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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES ENCORE SEASON OF 'NIGHT OUT IN THE PARKS'

Building on Last Year's Success, Second Season Features More Than 1,000 Events, New Community Based Performers

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Chicago Park District Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) Commissioner Michelle Boone, local arts organizations, performers and community members today announced the encore season of *Night Out in the Parks* at Douglas Park in the Lawndale community. The 2014 series will include more than 1,000 cultural events and activities at parks across the city featuring 50 neighborhood arts and theater organizations; more than 90 percent of the events are offered with free admission.

"Chicago is known around the world for the vibrancy of its arts and culture and we are bringing this creative spirit and energy to neighborhoods all across the City through *Night Out in the Parks*," said Mayor Emanuel. "By expanding the number of events offered in the second year of this successful program, we're enabling more residents to check out the best of what Chicago has to offer right in their own backyard while also supporting local artists."

Launched last year, *Night Out in the Parks* is part of Mayor Emanuel's citywide vision for art and culture. It is also a key component of the Chicago Cultural Plan, which was launched by Mayor Emanuel and DCASE in 2012 and is the first plan of its kind in more than 25 years. Through the Cultural Plan, the City is making investments in public art, music festivals, films, concerts, exhibitions and performances.

"Night Out in the Parks will elevate and amplify the cultural assets of neighborhoods across Chicago, facilitate neighborhood planning of cultural activity and help the City integrate culture into daily life—all of which are key components of the Chicago Cultural Plan," said DCASE Commissioner Boone. "By collaborating with the Chicago Park District, DCASE can help to expand access to the arts—including music, theater and dance—across Chicago communities."

"After last year's incredible inaugural season of *Night Out in the Parks*, we are excited to bring even more cultural opportunities to our city's neighborhoods, said Park District Superintendent Kelly. "*Night Out in the Parks* provides wonderful opportunities for families but also connect with their neighbors in a fun and social setting."

For more information, visit www.nightoutintheparks.com or call 312.742.PLAY.



Norwood Park Elementary School 5th/6th grade Boys 14 inch Softball City-Wide CPS Champions

On Friday 6/6/14. The Boys defeated Burroughs Grade School from the South Area 10 to 7. There were over 500 schools city-wide that competed this season. The Norwood team completed a perfect undefeated season. Jimmy Murphy, Manny Nodel, Brennan Reiman, Sammy McDonough, Eric Olsen, Nate Lambert, Luke Lange, Adam Kapon, Eduardo Solis, Kevin Beese, Brian Collins, and Brendan O'Toole, Coached by Jim Murphy and Carlos Santiago. Great job boys.

Rediscover Chicago's Loop, June 21-22 at the Chicago Premiere of *bodies in urban spaces*

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events is pleased to present the Chicago premiere of *bodies in urban spaces* performed by local dance artists and choreographed by Willi Dorner. The free performances will begin at Daley Plaza (50 West Washington Street) on Saturday, June 21 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 22 at 11 a.m. Audience members will meet at the Picasso to start their journey through the Loop to an unnamed, final destination.

bodies in urban spaces will take audience members on a mile-long adventure through Chicago's Loop starting in Daley Plaza. The moving performance is choreographed by Austrian dance-maker Willi Dorner and will feature a group of dancers from various local companies. The performers lead the audience on an entertaining journey utilizing public and semi-public spaces as their stage. Along the way, they create a chain of living sculptures, built from the dancers' bodies existing temporarily in a doorway, on the side of a building or on the sidewalk. Spectators will have the chance to view performers as they test the limitless physicality of the human body, ultimately transforming a once vacant space into a temporary art installment.

The mastermind behind *bodies in urban spaces* is choreographer Willi Dorner. Founder of Vienna-based dance company Cie. W. Dorner, his international recognition is garnered through his stimulating and groundbreaking dance performances and his vision to create events that are keen on crafting new experiences, insights and perception of everyday life for his audience members. This is exemplified by some of his most recent work, including *bodies in urban spaces*.

bodies in urban spaces is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events as part of the DCASE Theater and Dance series. For information on all productions presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, visit our website: cityofchicago.org/dcase and join us on Facebook and Twitter @ChicagoDCASE.

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CITY OF CHICAGO BEGINS SECOND YEAR OF EMERALD ASH BORER INOCULATIONS

Mayor Emanuel announced today that the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation is beginning the second year in a multi-year plan to inoculate approximately 70,000 Ash trees on Chicago parkways against the Emerald Ash Borer insect.

"The City of Chicago is committed to the health of the more than 500,000 parkway trees that not only beautify our neighborhoods, but offer countless environmental benefits," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "The continued inoculation of our Ash trees is a common sense investment to protect and maintain these valuable community assets."

To support the care of Ash trees that line Chicago streets, the 2013 budget included additional resources for Streets and Sanitation to hire for the first time ever a dedicated workforce for inoculating against the Emerald Ash Borer. These crews inoculated 37,000 viable Ash trees citywide last year compared to the 18,000 total parkway trees that have been inoculated in Chicago since the treatment became available in 2009.

As outlined in Mayor Emanuel's 2014 budget, the City continues to invest in inoculations providing Streets and Sanitation with \$2.9 million for Ash tree inoculation as well as tree removal and the planting of approximately 2,800 diverse tree species. The Chicago Department of Transportation will plant

more than 2,600 trees as well for a total of 5,400 trees planted throughout Chicago this year.

"The continued investment in a dedicated workforce for inoculations will have a positive impact on slowing the progression of the insect and managing tree mortality. On top of inoculating healthy Ash trees, the Department will plant thousands of trees citywide prioritizing areas impacted by tree removals," said Commissioner Charles Williams.

This year, 24 general laborers will inoculate 35,000 viable Ash trees citywide by the end September. Once inoculations are complete this year, all viable Ash trees on parkways will have been treated.

The Ash trees will be inoculated with Emamectin Benzoate, known as TREE-age, which has been proven to kill 99 percent of Emerald Ash Borer insects within a tree. Emamectin Benzoate protects the tree for up to three years. The average cost to inoculate a tree is \$46, compared with \$1,000 to remove and replace a tree.

The Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic beetle native to Asia that was discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002. The beetle has killed more than tens of millions of Ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more dying in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and eighteen other infested states.

New Digital Payment System Installed for Skokie Swift Commuters

On May 1, 2014, new digital payment terminals were installed at the Dempster-Skokie CTA train station to replace the former token payment system. The new payment terminals are located inside the train station and accept coins, paper bills and credit/debit card payments for commuter parking.

The daily rates will remain the same.

Commuters still need to remember the space number where they park, enter that space number into one of the new payment terminals, insert payment and take a receipt.

Payment receipts can be kept as proof of payment, but do not need to be displayed in vehicles.

The payment terminals cannot make

change nor can they provide refunds. Commuters who wish to pay with cash are encouraged to bring exact payment amount; \$3 for the South Lot or \$2 for the North Lot.

In addition, a mobile payment app is now available from Passport Parking to make parking making payments by phone. To register for a mobile payment account, commuters can:

1. Download the PassPort Parking app from the Apple App Store or Google play;
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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES ROLLOUT OF PAY BY CELL PARKING

After Successful Pilot, New Technology Expands in Central Business District; At All 36,000 Meters This Summer

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced that after a successful three-week pilot, the new ParkChicago pay-by-cell program will begin to roll out the service from the test area on Tuesday to the 36,000 meters throughout the city.

"Thousands of people have already signed up to take advantage of the conveniences offered by this new service, and soon drivers across all city neighborhoods will have the option to pay for and extend parking without visiting a meter box," said Mayor Emanuel.

The pilot program, which was conducted in parts of the West Loop, drew 1,600 users and more than 3,500 app downloads.

The pay-by-cell option is part of the Mayor's renegotiated 75-year parking meter contract between the City and Chicago Parking Meters, which was approved by City Council on June 5, 2013.

The pay-by-cell rollout involves replacing the approximately 42,000 current street parking signs across the city with new versions bearing the ParkChicago logo alerting drivers of the service's availability. The rollout will begin on streets in areas surrounding the pilot area and expand from there. New street signs displaying the ParkChicago logo will alert drivers to the service's availability.

Over the next several weeks, the program will tentatively roll out in the South Loop/near south side, West Loop, River West, near west side, River North, near north side, before being installed at all neighborhood meters this summer.

The roll out of ParkChicago - which allows drivers to conveniently pay to park using their mobile phone without having to visit a meter box, display a dashboard receipt or hurry back to feed the meter when their time is about to expire - will cover all of the city's metered spaces by the end of the summer.

The program was launched on April 15 in the West Loop neighborhood, from Washington Street to the north, Monroe Street to the south, Halsted Street to the east, and Racine Avenue to the west.

Meter boxes will remain in place and will take cash, credit, and debit cards.

The system will also send users text message reminders 10 minutes prior to the expiration of their parking session, and allow them to pay for more time remotely.

Android and iPhone users can download the free ParkChicago mobile app at the App Store or at Google Play. To learn more, visit www.ParkChicago.com.

The revised parking meter contract also includes free Sunday parking outside of the Central Business District. The City will also save approximately \$1 billion over the life of the parking meter concession by the reduction of an annual payment connected with changes to the City's parking meter system.

Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Honored With Mission: Lifeline Quality Achievement Award

Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center has received the Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Each year in the United States, approximately 250,000 people have a STEMI, or ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction, caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it is critical to immediately restore blood flow, either by surgically opening the blocked vessel or by giving clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Program helps hospitals, emergency medical services and communities improve response times so people who suffer from a STEMI receive prompt, appropriate treatment. The program's goal is to streamline systems of care to quickly get heart attack patients from the first 9-1-1 call to hospital treatment.

"Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our patients who suffer a heart attack, and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Program is helping us accomplish that goal through internationally respected clinical guidelines," said David Bordo, M.D., Chief Medical Officer. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication

and achievements in cardiac care, and I am very proud of our team."

"We commend Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center for this achievement award, which reflects a significant institutional commitment to improve the quality of care for their heart attack patients," said A. Gray Ellrodt, MD, Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Committee and Chief of Medicine at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass. "All too many heart attack patients in the United States still fail to receive appropriate treatment for their life-threatening condition within the recommended timeframes. We must all continue this important work to streamline and coordinate regional systems of care to save lives and prevent complications."

Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for the quick and appropriate treatment of STEMI patients to open the blocked artery. Before patients are discharged, they are started on aggressive risk reduction therapies such as cholesterol-lowering drugs, aspirin, ACE inhibitors and beta-blockers, and they receive smoking cessation counseling if needed. Eligible hospitals must adhere to these measures at a set level for a designated period to receive the awards.

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RTA Reminds Seniors And Persons With Disabilities To Activate Their Reduced Fare And Ride Free Cards

Magnetic Stripe Permits Will Not Be Accepted As of July 1

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is reminding seniors and people with disabilities to immediately activate their RTA Reduced Fare, Ride Free and ADA Paratransit Ventra permits. Beginning July 1, magnetic stripe permits will no longer be accepted on Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace buses and trains. Customers who still have a balance on their magnetic stripe RTA Reduced Fare and ADA Paratransit permits are encouraged to transfer their balances immediately to their new Ventra permits.

Seniors and people with disabilities who are enrolled in the RTA's Reduced Fare, Ride Free and ADA Paratransit programs should have received and activated their new Ventra permits. Permits can be activated by calling 877-450-5328. Customers who have not received their new Ventra permits should contact RTA Customer Service at 312-913-3110 immediately.

Ventra is hosting a series of balance transfer events throughout the region to assist riders in transferring any remaining balances from their magnetic stripe permits to their new Ventra permits. Customers can visit <https://www.ventrachicago.com/eventscalendar/> to view upcoming balance transfer events and read the balance transfer rules. A mail-in option is also available until September 1, to transfer balances from old Reduced Fare permits to new registered Ventra cards. Mail-in forms and instructions to transfer balances are available online at <http://www.transitchicago.com/mailintransfer>. Customers interested in enrolling in an RTA fare program can obtain an application on the RTA website at <http://rtachicago.org/fare-programs/fare-programs.html> or at the RTA Customer Service Center, 69 W. Washington St., Pedway Level, Chicago. Customers can also call RTA Customer Service at 312-913-3110 to have an application mailed to them.

Blackhawks to be honored by Ed Kelly Sports Program

Will Receive Muhammad Ali Athlete Award at 40th Annual Giant Awards Dinner

The Chicago Blackhawks will receive the Muhammad Ali Award at the 40th Annual Giants Awards Dinner Monday, June 30th at the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles. Others who have been honored over the years include Walter Payton, Bill Veeck, Jeremy Roenick, Pat Fitzgerald, Mark Giangreco and of course Muhammad Ali himself.

"We're breaking tradition a bit by honoring a team instead of an individual but the Blackhawks have brought two championships to the city in the last four years and a ton of excitement," said Kelly, former Chicago Park District Superintendent and founder of the Ed Kelly Sports Program.

Other honorees this year are Notre Dame basketball coach Mike Brey, Eli's Cheesecake owner Marc Shulman, Illinois State Senator John Cullerton, and businessmen Dominic DiFrisco, Tom Fitzgibbon Sr. and Luis Toledo.

For forty years the Ed Kelly Sports Program has honored individuals who have made significant professional and personal contributions to their respective communities. The program has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Chicago area charities and helped more than a quarter of a million children and adults participate in Ed Kelly Sports Program events.

Tickets for this year's dinner are now on sale. Please call 773-728-6300 to order.

Norwood Crossing Timely Talks Feature Topics Of General Interest To The Community

Knitting, model railroading, dental care, home sale preparation, gardening, Cubs/Sox rivalry, the Chicago Outfit, wellness, yoga, exercise, investments, estate planning, decorating secrets, gardening, eye care, retirement planning, wreathmaking, and many more have been some of the Timely Talk programs held over the years at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. This eclectic mix of interesting and educational subjects is currently offered to the public on the third Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the long-term care retirement community. When first held in 1997, programs were scheduled bimonthly but, as their popularity gained momentum, a monthly schedule was established.

"We've found that the Timely Talks are a great way to offer topics of general interest for the enlightenment and enrichment of the community," said Peter Lim, corporate director of marketing at Norwood Crossing. "The programs, most of which are held during the afternoon, do limit the audience to retired people and stay-at-home-moms and dads, but we feel these are the people who might have the time to take-in these offerings. During the summer months, we have held a limited number of programs in the evening, but these, too, run into scheduling conflicts."

Timely Talks are publicized in the local community newspapers and on *Next Door Old Norwood Park*, as well as on flyers distributed to individuals on mailing lists. Residents of local neighborhoods should watch these media outlets for information on upcoming programs.

"Not every program may pique your interest," said Lim, "but even if you attend one or two, you will be adding to your knowledge and maybe pick up a tip or two that can introduce you to a hobby, help you understand something better or maybe even save you some money. That is why there is so much variety. If you can spare the time, I urge you to take advantage of these free programs and get acquainted with presenters who often operate their own local business or are experts in their subjects."

For more information on the Timely Talk series, call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Free Lunch Program For Local Youth Begins June 11

Beginning **Wednesday, June 11**, free cold lunches will be served to youth age 1-18 on a first-come, first-served basis. Lunches will be available daily, Monday through Friday, until August 15, 2014. There will be no lunch service on Friday, July 4.

Lunch will be provided at the following sites: Mason Park, Church St. at Florence Ave.; James Park, located at the Fieldhouse west of the Levy Center at 300 Dodge Ave.; and the parks adjacent to Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St. and Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main St.

There are no residency or income-based restrictions to participate in the program. Free lunches are available to all youth, but lunches must be eaten on site and parents must accompany young children. Lunches are served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fleetwood-Jourdain and Mason Park, while lunches are served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Robert Crown and James Park.

The Summer Food Service Program is coordinated by the City of Evanston's Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center and funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture policy, this program is available to all eligible children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For more information, please call 847-448-8254.

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RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH

Resurrection College Prep High School Athletic Director Katie Kikos is pleased to announce that Coach Fred Angelini has been selected as the Head Varsity Coach for the Resurrection Softball program. Fred Angelini has been coaching at Resurrection for eleven years, as Varsity Cross Country Coach and as a Softball Coach. He has been coaching for a total of twenty-three years and has been coaching softball for eighteen years, including youth house softball and baseball in Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Pistols travel softball.



Resurrection's Head Varsity Softball Coach Fred Angelini

Coach Angelini's coaching philosophy is to educate and instruct the players during practice so they are prepared for any game situation. "A coach is an educator first, then a coach," said Angelini. "I enjoy coaching at Res because I enjoy teaching the game of softball and because of the connection and relationships that I have with the students and their families," said Coach Angelini. "High school sports and activities are memories the girls will carry with them forever. My goal is to make them positive memories."

As the Resurrection Junior Varsity softball coach, the JV team took Second Place five times during Coach Angelini's coaching career. Travel teams that he has coached have won tournaments at the 14U and 16U level. Angelini is an alumna of Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and was a member of the UW-Whitewater baseball team. Coach Angelini lives in Park Ridge with his family. His daughter Deanna Angelini is a 2007 graduate of Resurrection and was the shortstop on the 2007 softball team that went to the IHSA state quarter finals. Deanna played softball at Loras College. And his daughter Kat Angelini is a 2013 graduate of Resurrection, was a GCAC All-Conference player, and is currently playing softball at Loras College.

The coaching staff for the Resurrection College Prep 2014 Softball season also includes Brian Rybka as the Junior Varsity coach, Ashley Szyzka as the Assistant Varsity Coach and Pitching Coach, Dave Hoffman as the Freshmen Coach and George Bukowski as the Hitting Instructor and Assistant Freshman Coach. Coach Rybka has over 20 years of high school and college coaching experience, Coach Hoffman has been coaching for over 20 years and is currently the director of Park Ridge Pistols Softball and Coach Szyzka is a Resurrection alumna from the Class of 2008 and was the starting center fielder and a pitcher on the 2007 Resurrection "Elite 8" softball team. The coaching staff of the Resurrection College Prep High School softball program is looking forward to a great season.

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.

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MARK THE CALENDAR! DOWNTOWN SOUND RETURNS TO MILLENNIUM PARK, JUNE 2- AUG. 11

Downtown Sound, Millennium Park's popular Monday night music series makes its anticipated return beginning on June 2 at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. The series will continue on consecutive Monday evenings, June 2-August 11 (no concert July 28). The innovative series offers an eclectic mix of indie rock music and pop. Highlights of the series for 2014 include Omar Souleyman, Richard Thompson, and Robbie Fulks.

This year, the City of Chicago will mark Millennium Park's 10th Anniversary, May 26 – September 1. Join us for a summer-long celebration, 10 years in the making – featuring Downtown Sound, Loops and Variations and Made in Chicago music series, film series, workouts and so much more.

Millennium Park is located on Michigan Avenue, bordered by Randolph St. to the north, Columbus Dr. to the east and Monroe St. to the south. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage (entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph), Millennium Lakeside and Grant Park North.

Downtown Sound is presented by the

Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and sponsored by 93XRT, Chicago Tribune, Cliff Bar, Goose Island Beer Company, Millennium Garages and Southwest Airlines. For complete details on this and all Millennium Park Music Series news and events visit millenniumpark.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter @Millennium_Park.

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Working Media seeking to review or photograph the Downtown Sound concerts, should submit their requests in writing to Jamey Lundblad at Jamey.lundblad@cityof-chicago.org. Please identify the concert, the media for which you reviewing or photographing and contact information, phone and email. News crews are limited to shooting only five minutes of music performance.

Thank you for supporting the Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade!



Thank you to all who attended the Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade. Memorial Day Parade was established to honor the men and women of the United States who died in pursuit of freedom and peace. We thank all the attendees & supporters and we remember to honor those who continue to secure our nation's freedom. May we solemnly remember and celebrate the freedom they have given us. Thank you, The Memorial Day Parade Committee

Milwaukee Avenue Arts Fest, June 27 - 29, to Transform Logan Square into Chicago's Biggest Art District

Full Music Lineup, Visual Artists & More Announced!

The 6th annual Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival (MAAF) is unlike any other neighborhood festival this summer. The three-day cultural event transforms Logan Square into a pop-up art district, with a diverse collection of local and national-touring bands, food vendors and interactive family activities mixed in. Presented by I AM Logan Square, MAAF takes place in the heart of Logan Square (on Milwaukee Ave from Kedzie to the intersection of Diversey and Kimball) on June 27th, 28th, and 29th.

It's only at MAAF where the city's most talented folks in the arts congregate for one weekend. The one-of-a-kind street fair features: dozens of visual artists, two stages of live music, pop-up art galleries, and food from the neighborhood's finest restaurants - including Reno and sangria from Lula Cafe. In case someone comes without an appetite, they can work one up at one of MAAF's exciting interactive activities or walking the pop-up gallery route.

For more info, info@imalogansquare.com or visit <http://www.milwaukeeavenuearts-festival.org>. The Media Contact (for interviews or press photos): Jody Grimaldi, Traffic PR & Marketing, Inc. 630/470-0044 - jody@trafficpr.net

MAYOR EMANUEL, PARK DISTRICT AND CHICAGO SCULPTURE INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCE CHICAGO TREE PROJECT TO TURN DEAD TREES INTO PUBLIC ART

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the Chicago Park District and Chicago Sculpture International today announce the Chicago Tree Project, which will commission local artists to turn dead or dying trees that are infested with Emerald Ash Borer or other bugs and diseases into living public art.

"Chicago is one of the world's greatest arts and culture capitals, and every Chicagoan should have the opportunity to experience art and culture, no matter their zip code," said Mayor Emanuel. "The Chicago Tree Project joins programs like Sculpture on the Boulevards, Night Out in the Parks and installations of public art along the lakefront to bring art directly to Chicago residents."

The Chicago Tree Project uses art as vehicle for community engagement throughout Chicago parks and creates unique opportunities for citizens to celebrate the beauty of nature. Each Chicago Tree Project artist aims to create an impact on the neighborhood and park visitors.

The project is part of Mayor Emanuel's efforts to bring public art to neighborhoods across Chicago and fits into his citywide vision for art and culture, as outlined under the Chicago Cultural Plan.

Artist J. Taylor Wallace began to carve a Honey Locust tree in McGuane Park on May 15th. His whimsical, ascending spiral concept is intended to compliment the tree's natural form and growth pattern. The carving-intensive project is expected to take a few weeks to complete.

Currently on display in Jackson Park is "Flock" by Margot McMahon. This elm tree, which is more than 125 years old, consists of hanging a cast/sculpted owl with other song birds from the elm tree limbs.

Last fall, through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, 10 qualified local artists were selected to transform deceased or dying tree shafts throughout Chicago. The concepts proposed by the artists selected to create public art from these trees range from carved tree shafts to additive concepts that will use a variety of materials.

Patrons can expect to see carved or artistically modified trees over the next several months at parks including Washington, Marquette, McGuane, Armour Square, Humboldt, Olympia and Riis.



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GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL EXPANDS "FESTIVAL CONNECT" INCREASING MUSIC EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES

Festival brings a renewed focus to the neighborhoods with performances by the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus, Project Inclusion and Apprentice Chorale and the return of Classical Campers

As part of its 80th Anniversary season, the Grant Park Music Festival, the nation's only free, summer-long outdoor classical music series of its kind, will expand its comprehensive initiative aimed to increase music education and engagement opportunities for audiences of all ages. Entitled **Festival Connect**, the initiative will complement the Festival's ten week concert series at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago's Millennium Park, June 11—August 16, 2014.

Working together with the Chicago Park District's *Night Out in the Parks* program, the Grant Park Music Festival will increase the number of concerts it performs at Chicago Park District venues throughout the city. Music lovers will have a chance to hear the renowned Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus, as well as the Festival's *Project Inclusion* string quartet and *Apprentice Chorale*, at a variety of unique and historic settings this summer.

A cornerstone of **Festival Connect** will be *Classical Campers*, an arts immersion program that brings 1,400 young people to Millennium Park each season for an introduction to classical music, as part of an ongoing collaboration with the Chicago Park District.

Additional music education outreach includes a weekly pre-concert series on Friday nights by young

music students from Chicago, a pre-concert lecture series on Saturday nights providing an in-depth look at the Festival's programs, and open lunchtime rehearsals and docent talks Tuesday through Friday afternoons.

A complete listing of **Festival Connect** programs is below. For more information about the Grant Park Music Festival, visit gpmf.org or call 312.742.7638. For additional information, visit the Grant Park Music Festival Facebook page or follow the Festival on Twitter @gpmf.

Grant Park Orchestra at the South Shore Cultural Center

Led by guest conductor, Mei-Ann Chen, the Grant Park Orchestra will perform at the magnificent landmark, the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive, on Friday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include Holst's beloved orchestral suite, *The Planets*, along with *Dances in the Canbrakes*, by Florence Price, the first African American woman in the United States to be recognized as a symphonic composer.

Grant Park Chorus in the Neighborhoods

Christopher Bell and the Grant Park Chorus will reach new audiences by bringing *Choral Splendor*, a program of a cappella music, to two Chicago Park District facilities: the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive, on Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and the Columbus Park Refectory, 5701 W. Jackson Boulevard, overlooking the grounds designed by landscape architect Jens Jensen, on Sunday, July 20 at 3 p.m.

Project Inclusion

For the second year, the Festival will partner with the Chicago Sinfonietta on Project Inclusion, a professional development program that guides young minority musicians in their career, with a goal of increasing diversity among orchestral ensembles. After a rigorous audition process, four string musicians—Maria Arrua (violin), Kyle Dickson (violin), Marlea Simpson (viola) and Victor Sotelo (cello)—have been selected to spend their summer rehearsing and performing with Carlos Kalmar and the Grant Park Orchestra.

In addition to Millennium Park, the fellows from Project Inclusion will perform at the following locations:

- Tuesday, June 24, 7 p.m., Hamilton Park, 513 W. 72nd Street
- Tuesday, July 1, 7 p.m., Austin Town Hall Park, 5610 W. Lake Street
- Tuesday, July 8, 7 p.m., Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie Avenue
- Monday, July 14, 7 p.m., Mozart Park, 2036 N. Avers Avenue
- Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m., Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Avenue
- Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m., Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Road

29TH CHICAGO GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL HEADLINERS ANNOUNCED

FREE admission festival is June 27-29 and will showcase renowned gospel music artists.

The 29th Chicago Gospel Music Festival, presented by the Black McDonald's Operators Association (BMOA) and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), is June 27-29. Highlights of the festival will include performances by renowned gospel music artists who are part of the McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour on Saturday, June 28.

The festival will kick off with FREE entertainment at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) on Friday, June 27, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and continue on to Ellis Park on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. The weekend portion of the festival will feature two stages of FREE live music in Ellis Park (37th and Cottage Grove) which is located in Chicago's historic Bronzeville neighborhood—the birthplace of gospel music. The full schedule, including headliners for Sunday, June 29, will be released at a later date.

Scheduled for Saturday, June 28, is the McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour featuring Kurt Carr, Mississippi Mass Choir, Anthony Brown & Group Therapy, Uncle Reece and Moses Tyson, Jr. Saturday's festivities will be hosted by vocalist Erica Campbell and comedian Jonathan Slocumb. The McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour performances will begin at 5 p.m. on the main stage.

As a GMA Dove Award winner, Kurt Carr joins his mentors Richard Smallwood and Rev. James Cleveland as one of the most celebrated gospel music artists of our time. With the formation of his own gospel music group, the Kurt Carr Singers, Carr's talent as a leader, gospel pianist and musical director come together for a joyful sound.

Putting Mississippi on the map as a premiere destination for gospel music lovers is the Mississippi Mass Choir. Since their conception 10 years ago, the choir has won numerous awards including 15 Stellar Awards, two GMA Dove Awards and many more. Touring the word in song and ministry, the Mississippi Mass Choir promotes nothing less than excellence with an uplifting force.

The mastermind behind Billboard's 2013 Top Gospel Song "Testimony" is no other than contemporary gospel ensemble Anthony Brown & Group Therapy. As recent recipients of two Stellar Awards, the ensemble has released multiple tracks that have garnered them recognition for their diverse and exceptional artistry.

Coming to the music scene with a unique style of clothing and music is hip-hop gospel artist Uncle Reece. Combining the styling and influence of music icons Outkast, Bob Marley and others, Reece's music is born of an authentic place of worship. His T-shirt company, "Without Jesus I Suck!" has garnered national attention, featured on FOX-TV and CNN and with renowned artists such as Tye Tribbett and Mali Music wearing his designs—a remarkable feat for an independent artist.

Gospel Music's Greatest Living Organist is how Moses Tyson, Jr. refers to himself. The California native grew up in the church and started to play the organ at the age of 12 and, since then, he has been unstoppable. His reputation as a hard worker and for outstanding performance landed him the position as the spokesperson for Hammond Organ Company and a nomination for the Stellar Award.

The Chicago Gospel Music Festival is presented by the Black McDonald's Operators Association (BMOA) and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, and sponsored in part by the McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour, American Family Insurance, Aquafina, Chicago Sky, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Tribune, Communications Direct, Inspiration 1390 AM, LaGrou Distribution and Pepsi.

The festival's complete lineup including performances at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) will be announced in May. For the latest information on the Chicago Gospel Music Festival including artist information, visit chicagogospelmusicfestival.us, like us on Facebook at Chicago Gospel Music Festival or follow us on Twitter @ChicagoDCASE (#ChiGospelMusic).

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July 26, 8:00 pm **Mike Toomey Live!**

August

August 2, 8:00 pm **Close to You**
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Don't Overlook Personal Property When Creating Your Estate Plan



Chester M. Przybylo

Planning for all of life's contingencies is a difficult task, yet one which must be attempted. This is especially true when dealing with your death. Prudence suggests that you create an effective Estate Plan delineating your wishes as to the care of your minor children, your burial arrangements, and the disposition of your assets, to name a few. However, even people who meticulously prepare their Estate Plans often overlook their personal property, which can cause problems. Here's an example of how things can go wrong: Several years ago, a widower passed away. He thought he planned out every detail of what would happen after he was gone. He had family discussions about how his major assets were to be divided, but the widower never considered his personal property in his plan.

His children are still not talking to each other because of disagreements regarding how to distribute items that were dear to them. The daughters were especially embittered over their mother's art collection. Friends and relatives demanded furniture and tools that they claimed the widower had promised them. The family remains divided.

In addition, the executor of the widower's estate faced an overwhelming task. Past financial records were mixed with correspondence, other documents, and photos. Everything was stored in paper sacks. It took the executor over six months of tedious work to go through the papers and documents. The widower's family and the executor suffered hardship and anger that could have been avoided had the widower paid as much attention to his personal property as he did to his other property.

Other problems can also arise from ignoring personal property in preparing and maintaining your Estate Plan. Often, family or friends quickly take personal items before the estate is settled. This can be a significant hindrance in assessing the estate's value, especially if items of substantial value are taken before a proper inventory is conducted.

Luckily, with proper planning, these complications can be avoided. For example, an elderly couple took steps to ensure such disputes were kept to minor arguments. The couple created a proper Estate Plan with a Living Trust and Health Care Powers of Attorney. They categorized all of their assets and discussed their complete financial status and necessary actions with the child who lived closest to them. They discussed their personal property with their family and close friends, learning each one's preferences for personal items. The couple took an inventory indicating who was to receive each piece of personal property. They made copies of certain photos and family documents, and designated who would retain the original. They referred to this handwritten and signed inventory in their Estate Plan.

The husband and wife passed away within a short time of each other. The estate was distributed without incident. Family and friends were thrilled the couple had thought enough of them to include them in the dispensation of their personal property.

With some effort on your part, you too can minimize the complications that could arise after you're gone. To accomplish this, you can create a legally enforceable document assigning items of importance to someone by name and note how items not designated for anyone should be disbursed. For example, the elderly couple directed that all of their clothing be given to the Salvation Army. In addition, you may want to address what will happen should an item mentioned in the document no longer be a part of your estate at your death.

For the document to be legally enforceable in most states, it should be handwritten, signed and referenced to in your main estate planning documents, such as your Will or Trust. You may also want to include a photo with your inventory, or make a video inventory, describing the objects as you film them and stating who should be the recipient.

As with every aspect of your Estate Plan, you should seek the assistance of a qualified expert in estate planning to make sure your plan is legally acceptable and meets your desires. Additionally, communicate with your executor or trustee, your family and other loved ones to make sure everyone knows your desires. You can choose how your personal property will be distributed. You can ignore it and force those you leave behind to decide how to distribute items of a personal nature as the widower did. Or, like the elderly couple, you can be prepared and minimize resentment and frustration among family and friends.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

Public speaker Catherine Johns, the former radio host, is now an author. In her book "Show Up and Shine: Simple Steps to Boost Your Confidence and Charisma" Catherine explains how to create more confidence and become more magnetic in your personal & business life.

Lou Malnati's: The Son Also Rises

Marc Malnati of Lou Malnati's Pizzeria just received the Executive of the Year award at the Public Relations Society of America 2014 Skyline Awards. Marc is the son of the legendary Lou Malnati.



Mayor Emanuel Announces City Reaches Halfway Point of 100-Mile Goal for Protected Bike Lanes by 2015

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is halfway finished with the plan to install 100 miles of protected bike lanes by 2015, and is on track to achieve that milestone by early next year.

"Improving our bicycling facilities is critical to creating the quality of life in Chicago that attracts businesses and families to the city," Mayor Emanuel said. "We are making Chicago the most bike-friendly city in the United States."

Twenty more miles of protected bike lanes will be installed this spring and summer, with the remaining 30 miles in design phase and planned for installation later this year and early 2015.

In 2013, CDOT installed 31 miles of new or restriped facilities, including 19 miles of protected bike lanes, bringing the number of protected bike lanes installed in Chicago since Mayor Emanuel came into office in May 2011 to 49 miles.

Chicago's bikeways now total more than 207 miles, according to CDOT's report, 2013 Bikeways - Year In Review, which was released today.

"Chicago is a national leader in building new and improved cycling facilities and setting a new standard for other cities to follow," said CDOT Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld. "We are looking forward to continuing our bikeways construction efforts this summer to make Chicago the best cycling city in America."

Bikeways achievements in 2013 include:

- Chicago's first Neighborhood Greenway on Berteau Avenue
- Bicycle-friendly treatments on three bridges
- Installation of 12 bike corrals
- 35,000 cyclists counted in monthly biking data collection events
- Installation of 300 Divvy bike-share stations

In addition to installing new lanes, maintenance of existing facilities continued as well. A total of 8.75 miles of existing bike facilities were restriped in 2013. Ensuring the existing bike-way network is in good condition is just as important as installing new facilities.

The 31 miles of new and restriped bike facilities in 2013 include:

- Four miles of new barrier-protected lanes on Canal, Halsted and State Streets, Milwaukee and Vincennes Avenues
- 15 miles of new buffer-protected lanes on Archer Avenue, Wells Street and U.S. Route 41
- 1 mile of neighborhood greenway
- 2.25 miles of new standard bike lanes or marked shared lanes
- 8.75 miles of restriped bike lanes

Beginning this spring and working through the summer, CDOT will install five more miles of barrier-protected bike lanes, including:

- Broadway, from Montrose to Foster Avenues
- Harrison Street, from Desplaines Street to Wabash Avenue
- Lake Street, from Austin Boulevard to Central Park Avenue

Fifteen more miles of buffer-protected bike lanes will also be installed beginning this spring, including:

- California Avenue, from Augusta Boulevard to North Avenue
- Halsted Street, from 31st to 26th Streets
- Stony Island Avenue, from 63rd to 56th Streets

Thirty more miles of bikeways projects are currently in design, and are scheduled for installation in late 2014 and early 2015, including:

- Clybourn Avenue, from Division Street to North Avenue
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What Will I Do This Summer

By Terri Fedonczak

Life Coach, Parent Counselor and Author of *Field Guide to Plugged-In Parenting, Even if You Were Raised by Wolves Field Guide To Plugged-in Parenting* • www.girlpowerforgood.com

Flowers are blooming, and birds are chirping. Bare legs are blinding us with their unearthly glow. This can only mean one thing: summer is on its way! Remember when thoughts of summer were filled with ice cream and lazy afternoons? Not anymore. Now it's, "Mother of Pearl, what am I going to do with my kids?" That lazy afternoon turns into a horror movie, with zombie kids following you around the house whining that they're bored. Or worse, latchkey kids calling you at work to see if they can dry the cat in the microwave. Since we can't take off work for the summer or work in the house with screaming kids, what do we do?

When I googled Summer Child Care, I got 33,600,000 hits. Good Grief, how do we make the perfect choice? First of all, lose the idea that you can make the perfect choice, because there are no perfect choices. Parenting is a job where you're building the plane as you fly it. That being said, here are a few tips for making the right choice for YOUR family.

- 1. First, calm yourself:** This decision produces fear, because there are so many options—or your options are limited. Both stories produce stress in the thinker. Remember, they are just stories. You will make much better decisions from a place of calm. When you feel the stress levels rising, take three deep belly breaths. Right now, put your palm on your belly button and breathe slowly and deeply so that you make your hand move outward. Then do that two more times. Feel your pulse rate drop and your shoulders come out of your ears. Doesn't that feel better?
- 2. Treat the problem like a puzzle or a mystery with you as lead detective:** We make much better decisions when we engage our creative mind to help us sort through options. When we are stressed out, we are in fight or flight mode. All of our blood is in our extremities, preparing us to do battle or to flee, so our brain can't work properly. If you can treat this decision like a puzzle with a solution that you just can't see yet, then you can get creative without feeling overwhelmed. Assemble the clues or pieces of the childcare puzzle, and then put on your creative hat to find the solution that works best for your family.
- 3. Ask for help:** This is where your friends and co-workers can step in to help. Ask them what they are doing with their kids this summer. If they aren't knowledgeable, go to your school's guidance counselor or your church's child care program to ask for recommendations. Ask your boss about the possibility of summer hours; you will never know until you ask. Go in armed with a plan that benefits your boss as well, and then release the outcome. Your boss will be more open to options if you're not needy and desperate when you ask.
- 4. Use baby steps:** This is a big decision, and it may seem overwhelming. Use baby steps to acquire the necessary information to make an informed choice. A baby step is the most ridiculously easy step you can take in the next 5 minutes. Set your phone alarm for 5 or 10 minutes while you search for "summer child care options" on the internet or make a phone call to a friend. When the alarm goes off, bookmark or jot down the options, and then stop. You're done for this baby step session. When any task feels too big, break it down into smaller steps.
- 5. You determine when it's okay to leave them home alone:** Just because the law says that your 11 year old can stay home alone doesn't mean it's the right decision for you. Every kid is different. I used the guideline that when my kid was old enough to responsibly handle baby-sitting jobs with ease, then they were ready to stay home alone. For my eldest, this was at age 11 (she could also have held down a job and planned a dinner party at 11! That's why she now holds a big-time production job; the kid is a rock). With my middle child, it was 14, with lots of telephone supervision from me. If you're leaving your kids at home, make sure you have a plan for check-in times as well as activities/chores for the day. Make the plan together, so that they take ownership of the decision. This will teach them independence and accountability; two things all parents want for their children.
- 6. Use your own family values to guide you:** Don't feel pressure to be just like everyone else; do what feels right to you! If your family values are centered in creativity, sending your kid to a structured math camp is not the best choice for you, regardless of how prestigious it is. Maybe an afterschool program that focuses on art would be a better fit. Figure out what's important to your family values, and make a decision that feels right in your gut.
If you follow the above steps, you will make the right decision for you and your kids, regardless of their age and your circumstances. Keep gathering information and asking for help, until you reach a decision that feels good to you; then accept it and move on. Waffling on a decision produces stress and wastes energy that you could be using for a higher purpose. We only have so much energy every day; wasting it by worrying is counter-productive. All we can do as a parent is to make the best decision right now given the information that we have. It won't be perfect, because nothing ever is, but if it's made from a calm loving place, then you and your kids will be just fine.

Maifest Fundraiser Big Success!

A big thank you to all the attendees, volunteers and staff who made Maifest a record breaking fundraiser! We had great weather and on day one, sold 12 more kegs than our best year and on day three were just a few shy of our best Saturday.

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Tree Identification Book from the Arbor Day Foundation Helps People Identify Tree Species in Illinois

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees in Illinois and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"Our *What Tree Is That?* Pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

What Tree Is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name, address and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree Is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at arborday.org.

Chicago Public Library Kicks Off Summer Learning Challenge

"Explore & Roar" Theme Will Engage Kids in STEM Initiatives

Chicago kids will combine reading with ecosystems, animals, and pets for an engaging program this summer, kicking off June 9, 2014. Kids can "Explore and Roar" as Chicago Public Library teams up with CPS, Chicago Park District, Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, and The Anti-Cruelty Society for the Summer Learning Challenge.

Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge is an eight week summer learning program to encourage children to read, discover and create at the Library. This free program runs June 9 – August 2 and children are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes a day for a total of 300 minutes or more.

Those who complete 300 minutes and other learning activities will receive prizes courtesy of the Chicago Public Library Foundation and will be entered to win an e-reader, in addition to earning City of Learning badges. Fun programs will be held throughout the challenge with our partner agencies as a part of Chicago City of Learning, www.explorechi.org.

Children can lose academic knowledge and skills over the summer. The Summer Learning Challenge not only helps build literacy by promoting reading at least 20 minutes a day, but ensures Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) skills are cultivated during the summer months through the specially designed Rahm's Readers Explorer Guide.

For the first time, the Library is introducing an early literacy component for age 0-5 years. Early readers age 0-5 need to have at least 1,000 stories read aloud to them before they are able to learn to read. Young children are encouraged to read, or be read to, for 20 minutes per day and will receive an age-appropriate activity log. Meant to encourage critical early literacy skills, this is a parent and child together piece available in English, Spanish, Mandarin and Polish.

Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge will also include a teen-specific reading program and summer journal for ages 14-18. Also in line with the animal theme, the teen summer challenge will be called "Make Your Imprint."

Summer Learning Challenge "Explore and Roar" materials and more information can be found at local branches and on our website at chipubliclib.org/rahmsreaders.

Since 1873, the Chicago Public Library (CPL) has encouraged lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through innovative services and programs, as well as cutting-edge technology. Through its 80 locations, the Library provides free access to a rich collection of materials, both physical and digital, and presents the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children, teens and adults. CPL recently received the Social Innovator Award from Chicago Innovation Awards; won a National Medal for Library Services from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and was ranked number one in the U.S. and third in the world by an international study of major urban libraries conducted by the Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf in Germany. For more information, visit chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library at (312) 747-4050.

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June 3 – October 28; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Weekly Neighborhood Markets

TUESDAYS

*Lincoln Square

(Lincoln/Leland/Western)

June 3 – October 28; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Devon Community Night Market -

New Market

(2720 W. Devon Ave.)

July 9 – September 10; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Argyle Night Market

*Daley Plaza

(Washington & Dearborn)

May 15 – October 30; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Willis Tower

(233 S. Wacker Dr.)

June 26 – October 30; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Argyle & Sheridan Rd.)

July 10 – September 4; 5-9 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Lincoln Park

(Armitage & Orchard)

May 10 – October 25; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Northcenter

(Belle Plaine/Damen/Lincoln)

June 14 – October 25; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

*MARKET ACCEPTS LINK

Skokie Farmers' Market Starts this Sunday!

Visit the Skokie Farmers' Market opening on Sunday, June 15, 2014. The Market will be open every Sunday through Sunday, October 26, 2014. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The Market is relocating back to the west half of the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

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

Sponsored by the Consumer Affairs Commission, there will be some new vendors and other fun surprises at this year's Farmers' Market for families. Visit www.skokie.org or see the June/July edition of NewSkokie for details.

For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market contact Terry Oline, Market Manager, at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org.

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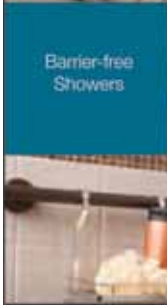


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