washer, blower, chipper, splitter, or other tool that uses a small engine to do outdoor work.

Turn equipment off. Before servicing or repairing any outdoor power equipment, disconnect the spark plug and battery cables.

Protect yourself. Wear safety glasses and gloves to protect against harmful chemicals and debris.

Inspect your outdoor power equipment. Make sure safety guards are not disabled or missing. Check for loose belts or missing or damaged guards. Check and tighten all screws and nuts.

Clean your equipment. Grass, leaves and dirt that have accumulated on equipment should be removed. Use a soft rag or cloth to clean away grime and dirt.

Drain the fuel. Stored equipment should not have fuel in its tank. Many fuels today contain ethanol, which absorbs water and may phase separate, causing operating problems. If there is fuel in the tank, remove what remains. Run the engine until the engine stops so the fuel is used up. Get more information on safe fueling at www.LookBeforeYouPump.com

Store leftover fuel properly. Gasoline should be stored no more than 30 days without being treated with a fuel stabilizer. Use a sealed container that is approved for fuel storage. Always keep fuel out of the reach of children and away from heat sources or flames.

Lubricate, sharpen, and charge as needed. Check the oil levels and blade conditions. Change the oil now if needed. Get lawn mower blades sharpened so it will be ready for spring. Inspect the spark plug, replace it, and add clean engine oil. Check the air filter and clean or replace as needed. If equipment has a removable battery, take it out and store it in a warm spot. If you have a battery charger, charge the battery before storing it.

Service equipment. If you are not comfortable performing some of these tasks or think that your equipment needs additional servicing, now is a good time to take it to a dealer or repair shop.

Identify and clear a safe storage space. An indoor storage area will protect equipment from the elements. Your storage area should be cool and dry, and equipment should be out of the reach of children and pets. Store equipment away from pool chemicals, cleaners, or fertilizers—anything that could cause corrosion from spills.

Properly store supplies. Using approved storage containers for lawn care or yard supplies will help avoid spills in storage spaces. Leftover materials should be stored in sealed containers, so pests like rodents are not drawn to them. Keep containers out of the reach of children and pets.

Locate your winter outdoor power equipment. Locate snow shovels, snow blowers or throwers, ice scrapers, ice melt or rock salt. If you are low on winter supplies, now is a good time to stock up. Place winter equipment and supplies in an accessible location so they can be found easily when the first snowflakes and ice arrive.

Join your neighbors in saving energy today.

Hundreds of your neighbors in North Park and West Ridge already have saved energy with Peoples Gas and ComEd®. Schedule your appointment to receive FREE and discounted energy-saving products with installation that may include:

 Programmable Thermostats	 ENERGY STAR® Certified CFLs	 Smart Power Strips	 ENERGY STAR® Certified LEDs
 Smart Thermostats	 WaterSense® Certified Showerheads	 Faucet Aerators	 Pipe Insulation

Start saving today!

Call 844-367-5867 to schedule your appointment.



Partners for Energy Efficiency

PEOPLES GAS®
NATURAL GAS DELIVERY

ComEd. powering lives
An Exelon Company

This program is funded by Peoples Gas and ComEd customers in compliance with Illinois law.

20 Moments: Chicago In The 20th Century Tuesday, November 10, 2015 (6:30PM – 8:00PM)

What is Chicago? What will Chicago be in the future? What has Chicago been in the recent past?

These are all complex questions that fascinate Chicagoans, whether they have been here five months or fifty years. Drawing on historic photographs and visual materials from the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago History Museum, and other institutions, urbanologist Max Grinnell will invite patrons into a discussion of these themes via a presentation with time for conversation and discussion afterwards.

This program is part of the 2015-2016 One Book, One Chicago season, exploring the theme of "Chicago: The City That Gives."

Eleanor Roosevelt Portrayed By Leslie Goddard

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at 11:00 am

Award-winning actress and scholar Leslie Goddard portrays one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Born into the wealth during America's Gilded Age, Eleanor grew from a shy, homely orphan into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this thoroughly researched and engaging performance captures the warm, honest, and passionate American first lady and stateswoman. Sponsored by the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please call 312-744-1478.

Chicago Public Library, Roden Branch
6083 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631

What to ask when adopting a shelter dog

October is national Adopt A Shelter Dog month, and doctors from BluePearl Veterinary Partners are offering tips to prospective pet parents as they take the big step of adding another member to the family.

Thousands of lovable dogs in shelters are eagerly waiting families to give them forever homes. But that does not mean every dog is a good fit. So adopting families should ask as many questions as possible about a shelter dog's history, said Dr. Jill Sackman of BluePearl of Veterinary Partners.

And don't stop there. It's just as important to ask some questions of yourself, Sackman said.

Sackman is a BluePearl clinician who offers behavioral counseling and serves as senior medical director of BluePearl's Michigan hospitals. She also is in charge of the behavioral medicine service. She offered these tips for families getting ready to adopt their new best friend from a shelter:

Ask if the shelter has done a behavioral assessment of the dog.

It's standard procedure at many shelters, and can give you valuable insight into whether a certain dog is right for you, and whether you are right for that dog.

Ask for as much information as possible about the dog's history.

Dogs grow up to be less anxious if they are exposed to a wide range of new and pleasant experiences before the age of 16 weeks, the puppy's socialization window. Less anxious, less fearful dogs are not nearly as likely to become aggressive as adults. Your shelter dog will likely be older than 16 weeks, and this is one reason you want to learn about the dog's background.

Sackman said, "You have to ask the question, what's my home like? How will my other pets respond? What are my needs? What's my time investment? Prepare a list of questions about a potential pet. And then ask a lot of good questions about the dog's history. Why was he surrendered? Was he found as a stray? Was he surrendered from another shelter? Any information that you have can help you better understand how well that animal will fit into your house."

Ask if you can spend a little time with the dog in the shelter

Especially in a quiet setting, away from a noisy kennel. If the dog is friendly and playful, that's a great sign. If the dog is standoffish and nervous, that's something to take into consideration. But remember that even wonderful shelters can be stressful environments for dogs. A dog's behavior can change after getting to your home.

Consider your own family's ability to care for a dog.

If you have small children, it might not be the best time to adopt a dog who tends to be nervous, aggressive or needs a lot of time-consuming training. On the other hand, if you're single with time to devote to training, this might be a challenge you can take on.

Prepare your family for their new dog.

Children, with their rapid movement, high-pitched voices and a tendency to jab fingers anywhere, can be alarming to some dogs. This can sometimes cause dogs to become anxious and snap. So involve your children in the care of your dog – such as helping with the food or water, or having the kids train the dog in basic tasks such as sitting or lying down. But also teach children when to back off – not to hug dogs while they're eating, for example.

Give the pooch a little space.

"After bringing your dog home, you might keep them in a laundry room or a confined kitchen and not immediately throw them in with all your other pets, if you have other pets. Establish relationships and give them and other pets some time to acclimate," Sackman said.

What if in spite of everything, my dog acts aggressively to family members or neighbors?

Seek help from your family veterinarian, or a veterinarian who is trained in behavioral medicine.

Northtown Library

The Northtown Library serves more than 140,000 individuals annually, including children, families, and seniors. Built in 1962, the Northtown Branch has not been renovated or seen upgrades since. The library's current layout and configuration no longer meets the needs of our community.

YOU can help bring a new library to our community.

Keep an eye out for an opportunity to sign a petition in support of a new library. Or, simply search online for "Petition for Northtown Library" to sign it right away. The petition will be submitted to Mayor Emanuel and the Chicago Public Library Commission. Tell everyone you know to sign the petition as well. Every signature makes a difference towards achieving this important goal!

Join Us! Business After Hours

Hosted by Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce, Edgebrook Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce, and Sauganash Chamber of Commerce. Thursday, November 12th, 5 to 7:30 pm. Wintrust Bank – Gladstone Park, 6336 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

Enjoy complimentary beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages as well as food catered by Pasta D'Arte. All current and prospective members and their guests are welcome.

RSVP by November 9th to John Vasquez: 773-467-2099, jvasquez@wintrust.com.

Norwood Crossing Timely Talk to Feature "The Art of Joyful Living" on Nov. 18

Can we become the masters of ourselves by mastering our own body and mind and then transforming the world around us? The answer is yes, and the Timely Talk, "The Art of Joyful Living," will show you how. This program, conducted by Lynn Lombardo, will focus on how to cultivate a calm and tranquil mind, how to turn it inward and how to employ it to reflect on the meaning and higher purpose of life and joyous living. The event will be held at 2:00

p.m., on Nov. 18, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Lombardo is a certified yoga and meditation instructor and has conducted yoga classes at nearby park districts in Chicago.

A question and answer session and raffle will follow the talk. Refreshments will be served, and there is no cost to attend the program. Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or emailing info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Levy Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center Offer New Lunch Option for Seniors

The senior meal program at the Levy Senior Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center is offering a new lunch option.

The Levy Center's Garden Café, located at 300 Dodge Ave., now offers a deli bar with soup and a selection of salad or a sandwich on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hot meals will also continue to be served on all weekdays. At the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center's Wisdom Café, located at 1655 Foster St., hot meals will be served every Wednesday, with the new deli bar option available the last Wednesday of each month. Lunches are offered at both locations from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Levy Senior Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Com-

munity Center are able to host the senior meal program thanks to a \$40,000 grant from AgeOptions, an agency in Cook County that connects older adults with various resources and service options. The senior meal program allows local residents over the age of 60 to stop by one of the community centers to enjoy lunch for a suggested donation of \$4.50, although no eligible seniors are turned away if they are unable to contribute. Residents under 60 may also purchase lunch at the Levy Center or Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center for \$6.50.

For more information, please visit cityofevanston.org/levy or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

CAPS 25th District Business Meeting

All businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about new and ongoing efforts to eliminate crime in your area. This meeting will also provide the opportunity to share your crime concerns with Police Officers from the 25th District.

Complimentary lite lunch is provided.

Thursday, November 19th, 2015 at 11:30 am, 5555 W. Grand, Chicago, IL.

Chicagoland Small Business Economic Outlook Survey

You are invited to participate in a survey to better understand the needs and expectations of small businesses in the Chicago area. The study is being conducted jointly by Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business. It is also supported by the Better Business Bureau, Constant Contact and the Office of the City Treasurer, City of Chicago.

This survey will take about ten minutes to complete. Those that complete the survey are invited to enter a raffle for:

One(1) Grand Prize: Pair of Round-

Trip Southwest Arline Tickets

Two(2) \$50 gift certificates

Thank you to our partners: Better Business Bureau, Constant Contact, and the Office of the City Treasurer, City of Chicago.

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

The Wrigley Building, 410 North Michigan Ave, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60611

Telephone: (312) 494 6700

info@chicagochamber.org

Chicagoans 'Sleep Out' to Fight Youth Homelessness

Chicagoans know fall means bitter cold is on its way. People will soon scurry to stay inside day and night. Yet, more than 20,000 young adults and students are looking for a permanent home, not just overnight shelter.

In the spirit of giving back this upcoming holiday season, the Chicago-area community will come together on Friday, Nov. 20, for an overnight sleep out to raise visibility and funds to help provide a stable living environment for youth experiencing homelessness.

The first-of-its-kind event in Chicago, the Out In the Open Sleep Out, will bring together members of the community to raise funds for 18 organizations serving youth experiencing homelessness. The event will be at Cricket Hill near Montrose Ave. and Lake Michigan.

Attendees will hear from individual teens and participate in a variety of activities. There will also be dozens of entertainers performing during the event.

"We are striving to bring new people and resources to this critical issue in Chicago," said Tracy Baim, Windy City Times publisher and executive producer of the event. "We've modeled the event after similar events in other cities, and we plan to also showcase the talents of this next generation."

The following nonprofit partners will benefit from the event: AIDS Foundation of Chicago; Care2Prevent, the University of Chicago; Center on Halsted; Chicago House; Chicago Youth Storage Initiative; Howard Brown Health Center's Broadway Youth Center; Illinois Safe Schools Alliance; La Casa Norte; Lurie Children's Hospital - Division of Adolescent Medicine; Neon Dorms - Heartland Human Care Services; New Moms; Puerto Rican Cultural Center - El Rescate; TaskForce Prevention and Community Services; Teen Living Programs; The 750 Club Apartment Adoption Project; The Night Ministry; Thresholds; Unity Parenting and Counseling, Inc.; and YEPP: Youth Empowerment Performance Project.

The event is hosted by the newly formed Pride Action Tank, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Edelman, Agency EA and Windy City Times newspaper, along with a wide range of other partners.

To donate or sign up for the inaugural event as well as to learn more about individual teen's stories, please visit sleepoutchicago.org.

For information on sponsorships or other ways to get involved, email Tracy Baim, editor@windycitymediagroup.com

Joint Tenancy, a Will or a Trust? What's the Best Way to Plan Your Estate?

Only the woefully uninformed believe that Intestate Probate, also known as "the government's estate plan for you if you don't have your own," is preferable to creating your own estate plan.

The problem is that newspapers, magazines, and other media often present conflicting views on whether it is best to choose joint tenancy, a will or a trust as your estate planning vehicle. Who's telling the truth?

Let's take a look at the three fundamental goals of an effective estate plan:

- Transferring your property to those you designate in a timely and efficient fashion,
- Providing for management of your property if you are physically or mentally unable to do so yourself, and
- Minimizing the amount of estate taxes imposed by the government as your property passes to succeeding generations.

Now that you know what an estate plan is supposed to accomplish, you can see how the "Big Three" estate planning vehicles stack up. Joint Tenancy is frequently thought of as a "poor man's will" because the asset transfers automatically upon death to the people named on the title.

What this technique offers in convenience it loses in protection. Consider the case of Dorothy Schmit vs. the Internal Revenue Service. Mrs. Schmit put her husband, who happened to be delinquent in his taxes, on "her" property as a joint tenant for convenience. Mrs. Schmit had to sue all the way to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, an expensive proposition, to get the IRS to finally accept the "nominal" status of her husband.

Scams Aimed At Veterans, Caregivers And Donors Cheat And Dishonor Vets Service

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning veterans and their families of scams that may be targeting them. The scams also target those with plans to donate to a military or veteran-related cause. The BBB says veterans and civilians who are planning to donate to a charity for Veteran's day should use caution; and recommends that they research the organization and check with the BBB.

"While these types of scams represent the most common there can also be several variations of them," says Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "It's important to remember, never give money to someone online or over the phone when you aren't 100 percent certain where it's going or what your donation will be used towards."

The most common veteran scams include:

- Charging veterans for services they could get for free or less expensively elsewhere, such as military records.
- Fraudulent investment schemes that convince veterans to transfer their assets into an irrevocable trust.
- Offering "instant approval" military loans ("no credit check," "all grades and ranks approved") that can have high interest rates and hidden fees.
- Advertising housing online with military discounts and incentives then cheating service personnel out of the security deposit.
- Trying to sell things like security systems to spouses of deployed military personnel by saying the service member ordered it to protect his or her family.
- Selling stolen vehicles at low prices by claiming to be soldiers who need to sell fast because they've been deployed.

- Posing as government contractors recruiting veterans and then asking for a copy of the job applicants' passport (that contains important personal information).

- Posing for online dating services as a lonely service member in a remote part of Iraq or Afghanistan, and then asking for money to be wired to a third party for some emergency.

If you plan on donating to a military-affiliated charity this year, here are some tips on how to avoid scams:

- Watch out for charities that sound similar to more well-known ones. Many fake veterans' charities include the same words in different order or form to appear legitimate.
- Look for a clear description of the organization's programs in its appeals and on its website. If the charity says it's helping veterans, does it explain how (financial assistance, shelter, counseling) and where it is doing so?
- Telemarketing can be a costly method of fundraising unless carefully managed. If called, do not hesitate to ask for written information on the charity and its finances before making a decision.
- Be wary of excessive pressure in fundraising. Don't be pressured to make an immediate on-the-spot donation. Legitimate charities will welcome your gift whenever you want to send it.
- If donating clothing or other goods, find out how the charity benefits from the collection and re-sale of gifts.
- Check first before giving for free with charity monitoring services like BBB's give.org.

For more tips on scams, visit www.bbb.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Both wills and living trusts are more sophisticated ways of transferring property to your heirs. The primary difference between wills and trusts is that wills require a probate administration that can add time and costs to the disposition of your estate. This is true even in the "simplified probate" procedures available in many states. At the margin, avoiding the additional costs and publicity of probate by the use of a living trust is preferable.

If the issue of property management during a property owner's incapacity arises, both a properly prepared will or trust-based estate plan will have a durable power of attorney which enables someone you have chosen to manage your property. However, a living trust offers additional "substitute management" in the person of a successor trustee for assets in a living trust. Handling property management with a living trust can be of great help because many financial institutions and insurance companies are hesitant to accept durable powers of attorney, but are comfortable with successor trustee management.

In summary, the living trust's avoidance of probate and the protection of the successor trustee in the case of incapacity are strong reasons to consider a trust-based estate plan.

In deciding which estate planning strategy will work best for you, the best course of action is to seek the assistance of an attorney whose practice is focused on estate planning. Members of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys receive continuing education on the latest changes in laws that affect estate planning, allowing them to provide the highest quality service.

Chester M. Przybylo is a founding member of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, a nationally acclaimed organization whose members are dedicated to the highest standards of estate planning and elder law. His Chicago-based firm, Chester M. Przybylo and Associates, has served its clients for over 45 years. Visit the firm website for helpful information on estate planning: www.PlanOurEstate.com, or call 773-631-7100 for an appointment.



Chester M. Przybylo

Cook County Less Real Estate Translates Into Real Savings for Cook County

Less Real Estate Translates Into Real Savings for Cook County Taxpayers

Oak Forest Health Center campus reduction, warehouse consolidation among strategies designed to trim County's property footprint

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle today announced real estate consolidation and realignment initiatives that are expected to reduce County building square footage by the equivalent of 4.5 football fields in 2016, with estimated annual operating savings of more than \$1.3 million and avoidance of over \$30 million in immediate capital investment.

Early in her first term, President Preckwinkle issued an executive order to re-evaluate and devise a strategic multi-year plan to address the County's real estate infrastructure. As a result, the Cook County's Real Estate Asset Strategic Realignment Plan project was initiated to review the condition and use of the County's real estate assets. Its recommendations, if fully implemented, are expected to save the County \$192 Million over a 10-year period.

"Cook County occupies too much space and has historically used it inefficiently," Preckwinkle said. "I have repeatedly said we will do whatever we can do make government more efficient and fiscally responsible, and reducing our real estate footprint is a good example of that. These actions will save money and streamline County operations."

The Oak Forest campus contains 1.1 million square feet of building area, with the Oak Forest Health Center and Cook County Health and Hospitals System administrative space as the primary occupants. The County estimates roughly 50 percent of the campus is underused or used as inactive storage areas.

Over the next 20 years, it would cost the County an estimated \$350 million to operate the campus. With some of the buildings on campus dating back to 1910, the County also estimates the campus would need roughly \$130 million in capital investment over that

time frame.

With a long-range goal of consolidating uses on the campus to less than 300,000 square feet, the County intends to demolish seven buildings in the coming year, reducing the Oak Forest Health Center campus by almost 260,000 square feet, or about 23 percent of its current size. This will avoid 10-year capital investment of more than \$100 million on functionally obsolete buildings, and reduce operating expenses by roughly \$1.3 million per year. Health care services would be relocated in buildings designed to enhance the delivery of care and reduce costs.

Since taking office, President Preckwinkle has overseen the County's leasing of the 4th, 34th and 35th floors at the George W. Dunne Administrative Building, with an increase in annual revenues from the building averaging \$2 million.

President Preckwinkle has reiterated her commitment to further shrink the County's facilities footprint and to lease excess space in its 69 West Washington building. The County has set a target of leasing an additional 75,000 square feet by 2018 at 69 West Washington as part of its ongoing initiative to reduce the real estate footprint of county government.

The County saved \$10 million by purchasing a new Records Center for storage of court documents. The building more efficiently uses space for its designated purpose and reduced the square footage occupied by these records. In 2016, plans will be finalized to further consolidate from the County's two general warehouses to one, shrinking occupancy by more than 400,000 square feet by 2018.

"This is an important step toward better utilizing our real estate during challenging financial times," President Preckwinkle added. "By modernizing our approach on real estate, we can reduce office space and reduce costs. Over the coming months, we will be pushing a comprehensive plan to further increase efficiency and reduce our use of real estate to address our fiscal challenges."

7th & 8th Grade Girls Invited

Young Women's



Math Olympics

Resurrection College Prep High School
7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Check-in: 9:00am

Contest Begins: 9:30am

Awards Presentation: 12:00pm

Individual Contests

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3

7th & 8th grade girls

in Algebra & Geometry

Register on-line by Nov 19:

www.reshs.org



Nursing Home Costs...

Will They Wipe Out Your Life Savings?

Call today to schedule a free, 15-minute phone consultation with an attorney to discuss if you might qualify for Medicaid.

Call 773-631-2525

Law Offices of Chester M. Przybylo and Associates
www.PlanOurEstate.com

Edison Park Santa Express

Santa Express will be here before we know it. On Saturday, December 5th, hundreds of Edison Park kids will flood the Metra Train Station and anxiously await the arrival of Santa! For those not familiar with this annual chamber tradition....Santa arrives on the 9:54am train from the North Pole. The children welcome him and then follow him to our beautifully decorated tree courtesy of Romance in Blooms and Suerth Funeral Home at Oshkosh and Northwest Hwy.

Each year we choose a different children's choir and different pastor to bless our tree. Then the kids head over to the Edison Park Fieldhouse for cookies, milk, crafts, storytelling, facepainting, photos and visits with Santa, sleigh rides, and inflatables if the weather permits! And new this year, the Grinch will be making an appearance! Each year, we offer our members a FREE advertising opportunity. Each child receives a goody bag. You can drop off 200 items to the chamber office no later than November 25th. We cannot accept any late arrivals as the chamber office will be closed from November 27 through December 2nd.

We also offer sponsorship opportunities for Santa Express to help offset the costs for this FREE community event!

To fully promote your business, the deadline to become a sponsor is November 4th!

Sleigh Sponsor: THANK YOU EDISON PARK YOUTH!

Cookies & Milk Sponsor: THANK YOU EDISON PARK YOUTH!

Also special thanks to the following sponsors:

Joseph Mullarkey Distributors

Regional Valet Services

Alderman Anthony Napolitano

Sponsorships still available...

Grinch Sponsor \$400

Logo on banners displayed throughout EP

Facepainter Sponsor (2 available) \$250

Signage with logo displayed by face-painters

Santa Believer Sponsor \$25

Business name listed on all banners placed throughout EP!

ALL SPONSORS ARE ALSO THANKED LOTS AND LOTS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA TO INCREASE YOUR FAN BASE AND PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!

To become a sponsor, please email melissa@edisonpark.com no later than NOVEMBER 4th!

Best Wishes,

Melissa McIntyre

Arts And Craft Fair At Resurrection College Prep High School

Resurrection College Prep High School will host its Annual Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Each year, more than 2,000 patrons visit the fair to explore the wide variety of handcrafted items at over 180 craft displays. All spaces for crafters and vendors have been filled. The fair's festive atmosphere welcomes patrons as they shop for unique gifts, seasonal items, housewares, jewelry and tasty treats.

Admission for this school fundraising event is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children under 10 are free. Resurrection College Prep High School will also be hosting a Spring Craft Fair on Sunday, March 12, 2016. Spaces for the Spring Craft Fair will be available beginning in January – please visit the Resurrection College Prep website at www.reshs.org for more information.

Holiday Shop & Spa Vendor Spaces Available At Resurrection College Prep High School

The Resurrection College Prep High School Parents Club will host a Holiday Shop and Spa evening on Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 6 pm to 10 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. The event is free and will be open for guests to shop for various holiday and spa items. Vendors are invited to participate and the cost is \$25 per vendor space. Applications can be found at www.reshs.org and are due by Friday, November 20, 2015. Space is limited and will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis. Questions may be directed to Teresa Gillespie at dizzygillespiegirl@gmail.com.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

Watch the Food Network's upcoming episodes of Coast-To-Coast Chow featuring Harry Kempf, owner, operator and chef of the Chicago Brauhaus.



Open House

Sunday, November 8
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Learn about our academics, athletics, fine arts, clubs and technology.

Shadow Days

8th grade girls welcome now on select dates to shadow a current Resurrection student
7th grade girls welcome on February 12
Register at www.reshs.org

Jr. Bandit Events

Young Women's Math Olympics
Jr. Bandit Softball Hitting Clinic
Jr. Bandit Lock-in

Schedules & registration at www.reshs.org



7500 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago 60631 | 773.775.6616

Village Cooking Corner

BAKED COD FISH ALA KALAMATA (BAKALIARO PLAKI)

This is a recipe that was handed down to me by our mother who came from the area of Kalamata the capital of Messinia in the southern tip of the Peloponnese in Greece. It is a favorite in homes throughout Greece and the United States.

4 to 6 filets of fresh cod	1 finely sliced onion
2 garlic cloves, mashed	1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon	1 cup water
1/2 cup currants, or raisins soaked in 1 cup of white wine	
1 (16 oz) can whole tomatoes chopped	Several whole cloves
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley	Salt and pepper to taste

This recipe is better if you are able to purchase (dry cod fish - bakaliaro*) rather than fresh cod. But either will work fine. Assuming you purchase dry cod fish, place in water so that you can get rid of the heavy salt. Keep in water for a full day and change the water frequently. Rinse and saute in hot oil until slightly browned. If you use fresh cod, you will not need to saute, but the flavor of the dry cod fish is really extraordinary.

Place the cod filets in a greased baking pan. Sprinkle each steak with salt and pepper; rub with garlic and pour lemon juice over the fish. Lightly, saute in olive oil the onions, parsley and the tomatoes. Add the currants or raisins, wine, cloves and 1 cup of water. Simmer about 5 minutes. Pour this sauce over the fish and bake at 400 degree F for about 45 minutes to an hour. Baste the fish several times as it is baking. You may have to add just a little more water as it bakes.

This is great served with green vegetables e.g., Dandelion greens or Endive, seasoned with salt extra virgin olive oil and lemon juice and a crusty Greek bread for dunking the delicious sauce.

* May be found in any Greek or Italian market

Suggestion: leftovers, if any, makes a great sandwich the next day. Serves 4.

From Anastasia E. Weaver

White Eagle Thanksgiving Feast

Family Style

Soup · Salad · Oven-Roasted Turkey · Homemade Stuffing · Honey Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes · Sweet Potatoes · Polish Sausage & Sauer Kraut
Green Beans Amandine · Pierogi · Apple Pie and Pumpkin Pie Slices

Cash Bar

\$27.50 per person*

Buffet Style

Tossed Salad · Cucumber Salad · Coleslaw · Pasta Salad · Mini Potato Pancakes
Pierogis · Kroquette · Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce · Fettuccine Alfredo
Oven-Roasted Turkey · Homemade Stuffing · Polish Sausage and Sauer Kraut
Italian Sausage · Honey-Baked Ham · Medallions of Beef · Sweet Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes · Green Beans Amandine · Apple and Pumpkin Pie Slices

Cash Bar

\$27.50 per person*

For Reservations, Please Call ~ 847.647.0660

10% Discount for Parties of 30 or more!

Live Entertainment



Activities for the Kids

White Eagle

6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. · Niles · IL · 60714 · www.whiteeaglebanquets.com

*Tax and service charge not included

Norwood Crossing



- Assisted Living
- Memory Support
- Nursing Care
- Rehabilitation
- Respite Stays

- Studio, One and Two Bedroom Apartments
- Exceptional Dining Venues
- Whole Person Wellness Center and Programs

Affordable Options Available

Call Today!

Reshaping Aging™

Providing Exceptional Quality Care Since 1896

6016 N. Nina Ave / Chicago / 60631

773-577-5323



www.NorwoodCrossing.org



Resurrection College Prep High School
7500 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago 60631
Alumnae Association



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12, 2015

9:00 am to 11:30 am

(Breakfast is served from 9-10:30 am)

All are welcome to enjoy breakfast, photos with Santa, a theatre production by Resurrection drama students, Christmas arts and Crafts, face painting and a special gift for each child.

\$10 per child in advance

\$12 per child at the door

\$6 per adult

Reservations are encouraged to secure a space.

Purchase advance tickets at www.reshs.org

or Call to order tickets at 773.775.6616 Ext 140.



REGINA DOMINICAN



Come explore the possibilities at Regina Dominican!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 12, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ENTRANCE EXAM

Saturday, January 9, 2016
8:00 a.m.

701 Locust Road | Wilmette, IL 60091 | 847.256.7660 | www.rdhs.org

AOK A-OK Business Service
Family Owned & Operated Since 1969



Specialists in:

- Personalized Letters
- Laser Imprinting
- Word Processing
- Mail Preparation

We Are Still Here To Serve The Community As We've Done For The Past 45 Years. Only Our Location Has Changed – Not Our Quality Or Our Array Of Services. Stop By Or Call – We'll Be Expecting You!!

Stephanie Bockhol

Phone 847.674.4010 • Fax 847.674.4577 • aokbusiness@sbcglobal.net

WANTED

TO BUY:

- Old Holiday Items
- Old Costume Jewelry
- Old "Pretty" Things (Purses, Hats, etc.)

The Antique and Resale Shoppe Inc.

7214 N. Harlem
Chicago, IL 60631
(773) 631-1151

Mon - Sat.
10:30 am - 4:30 pm

- FREE APPRAISALS •

OUR VILLAGE & STREET LEVEL

Published by
Village Publications

P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631
773-633-4059

www.ourvillagechicago.com
email:

contact@ourvillagechicago.com

Copyright ©2015 *Our Village*.
All rights reserved as to entire content.
All articles, letters, pictures sent to
Village Publications are at own risk.

STRICTLY LIMITED ENGAGEMENT
AT THE ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE



HERSHEY
FELDER as
IRVING
BERLIN

PERFORMANCES BEGIN OCTOBER 30TH
THROUGH DECEMBER 6TH ONLY!
TICKETS 312-988-9000 www.ticketmaster.com