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ED KELLY SPORTS FOUNDATION'S 40TH ANNUAL GIANT AWARDS DINNER

More than 700 people were on hand for the Ed Kelly Sports Foundation's 40th Annual Giant Awards Dinner June 30th at the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles. Kelly, the former Chicago Park District General Superintendent and long-time 40th Ward Committeeman, has run his sports foundation since 1974 and during that time it has honored hundreds of local celebrities, sports stars and politicians and it has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to youth and senior recreational facilities. Special guests at this year's event



Luis Toledo, President & CEO of Midwest Moving & Storage receives the Harry Kempf Business Award. Left to right are Kempf, owner of the Chicago Brauhaus Restaurant in Lincoln Square, Toledo, Jose Reyes of IBEW Local 1031, and Peter O'Brien, owner of O'Brien's Restaurant in Old Town and President of the Ed Kelly Sports Foundation.



Closing remarks given by Ed Kelly.

included Gale Sayers, John Cullerton, Carol Marin, Marc Schulman, Bobby Hull and others.

Bernie DiMeo, the submitter of this article and one of the evening's emcees, presented Ed Kelly with a Chicago Park District sign that would rename Seward Park, where Kelly grew up, to Kelly Park. DiMeo and his business partner Robin Boesen are spearheading a move to make this happen.

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Read Bill to See Where Taxes Go, Including for TIFs, Pappas Says

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today that property owners would be receiving bills that show where their tax dollars are going, including for the first time how much of a payment is for a Tax Increment Financing District.

"It takes a little study, but if you read your bill you will have a better understanding of what's behind it," said Pappas, whose office this week mailed bills for the Second Installment of Tax Year 2013, with a due date of August 1, 2014.

Bills carry taxes from seven to 20 local governments – taxing districts – and show how much owed goes to each. These bills now will show how much of the amount owed will go to a TIF, a taxing district which receives revenues for a fund to finance development. About 220,000 of Cook County's nearly 1.8 million bills will include TIF data.

Pappas said further information is on her website at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

Jefferson Park Meeting

The guest speaker for the next meeting of the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, JPNA, will be July 30th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at 5320 W. Giddings, lower level auditorium, will be a speaker from C.U.B., the Citizens Utility Board. There will be a question and answer period where questions involving energy companies, phone companies and all Utility companies can be asked. All meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments. Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering for Jeff Fest, The Farmers Sunday Market, Olive's Garden for the Hungry or TIF/Zoning Task Force, you can sign up at the meeting. Jeff Fest Volunteers get in free.

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The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, August 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education. For more information call 773-794-8329.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, August 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Rita Vercreysee, R.N., will discuss depression. Registration not required.

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

COMMON SENSE

DRRRRRONES!!

In the future, drones are going to rise in number and will be used on growing levels. In the interest of our Country, drones have been used to take out many of our enemies – top level enemies through precise targeting of those individuals and locations.

However, the results have not been limited to those enemies we have intentionally targeted, but have included innocents, as well. This, we are told, apparently cannot be avoided.

Drones will eventually be obtained by many others, and in many cases by our enemies, inside and outside of our borders. If they target one of "their" enemies, let's

say, at a café or shop in one of our neighborhoods, what will happen? They will hit and take-out their target as well as those whose description has been identified as "collateral damage".

Call it what you wish, but an innocent American Family may be that "collateral damage" and lose their lives through a means that cannot be exactly controlled. We need to establish and pass a law to prevent this dangerous trend from expanding so as to prevent the possibility of this residual outcome from happening.

In future editions of this paper, we will be covering issues pertaining to this subject.

Priority Seating is for People with Disabilities and Older Adults

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) joins the more than 37 million Americans with disabilities in celebrating the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The law, signed by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990, guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, state and local government service and communications.

The region's accessible transit system provides a vital link to community activities for people with disabilities and older adults. A primary goal of the ADA legislation is to enable people with disabilities to have equal access to fixed route bus and rail service so that they can fully participate in daily life activities such as work, education, shopping, recreation and other trips most of us take

for granted.

A simple red, white and blue sign labeled "Priority Seating" appears on CTA, Pace and Metra vehicles throughout the RTA service area stating: "Priority Seating is for customers with disabilities and seniors. Please move when requested." Blue and white decals clearly mark specific priority seating areas and locations for people using wheelchairs.

"If you are sitting in a priority seating area, please offer your seat to someone who needs it when they board the bus or train," says RTA Acting Executive Director Leanne Redden. "As we celebrate this anniversary, the RTA reminds riders that 'priority seating' on the region's buses and trains is intended for people with disabilities and older adults. Please be considerate and offer your seat."

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An Incredible Weekend Of Our Popular Greek Cuisine, Continuous Entertainment And Fun For The Whole Family

By Anastasia E. Weaver

We have been planning for the past several months not only to provide our guests with an awesome weekend but offer some of the best of our Greek Cuisine and a star-studded entertainment program for the whole family. Join us at St. Demetrios Church as we are about to celebrate the 86th anniversary of our parish in this community. We will open our doors to the 65th Annual Greekfest on Friday, August 15 at Noon. We extend an invitation to all! Bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy an incredible three-day escape weekend August 15, 16, 17, without the cost of an expensive plane fare to Greece. St. Demetrios is located in the far north section of Lincoln Square nestled next to Swedish Covenant Hospital on a quiet residential street exactly where this parish got its start in 1928. The undaunted spirit and dreams of those early founders continues with the same passion as each new generation takes the helm to continue the work of our parish. St. Demetrios being a living entity continues its growth and beauty. Many improvements and changes have taken place at St. Demetrios Church over the years and much more needs to be done to our aging building. We all recognize, however, that our nation is in difficult economic times which has affected many of our faithful and community and has delayed some of our dreams for improving our church building for the time being. But our dreams are not extinguished. The flame is still very bright. Our Greek ethnic background and the dreams of our founders is still strong and provides us with the passion for food, passion for living and passion

for our church, families and friends.

One thing we know for sure, the clergy, parish council members, church staff, parishioners young and not-so-young, and all the friends of St. Demetrios and everyone surrounding this large family of our church is pitching in to help whether with donations or volunteering service wherever needed. The love and undaunted spirit within this community is still shining brightly onto the path of future generations. One thing I may have forgotten to mention, we also have a passion for music and dance – just take a look at our star studded continuous entertainment program we have planned for our guests.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, this year the doors of our Festival will open at Noon, following the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Repose of the Holy Mother of our Lord. Join us for lunch. Featured entertainment – 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. come and enjoy the exciting music of the **NORTH-SIDE** – Rock ‘n roll group that grew up and got their start right here at St. Demetrios’ Miller Center (then known as the Grand Hall) back in the 80’s. On Stage: Chris Stamos/ drums, Bob Spiliotis/ Bass, Louie Kritikos/Lead-Guitar, George Skoubis/Guitar and Keyboards and Rebecca Bolluyt-Pressas/Vocals & Keyboards. They will be joined by their offspring “Future Northside” as well as “Jenny Rockis”.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY August 16 -17 you will enjoy the incomparable **JOHN LINARDAKIS BAND** under the direction of John



Linardakis (vocal and bouzouki) along with accomplished musicians which includes Andreas Georges (keyboards and vocal), Nick Gerakaris

(guitar), Mike Kantzavelos (drums), and Eve Monzingo (clarinet, flute). They will be performing Greek and American dance and listening music for our guests’ pleasure. Don’t forget to bring your dancing shoes. Everyone is welcome. The music is extraordinary. Featured guest artist Saturday night during the dinner hour is the legendary **Johnny Vargas**, Trumpet/vocals. When Johnny Vargas returned from military service in Korea in 1953 he joined the Jimmy Palmer Big Band in Las Vegas. He then formed his own dance band and became the house band at many Chicago spots. He has played many years with the George Delis and the John Linardakis bands. Currently performing with the Les Pace Band in Elgin, Johnny, is also a vocalist, plays trumpet and flugel horn and is renowned for his jazz and Latin styles. Come and enjoy the talent and the great musical entertainment. At 8:30 p.m. enjoy the now popular **Neolea Hellenic Dance Group** followed by the **Hellas Dance Troupe** at 9:00 p.m. Come and enjoy their exciting music and dance with their colorful Ethnic dress – you will think you are back in Athens under their star lit skies and balmy weather.

Sunday night appearing on a return engagement with the **JOHN LINARDAKIS BAND** guest artist **Ms. Carol Loverde** Soprano and associate professor of music at Columbia College in Chicago. Ms. Loverde is a specialist in chamber music of many genres. At 8:30 p.m. you will have the pleasure of our featured dance group for the evening, our very own and very popular and exciting Solon Dance Group.

Saturday and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. all kids will have an opportunity to enjoy our now popular and fun Kiddie Craft classroom under the direction of Ms. Catherine. They will also enjoy Clown, Puppet Shows, rides, games and much more. Don’t forget to take a stroll through our **GREEK MARKETPLACE (AGORA)** just like it was in Ancient Athens at the Foot of the Acropolis...but our Marketplace is in air-conditioned comfort in the Miller Center (Grand Hall). You may also enjoy a **TOUR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH** and the treasure of Byzantine Iconography throughout. Tour hours are listed in our Program Book. Our tour guide, Mr. George, is always ready to answer any questions you might have about the Byzantine Iconography or our church. **KALOS ORISATE – WELCOME** to our **CHURCH FESTIVAL**. For further information call the church office at 773-561-5992 or visit our website: www.stdemetrios-greekfest.com

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Visit the Skokie Police Explorer Car Wash

The Skokie Police Explorers, Post 300, host their annual car wash fundraiser on Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Skokie Police Headquarters parking lot, 7300 Niles Center Road. A \$5 donation is suggested per vehicle.

The Explorers is a division of the Boy Scouts of America and the carwash proceeds will fund the annual Scouts membership.

For more information about the Skokie Police Explorers or the carwash please contact the Crime Prevention Division at 847/982-5919.

Statement From Mayor Emanuel On The Approved Wrigley Field Plans

The plan approved today for Wrigley Field is a step forward for the Cubs and the neighborhood. Not only does it uphold the architectural heritage of the stadium that Chicagoans can enjoy, but it will generate thousands of jobs. I fully expect the owners to initiate the restoration of Wrigley Field and to invest in the surrounding Wrigleyville area, including traffic flow, security and public parks. In addition, discussions with the rooftop owners should - and must - continue so that this plan remains a win-win.

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Sauganash Mural Project



One wall (out of two) of the Sauganash Mural Project.

Mural Project by 4315 W. Peterson. Most of these murals are on the walls of expressway or railroad underpasses, whereas the Sauganash mural is on the walls under abandoned railroad property that's now a bike trail/pedestrian path. This mural was completed last year and now the residents want to preserve their history on film. A documentary will tell the story of the mural from start to finish. It will include details about how a community of donors & volunteers - including special guest volunteer Hanna Codreanu (age 10) from Niles - made it happen with the Chicago Public Art Group. It will also explain images that represent the past/present/future of Sauganash. The videographer will be Grace Carini whose family has lived locally for over 50 years. Grace is volunteering her time and she has already worked on a film at the legendary Cannes Film Festival. Grace will work with Karen Hand-Harper who actually came up with the idea of making the video. Karen has experience in documentaries and radio and she will be invite the public to the film debut later this year. The Sauganash area is mostly bordered by Pulaski-Devon-Cicero-Bryn Mawr.

Our readers have told us about several "Mural Projects" that are currently in progress, or already completed, including the now-finished Sauganash



A "file photo" of 12 of the organizers & workers & volunteers.

Sr Anne Medal & Principal's Award Established at Resurrection

The Sr. Anne Medal of Distinction in Faith, Leadership and Service recognizes a student who exemplifies the values of Resurrection College Prep and its founder, Sr. Anne Strzelecka, C.R., who founded the school in 1922.

To qualify for this award and receive the medal of distinction at graduation, the candidate must demonstrate academic excellence, participate in faith related service and leadership in school and parish, participate in a minimum 90 volunteer hours that directly affect those in need, serve effectively in leadership roles during high school, be nominated by a member of the faculty and receive two other letters of support. Each student must also meet with the review board to share her beliefs regarding the call to leadership and service and the place these calls have had and will continue to have in her life. The Sr. Anne Medal was presented by Resurrection President Sr. Donna Marie Wolowicki, C.R. to Sarah Ryan (Niles, 60714) and Rachel Gotsch (60631). While at Resurrection Sarah and Rachel both actively provided service and leadership in the school, in their parish and in the wider community. Sarah will be attending Rhodes College where she plans to study Biology and Rachel will be attending Arizona State University where she plans to pursue a degree in Finance.



Rachel Gotsch (left) and Sarah Ryan (right) and were awarded the Sr. Anne Medal of Distinction in Faith, Leadership and Service by Resurrection President Sr. Donna Marie Wolowicki, C.R.

Also at the graduation commencement, Resurrection Interim Principal Kathy Rzany presented the newly established Principal's Award to a high achieving graduating senior who has contributed to the school community through her service and scholarship. The Principal's Award recognizes a student who ranks in

the top 10% of her class, uses her academic ability to help others, exemplifies a love of learning, is involved in service to school and in the community and models the Resurrection motto "Charity and Truth." Interim Principal Kathy Rzany presented the Principal's Award to Gina Partipilo (60631). Gina was named a National Merit Commended Student and has consistently demonstrated her love of learning and has served a model of the school's motto. Gina will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she plans to study Biomolecular Engineering.

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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other rivers of the world, the pace of river cruising allows you to both enjoy the ever-changing scenery and also discover the unique customs, cultures and cuisines of the many countries along your journey. A large number of Europe's rivers, for example, traverse the borders of many countries, enabling you to discover a variety of countries and cultures. Or, you can discover a single country in depth, focusing on a section of the river that stays within just one country such as Germany, visiting not only the cosmopolitan cities with all their vibrant museums, bustle and sophistication, but also smaller towns like Rudesheim in the heart of German wine country, or the university town of Heidelberg, complete with its red sandstone castle, a romantic ruin of Gothic and renaissance architecture. Only a river allows you to easily get to such a wide variety of places to explore.

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The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, a volunteer commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. 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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When Time is Short



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Thinking about the end of a loved one's life is always tough to do. But what if you learned your mother only had one year to live, what would you do? After discussing treatment options, hospice, and her health care management, it may be wise to talk with your mom about setting an appointment with her estate-planning attorney. Chances are her current estate plan isn't up-to-date, or worse does not exist. This article reviews a number of issues that should be discussed with her estate-planning attorney to ensure your mother's wishes are taken care of and her assets protected. This will help alleviate concerns and let your mom focus on making the most of her last days with her loving family.

As you drive your mom to her regular doctor appointment, you think of everything you need to do: Drop off Bobby at soccer, pick up Sally from softball, pick up groceries, make dinner, etc. It seems the list is endless. You wonder how your mom had time to do it all and still have time to be so loving. After flipping through old magazines in the doctor's office, you go in with your mother for her appointment. Your mom had some simple tests done and is to receive the results. When the doctor starts with "There is no easy way to say this..." you know what is going to follow. Your mom has less than a year to live. Your mind reels. What do you do? Of course, you hug your mom. You call your brother. But what's next?

After discussing treatment options, hospice care, and her health care management, you talk with your mom about setting an appointment with her estate-planning attorney. Your mom last did estate-planning decades ago when you and your brother were still kids, and your dad was still alive. Now that you have kids of your own, that seems laughable. But, time flies when you have a busy life.

A qualified, estate-planning attorney, who focuses their practice in estate planning, can make sure that your mom can rest assured that things will be left the way she wishes. In addition to updating her Trust or Will, the attorney will make sure your mom has powers of attorney in place for both financial and health matters. This way, your mom can name someone (perhaps you and/or your brother) to make decisions when she is no longer able to make them herself. The attorney will also prepare a HIPAA power, to allow you and your brother access to her protected health information. Finally, the attorney will prepare a Health Directive or similar document that will allow your mother to express her wishes regarding end-of-life decisions.

The attorney might also suggest these and other items:

- Prepare new documents in light of changed circumstances.
- Make sure beneficiary designations are up-to-date (on life insurance, retirement plans, and other financial accounts).
- Avoid selling gain assets (which would get a "step-up" in income tax basis at your mom's death).

Your mom has always been there for you. Now, you can give her the gift of peace of mind, knowing that her legal affairs are in order. A qualified, estate-planning attorney can help alleviate concerns and let you mom focus on making the most of her last days with her loving family..

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 45 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.

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Village Cooking Corner

From the Kitchen of Anastasia E. Weaver

One of my most vivid memories of childhood was watching my mother pick fresh vegetables in her garden and then create a dinner masterpiece for us to enjoy from her own home grown garden. She called it Turlou-Turlou or Summer vegetable casserole. When I started my own household with my husband it has become one of my favorite go-to recipes for healthy eating. I do not have a large garden like my mother, but I do grow herbs and once in a while like this year tomatoes, eggplants and peppers in containers! If I don't have my own home grown vegetables to use I go to the Farmer's Market or Whole Foods or my local Jewel. Right now there are plethora veggies to choose from and you can create your own masterpiece casserole at home.

Summer Vegetable Casserole (Turlou-Turlou)

- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced (usually use Georgia Vidalia Onions)
- 3 cloves of garlic, sliced
- 1 cup fresh parsley
- 1 cup of olive oil
- 1/2 lb green beans, cut in thirds
- 3 or 4 Celery stalks with leaves chopped
- 1/2 cup of water
- 2 green peppers cut in strips length wise
- 2 red peppers cut in strips length wise
- 2 potatoes peeled and quartered (I generally use Yukon Gold potatoes or Russet)
- 1 eggplant, cubed
- 2 medium zucchini, cut into 1 inch rounds
- 4 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 lb of Okra (I usually use frozen Okra to eliminate the extra step of sautéing the Okra) If you use frozen Okra you should sprinkle them with lemon juice prior to mixing them with the other vegetables.
- Zucchini blossoms (optional) (I sometimes locate these at Greek Produce Markets)
- 2 lbs of ripe garden grown tomatoes pureed in food processor or you may substitute a 28-oz can of peeled diced plum tomatoes
- Dash of dried oregano (I grow my own Greek Oregano and dry it during the summer for use throughout the year.
- 1 tsp of sugar
- Salt and Pepper to taste

In a large Dutch oven place the first six ingredients, toss to mix and sauté for 3 to 4 minutes.

Add a 1/2 cup of water and bring to a boil. Add the balance of the ingredients, season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until all vegetables are tender, shaking the Dutch oven occasionally to make sure all the vegetables are being cooked evenly.

You may have to add a little more water as the vegetables absorb the liquids. If you do not have some of the vegetables or prefer not to use them you may eliminate them.

You can also bake this wonderful casserole by layering the vegetables in a large baking pan and pouring the tomato sauce and water over the vegetables, season with salt and pepper and bake in a 375 degree oven for about 25 minutes. Reduce the oven to 350 degree temperature and bake until the vegetables are tender about 1-1/2 hours. Serves about 6. Serve this wonderful dish with crusty bread and Kalamata (Greek) olives and slices of Feta cheese. Bon Appetit

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Mayor Emanuel Announces City Colleges Of Chicago Agreement Increases Management Opportunities For Carpenters

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chancellor Cheryl Hyman announced today that City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) is partnering with the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) to pave the way for accredited carpenters to earn an Associate Degree, and prepare more them with the skills to seize the jobs of today and tomorrow.

"The partnership between City Colleges of Chicago and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will allow carpenters to more easily earn an Associate Degree, opening doors to construction management opportunities," said Mayor Emanuel. "Working with industry leaders ensures students at City Colleges receive the best training available to build skills so they are prepared to succeed in 21st century careers."

The agreement, which begins in the fall, allows carpenters who have graduated from the union apprentice program to transfer up to 40 credit hours

from the apprenticeship program and apply it toward their City Colleges Associate Degree, meaning they could need as few as 20 credit hours, or as little as one and a half semesters, to receive a degree.

"In today's economy, post-secondary education is increasingly a pre-requisite for career success," said Chancellor Hyman of City Colleges of Chicago. "This partnership will allow more Chicagoans to move quickly along a path to a college degree without all the debt, to continue to advance in their careers, and contribute to the building of a strong, vibrant city."

A post-secondary degree is increasingly a needed step on the path to management positions in the construction field. CRCC apprentices will receive credit for their depth of knowledge, and maximize their time on the way to a degree. The program opens the doors to higher education for many who

may have perceived a degree to be time or cost prohibitive. Access to continued education ensures carpenters will succeed in a competitive market.

"Our objective is to advance the education of our apprentices and journeymen," said Frank Libby, President of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. "We are proud to enter into a partnership with City Colleges of Chicago and we thank Mayor Emanuel for his help and leadership."

Interested CRCC apprentice and journeymen should contact the Carpenters' Training Center in Elk Grove Village for an in-person consultation on what degree or continuing education path they are ultimately seeking. Applicants must then complete an evaluation before being accepted into the program.

The CRCC apprenticeship program consists of 12 to 16 weeks of classroom training along with more than 5,700 hours of on-the-job training.

Mayor Emanuel Breaks Ground On Navy Pier Flyover

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Senator Dick Durbin and local officials broke ground in March on the Navy Pier Flyover project, an elevated path for safer walking and biking along the Lakefront Trail near Navy Pier, one of the most heavily used portions of the 18.5-mile trail.

"The Lakefront Trail has grown to become one of the most popular features of our shoreline, and we are taking the first steps in making it more enjoyable, more accessible and safer for future generations," Mayor Emanuel said. "We break ground today to elevate a practical public space to the newest jewel of Chicago's shoreline."

The dedicated bike and pedestrian path will extend from south of the Chicago River Bridge to Jane Addams Park to provide a safer and scenic alternative to several congested intersections along the Lakefront Trail. The flyover will also include stairs and ground-level entrance and exit points for easy access.

"Many think of the Lakefront as the heart of Chicago. The Navy Pier Flyover will help Chicagoans access this treasure more quickly and safely. The project will be partially funded by federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grants, which have also helped upgrade CTA stations, reduce congestion at intersections and launch the Divvy bike-sharing program," said U.S. Senator Dick Durbin. "These types of smart federal investments have an important role to play in building a sustainable infrastructure that includes all

forms of transportation – from walking to biking to driving – for the next generation."

The 16-foot-wide flyover will provide grade separation at Illinois Street and Grand Avenue for the Lakefront Trail. It will reduce crossing conflicts between the multi-use path users and cars going to and from Navy Pier area.

"The State of Illinois is proud to be a partner on the Navy Pier Flyover, as well as other projects like it throughout the state, that do so much to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider. "Chicago's lakefront is the envy of the world. This project will only serve to further improve public access to one of the state's prized landmarks."

The new elevated path will wind its way up from this park to Upper Lake Shore Drive and around Lake Point Tower. Then it will head back down to reconnect with the sidewalk on the bridge over the Chicago River.

"This new dedicated bike and pedestrian path will provide a safer and scenic alternative to the several congested intersections along this section of the Lakefront Trail," said Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld. "It will be a functional and architecturally stunning addition to this part of the lakefront."

Construction will be done in three overlapping phases, with the first phase beginning between Jane Addams Park and Ogden Slip, the second between the



slip and the river, and the third phase improving the path over the Chicago River Bridge. The entire \$60 million project is expected to be completed in 2018.

The first phase of the Navy Pier Flyover is primarily funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation using Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), with additional funding from the State of Illinois. The first phase of construction is budgeted at \$26.4 million.

"The Navy Pier Flyover is an excellent example of how Chicago is leading the way on sustainable transit options. This innovative project will provide safe alternatives to driving, connect downtown to neighborhoods and parks and put Chicago at the forefront of pedestrian and bike-friendly cities," said U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05).

The construction will begin in earnest next week. Most notably, it will involve the temporary closure of the right travel lane and shoulder of northbound

Upper Lake Shore Drive for one block between Illinois Street and Grand Avenue.

On the morning of Monday, March 24th, the temporary lane reductions on Lake Shore Drive will be put into place. The off-ramp from Upper Lake Shore Drive to Illinois Street will also be reduced to one lane.

"This is another example of Mayor Emanuel making much needed improvements to the infrastructure of the City of Chicago," said Tom Villanova, President, Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council. "This project will join the CTA upgrades and the Bloomingdale Trail as another project that will improve transportation options while providing thousands of jobs for members of the Chicago building and construction trades."

Throughout the construction, the Lakefront Trail will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists, but the path will detour around the construction activity.

All businesses and residences will remain accessible. The intersection of Grand Avenue and Lower Lake Shore Drive may be impacted by construction periodically, but will remain open.

The traffic impacts on Upper Lake Shore Drive are expected to last into September. The first construction phase is expected to be complete in December 2015.

More project information is available at www.navypierflyover.com.

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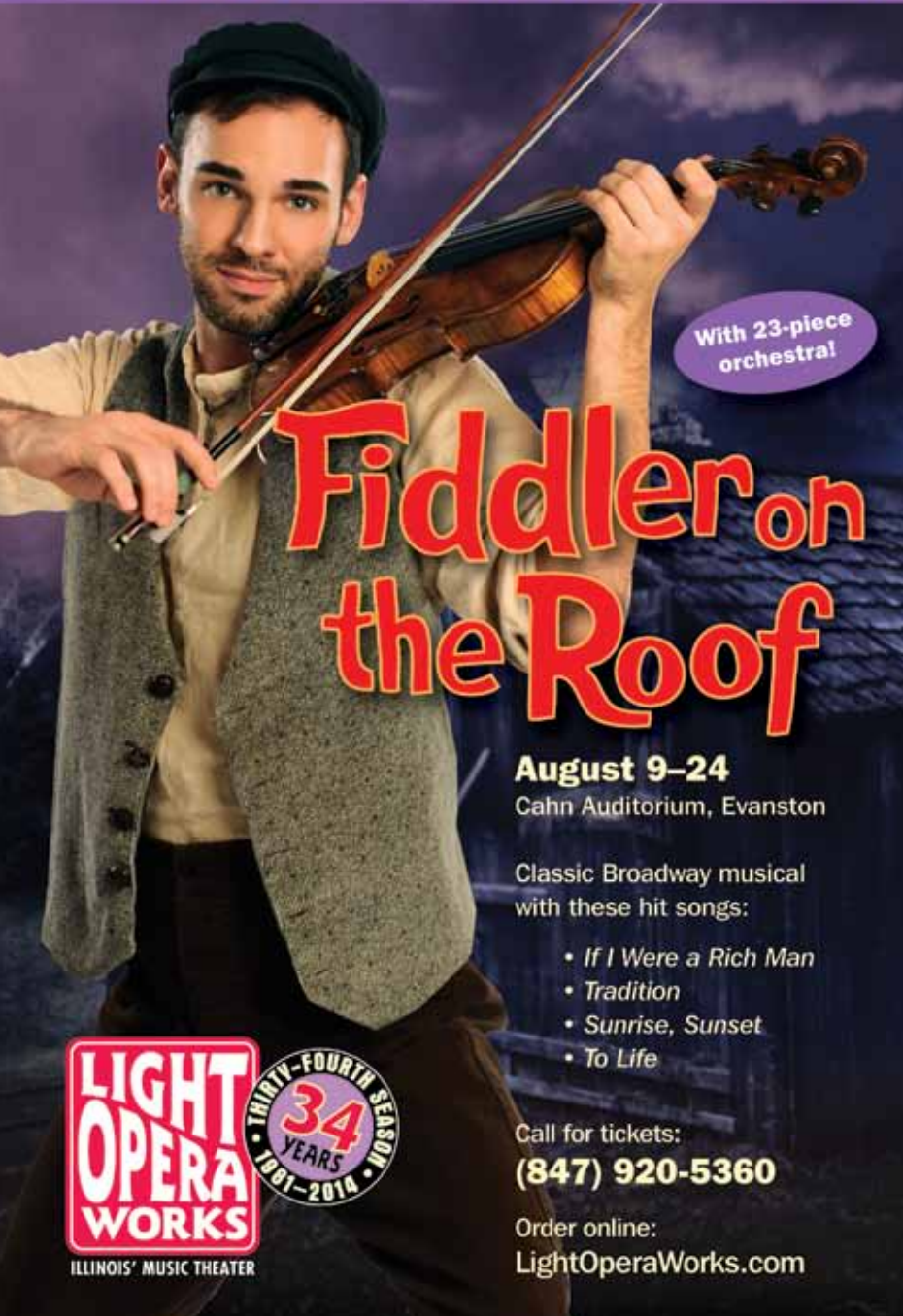
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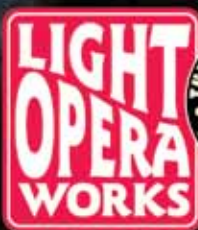

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