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**And Best Of Luck To All Of Our Young People As They Begin Their New School Year. Study Hard, Do Well And Have Fun.**

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## German-American Fest and Steuben Parade

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### Twilight Canoe Fundraiser for Clark Park

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## FUNraising of Big Top Proportions

Midnight Circus in the Parks part of 2014 Night Out in the Parks

WHAT: Midnight Circus in the Parks, featuring an eclectic ensemble of acrobats, aerialists, eccentrics and one rescued dog, will tour eight Chicago parks this August through October. (Press photos attached). All 90 minute shows are under an intimate, little big top tent where there is no such thing as a bad seat. With new acts and returning favorites, this unique partnership between the Midnight Circus, the Chicago Park District, all-volunteer park advisory councils and sponsors has quickly become a Chicago tradition.



WHY: Since 2007, Midnight Circus in the Parks has played to over 60,000 attendees. And this one-of-a-kind event has raised nearly \$750,000 for local park improvements – three quarters of a million dollars right back into the parks! The popular Midnight Circus in the Parks was the winner of the 2012 Time Out Chicago Kid's Hipsqueak reader's choice award for "Best Annual Family Event". Midnight Circus was also the first ever U.S. Circus troupe invited to the world-renowned Montreal Cirque Fest. This year, there will be host parks where the circus will perform and partner parks to help spread the FUNraising. It's all about "Rebuilding parks one circus at a time."

### WHERE & WHEN:

Grand Crossing Park - 7655 S. Ingleside Ave. — Aug. 30-31 at 4 pm

Smith Park - 2526 W. Grand Ave. — Sept. 27-28 at 2 & 5 pm

Ogden Park - 6500 S. Racine Ave. — Sep. 6-7 at 3 pm

Independence Park - 3945 N. Springfield Ave. — Oct. 4-5 at 2 & 5pm

Holstein Park - 2200 N. Oakley Ave. — Sept. 12 at 7 pm; Sept. 13-14 at 2 & 5 pm

Margate Park - 4921 N. Marine Drive — Oct 11-12 at 2 & 5pm

Hamlin Park - 3035 N. Hoyne Ave. — Sept. 20-21 at 2 & 5pm

Welles Park - 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. — Oct. 17 at 7pm; Oct. 18-19 at 2 & 5pm

HOW: Tickets are \$15-20 with children under 2 free. Discounts available for groups of 20+. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [www.CircusInTheParks.org](http://www.CircusInTheParks.org). Note that Grand Crossing and Ogden Parks are sponsored with discounted tickets.

WHO: Partners include: The Chicago Park District, The Midnight Circus, People's Gas, and Park Advisory Councils. This program is presented as part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks with the support of Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Midnight Circus in the Parks founder and creative director Jeff Jenkins has incorporated his family - wife Julie, two children and family (rescue) dog June Bug - into the performances (see family in costume photo attached).

HOST PARKS (Performance locations): Grand Crossing, Hamlin, Holstein, Independence, Margate, Ogden, Smith and Welles Parks.

PARTNER PARKS: Athletic Field, Buttercup, Berger, Commercial, Gross, Horner and Stanton Parks.

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## Illinois House Of Representatives Congratulates Chicago Author Stan Banash On Roadside History Of Illinois Book

State Rep. Sandra Pihos (R-Glen Ellyn) presents Chicago author Stan "Tex" Banash with a copy of House Resolution 1124 which congratulates him on his most recent book, Roadside History of Illinois (Mountain Press). The book, the first in more than 30 years to discuss the history of the Prairie State, gives readers the opportunity to learn about the Illinois history by taking short trips along the roads less traveled, discovering the people, places and events where history happened. Banash, who holds degrees from Northwestern University and Roosevelt University, has written two other books—Best of Dee Brown's West and Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology. Pihos, a former elementary school teacher, high school guidance counselor and school board member, recognizes the need for more Illinoisans to learn about their state's history and is very supportive of Banash's effort to raise public awareness of the state's historic past. Although Banash has devoted much of his time to speaking at libraries, historical societies, and community organizations, he recently spoke to the upper grade students at Immaculate Conception School in Chicago's Edison Park and looks forward to doing more school appearances.



## Mayor Emanuel Announces Revised Outlook On O'Hare Airport Bonds

### Fitch Removes Negative Outlook to Stable; Affirms A- Rating for O'Hare General Airport Revenue Bonds

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced that Fitch Ratings has removed the negative outlook on the O'Hare International Airport's \$6.56 billion General Airport Revenue Bonds (GARB) and replaced it with a stable outlook, affirmed at the 'A-' rating. In addition, Fitch affirmed the 'A' rating for the approximately \$664 million passenger facility charge revenue bonds.

"The revised outlook on the O'Hare bonds is a testament to the economic strength of O'Hare Airport and the prospective for continued fiscal strength and growth of this key Chicago asset," Mayor Emanuel said.

Fitch revised its outlook to reflect steady airport traffic trends and greater certainty around American Airlines' op-

erations following its emergence from bankruptcy and subsequent merger with US Airways. Fitch also factored progress made by the City in keeping operational costs in line with forecasts and traffic volumes that were up 4.1% over the first six months of 2014.

Approximately 50 carriers operate out of O'Hare to approximately 150 domestic

and over 50 international non-stop destinations. In 2013, the airport handled over 33.3 million passengers. O'Hare is also close to completion of the first phase of the \$3.3 billion O'Hare Modernization Program that includes new runways and runway extensions and will position it for future operational growth.



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## Twilight Canoe Fundraiser for Clark Park

Clark Park is located along the Chicago River in the North Center neighborhood on the site formerly occupied by Riverview Amusement Park. The Park was officially designated as Richard Clark Park in honor of a Chicago police officer who was killed in the line of duty. Clark Park is home to the only free-ride bike park in the Chicago Park District system, the new WMS boathouse, a canoe and kayak concession, a bike trail and open green space for the many community residents who are looking for a peaceful place to stroll. The west side of Clark Park will be the future home of new soccer fields and Kerry Wood Cubs Field which will be an IHSA-level baseball stadium for Chicago student athletes.

The Twilight Canoe Fundraiser begins with a canoe tour along the North Branch of the Chicago River followed by a silent auction and a delicious catered dinner that will take place near the river at Clark Park.

Come out for an evening of paddling in the quiet twilight; enjoy the finest natural scenery and wildlife of the North Branch of the Chicago River. A riverine tour will be conducted by experienced River paddlers, followed by a delicious catered dinner. (Rain or Shine - If weather is unsafe for canoeing, dinner will be held in the scenic upper deck of the WMS Clark Park Boathouse.)

**What:** "Twilight Canoe or Kayak" on the North Branch, includes all canoe/kayak equipment and catered dinner. Also, there will be raffles! Prizes! A silent auction. All to benefit improvements to the park.

**When:** Sunday September 14th, 5:30pm - 9:00 pm

**Where:** Richard Clark Park- Rockwell and Roscoe (2600 W/3400 N)

**Cost:** \$55 per person, \$25 for child with an adult family member

\*\*Please make your reservation by September 4th, online or by mail. Either mail check made payable to: Clark Park Advisory Council/Friends of the Parks, Attn: Bill Barnes, 3450 N Lawndale, Chicago, IL 60618 or RSVP and pay online at: <http://clark-parkadvisorycouncil.blogspot.com/>

Any questions email: [ClarkParkAdvisoryCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkParkAdvisoryCouncil@gmail.com)

Sponsored by: Clark Park Advisory Council, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Chicago Park District, CAMbr West, Friends of the Parks, DeVry University, Chicago Soccer, Strack & Van Til Food Market, KIDSWORK, Chicago Rowing Foundation and Alderman Ameya Pawar (47th)

## Resurrection Best Ball Scramble Golf Outing

On Sunday, September 21, 2014 the Resurrection College Prep High School Men's Club will sponsor the Best Ball Scramble Golf Outing at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 W. Howard Street in Niles. Check-in will be at 7 am with an 8 am shot-gun start. The outing includes 9 holes of golf, green fees, cart, coffee and donuts at check-in and buffet lunch. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive and closest to the pin and other contests held during the golf outing.

All are welcome - men, women, alumnae, community members and friends of Resurrection College Prep High School. Registration is available on-line at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) - the cost is \$65 for an individual or \$260 for a foursome. Also available are \$100 hole sponsorships and \$50 cart sponsorships at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).

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](http://www.reshs.org).

## Adult Spirituality Course At Resurrection

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering a fall adult enrichment course entitled "Journey to the Path Within: An Adult Spirituality Journey to Seek Out the Hero Within Each One of Us." Course participants will explore the spiritual journey of moving from the dark night of one's own soul to the process of finding the Sacred within oneself. The course will examine the lives of leaders who have experienced their own "dark night of the soul," including St. Francis, Mother Theresa and Robert Kennedy and will utilize the theology of Franciscan priest Richard Rohr and the writings of Joseph Campbell. By reviewing the experiences of others who have struggled, the participants will look at how others have moved beyond the darkness to bring life and light into the world.

Readings from the following books will be used in the course: Hope Against Darkness, The Transforming Vision of Saint Francis in an Age of Anxiety by Richard Rohr and John Bookser Feister, The Hero with a Thousand Faces by Joseph Campbell, Robert Kennedy, His Life by Evan Thomas and Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta written by Mother Theresa and edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk.

All alumnae, parents and community members are welcome to participate. The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University. Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: September 9, September 23, October 7 and October 21, 2014. The cost is \$50 - to register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or [amartorano@reshs.org](mailto:amartorano@reshs.org).

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## Skokie Synagogue Hosts "Jeff & Janis" For Special Brunch

"Jeff & Janis" - the musical duo which has delighted the Chicagoland area - will perform at a special brunch sponsored by the Men's Club of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Sunday, September 7, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The pair - Jeff Winter and Janis Fine - will perform popular music, Broadway show tunes, standards and ethnic selections including Israeli and Yiddish songs. They will accompany themselves on guitar, harmonica, autoharp, ukulele and drums.

Both professors of education at Chicago-area universities, they have performed at festivals, fund-raisers, synagogues, Hillels, family events, and other venues.

Brunch is open to men and women. Cost is \$12 per person if paid by August 31. At-the-door is \$15 per person. For reservations or further information, call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141.

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## Scouter Reunion And Pot Luck Dinner

This year's SCOUTER REUNION AND POT LUCK DINNER will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27 in the gymnasium at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago. The welcome mat will be out for all former and current Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders, parents and members.

We are happy to announce that representatives from the Community Policing Office of the 19th District will be in attendance to recognize our courageous area resident, Maureen Guinane, who single-handedly scared off a brazen bicycle thief from her neighbor's porch last year.

In addition to the food, there will be ceremonies, songs, skits, crafts, sharing of memories and good, old-fashioned camaraderie. We will also have a brief Memorial Service for all of our deceased Scouters. Uniforms are in order, and Scout Leaders can wear all of the medals that they earned. Luther Memorial Church is handicapped-accessible - just come in and let us know you need it and we'll take care of you. Parking can be found on Wilson & Campbell Avenues. There are also a couple of Handicapped Parking spots in front of the church.

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## New Restaurant From Old Recipes

The NW side Jefferson Park train station is where the new Kawayan Restaurant has just opened. The owners are brother & sister Chris & Theresa Mariano whose parents used to own the famous Filipiniana Restaurant in Niles. BYOB and the cuisine is Asian/Filipino.



## Skokie Synagogue Sisterhood Hosts Fashion Show, Luncheon

A luncheon and fashion show, featuring clothing from two women's stores in Niles, will be presented by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Wednesday, September 10, starting at 12:00 noon.

The afternoon will be the Sisterhood's kick-off program for the 2014-15 season.

Fashion show outfits will come from Bonjour Madame and Boutique Unique in Niles' Oak Mill Mall. Bonjour Madame offers the largest selection of plus-size women's clothing, mother-of-the-Bride-and-Groom-dresses, and special occasion dresses in the Chicago area.

Boutique Unique has a unique selection of evening gowns in Chicago. They carry a stock of more than 800 gowns as well as an extensive selection of very unique separates and sportswear imported from European and domestic designers. Sizes range from 4-18 including some women's petites. Cost for the afternoon is \$18 for Sisterhood members, \$23 for guests and \$25 at the door.

For further information or for reservations, please call the office of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation at 847-675-4141.

## Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle

Sign up now to raffle Thanksgiving Turkeys!

Turkeys are \$20 each. BCCC will supply entry forms and raffle boxes.

Deadline is September 15th.

The raffle will take place between November 1st to 17th. The Chamber will provide tickets, raffle buckets and contact the winners for you.

For more information, please contact the BCCC office at 773-647-1644



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Dear Fellow Gardeners,

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Have you ever wondered how you can propagate your favorite plants and give them as pass-alongs? Our Sept. 4 regular meeting will answer some of the mystery. Ruth Melulis and Eva Mannaberg will demonstrate the process for both houseplants and garden plants.

This event is open to the public and a \$5.00 donation is requested from non-NGS members.

## "Recycling Sunday" At Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation

Sunday, Sept. 7 will be "Recycling Sunday" at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie. Metal products, appliances, computers, sports equipment and other hardware will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Now is the time to bring your outdated, unwanted, broken materials for recycling," says Ruth Siegel, Chair of the synagogue's Social Action Committee.

"We offer you the opportunity to help the environment and get rid of your clutter at the same time!"

"We will accept all metals, including

sinks, siding, faucets, copper tubing, aluminum cans, steel shelving, lamps, outdoor metal furniture, pots and pans, car and truck batteries and more. We'll take tools, metal tubing and electric and telephone cords as well as holiday lights and cutlery.

"We will accept all sports and exercise equipment, bicycles and tricycles, as well as appliances such as washers, dryers and stoves." Also on the list of acceptable products are computers, copiers, fax machines, printers, scanners and computer cords.

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

## Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop: Bargains with a Purpose

Fueled by a passionate volunteer staff, the Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop offers amazing deals while supporting a century-old community organization on Chicago's northwest side. Bargain hunters, treasure seekers, and people who enjoy uncovering surprises won't want to pass up this non-profit hidden gem, located at 6019 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The Thrift Shop lies nestled among other interesting storefront businesses only a few blocks from the oldest house in Chicago in a vibrant section of the Norwood Park community that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The tree-lined streets, its off-the-beat uncrowded location, and free on-street parking make the Thrift Shop a beautiful place for shoppers to visit," said Kate Roche, who oversees the Shop as director of norVOLution, the volunteer arm of Norwood Crossing, a long-term care retirement community whose residents benefit from the Shop's proceeds. "We're located in a special neighborhood that is often called a 'garden spot' on Chicago's northwest side."

Established in 1988 as the Medley Market, the Thrift Shop was an outgrowth of the Norwood Park Home Women's Service League that was founded in 1965. Initially, small cadres of dedicated women helped residents prepare crafts for annual bazaars, collected clothing for rummage sales, and staffed the Home's Gift Shop. Proceeds were used to enhance the quality of life for residents of the long-term care community. Thirteen years later, they leased a storefront across the street and opened the resale shop, which featured women's clothing, household goods, books, jewelry, glassware, dishes, and bric-a-brac.

In 2003, advancing age and health reasons led many members to discontinue their volunteer work, the League was disbanded and volunteers, operating under the direction of the Norwood Park Life Care Foundation, staffed the shop. A crisis arose in 2008 when there were insufficient volunteers, and the Shop faced an uncertain future. Hearing about the dilemma, more than 400 community members signed a petition to keep the Shop open. The effort worked, new volunteers stepped forward, and the Thrift Shop continued to serve the community.

Today, the Thrift Shop thrives as a destination stop for high quality merchandise at low prices. Improvements including interior renovations, expansion to an adjacent storefront, exterior beautification, and landscaping, coupled with an enthusiastic volunteer staff, have resulted in sales tripling over the last six years.

It is, perhaps, the dedicated volunteers who staff the Shop that make this the friendliest and most unique bargain boutique in town. Almost 40 individuals, each deeply committed to the Norwood Crossing mission, donate their time and talents weekly to joyfully assist customers, sort goods, and design creative window and floor displays.

"Volunteers are our most important asset," said Roche. "We could not operate the Shop without them. Many of them have experience in retail and are filled with creativity, making them real assets to our operation. They offer a new infusion of ideas and energy each day, and it shows in the attractive displays of merchandise."

Men's clothing and furniture were added to expand the Shop's inventory and appeal to a wider audience. "Our collectibles and jewelry are showcased in display cases," added Roche, "and racks of clothing and other related items are displayed for easy viewing in two adjoining storefronts. We invite shoppers to browse and enjoy the ambiance of shopping for wonderful bargains and undiscovered treasures." Other finds include lamps, linens, midcentury home décor, artwork, handbags, and shoes.

Future plans for the Shop include an expanded online eBay store and customer-centered events featuring locally made goods and product demonstrations.

The Thrift Shop is 100 percent donor-supported. Proceeds from the sale of generously donated items help support the life enrichment programs of Norwood Crossing's senior community, including art and music therapy, theater programs, language classes, and cultural outings.

The Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop, 6019 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, is open Mon. - Sat., from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., phone (773) 763-3775. [www.norwoodlifesociety.org/thriftshop](http://www.norwoodlifesociety.org/thriftshop). Credit cards are accepted.



Norwood Crossing resident Norma Greenwell (left) and Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop volunteer Joyce Benninghouse, take advantage of a pleasant summer day in Norwood Park to relax and visit outside the Thrift Shop.



# German-American Fest



## 94th Annual German-American Fest and 49th Annual Steuben Parade

**September  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Lincoln, Leland &  
Western**



**Join us for the Parade  
2:00 pm Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lincoln Ave**

*The parade begins at 4000 N. Lincoln Ave. traveling to Wilson Avenue and north on Western Ave. The parade's reviewing stand is located at Leland and Western avenues.*

### German American Fest 2014 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### Friday, September 5th

8 pm Opening Ceremonies

#### Saturday September 6th

12:00 pm Festival Grounds open

2:00 Von Steuben Day Parade  
from Irving Pk Rd to Eastwood  
Eastwood to Western  
north to Lawrence

3:00 Combined German American  
Choruses of Chicago

3:15 German American Kinderchor

3:30 Schuhplattler Verein Edelweiss

3:45 Jolly Lumberjacks Dancers

4:00 Rheinische Verein Chicago

#### Sunday, September 7th (con't)

3:30 Donauschwaben Youth Dancers

3:45 Donauschwaben folk dance group

4:00 Egerlaender folk dance group

4:15 Rheinischer Verein Mardi Gras Society  
with Kinder Prinz Zachary & Princessin Stephanie  
Fanfaren Corps and Amazonen Dancers

**National German American  
Day Celebration  
Sunday, October 5th 2014, 2:30 pm  
St. Benedict's Church  
2215 W Irving Pk Rd, Chicago, IL**

#### Sunday, September 7th

11:00 am SUNDAY MASS at the Festival  
grounds

12:00 pm Festival ground opens music in  
the tent

2:00 Opening Ceremony  
National Anthems sung by  
Vickie Rill

2:15 German American Kinderchor

2:30 American Aid Society Kinder  
Dancers

2:45 American Aid Society Youth  
Dancers

3:00 American Aid Noch Einmal  
Dancers

3:15 Donauschwaben Kinder Dancers

#### **BAND SCHEDULE FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN DAYS SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**

##### **IN THE LARGE TENT:**

FRIDAY  
6pm to 11pm **PALOMA**

SATURDAY  
1pm to 5:30pm **PERLEN**

6pm to 11pm **PHENIX**

SUNDAY  
1pm to 5pm **PERLEN**

5:30pm to 10pm **PHENIX**

##### **IN THE SMALL TENT:**

FRIDAY  
6pm to 11pm **PHENIX**

SATURDAY  
5pm to 11pm **PALOMA**

SUNDAY  
4pm to 10pm **PALOMA**

##### **OUTSIDE STAGE:**

SUNDAY  
4:30pm to 10pm **PIEPTONE**

**German-American Fest**  
**September 5-6-7, 2014**

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**Sunday - Noon to 10:00 pm**  
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**49th ANNUAL STEUBEN PARADE - Saturday, Sept. 6th, 2014**  
**2:00 pm Lincoln Ave. & Irving Park**

**German Commemoration Day**  
**Sunday Oct. 5th at 2:30 PM.**  
**St. Benedict's Church**  
**2215 W. Irving Park Rd.**  
**Chicago**

**FOR INFO: WWW.GERMANDAY.COM**

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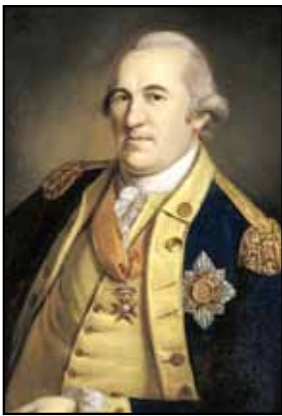


# 94<sup>th</sup> German-American Fest



## General Friedrich Wilhelm Von Steuben German-American Hero

General Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin Von Steuben was born in Magdeburg, Germany on September 17, 1730.



Von Steuben's military career began at an early age, when he entered the Prussian army and served with Distinction in the Seven Year's War. He later became the aid of Frederick the Great of Prussia, who was recognized as the military genius of his time. Von Steuben became expert in the drilling and training of troops. Because of this exceptional ability, Benjamin Franklin and Count St. Germain, French Minister of War persuaded Von Steuben to volunteer his military expertise to the American Revolutionaries.

Von Steuben sailed for America and arrived at Portsmouth, NH in 1778 to aid the young nation in its fight for independence.

He offered his services to General Washington without rank or pay, arriving at Valley Forge in the late winter of 1777-78. He found the soldiers in deplorable condition, without uniforms, weapons or food. Appointed by Congress to be inspector General of the Army, Von Steuben set about training the unorganized band of ragged soldiers. He infused in them a sense of discipline and converted them into an excellent

fighting force, training them to bear arms, march, form columns and to execute maneuvers with precision. He gave confidence to the officers and men, enabling them to continue on to victory at Yorktown.

As "Drill Instructor" of the Continental Army, Von Steuben wrote "Regulations of the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States." Although his Manual has

been modified, it still remains in the basic guide for the discipline and drill of the Army.

On June 28, 1778, Von Steuben's training was put to test when the American troops encountered the British Army near Monmouth Courthouse in the town of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey. What early threatened to become a disastrous defeat for the Colonial forces was turned into a glorious victory by General Von Steuben.

The retreating troops of General Lee were brought to a halt by Von Steuben and reformed under heavy fire. The retreating men knew how to conduct themselves and wheeled into line with the precision of veterans. What seemed to be a certain defeat turned into a patriot victory and a turning point in the war. This battle was followed by victories in Stony Point, Yorktown and other places.

## THE OTHER "OKTOBERFEST"!! The Cannstatter Wasen or Stuttgart Beer Festival

The Winter of 1815- 16 in Wuerttemberg was the coldest since records were kept. Harvesting was made impossible. People were starving and the little existing flour was stretched with sawdust to feed the hungry.

When Wilhelm the First became King of Wuerttemberg in 1816, the crisis was at its worst. His brother-in-law, Czar Nikolaus of Russia, helped relieve the biggest misery by delivering grain to the starving people in his relative's region.

Then in 1817, when the first harvest wagon was brought in, King Wilhelm and his wife Katharina, had the glorious idea to sponsor a harvest festival. This would take place annually on the King's birthday of September 28th in the area of Cannstatter Wasen, by the river Neckar.

Starting as an agricultural festival lasting up to 5 days, in 1972 this Autumnal Fair, as it is better described, has expanded to a celebration of 16 days and includes carnival games and rides including the tallest Ferris Wheel in the world. Food, beer and wine tents are also an important site at the Volksfest since as many as 3 to 4 million people attend each year. In the center of the Festival grounds stands the symbol of "Thanksgiving", a 25 meter high pillar decked in fruit with a huge basket of more fruit on the top.

This tradition, second in size some believe only to the Oktoberfest in Munich, has not changed and will continue for years to come. Beginning 1 week before the Munich Festival, the 167th Cannstatter Wasen, or as referred to by locals, "Wasen" will take place from September 27th to October 13th in the extensive Wasen are of the Stuttgart City District of Bad Cannstatt.

(Portions of this article submitted by Helga Zettl and other portions taken from Wikipedia)



### KINDERCHOR

The German American Children's Chorus or The DA Kinderchor was founded in 1935 in hopes of preserving German culture through music and song. 79 years later with a membership of 65 children the Kinderchor still thrives under the direction of Ms. Carol Himmel. The children range in age from 4 to 21. The Kinderchor sings at various engagements throughout the City of Chicago. Each year the Chorus has two annual concerts, the Christmas and the Mother's Day concerts. The Christmas concert will be held on December 13, 2014 at The DANK Haus located on Western Avenue. The Chorus has taken two very successful Concert Tours in Germany with the third trip planned for 2016. The Kinderchor has also sung at Epcot Center in Orlando, FL and has sung for the German Consulate at The Union League Club of Chicago. The Kinderchor will also participate this year at the annual Von Steuben parade held on Lincoln Ave. on Saturday Sept. 6, 2014. The Kinderchor will also have a food and beer tent this year at the annual Germanfest held in Lincoln Square. The Kinderchor is always looking for new members. The Chorus rehearses every Saturday morning beginning October 11, 2014, 9:30 am at St. John's Lutheran Church and School 4939 W. Montrose Ave. Chicago, IL. For more information please take a look at our website, www.dakinderchor.org

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## The First Germans in America

While individual Germans had been in America as early as 1608, 1683 is rightfully celebrated as the beginning of group immigration from the German states. The first to arrive as a group were religious dissenters who landed at Philadelphia aboard the Concord in Mid-August 1683. Francis Daniel Pastorius, an agent for a land purchasing company in the city of Frankfurt am Main, organized the original party of settlers. It was a group largely made up of nonconformist sects such as the Mennonites, Amish, Moravians, German Quakers, and other Protestant minorities, notably dissenters of the Reformed and Lutheran persuasion.

These settlers were from Krefeld, Frankfurt and the Palatinate. Germantown, the settlement they established near Philadelphia, became a point of entry for later waves of German immigrants to Pennsylvania. By 1689, the settlement had grown so large that it had to be incorporated. Germantown's citizens were pious, peaceful, industrious people, who quickly established southeastern Pennsylvania as a leading agricultural region.

Over the centuries, the community has continued to cling to the language and culture of its native land. Descendants of the first German immigrants are called Pennsylvania Dutch - an Anglicization of the word "deutsche" meaning "German."

The eastern counties of Pennsylvania became the center of German immigration to America during the colonial period, but there were several other important areas of settlement. One of these was New York state, including the Mohawk Valley region around Utica and the area around Schoharie. The latter area was settled by so-called Palatines, Protestant refugees from the Palatinate in southwest-central Germany. The Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia was also an important area of German settlement in colonial times. Other areas were in Georgia and the Carolinas. Salem, NC preserves many historic buildings reminding one of early German settlement there.

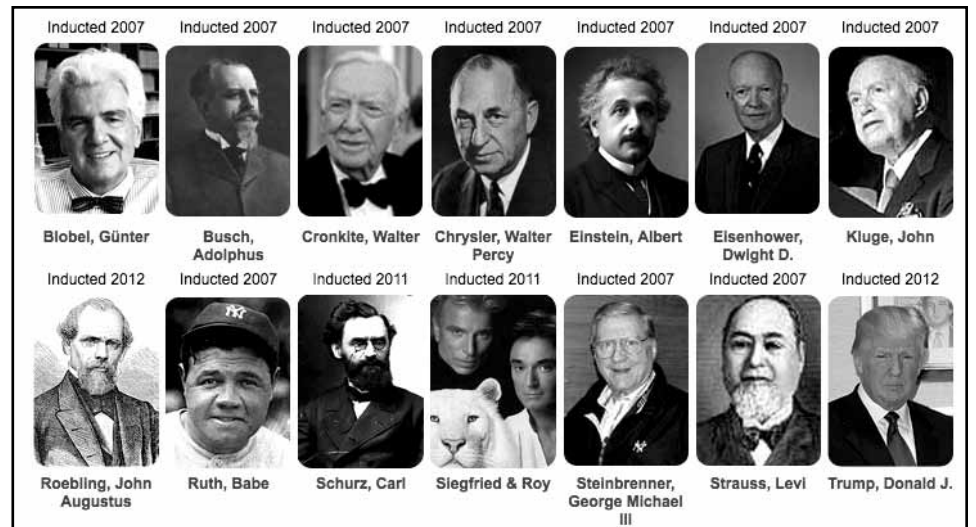
When the first American census was taken in 1790, Pennsylvania's German population was put at 225,000 which amounts to a third of the state's entire population. If we further count those Germans who in the course of the 18th century settled in the English colonies of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, especially those from the Palatinate, Baden and Wurttemberg, and include their children, then Americans of German origin were about 9% of the total population of the youthful United States around the close of the 18th century.

The term "German-American" refers to immigrants from German-speaking areas and their descendants. In the narrow political sense, the term "German-American" can refer to emigrants from Germany and its given geographical area in a specific historical period.

Taken in the broad ethno-linguistic and cultural sense, German-Americans also include immigrants--and their offspring--from Austria and South Tyrol, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, Germans from Russia and the Balkan countries, and Jewish-German immigrants. In earlier centuries most of these areas were within the boundaries of "Germany."

Before the "homogenizing" processes of the 20th century, there were many more distinct differences in how people live in the various German-speaking regions. It was often possible to tell where someone came from by observing how he or she was dressed. And there were -- and still are -- numerous regional customs and traditions.

## GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL OF FAME



Established in 2004 as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization registered in the State of New York, the GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL OF FAME (GAMHOF) will pay ongoing tribute to outstanding Americans of German heritage as they are inducted by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Advisory Board and other opinion leaders. Inductees will be selected from five major categories: Arts & Humanities; Business and Industry; Government & Military; the Sciences; and Athletics. Those honored are all great Americans with remarkable stories who have truly enriched our history and heritage.

The distinguished inductees pictured above have all received many awards, decorations and accolades. Yet the select few who are inducted into the German-American Hall of Fame will have achieved one of the highest honors a German-American can receive in the United States.

The German-American Hall of Fame is already the ultimate destination for the celebration and recognition of the most noteworthy German-Americans. It serves as an inspiration to supporters and visitors around the world. Visit [www.gamhof.org](http://www.gamhof.org).

## Gamhof Board Of Trustees Recently Approved A List Of Prominent German-Americans To Be Considered For Future Induction Into Its Hall Of Fame

### Arts and Humanities

1. Josef Albers
2. Eric Braeden
3. Maximilian Berlitz
4. Albert Bierstadt
5. Sandra Bullock
6. Doris Kaspelhoff Day
7. Marlene Dietrich
8. Walter Johannes Domrosch
9. Louise Erdrich
10. Carl Follen
11. Caroline Louise Frankenberg
12. Dennis Franz
13. Gunther Gebel-Williams
14. Clark Gable
15. Greta Garbo
16. Walter Gropius
17. George Grosz
18. Friedrich Hecker
19. Oscar Hammerstein
20. Oscar Hammerstein II
21. Sonya Henry
22. Paul Hindemith
23. Daniel Webster Hoan
24. Sebastian Junger
25. John Kay
26. Grace Kelly
27. Otto Klemperer
28. Heidi Klum
29. Fritz Lang
30. Ernst Lubitsch
31. Thomas Mann
32. H.L. Mencken
33. Thomas Nast
34. Anna Ottendorfer
35. Wolfgang Petersen
36. Otto Ludwig Preminger
37. Elvis Presley
38. Joseph Pulitzer
39. Erich Maria Remarque
40. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
41. Charles M. Schulz
42. Margaretha Meyer Schurz
43. Elisabeth Schwarzkopf
44. Siegfried & Roy
45. John Steinbeck
46. George Viereck
47. Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.
48. Bruno Walter
49. Kurt Weill
50. Johnny Weismüller
51. Lawrence Welk
52. Peter Zenger

### Government and Military

1. Dr. Hanna Ahrendt
2. John Peter Altgeld
3. Senator Rudy Boschwitz
4. George Armstrong Custer
5. General Johann de Kalb
6. Evertt McKinley Dirksen
7. Louis Freeh
8. Senator William Frist
9. General Alexander Haig
10. Senator Henry J. Heinz
11. President Herbert Hoover
12. Jack F. Kemp
13. Henry Kissinger
14. Jakob Leisler
15. Peter Minuit
16. Henry Morgenthau
17. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg
18. Friedrich Münch
19. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz
20. Franz Daniel Pastorius
21. General John J. Pershing
22. Edward Vernon Rickenbacker
23. Johann Paul Schott
24. George Schultz
25. Carl Schurz
26. General Norman Schwarzkopf
27. General Carl Spaatz
28. General Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben
29. Sen. Robert Wagner, Sr.
30. Robert Wagner, Jr.
31. Wendell Wilkie

### Business and Industry

1. Eberhard Anheuser
2. John Jacob Astor
3. John J. Bausch
4. Valentin Blatz
5. Walter Percy Chrysler
6. Adolph Coors
7. Charles Freihofner
8. Henry Clay Frick
9. Louis Gerster
10. Milton Hershey
11. James Lewis Kraft
12. Henry Lomb
13. Adolph Ochs-Sulzberger
14. Frederick Pabst
15. Heinz Prechter
16. Walter Reuther

### Science

17. William Rittenhouse
18. John D. Rockefeller
19. John A. Roebling
20. Jacob Schiff
21. Joseph Schlitz
22. Charles Schwab
23. Ignaz Schwinn
24. Henry E. Steinway
25. Nathan Straus
26. Henry C. Studebaker
27. W.R. Timken, Jr.
28. Donald J. Trump
29. Henry Villard
30. John Wanamaker
31. Felix Wardburg
32. Friedrich Weyerhäuser

### Science

1. Ernst Bloch
2. Otto Boetticher
3. Dr. Max Kade
4. Francis Lieber
5. Ottmar Mergenthaler
6. Martin Schwarzschild
7. Charles Proteus Steinmetz
8. Wernher Von Braun
9. Dr. Ruth Westheimer
10. George Westinghouse

### Athletics

1. Roger Clemens
2. Lou Gehrig
3. Charlie Gehringer
4. Tom Heinsohn
5. Carol Heiss
6. Paul Hornung
7. Todd Hundley
8. Mickey Mantle
9. Paul Molitor
10. Dirk Nowitzki
11. Mike Schmidt
12. Detlef Schrempf
13. Barney Schultz
14. Warren Spahn
15. Roger Staubach
16. Jim Thome

### History

1. Donner Party
2. John O. Meusebach
3. Eriin Panofsky
4. Maria Ludwig "Molly" Pitcher
5. John Augustus Sutter
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# 94<sup>th</sup> German-American Fest



**Congratulations to the German National Soccer Team! 2014 WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS**

## Role of German Immigrants in the Archdiocese of Chicago

In the 8th Century, the English monk St. Boniface (Winfrid) was given a direct commission from the Holy See to Christianize the vast pagan wilderness of present-day Germany. His 36 years of labor in the region and subsequent martyrdom earned him the title of "Apostle of Germany."

German immigrants came to Chicago since the 1830s, bringing their strong Catholic faith with them. By 1860 more than 22,000 Chicagoans were from Germany. The immigrants continued to pour steadily resulting in the German population in Chicago tripling in size between 1870 and 1900. In addition, the German Evangelical Association encouraged large numbers of German from Pennsylvania to resettle in Chicago. Over 400,000 men, women and children of German descent inhabited Chicago at the turn of the century, representing a quarter of the City's population. German Americans are the largest ethnic group, not just in the Chicago area, but in the entire United States. German immigrants built many churches, both Catholic and Protestant, and also organized and maintained schools to preserve the German language and literature. Following is a chronological listing of the Roman Catholic Churches in Chicago founded by German or a combination of German and Irish immigrants. Over the course of the years, all have evolved into intermediate ethnic parishes.

- 1846 - St. Joseph's, 1500 W. Monroe
- 1846 - St. Peter's, 110 W. Madison
- 1852 - St. Michael's, 1625 N. Cleveland
- 1853 - St. Francis of Assisi was the oldest German parish on the west side of Chicago at 11th and Clinton Streets. It is no longer in existence.
- 1864 - St. Boniface, 1348 W. Chestnut
- 1875 - St. Vincent dePaul, 1004 W. Webster
- 1882 - St. Alphonsus Parish and school were founded at Lincoln, Southport & Wellington. The buildings of the parish comprising of the Gothic style church, which is a local landmark, rectory, theater, school, and former convent occupy a full city block. St. Alphonsus is the only Roman Catholic Church in Chicago which still holds German language Masses every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. The German Choir sings every first Sunday of the month, as well as for Easter and Christmas.
- 1886 - St. Martin's 59th Street & Princeton Avenue
- 1887 - St. Matthias, 2336 W. Ainslie
- 1890 - St. Maurice in Bridgeport
- 1894 - St. Clara, 6401 S. Woodlawn
- 1896 - St. Nicholas, 12330 S. State
- 1897-99 - St. Paul's, 2234 S. Hoyne
- 1901 - Epiphany Church, 2524 S. Keeler
- 1903 - St. Benedict's 2215 W. Irving Park Road. For many years now on the first Sunday in October, it hosts the Annual German-American Commemoration.
- 1905 - St. Henry, 6360 N. Ridge
- 1905 - St. Kilian, 8725 S. May
- 1908 - Immaculate Conception, 3101 S. Aberdeen
- 1909 - Queen of Angels, Western & Sunnyside
- 1911 - St. Gertrude, 1420 W. Granville
- 1915 - St. Raphael, 6001 S. Justine
- 1922 - St. Philomena, 4130 W. Cortland

- 1924 - St. Gregory the Great, 5533 N. Paulina
- 1925 - Sacred Heart, 7003 S. May
- 1927 - St. Cajetan, 112th & Artesian
- 1927 - St. Francis Xavier, 3035 N. Francisco

Choirs, Organizations and Newspaper: Currently, there are 5 Men's Choruses, 2 Women's Choruses, 6 Mixed Choruses and one Children's Choir in existence. These choruses belong to the United German-American Choruses of Greater Chicago. Once a month, all choirs and organizations are listed on the back page of the Eurracht Weekly Newspaper, 9456 N. Lawler, Skokie, IL 60077-1290; telephone 847-677-9456. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of contact persons are included in the listing.

Music: German immigrants have made significant contributions to Chicago's and the world's great musical traditions both in the liturgical and secular arenas. They brought with them their love for classical music by the masters such as Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Handel, just to name a few. In 1860, Hans Balaka, a well known Austrian director, came to Chicago and organized the Philharmonic Society. The Schiller Theater was built by the German Opera House Company and opened in 1892. It was renamed the Garrick, and continued to operate until 1980. The Orchestra Association was founded in 1891. The 90 member, largely German, symphony orchestra opened its first season with Theodor Thomas Conducting. Thomas was born in Hanover. He became the musical director of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Orchestra Hall was built in 1905 to house his orchestra. Upon Thomas' death in 1905, Frederick Stork, who had played first violin, became the new Music Director. He held the position over 50 years, until 1942. Stork was born near Aachen and graduated from the Cologne Music Conservatory before coming to Chicago. To this day, the CSO is known as the "most German of American orchestras." *The Above Submitted Courtesy of Maria Bappert and Taken From Information Provided By The American Aid Society of German Descendants, The Catholic Kolping Society of America, The German Choir of St. Alphonsus Church and The Society of Danube Swabians.*

### Spectacular Christkindlmarket Chicago Celebrates 19 Years

Once a year, Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago transforms into a European holiday village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and twinkling lights that harkens back to the traditional holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany. The magical atmosphere of the Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to Daley Plaza for its 19th year, opening its doors from November 25 until December 24, 2014.

Since 1996, German American Services, Inc., a subsidiary of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Inc., has hosted one of the largest traditional Christmas markets outside of Europe. More than 65% of the vendors actually travel from Germany to Chicago each year to share their culture and holiday traditions. Visitors have plenty of opportunity to not only pick up some German language essentials but also to learn more about German culture without having to travel to Europe. With free admission, it comes as no surprise that this event attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from the greater Chicagoland area, the entire nation, and around the world.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago is host to over 50 vendors boasting one-of-a-kind offerings that are destined to become treasured gifts for loved ones of all ages. The vendors' traditional wooden huts are filled with holiday ornaments of all colors, materials and sizes, nutcrackers, cuckoo-clocks, beer steins, wooden toys, jewelry, wood carvings, and European sweets and treats. The market also has various heated walk-in cabins that offer a cozy place to take time and shop for unique gifts. The Grand Timber House and Festival Tent provide visitors with a place to warm up, relax, sit down, and enjoy delicious food and drinks.

For more information, please contact us via email at [info@christkindlmarket.com](mailto:info@christkindlmarket.com) or telephone at (312) 494-2175. Visit the official website at [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com). High resolution photos and HD video are available upon request.

### DANK Haus pairs German wines and fashions at "Vintage Deutsch"

The German American Cultural Center is staging an upscale fashion and wine event celebrating the emergence of Berlin as a "City of Design" and the panoply of German wines. Guests will enjoy mingling with fashion and accessory designers, glass in hand in the gilded Skyline Lounge. Sommeliers from Knightsbridge Wine Shoppe will enlighten guests on the broad spectrum of German wines. Ingrid Kaltenbach, longtime fashion importer with a discerning eye for quality, will exhibit an array of Old World fabrics and trims while Erika Neumayer of Rare Dirndl turns traditional dress into a Saturday night option. Jewelry designer Kristen Hunger offers finishing touches and twists.

Vintage Deutsch aims to raise the profile of German wines and fashion as well as funds to keep German language and culture at the forefront of the Chicago area.

Come raise your glass to Germany at this glittering event. Space is limited, reserve today.

- Participating vendors:
- Rare Dirndl
- International Fashions by Ingrid
- Kristen Hunger Creative Designs
- Knightsbridge Wine Shoppe

#### EVENT DETAILS

Thursday September 4, 2014 @ 7:00pm  
DANK Haus, 4740 North Western Avenue, Chicago IL  
Fundraiser includes light bites, wine tastings and designer interaction.  
Additional beverages available for purchase.  
Advance tickets, \$30.00 each, are available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or by phone at 773.561.9181.



MB Financial Bank at Western & Gunnison is generously donating parking for this event. DANK Haus is located 1/2 block from the Western Brown Line stop.



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# BELLS ARE RINGING - TIME TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

## Mayor Emanuel Breaks Ground At Wildwood Elementary School Annex To Alleviate Overcrowding

*Annexes at Wildwood and Oriole Park Elementary Schools Help Ease Overcrowding and Expand Classroom Space*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel broke ground today on Chicago Public School's (CPS) Wildwood World Magnet School Annex project in the Forest Glen community on Chicago's Northwest Side. The addition will bring a 34,000 square foot, three-story building to the school, including 12 classrooms, a computer lab, art room, library, administrative suite and lunchroom. The annex and other renovations are expected to be completed in late summer 2015, in time for the 2015-2016 school year.

"We have a responsibility to our students to provide them with the resources of a 21st century education," said Mayor Emanuel. "After many years of our schools and communities finding creative solutions to overcrowding, we are now able to make the investment necessary to expand the facilities. Alleviating overcrowding is an essential part of our overall strategy to ensure our students will live up to their full potential."

The annex will address overcrowding at Wildwood, which is currently operating at nearly 185% capacity. While 431 students enrolled this school year, Wildwood's current building is designed for 240 students. The existing Wildwood school will also receive renovations to transform an existing class-

room into a music classroom, a classroom and office into a single classroom and another classroom into a music storage area to complement the school's existing music room.

"Our students should not have to choose between a library or a lunchroom," said CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett. "The Wildwood Elementary School annex will create the additional space necessary for students and teachers to concentrate on their studies. This will further our goal to ensure all of our students will graduate 100 percent college ready and 100 percent college bound."

Mayor Emanuel also announced construction will begin on another annex to help alleviate overcrowding at Oriole Park Elementary School, which will create 15 classrooms, a lunchroom, library, computer lab, science lab, and an administrative suite. Oriole Park, located in the Norwood Park community, will also receive renovations to transform an existing administrative suite into a classroom and the existing lunchroom into an art room. The annex and renovations on this project are also expected to be completed in late summer 2015, in time for the 2015-2016 school year.

"This new state of the art annex will represent a vision for the future," said Alderman

Mary O'Connor (41st Ward). "The investment in Wildwood School, home of one of the city's most successful International Baccalaureate Programs, will continue to provide an excellent opportunity to earn a first rate education for generations to come."

As it does on all of its projects, the Public Building Commission (PBC), which is building the Wildwood and Oriole Park annexes on behalf of CPS, is committed to a high level of economic sustainability. Contract provisions on these projects require that at least 50 percent of the labor force be City of Chicago residents and that residents of the community area also be hired to work on the project. The PBC is also committed to contract provisions that require minority and women-owned business participation.

Under the leadership of Mayor Emanuel and CEO Byrd-Bennett, the District has made critical investments to expand high-quality school options for students across the city. Mayor Emanuel and CPS recently launched a modernization project at Dunne Technology Academy, located on the Far South Side, to incorporate a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) focus. These efforts include building new science and engi-

neering labs to support the school's transition to the STEM school model and other facility upgrades.

"I'm happy to have worked with the community and city to bring this much needed annex to Wildwood School," said Illinois State Representative John D'Amico (15th District). "We couldn't have done this without the hard work and dedication of Mayor Emanuel, Alderman O'Connor, and Principal Cunat, as well as all of our parents and teachers."

In the past two years, Mayor Emanuel and CPS have addressed overcrowding at 33 local schools, including Addams, Bell, Columbia Explorers, Dever, Dirksen, Durkin Park, Edison Park, Gallistel, Hale, Lincoln, Little Village, Lock, Onahan, Pasteur, Peck, South Loop, Smyser, and Stevenson. Mayor Emanuel and CPS will address overcrowding at Canty, Edwards, and Jamieson through the CPS FY15 Capital budget as they continue to work together to identify funding for additional projects.

The Mayor and CPS remain firmly committed to working with individual communities to find innovative ways to relieve overcrowding at other local schools.

## Applications Now Open for Chicago High School Teens Seeking Paid Fall Programs and Internships

*Participating Teens Will Be Eligible for Increased School-Year Monetary Stipends*

After School Matters is now accepting applications for its Fall program cycle. Programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of September 29 at Chicago public high schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community-based organization locations across the city.

In total, approximately 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities in more than 300 programs will be available to Chicago high school teens this fall through After School Matters. Fall programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 10 weeks. This fall, participating teens will be eligible to earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level), more than double the previous School Year stipend amount. Interns can earn \$8.25 per hour.

"By supporting teens' skill development in a variety of content areas, as well as essential career readiness skills, After School Matters helps Chicago youth discover their potential and gain confidence," said Mary Ellen Caron, Chief Executive Officer of After School Matters. "We believe that the increased stipend that teens can earn in our School Year programs will further lower any barriers to participation for teens across Chicago to engage in high quality, hands-on activities after school."

Teens can search and apply for programs online at [www.afterschoolmatters.org](http://www.afterschoolmatters.org). All After School Matters programs are free and

open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and who are entering or currently enrolled in high school. Teens who have been in After School Matters for three or more sessions will be given priority consideration for internships. As part of the application process, teens meet with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests. Chicago teens are encouraged to apply early, as program opportunities fill up quickly. For questions on programs and applications, call 312-742-4182 or email [info@afterschoolmatters.org](mailto:info@afterschoolmatters.org).

For more information about After School Matters and to apply for Fall programs, visit [www.afterschoolmatters.org](http://www.afterschoolmatters.org). Follow After School Matters on Twitter at @afterschoolmatters, on Facebook at [facebook.com/afterschoolmatters](http://facebook.com/afterschoolmatters), on YouTube at [youtube.com/afterschoolmatters](http://youtube.com/afterschoolmatters), and on Instagram at AfterSchoolMatters.

### About After School Matters

After School Matters is a nonprofit organization that offers Chicago high school teens high quality, out-of-school-time opportunities to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond. Over the past two decades, more than 200,000 teens have participated in our hands-on, project-based arts, communications, science, sports and technology programs at Chicago public high schools, community locations across the

city and Downtown at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. After School Matters programs are developed and delivered through a network of public and private partnerships, includ-

ing Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Public Library and a wide range of community organizations. [www.afterschoolmatters.org](http://www.afterschoolmatters.org)

## Students Heading Back to School Find Public Transit the Best Option

Grab your backpack, lunchbox and head out the door to catch the bus or train—that's the way the day starts for millions of Chicago commuters of all ages. As the 2014-15 school year gets underway, many young "commuters" will forgo the traditional school bus or ride from mom and dad and take the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra or Pace bus or train to school each day.

Fifteen year old Asher's parents, who live in Chicago's West Lakeview neighborhood, say taking the 'L' to Walter Payton College Prep High School at 1034 N. Wells in Chicago is a win-win for the family.

"It's the best option for Asher. He simply gets on the CTA Brown Line at Addison, switches to the Red Line at Belmont and is then just blocks away from his school," says his mother. "The train gets him there faster than us driving, and the reduced student fare makes it more affordable for our family." (Asher and his family are available for interviews; please contact Susan Massel at the RTA for further information.)

Asher can take advantage of the CTA Student Reduced Fare which allows qualifying students to travel on school days between 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. With a valid student Ventra card, students can ride for 75 cents with the option of two transfers, within two hours, for an additional 15 cents.

Preschooler Morgan from DeKalb and her mom feel the same way. Morgan and her mom ride Metra's Union Pacific West Line from Lombard to Elburn each day, where Morgan attends St. John's Lutheran School. (Morgan and her family are available for interviews; please contact Susan Massel at the RTA for further information.)

"Metra is the most convenient, relaxing way for me to take Morgan to school each day," says Morgan's mom. "It's a great way for us to spend time together and the Metra staff is wonderful to us each morning. I really can't imagine commuting any other way."

Because Morgan is a preschooler, she can enjoy Metra's children's weekday fare, which is free for children 6 and under and half-priced for children ages 7 to 11. Metra offers a discount to full-time students enrolled in an accredited grade school or high school if they present a student ID or Letter of Certification. Discounted tickets are honored daily between 5:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., leaving room for students to participate in after-school activities.

Pace operates numerous bus routes providing direct service to elementary, high schools and colleges throughout the region. Many of these routes feature special trips timed to meet the school's start and end times. For example, Pace Route 423 has specially scheduled trips traveling direct to Loyola Academy and Regina Dominican high schools in Wilmette from the CTA Harlem Blue Line Station. Completing this trip using regularly scheduled service would require a transfer and additional walking to the school. These "trippers" accommodate the large number of students who traditionally come to these schools from Chicago's northwest side and near northwest suburbs. Pace also offers a reduced fare 30-Day Pass to students for \$30 that includes unlimited rides on all Pace regular fare routes. The Campus Connection pass, a semester-long pass, is sold to college students and provides unlimited rides on all Pace regular fare routes.

"We have a world-class public transit system that offers students with safe, convenient and affordable transportation," said Acting RTA Executive Director Leanne Redden. "We see more and more young people relying on transit each day so it only makes sense that students throughout our six-county region would look to the system as the best choice to get to school and back."

Visit the CTA, Metra and Pace websites to learn more about student fares.

## Jr. Bandit Cross Country Invite

Grammar school students are invited to participate in the Resurrection College Prep High School Jr. Bandit Cross Country Invite on Saturday, September 13, 2014 on the campus of Resurrection College Prep High School. Team and individual runners are invited to participate in the following categories: Varsity Girls (7th and 8th grade), Varsity Boys (7th and 8th grade), Jr. Varsity (JV) Girls (5th and 6th grade) and Jr. Varsity (JV) Boys (5th and 6th grade). The Varsity race will be 1.5 miles and the JV race will be 1 mile. Check-in time is 8:15 am and the races will begin every twenty minutes, beginning at 9 am.

The fee is \$10 for an individual runner or \$100 per team. To register, please submit the registration form found on the Resurrection College Prep website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) under the "News and Events" tab. Please contact Cross Country Coach Fred Angelini at [fangelini@reshs.org](mailto:fangelini@reshs.org) or contact the school at 773.775.6616 Ext 134 with any questions or for more information.

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](http://www.reshs.org).

# Caring for Your Spouse... Even After You're Gone



**Chester M. Przybylo**

Your spouse has been there with you through thick and thin. They have been your rock, the foundation upon which you've built your life. Your spouse has probably been your friend, confidant, and true partner.

If your spouse is ailing now, there are ways that you can protect them, even after you are gone. Let's say your spouse has a slowly degenerative disease, like Alzheimer's disease. Hopefully, their illness may be kept at bay. As long as you are there, you may intend to care for your spouse at home. But, what if you die first? At least one study has shown that caregivers themselves often get sick or die early because of the stresses on them.

If you die first, your assets would pass to your spouse. Then, without your support, your spouse may need nursing care and would need to spend the resources you've built over a lifetime together to pay for that care. Eventually, they would have "spent down" those resources and would qualify for financial assistance. But, then they would have little money left for incidentals and luxuries, like birthday gifts for the grandchildren.

There is a better way. You could leave your assets to your spouse in a "Testamentary Special Needs Trust," which is a unique kind of Special Needs Trust. The assets in the Special Needs Trust may not be used for items covered by government assistance, such as medical care. However, the assets may be used for whatever costs government assistance does not cover, such as a special medical procedure, extra therapy, a private room in the hospital or nursing home, travel, an art class, birthday gifts for the grandchildren, and in some cases, even everyday living expenses.

A Special Needs Trust is a good strategy for any loved one needing substantial care. However, a Special Needs Trust for your spouse can only take effect upon your death. Further, it must be set up in a precise manner to qualify, so that the assets you leave to your spouse will not be deemed "available resources" when seeking government assistance and have to be "spent down" before the government will help with the bills.

You would do anything for your spouse. But, statistics show that you may go before your spouse. Plan now to protect and provide for your spouse, even after you are gone. A qualified estate planning and elder law attorney, one who focuses his or her practice in that area, can help you set up a plan that meets your concerns and your spouse's needs.

*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](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*

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## Regular Radio Runs Rick

DJ Rick O'Dell and his famous "Sunday Brunch" of smooth music is back on regular radio. Since 1987 his legendary "Smooth Jazz" show has been broadcast on many outlets, including radio stations WNUA, WTMX, and WCLR. Rick still broadcasts on the internet 24/7 at [smoothjazzchicago.net](http://smoothjazzchicago.net), but now "The Sunday Jazz Brunch" also airs 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on WDCB 90.9 FM radio station every Sunday. When not broadcasting, Rick can usually be found helping the Anti-Cruelty Society, especially at their Bark In The Park fundraisers.



## Evanston Community Members Encouraged to Provide Feedback on Bike Transportation Improvements at Upcoming Public Meetings

Evanston residents are invited to participate in several upcoming community meetings to learn more about the City's Bike Plan Update and provide their input on related projects, including a proposed protected bike lane along Chicago Ave., from Davis St. to Sheridan Rd.

Staff from the City's Public Works Department and the City Manager's Office will be on hand at each of the following meetings to answer questions, provide details, and gather feedback on bicycle transportation improvements:

**7th Ward Meeting** – Thursday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m., Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

**1st Ward Meeting** – Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m., Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

**Joint 4th and 9th Ward Meeting** – Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

**2nd Ward Meeting** – Thursday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m., J.E.H. Education Center/School District 65, 1500 McDaniel Ave.

**Special City Council Meeting** – Mon-

day, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 2100 Ridge Ave.

The September 29 City Council Meeting will focus solely on bicycle transportation in Evanston. Discussion will include the proposed Chicago/Sheridan Bike Lane Project and the City's overall Bike Plan Update.

The Evanston Bike Plan Update builds on the City's efforts to upgrade and expand the network to make bicycling safer and attract more riders in Evanston. The updated plan provides recommendations for new projects, policies, and programs that reflect the community's needs and desires to further promote bicycling. Community members can view the plan and related documents at [www.cityofevanston.org/public-works/bikeability](http://www.cityofevanston.org/public-works/bikeability).

Comments, questions and ideas about bicycle transportation improvements in Evanston can be emailed to [bikes@cityofevanston.org](mailto:bikes@cityofevanston.org). Follow @GreenEvanston on Twitter to stay informed about projects, meetings and more. For more information about the public meetings, please call/text 847-448-4311.

## Women And Social Security

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Administration Public Affairs

Women's Equality Day is August 26, and this is the perfect time to remind you how much Social Security values and appreciates women. Even though men and women with identical earnings histories receive the same benefits, there are things women in particular should know about Social Security. There are trends and differences in lifestyle and patterns of earnings that can affect benefits.

For example, some women may be caregivers for many people: spouses, children, and parents. Taking time away from the workplace to care for a newborn child, ailing spouse, or aging parent can have an impact on your future Social Security benefits.

Also, despite significant strides through the years, women are more likely to earn less over a lifetime than men. In addition, women are less likely than men to be covered by private retirement plans, so they are more dependent on Social Security in their retirement years.

Did you know that women tend to live on average about five years longer than men? This means more years depending on Social Security and whatever other retirement income or savings they accumulate.

If a woman's spouse earns significantly more than she does, it is very possible she will qualify for a larger benefit amount on the spouse's record than on her own. To learn more, visit our Women's page at [www.socialsecurity.gov/women](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/women) and read, print, or listen to our publication, What Every Woman Should Know.

You may also be interested in listening to Carolyn Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, on National Public Radio as she talks about women and money. Just visit [www.npr.org/2014/04/15/301782870/social-security-chief-women-live-longer-so-they-should-save-early](http://www.npr.org/2014/04/15/301782870/social-security-chief-women-live-longer-so-they-should-save-early).

To celebrate Women's Equality Day, learn how Social Security treats men and women equally by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/women](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/women).

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

## St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

## Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope and Opportunity to Families

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

## DANK Haus offers Kulturküche: Zwiebelkuchen German Onion Tart Cooking Class

Join Rita to create a German Onion Tart - a delicious specialty served as the months turn cooler and especially popular when the new wine, or "Moscht" comes out in the fall, a few weeks after crush. Zwiebelkuchen contains onions, as indicated, as well as caraway and often bacon or ham. In comparison to quiche, it is usually baked on yeast dough, like pizza.

This dough and onion combination is particularly flavorful because the lean dough becomes crispy in the oven and does not overwhelm the toppings.

The nominal class fee of \$16 includes the hands-on demonstration, recipes, one drink, and tasting. Beer, wine and soda will also be available for purchase. Classes sell out quickly so please reserve your space promptly.

Kulturkueche - German Cooking Series is held monthly for all to learn German culinary traditions. We know your Oma made it better - that was the love.



### EVENT DETAILS

Friday, September 19, 2014 @ 7:30pm  
DANK Haus, 4740 North Western Avenue, Chicago IL 60625.

Advance tickets are available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

MB Financial Bank at Western & Gun-nison is generously donating parking for this event.

DANK Haus is located ½ block from the Western Brown Line stop.

## NORTHTOWN GARDEN SOCIETY Garden Arts and Crafts Fundraiser Spring of 2015

### CALLING ALL ARTISANS

The NGS Board is looking for NGS members and friends who are artists or crafters to participate. All art work needs to be Garden or Nature related and can include: water color, oil painting, pottery, jewelry, quilting, needlework, flower arrangements (dried or alive), woodwork, photography, painted furniture or any other related art or handiwork.

If there is enough interest in this project, NGS will proceed to the planning. Interested? E-mail your name and address or phone number by September 4 to Shelly at: [sgreen113@me.com](mailto:sgreen113@me.com) or 773-463-0144h

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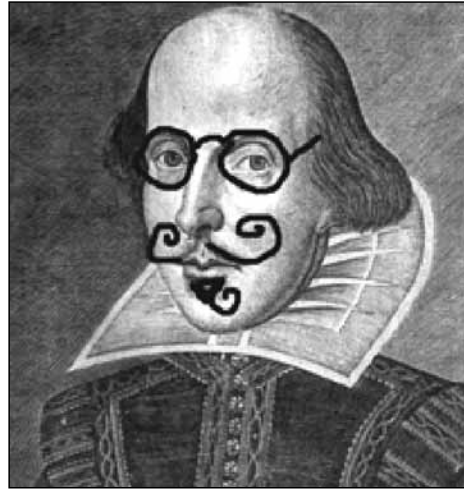
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## Two Reasons Why Shakespeare Is Cool

By Wayne Mell – Managing Director

I overheard two ladies in our lobby the other day at Skokie Theatre. They were looking at a postcard for the Shakespeare All-Stars performance we have scheduled for September 6th. The one turned to the other and said, "I don't like Shakespeare. I never understand it." People have always said that, and it makes me very mad at Patrick Stewart and his ilk, who can't say the lines with rubbing our face in the fact that their accents make them sound smarter than us even when they're reading the phone book.

Shakespeare was written for everybody, and that's what makes him cool. His plays were performed mostly for the common folks, and were filled with humor that we still enjoy today. It's not a Shakespeare play without at least one man in a dress trying to fool



somebody. And there's always a society-type who ends up with mud on their face for underestimating everyone else. Shakespeare didn't invent the pratfall, but he certainly made great use of it. And there are those who even say that the world's first knock-knock joke came from Act 2, Scene 3 of Macbeth.

Shakespeare is cool because he's funny. And everyone from the Marx Brothers to Adam Sandler has been stealing from him for years.

The Shakespeare All-Stars are performing Saturday, September 6 at 1:30 pm. With bold costumes, non-stop action, and a big splash of silliness, the All-Stars present scenes from Shakespeare's comedies in a fresh and accessible way that will inspire and delight the young and the young at heart. Bring the whole family and you'll see what I'm talking about. Tickets are \$12 each.

Why else is Shakespeare cool? Sword fights. There is only so long that you can watch the lords and ladies make fun of each other without a bar fight. In a summer filled with action movies, it's worth pointing out that this genre owes it all to Macbeth, Hamlet, and the granddaddy of all gang stories, Romeo and Juliette.

West Side Story is one of the most popular musicals ever created, and it was lifted directly from Romeo and Juliette. On Wednesday, September 9 at 1:30, theatre historian Charles Troy is presenting his multi-media show "The Creation of West Side Story". Mr. Troy does a presentation on the first Wednesday of every month, and they're great fun. He has a passion for musical theatre that's second to none. And he entertains us with songs and movie clips and all the backstage stories about how our favorite musicals came to be. Tickets are only \$15.

If you've read my column before, you know that you'll get a deal if you get this far. Readers of Our Village can use code VILLAGE when ordering tickets, and see either of these shows for only \$10. Call us at 847-677-7761.

It's time to stomp out this notion that Shakespeare is beyond us. Join us in September for a good laugh and a good cry like people have been doing for over 400 years.

## An Unexpected Gift

Bears of Hope, an all-volunteer organization based in Skokie received an unexpected gift of fabric. The organization makes handmade fabric bears for children and adults struggling with a life crisis. The bears give hope and comfort. Each year, the group also makes a certain number of bears for veterans.

Their founder, Carolyn Reiner and her daughter, Jamie, went to Dallas, Texas for some R&R. One day they went to Forth Worth. While driving back to their hotel, a Joanne Fabrics store was spotted. Of course they had to stop! Jamie said, "Whenever Mom spots a fabric store, she's ready to go fabric shopping for the Bears of Hope." Each bear is made with a half yard of premium cotton printed fabric. No two bears are made with the same fabric. This makes each bear one-of-a-kind, just like the bear's recipient.

At the Joanne Fabrics store, Carolyn and Jamie selected ten different patriotic red, white and blue print fabrics. At the cutting table, other shoppers waiting in line to get their fabric cut, asked Carolyn, "What are you making?" She told them about Bears of Hope, what they do and then added, "We'll make patriotic bears for veterans with these fabrics. Each year, we personally give veterans patriotic bears to thank them for their service to our country". This prompted questions about Bears of Hope which Carolyn and Jamie answered. When the cutting clerk gave Carolyn her fabric sales slip, the customer next to her said, "I'll take that. I admire what you're doing for veterans, children and adults." Carolyn thanked the lady for her kindness in purchasing fabric for the Bears. Jamie replied, "It was so



Carolyn Reiner with the gift of patriotic fabric for Bears of Hope

unexpected." Carolyn said, "But it was so nice to meet a thoughtful caring person who wanted to do what she could for others in need."

The organization relies on volunteers to make bears plus individuals and businesses financial gifts which provide the means to purchase materials needed for bears. To get involved by volunteering, contact Bears@bearsofhope.com. To show support, send your donation to: Bears of Hope, 8331 Kostner, Skokie, IL 60076.

## Mayor Emanuel Announces Divvy To Expand Next Spring By 175 Stations And 1,750 Bikes

Chicago to Have Most Bike Share Stations and Largest Service Area in North America; New Station Locations Selected Through Community Engagement Process

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced today that the planned expansion for Divvy, Chicago's bike share system, will take place early next spring, bringing the system to 475 stations and 4,750 bikes and giving Chicago the most bike share stations and largest service area in North America.

The planning process for the expansion involved significant community engagement, including the review of hundreds of suggestions from Chicagoans on where the new stations should be located. CDOT and Divvy presented a new map today that includes the planned locations of the new 175 stations.

"Bike sharing works best when more neighborhoods in the city are served. With this expansion, Chicago will have the most number of bike share stations covering the largest service area than any other program in North America," said Mayor Emanuel. "We are encouraged by Divvy's popularity, which will create more opportunities for expansion into new Chicago neighborhoods in the future."

At 475 stations, Divvy will surpass Montreal's current operation of 450 stations to become North America's largest system in terms of stations. Divvy's service area will also expand to 87 square miles across 31 wards, which will also be the largest of any North American city.

With this expansion, Divvy will reach

Touhy Avenue on the north, 75th Street on the south, and as far west as Pulaski Road. There will also be new stations in existing areas to fill in the system for greater service and accessibility.

"Divvy has been a tremendous success, and we are excited to expand the system into more neighborhoods for Chicagoans and visitors to move around this city in fun, affordable and healthy ways," said CDOT Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld. "Chicagoans gave great suggestions for the locations of new stations, and we look forward to placing them where they were requested."

The expansion from the current 300 stations and 3,000 bikes had been planned for this year. However, the bankruptcy of a key equipment supplier significantly delayed the ability of Alta Bicycle Share, Divvy's operator, to acquire new equipment. The new stations and bikes will be built over the next several months and delivered to Chicago for installation in the early spring.

CDOT also announced since Divvy launched in June 2013, Chicagoans and visitors have taken more than 2.3 million trips on Divvy bikes, collectively riding more than five million miles. Making the data publically available allows designers and programmers to analyze and present the data in visually compelling ways.

The new station map and trip data is available at [www.divvybikes.com](http://www.divvybikes.com).

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