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Happy Thanksgiving
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Thank you Mayor Byrne, for your love of and dedicated service in helping to make Chicago the Great City it is today. You will be sorely missed.

All Chicago Area Catholics And The Entire Croatian Community Celebrate Our New Archbishop

On Tuesday, November 18th, the Consul General of the Republic of Croatia and clergy from the local Croatian parishes in Chicago will attend the Installation Mass of Archbishop-designate Blase J. Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. A member of Sacred Heart Croatian Parish will take part in the Installation liturgy on behalf of the Croatian community. "The Croatian people are very proud of the upcoming appointment of Archbishop-designate Cupich," said Dr. Jelena Grcic-Polic, Consul General of the Republic of Croatia. "We celebrated the election of a Croatian Mayor almost thirty years ago, and now our community will watch history unfold this Tuesday. We hope that the new archbishop will feel that presence and be proud of it as well." The Consul General and clergy will be available for interviews after the Tuesday events.

Archbishop-designate Blase Cupich will succeed Cardinal George as the ninth Archbishop of Chicago. "As Catholics, we are proud to be an essential part of the 2,000 year history of the Christian faith," said Father Joe Grbes, The succession of Bishops goes back to the time of Jesus. We value tradition as a vehicle of living faith. Archbishop Cupich is part of the same succession, the same tradition that was nourished in his Croatian family."

The City of Chicago and its outskirts is home to more than 250,000 Catholics of Croatian descent.

The New Santa House On Daley Plaza Opens For Visits November 25 Through December 24

Santa Claus will once again set up shop on Daley Plaza in an all NEW Santa House provided by ECODOME Inc. Santa's Midwest headquarters will be open to children of all ages to experience the wonder of the North Pole and take their picture with Santa Claus throughout the holiday season.

Visits with Santa Claus begin on Tuesday, November 25, from 6pm to 8pm, with special hours on Wednesday, November 26, from 11am to 8pm and Thanksgiving Day, November 27, from 11am to 4pm. Santa's regular visiting hours will begin on Friday, November 28, and continue every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 21 from 11am to 8pm. During Christmas week, December 22-23 the house will be open each day from 11am to 8pm, with special hours on Christmas Eve from 11am to 4pm. Santa will be available for photos, so don't forget to bring your camera!



Kick-Off The Holidays At The 101st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony On Tuesday, November 25 At Daley Plaza

The City of Chicago and UL are pleased to announce the lineup for the 101st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, November 25, at Daley Plaza (Washington St. and Dearborn St.). The FREE event begins at 4:30 p.m. with performances headlined by rocker Dee Snider of Twisted Sister fame. The official tree lighting will be at 5 p.m.

"Each year Chicagoans gather for the annual tree lighting ceremony to officially start the holiday season," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "I hope you will join me on Daley Plaza together with your family and friends for this holiday tradition."

The 101st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is presented by the City of Chicago and UL. "UL is deeply rooted in the Chicago landscape and we are proud to, once again, be a sponsor of the City of Chicago's annual Christmas tree lighting," said UL's President and CEO Keith Williams.

Admission is FREE. For information on all programs presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, visit our website at cityofchicago.org/dcase and join us on Facebook and Twitter @ChicagoDCASE.

The Atkinson Family Tree From Elgin, Illinois Will Shine In Daley Plaza As Chicago's Official Christmas Tree

The City of Chicago is pleased to announce that the Atkinson Family Tree from Elgin, Illinois was selected to serve as this year's Christmas tree on Daley Plaza. The 57-foot Colorado blue spruce will be lit at the 101st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, November 25. The program will begin at 4:30 p.m. with live performances by Dee Snider's Rock & Roll Christmas Show, Hansel & Gretel - A Wickedly Delicious Musical Treat and a special appearance by The Grinch from Dr. Suess' How The Grinch Stole Christmas - followed by the lighting ceremony at 5 p.m.

Donna Atkinson and her family will join Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Santa Claus, sponsor UL and special guests to light the tree. Ms. Atkinson has nominated her tree for the last

three years and it was always a runner up. "The third time wasn't the charm, but maybe the fourth will be," she said in her nomination. "My friends and family are looking forward to celebrating in Chicago. I'm ready to flip the switch!" Chicago's Christmas Tree will be on display at Daley Plaza through January 6, 2015.

Since 2009, Chicago's Christmas tree has been a single tree donated by a Chicago-area family. During the summer and early fall, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events received more than 80 submissions from Chicagoland residents who hoped that their tree would be selected to shine on Daley Plaza during the holidays. The tree was selected with the assistance of The Brickman Group (landscaping/tree professionals).



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Chicago Post Office Delivers the Holidays to Diplomatic and Military Service Members Worldwide

Postal Service Recommended Mailing Dates

There may not be snow on the ground, but now is the time to start thinking about holiday mailing deadlines for military and diplomatic service members overseas.

"Making sure those serving in the nation's armed forces and diplomatic service receive their presents and care packages in time for the holidays is our priority," said Chicago Postmaster Tangela Bush. "We want to help their friends and family send mail worldwide in time for the holidays."

Helping to get packages on their way, the Postal Service offers a \$2 per box postage discount on its largest Priority Mail Flat Rate box at, \$15.45, for mail being sent to APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office and Diplomatic Post Office) destinations worldwide.

Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes are available at no cost at either local Post Offices, or ordered online at shop.usps.com. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online anytime using Click-N-Ship at <https://cns.usps.com/go>.

To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25, send cards and packages to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas no later than the mailing dates listed below.

Military Mail Addressed To	Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS) ¹	First-Class Mail —Letters and Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Air Lift (PAL) ²	Space Available Mail (SAM) ³	Standard Post
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 3	Dec 3	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AA ZIP 340	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8

¹ PMEMS is available to selected military. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

² PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Standard Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

³ SAM parcels are paid at Standard Post prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

Use the Military Care Kit to Send Presents and/or Care Packages

With Priority Mail supplies as the packaging of choice for families preparing care packages for service members overseas, the Postal Service created a free "Military Care Kit" based on the items most frequently requested by military families.

The kit contains:

- Two Priority Mail APO/FPO Flat Rate Boxes.
- Two Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Boxes.
- Priority Mail address labels.
- Appropriate customs forms.
- Priority Mail tape.

To order the free kit, call 800-610-8734. Guidelines for packing, addressing, and shipping items to U.S. troops can be found at usps.com/ship/apo-fpo-guidelines.htm.

Addressing the Package

1. Write out the service member's full name in the address.
2. Include the unit and APO/FPO/DPO address with the 9-digit ZIP Code (if one is assigned). For example:

CPT JOHN DOE UNIT 2050 BOX 4190 APO AP 96278-2050	SEAMAN JOSEPH SMITH USCGC HAMILTON FPO AP 96667-3931
SGT ROBERT SMITH PSC 802 BOX 74 APO AE 09499-0074	MSG JANE DOE CMR 1250 APO AA 09045-1000
3. Include a return address.
4. Include the service member's name and address as well as the sender's name and address on an index card inside the package in case the label is damaged.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation: 152 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. With more than 31,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, usps.com, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$65 billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private-sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 42nd in the 2012 Fortune 500. The Postal Service has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency for seven years and the fourth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute.

Foster/Harlem Meeting

The Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 20, 7:00pm at St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5101 N Mont Clare. The Association will host:

Chris Sauve, City of Chicago Recycling Program Director will discuss Chicago's Recycling Program including a progress report on the Blue Cart Program.

Vesna Stelcer, Director, Ed Paschke Art Center will present about this new, captivating art gallery on the Northwest Side.

Kiwanis Club Of Ravenswood

The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side. To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127. Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by those you love. May this special day remind you always to count the blessings, big and small, that the Lord has bestowed upon you.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

A Message From The Secretary

An Open Letter To America's Veterans



At the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), we have one of the most noble and inspiring missions in Government. I accepted this job and joined this mission to better serve you—our Veterans—and improve the delivery of the care and benefits you have earned. It is our privilege to serve you, and I have made clear that as we move forward as a Department, we will judge the success of all our efforts against a single metric—the outcomes we provide for Veterans.

The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACAA), enacted less than 3-months ago, goes a long way toward enabling VA to meet the demand for Veterans health care in the short-term. VA has put considerable focus and attention on ensuring the law is implemented seamlessly, without confusion, and without creating hardships for Veterans. This legislation provides authorities, funding, and other tools to better serve Veterans in the short-term. We are appreciative of this temporary measure to improve access while we build capacity within the VA system to better serve those who rely on us for health care.

From June 1 to September 30, 2014, VA completed more than 19 million Veteran appointments in our facilities and made nearly 1.1 million authorizations for Veterans to receive care in the private sector and other non-VA health facilities—a 46.6-percent increase over the same period in 2013. This was all done under existing programs prior to the passage of VACAA, and sets the stage for strengthening existing partnerships between VA and the private sector. We have much we can share with one another to the benefit of Veterans.

VA has signed contracts with two private health care companies to help VA administer the Veterans Choice Program (Choice Program) under VACAA. The Choice Program is a new, temporary benefit allowing some Veterans to receive health care in their communities rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility. It does not impact your existing VA health care or any other VA benefit you may be receiving. We will begin implementing this benefit on November 5, as required by law. A call center is now operational to answer your questions and verify your eligibility for this program.

As part of this new program, we are issuing a Veterans Choice Card to every Veteran who is potentially eligible for the new, temporary health benefit. The Choice Card allows Veterans to elect to receive care outside of VA when they qualify for the new program based on the distance of their residence from a VA care facility, or when wait times for VA health care exceed the standards established in law. The Choice Card does not replace the identification card you already use to access other VA benefits; please do not throw away that identification card.

The Choice Card will be issued in three phases. The first group of Choice Cards along with a letter explaining eligibility for this program is currently being sent to Veterans who may live more than 40 miles from a VA facility. The next group of Choice Cards and letters will be sent shortly thereafter to those Veterans who are currently waiting for an appointment longer than 30-days from their preferred date or the date determined to be medically necessary by their physician.

The final group of Choice Cards and letters will be sent between December 2014 and January 2015 to the remainder of all Veterans enrolled for VA health care who may be eligible for the Choice Program in the future.

We are continuing to work with our partners—Congress, Veterans Service Organizations, and others—to get the information about this health program out to Veterans in as many ways as possible. Please visit our Web site at www.va.gov/opa/choiceact where we have provided helpful information on Choice Program eligibility. We will work with our partners to keep you informed as we improve our delivery of high-quality, timely care.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Robert A. McDonald

Host An International Student This Thanksgiving

The International Office (IO) at Northwestern University is proud to announce our sixth annual Host an International program for Thanksgiving 2014!

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, the IO seeks community members in the Evanston/Chicago area to host international students, faculty, staff and their families for Thanksgiving dinner (November 27, 2014). Participate in cultural exchange, make new friends, and introduce NU's international community to the great American holiday of Thanksgiving!

Please complete the form below so we can learn more about you and your family.

Once we have this information we can match you with your international(s) via e-mail so that you can exchange information and determine a meeting time/place.

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Cisneros at stephanie.cisneros@northwestern.edu.

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Boys & Girls Club Sponsors Needed

Dear Boys & Girls Club Sponsor:

The Logan Square Boys & Girls Club will be holding its annual Christmas activities with the children and families and are in need of your support to assist in purchasing toys and food for the families this year. One of the events we do is a shopping trip to Target for our teen members. Most parties are geared to the younger children and the teens seem to be left out.

The cost of sponsoring a child for this event is \$40.00, which covers a gift card for them to make their purchases. Most of the youth seem to purchase clothing that they need for school. Some also try to get something small for a parent or sibling. After the shopping is done, they return to the Boys & Girls Club where they write a thank you note to their sponsor and have pizza and soda.

This program will be on Friday, December 19th and we need to line up our sponsors no later than December 5th. If you would like to bring some holiday cheer to these youth please consider sponsoring a youth or two.

We hope that you will join us for this fun holiday experience with our teens.. If you should have any questions please call me at (773) 342-8800 x4212.

Sincerely,
John A. Stephan
Club Director

Polish National Alliance Seeks Donations Of Toys For Children At Christmas Drive 2014

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA, Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiazkowy) and PNA Bank will be accepting donations of new toys and games or monetary donations for local needy children at Christmas for our annual "Toys For Kids At Christmas" drive.

There will be collection boxes in the lobbies of the Polish National Alliance Home Office located at 6100 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Alliance Printers Building, located at 5711 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and both PNA Bank Locations 7840 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois and 4800 S. Pulaski Avenue in Chicago, Illinois for the toy donations from Friday, November 14, 2014 until Friday, December 12, 2014. After the deadline, the donated toys for the children will be delivered to a Local Hospital Children's Ward in Chicago in time for Christmas.

Monetary donations will also be collected from Vice President Odrobina's Office, where the money will go to purchase additional toys and gifts for the children in the name of the donor.

For additional information, please call the Polish National Alliance at 1-773-286-0500 ext. 316. or visit the PNA Website at www.pna-znp.org

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish Fraternal Organization and founded in 1880.

Find A Seasonal Holiday Job With These Tips From The Better Business

If predictions hold true, it could be a very merry Christmas for retailers and package delivery services as well as for those looking for seasonal employment. Hiring for seasonal workers could top 800,000 this year, which is substantially higher than in 2013. However, having more jobs available is still no guarantee of employment. The Better Business Bureau says job seekers must be prepared.

"Those who are looking for work shouldn't limit themselves to applying for sales positions only," says Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "There are opportunities in customer service, and marketing, as well as with restaurants, caterers, and hotels; they often beef up staffs to handle holiday parties."

The BBB offers the following tips to successfully find seasonal holiday employment:

- **Start your job search today.** The key to landing a seasonal job is to start searching early. Now is the time for job hunters to determine which job suits them best, identify companies they'd like to work for and then begin submitting applications and resumes.
- **Research companies prior to submitting applications.** Always check out the company's BBB Business Review for free at www.bbb.org to see if the company has received a good rating from the BBB and a record of taking care of consumers and employees.
- **Be careful with credit card or checking account information.** Never give these account numbers to an individual or business that promises employment. Legitimate employers never charge fees to prospective employees.
- **Work where you shop.** Try to identify seasonal employment with businesses you actually shop at or frequent. You will already be familiar with the company and its products and discounts available for employees may mean significant savings when shopping for holiday gifts.
- **Put your best foot forward.** Even if you are just picking up an application at stores in the mall, dress your best and be prepared for an interview. This includes being familiar with the company's brand and its products, as well as reviewing the store's website. Retail job hunters in particular need to focus on impressing potential employers with their customer service skills, which is a must when dealing with stressed-out shoppers, long check-out lines and day-after-Christmas returns.
- **Be flexible.** Full-time employees usually have first dibs on the preferred hours and shifts. As a seasonal employee, expect to work long, sometimes inconvenient hours that may include Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. If this is a second job in addition to your day job, be upfront and clear with your new employer about your availability.

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

Austrian Mixed Chorus participates in the "Christmas Around The World Program"

For many years now the Austrian Mixed Chorus has represented Austria in the "Christmas Around The World" Program at the Museum of Science & Industry. This year, they will be singing traditional Austrian Christmas songs under the direction of David Crane on Sunday, December 7, at 12:45 pm on the Holiday Stage. An Alhorn player will be accompanying the choir on a few songs and will also explain the history of that unique instrument. So if you wish to be transported to Austria (at least for a couple of hours) for the Holidays, the land where "Silent Night, Holy Night" originated, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. On display will be Christmas trees beautifully decorated by about 50 different countries from around the world, including Austria.

For more information contact Trudy Nika at 630-960-1123 or send her an email at nika7157@comcast.net. To obtain the complete list of participating countries, call the Museum of Science & Industry at 773-684-1414 or go to their website at www.msichicago.org.

Support The Community Giving Program

Please consider participating in the 2014 Skokie Community Giving Program that helps Skokie families struggling with limited financial resources celebrate the winter holidays. Families receive gift cards for area businesses which they use to purchase food, household necessities and to buy items specific to each family member's needs and wants. Last year over 200 families received gift cards through the program.

Those interested in making a donation this year are asked to do so by Friday, December 5, 2014. Please make checks payable to the Village of Skokie, and add Skokie Community Giving Program on the memo line. Send donations to the Human Services Division, 5120 Galitz, Skokie, IL 60077. For further information, please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

Greater Chicago Food Depository, Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital, Americorps Launch Veterans Food Pantry

WHO: Greater Chicago Food Depository, Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital, AmeriCorps, Veterans and volunteers.

WHAT: The Food Depository will expand its response to hunger among veterans with the launch of its second food pantry for veterans at a VA facility. The pantry, located at the Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital, will join the food pantry at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as one of the nation's only food pantries for Veterans in a VA facility. The pantry is expected to serve approximately 150 Veterans per week and will be managed by an AmeriCorps member and staffed by volunteers.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014. Speaking program begins at 9:45 a.m.

WHERE: Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital, 5000 S. 5th Ave., Hines, IL 60141

(Parking available in the North Parking Lot A. Enter hospital through main entrance and follow signs to Building 9 Auditorium.)

WHY: The Food Depository and its partners are committed to responding to hunger among Veterans. Eighteen percent of households receiving food from the Food Depository's network include a current or retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Additionally, there are 18,000 Veterans in Cook County alone who live below the poverty line.

Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Cong. Sisterhood To Host Hanukkah Party, Latke Luncheon And Holiday Boutique

A fun-filled Hanukkah party, complete with a Latke Luncheon and Holiday Boutique, will be hosted by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Wednesday, December 3, starting at 11:30 a.m.

A delectable luncheon will be served featuring everyone's favorite: potato latkes!

Entertainment for the event will be provided by Chuck Field, comedy ventriloquist, whose superb act with dummies such as Ziggy and Dr. Sol can truly delight audiences of all ages.

A Holiday Boutique, which will run from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., will offer unique and unusual gifts as well as personalized items for everyone's holiday needs.

Cost for the program is \$18 for Sisterhood members, and \$23 for non-members and at the door. There is no charge to shop at the Boutique.

For reservations or for further information, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141.

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Celebrate Legendary Rivalry With Chicago White Sox And Chicago Cubs At Harold Washington Library Center

Fans, are you missing baseball season? For most Chicagoans, the rivalry between the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Cubs is legendary. Fans' loyalty to one team or the other appears to divide the city into North Side and South Side, depending on where you live.

Now fans can explore that fabled baseball rivalry at Chicago Public Library as part of a new exhibit, Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars, currently on display in the Special Collection Exhibit Hall, 9th Floor, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. The Sox vs. Cubs exhibit was produced by the Elmhurst Historical Museum, a department of The City of Elmhurst, Illinois. The exhibit runs through February 8, 2015, and can be seen daily during regular library hours.

The Sox vs. Cubs exhibit features both teams' historical development and details, statistical information, photographs, memorabilia, souvenirs and other materials. In addition, several video presentations—two of which are designed like the classic Cubs' and White Sox's scoreboards—offer compelling testimonials from some players, fans and local sports broadcasters. The exhibit also



features a playful component which includes interactive "Color Your Mascot" and "Create a Cartoon" coloring sheets, as well as vintage cartoons following the "up and down" seasons of

both teams.

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

Stammtisch – A Viennese Night

You are cordially invited to attend a Viennese-themed Stammtisch Open Haus featuring the Egerlander Dance Group. In addition to an elegant waltz performance Austrian beer, sausage, and pastries will be served. Enjoy an evening in Vienna at the DANK Haus. On the third Friday of every month the DANK Haus hosts a Stammtisch on the 6th floor in the beautiful Skyline Lounge. We invite everyone to the Haus to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. Alle sind Willkommen!

Events take place at the DANK Haus at 4740 N. Western Avenue in Chicago's German home, Lincoln Square. 1/2 block from the Western station on the CTA Brown Line.

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Upcoming Events At Lutheran Unity Schools

LUSA Vendor Fair

Lutheran Unity School will be hosting their Annual Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 22nd from 10 AM to 4 PM. This year's fair will be held in the West Campus gym located at 5650 N. Canfield. So mark your calendar to come by for some shopping therapy. Breakfast and lunch concessions will be open. If you are a vendor/crafter who would be interested in participating, please contact Kim Hansen at k-hansen@att.net or 773-454-1236.

Trivia Night for Lutheran Unity School

Invite your friends and family to create a 10-person team for 10 rounds of trivia on Saturday, November 22nd. This fun night will take place at Messiah Lutheran Church at 6201 W. Patterson. Doors open at 6:30 PM, first round begins promptly at 7 PM. Hungry? Bring your own food! Thirsty? B.Y.O.B.! (beer and wine only, please). Space is limited. Players must be at least 18. Proceeds benefit Lutheran Unity School, Messiah Summer Day Camp and Luther North College Prep. Not sure you can fill a table? Let us know and we'll help connect you with other interested players. Want to win, but you're not so great at the trivia thing? There will also be a cash prize for the best table theme/décor.

Lutheran Unity School Fundraiser

While cleaning out your closets and basements, you can help our school! The Chicago Textile Recycling fundraiser will run until December 1st. You can bring in your unwanted (stains, tears, holes are okay) clothing, shoes, purses, belts, ties, hats, blankets, sheets, curtains, towels, stuffed animals, etc. to either campus of the school. Our West Campus is located at 5650 N. Canfield and our East Campus is located at 3740 W. Belden Avenue. Please put all items in plastic bags. It doesn't matter if there are stains, holes or tears. All of those clothes your kids have outgrown can help our school earn some extra money! For more information, please call (708)867-5044.

Jr. Bandits Girls Basketball Tournament Results

Resurrection College Prep High School hosted the Jr. Bandit Girls Basketball Tournament for 6th & 7th grade girls from October 10 to 12, 2014 and for 8th grade girls from October 17 to 19, 2014. Teams from the following grammar schools participated: Immaculate Conception, Mary Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Destiny, St. Bartholomew, St. Eugene, St. John Brebeuf, St. Juliana, St. Mary of the Woods, St. Monica, St. Paul of the Cross, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla, St. Viator and Queen of All Saints.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to host the local grammar school teams in these larger tournaments. We enjoy providing the athletes with the opportunity to compete against their peers and develop their skills and talents," said Katie Kikos, Athletic Director at Resurrection College Prep High School. Resurrection Varsity Head Basketball Coach Keith Miniscalco was thankful to all the teams, coaches, and parents for two wonderful weekends of girls' basketball. The winning teams in the tournament are listed below.

8th Grade Winners: Champion - St. Bartholomew; 2nd Place - Mary, Seat of Wisdom; and Consolation Champion - Immaculate Conception

7th Grade Winners: Champion - St. Tarcissus; 2nd Place - St. Juliana; Consolation Champion - St. Mary of the Woods

6th Grade Winners: Champion - Immaculate Conception; 2nd Place - Mary, Seat of Wisdom; 3rd Place - Saint Paul of the Cross; Consolation Champion - St. Tarcissus.

Winners Of Young Women's Writing Festival At Resurrection College Prep High School

The English Department of Resurrection College Prep High School hosted its annual Young Women's Writing Festival on October 22, 2014. Thirty-seven 8th grade students from thirteen area grammar schools participated in the writing competition, in which they were asked to develop a story using their imaginations, based on a photograph as the writing prompt. Student contestants wrote for 40 minutes and stories were evaluated by 8th grade teachers and the faculty from the Resurrection College Prep English Department.

Participating schools included Canty Elementary, Mary Seat of Wisdom, Queen of All Saints, St. Celestine, St. Cornelius, St. Ferdinand, St. Helen, St. Matthias, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Theresa, St. Zachary and Walt Disney Magnet School.

The following students received awards: First Place - Elisabeth McGovern from St. Matthias (Sponsoring Teacher - Jamie Denten); Second Place - Cosette Gutierrez from St. Zachary (Sponsoring Teacher - Donna Duraj); Third Place - Carina Barillas from St. Ferdinand (Sponsoring Teacher - Agnieszka Pietrzak).

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For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

Young Women's Math Olympics At Resurrection College Prep High School

The Resurrection College Prep Mathematics Department, together with the Resurrection Math Club, is sponsoring The Young Women's Math Olympics on Saturday, December 6, 2014. This academic competition is

open to all seventh and eighth grade girls. Admission is free of charge and participants will receive refreshments and prizes.

Participants will compete individually and top scorers will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Algebra and Geometry. Fourth and Fifth Place will receive certificates and everyone who participates will receive a small token for their participation. Participants are asked to bring a calculator and #2 pencils. Check-in begins at 9 am. The contest begins promptly at 9:30 am



and the Award Presentation will be at noon. Registration and information is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by calling 773.775.6616. All participants must be registered by

Thursday, December 4.

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The Chicago Bar Association Announces The 2014 Bar Show -- “Bar Wars Episode 6.5: The Phantom Museum

91st Annual Chicago Bar Show Dec. 3 – 7: Don’t Miss Chicago’s Longest Running Musical Revue

WHO: The Chicago Bar Association
WHAT: Bar Wars Episode 6.5: The Phantom Museum (the 91st annual Bar Show)
WHERE: DePaul’s Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Ave., Chicago
DATE: Wed., Dec. 3 – Sun., Dec. 7, 2014
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Wed. – Sat.; 2 p.m. – Sun.
TICKETS: \$50 main floor; \$30 mezzanine; \$40 a person for groups of 20 or more. To purchase online visit www.barshow.org To order by phone with credit card call 312-554-2134
ABOUT: The Chicago Bar Association proudly presents the 2014 Bar Show, the longest running annual, original musical revue in Chicago and probably the nation. This year, the talented writers and cast take aim at a host of local and national newsmakers as they sing and dance their way through Bar Wars Episode 6.5: The Phantom Museum. No one from George Lucas to Mayor Emanuel to Jay Cutler will be spared in this hilarious, musical parody of the news. Don’t miss this traditional Chicago treat.
HIGHLIGHTS: See clips of previous bar shows at www.barshow.org



Mayor Emanuel Declares November 3 Nik Wallenda Day In Chicago

Mayor Rahm Emanuel declared November 3 Nik Wallenda Day in the City of Chicago, in recognition of the fearlessness, ingenuity, and resolve exhibited by Nik Wallenda that will forever serve as inspiration to residents in Chicago and beyond. The Mayor presented Nik Wallenda with the proclamation and the Chicago flag during a visit at City Hall today.

“Nik Wallenda has made history here in Chicago with his greatest high-wire walk yet,” said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. “That is why today, I declare it to be Nik Wallenda day in the City of Chicago. Nik and his team brought a spectacular event to our City and their accomplishment speaks to the true spirit of Chicago.”

In the proclamation the Mayor recognizes the Nik Wallenda high-wire walk as having provided another opportunity to showcase Chicago as a great city for first-class sports and entertainment while setting two Guinness World Records – Highest Incline Tightrope Walk and Highest Blindfolded Tightrope Walk.

Preliminary reports indicate 65,000 spectators made their way downtown to watch the event on Sunday, November 2. The live broadcast was also shown in more than 200 countries on Discovery Networks Worldwide providing tremendous national and international exposure to the City of Chicago.



Mayor Emanuel presents Nik Wallenda with a proclamation officially making today Nik Wallenda day in the City of Chicago. Photo Credit: Brooke Collins/City of Chicago

Greetings From The Anti-Cruelty Society November 2014

What are you thankful for?

This November, let’s kick off the season of thankfulness with thinking about how grateful we are to have our four-legged friends in our lives. The Anti-Cruelty Society is thankful for all of you who support our organization—enabling us to save so many animals in need. We are grateful for how many animals and humans we have an impact on—bringing happiness and hope to everyone we touch. As we near the holidays, let’s try to not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of this busy time of year, and instead take time to reflect on how our pets bring something extra special and unique to our lives. Without them, we would not be who we are today! Share with us why you are thankful for your pet by emailing pr@anticruelty.org. We would love to hear from you!

Events to Support the Society Jazz Nativity (Pet-Friendly)

When: Saturday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Where: St. Luke Church, 1500 W. Belmont, Chicago

What: The Chicago JazzMASS Ensemble will perform jazz arrangements of traditional Christmas hymns, along with original compositions to tell the story of Mary, Jesus, Joseph, the Angels, the Shepherds, and the three Wise Men. The Anti-Cruelty Society will be at the event hosting a holiday shop featuring cards, toys, logo merchandise, and some great gifts perfect for holiday gift giving. Adoptable pets will be hoping for a new home in time for the holidays. Bring your family, including the dog, and join in on the holiday fun. A pet blessing takes place at 3:30 p.m., and the performance begins at 4 p.m.



New “Incentovate” Grants Help Chicago’s Cultural Institutions Create New Arts Experiences For The Public

Competitive Grants Worth A Half Of A Million Dollars Awarded To Five Cultural Projects In Chicago

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is pleased to announce the inaugural group of IncentOvate Program grant recipients. Chicago Children’s Choir, the Chicago History Museum, Lyric Opera of Chicago, the National Museum of Mexican Art and the Old Town School of Folk Music will receive competitive grants totaling \$500,000 to support projects that further the goals of the Chicago Cultural Plan and Cultural Tourism Strategy.

“This first group of IncentOvate Program grantees shows the creativity and ingenuity of our city’s great cultural institutions and neighborhood arts organizations,” said DCASE Commissioner Michelle T. Boone. “Each of these projects contributes to the cultural landscape and shows why Chicago draws people from all over the world to experience its arts.”

The IncentOvate Program is part of the Cultural Grants Program of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, which provides more than \$1.7 million annually in direct funding to artists, creative professionals and arts and cultural organizations across Chicago – including the CityArts Program, which supports small to mid-sized nonprofits, and the Individual Artists Program. IncentOvate stimulates cultural innovation and supports the city’s larger cultural institutions to foster the creation of new large-scale public arts experiences. This new competitive grants program is made possible by Chicago Cultural Plan implementation funds in an effort to advance goals articulated in both the Chicago Cultural Plan and the Chicago Tourism Strategy. Twenty-eight applications were judged on criteria that included 1) the innovation of a new program or product; 2) the presence of or collaboration with neighborhood cultural programs or experiences and 3) the opportunity for audience growth through arts education for all ages, increased access to the arts, the integration of culture into daily life and/or enhanced collaboration across public spaces.

The five projects funded by this year’s IncentOvate Program are:

- Chicago Children’s Choir (CCC) will use grant funds towards the development of a modern retelling of Homer’s *Odyssey* set in Chicago, created in collaboration with the Q Brothers, known for hip-hop adaptations of Shakespeare. The planning phase of the project will include workshops for CCC singers, music development sessions and video documentation of the creative process. The final work, a contemporary fusion of hip-hop and choral singing, will be presented as an integral component of CCC’s 60th anniversary celebration in 2016.
- The Chicago History Museum is developing a new exhibition, *Chicago Authored*, which will explore the history of writing in and about the city. The exhibition will

feature many current and past authors who have given shape to our understanding of Chicago over time. IncentOvate will support the development of interactive components in the gallery, an audio tour, and various public programs, including city tours and Chicago-centered book clubs and author talks. The exhibition, which will open next year, is the result of a bold crowd-sourcing experiment that received hundreds of suggestions from the public before this theme was chosen by popular vote.

- Through its Lyric Unlimited program, the Lyric Opera of Chicago is launching the new Chicago Voices project, which will create new music theater pieces generated by a citywide invitation to Chicagoans to share their community stories. A number of these stories will be developed into simple scripts set to music and performed in semi-staged readings in neighborhood venues. The filmed versions of these performances will be posted online for a community vote, and three stories will receive financial, artistic and technical support with input from the community participants to fully realize and stage their productions at a major city venue.
- The National Museum of Mexican Art plans to expand its well-known Day of the Dead celebration held each fall based on the historical and spiritual tradition observed in Mexico. In remembrance of loved ones no longer with us, the museum will place *Ofrendas* in various locations throughout Chicago’s neighborhoods as well as a “Super Ofrenda” in downtown Chicago. Accompanied by activities for families including street performers from Mexico, the downtown event will center on a projection on a Loop building of photos contributed by Chicagoans of lost loved ones they wish to remember and celebrate. Additionally, the museum will support the annual Day of the Dead Catrina cultural costume parade through Pilsen – a community tradition.
- The Old Town School of Folk Music will elevate public awareness of Chicago’s master traditional musicians – “living cultural treasures” – in a campaign called Iron Heart Chicago. In a unique partnership with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), the Iron Heart musical “heroes” will play over 60 live events at stations on all six L lines, as well as neighborhood parks and public libraries. Digital signage on CTA platforms, taxicabs and office buildings will give 30-second compelling stories of these music artists and direct the public to a mobile app that further gives information on geo-targeted public performances, sample videos and even lessons on local music history. Applications for the Individual Artist Program are now open and are due in December, and the CityArts Program applications open on November 14 and are due in January. For details, visit chicagoculturalgrants.org.

A Thanksgiving Song Can't Catch A Turkey, What'll I Do?

Can't catch a turkey, what'll I do?
Skip to my Lou, my darlin!
Here comes Grandpa, he'll know what to do
(3 times)
Skip to my Lou, my darlin!
Grandpa's got the hatchet,
chop, chop, chop! (3 times)
Skip to my Lou, my darlin!



Grandma cooked the turkey for me and you
(3 times)
Skip to my Lou, my darlin!
Turkey's on the table and dressing too (3 times)
Skip to my Lou, my darlin!
My oh my, my tummy's full (3 times)
Skip to my Lou, my darlin!

Submitted by Maria Bappert
(From my Cub-Scout files)

TRINITY OF THANKS

By Rose Potje

For your majesty in nature,
Your mercy on us,
THANK YOU, LORD.

For your promise at sunrise,
Your peace at sunset,
THANK YOU, LORD.

And for your blessings of
Faith, Family and Friends,
THANK YOU, LORD.

Lutheran Unity School Students Proudly Unveil Their New Sign



The students of the West Campus of Lutheran Unity School, 5650 N. Canfield Avenue, pose by the new sign in front of

their school. Lutheran Unity School is the result of the consolidation of four individual Lutheran grade schools on the northwest side of Chicago (Jehovah, Messiah, Our Saviour, and St. Paul) into two campuses. The East Campus is located at 3740 W. Belden in Chicago.

Lutheran Unity serves the needs of families desiring an affordable Christian education for their children from Pre-school through the eighth grade by offering small class sizes with excellent teacher-to-student ratios. In addition to the customary reading, writing, and arithmetic courses, students participate in religion, music, art, Spanish, and P.E. classes. A hot lunch program is available at both campuses, as are sports programs, which include cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track and field.

Technology-rich classrooms provide students with iPads, interactive whiteboards, and computers to aid in the learning process. Pre-school is offered on a part-time or full-time basis. Before- and after-school care is available from 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Families interested in enrollment or to learn more about what Lutheran Unity has to offer are encouraged to visit the website at www.lutheranunity.com or call 708-867-5044. A tour of either campus is available upon request.

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Christkindlmarket Chicago Brings The Tradition And The Spirit Of The Holidays To Oak Brook

Christkindlmarket Chicago shares the holiday cheer and excitement of the authentic German outdoor market with a second location in Oak Brook at Oakbrook Center. Experience the old world charm at Christkindlmarket Oakbrook by creating lasting memories and starting a new tradition with family and friends!

The market can be found nestled among the alluring shops of Oakbrook Center and will transport visitors to a charming holiday village adorned with authentic red and white candy striped chalets featuring a variety of vendors selling unique wares. Gifts such as handcrafted ornaments, jewelry, clothing and craftsman one-of-a-kinds will be available for visitors' perusal. Savory treats such as bratwurst, sauerkraut, currywurst, and artisan cheeses along with sweet indulgences ranging from baked holiday specialties to chocolate covered delights will be available to satisfy all tastes. Imported German beer, the not to be missed Glühwein (hot spiced wine), and the latest trend, Omi's Apfelstrudel apple cider, will be available for purchase in souvenir mugs.

Not only the aroma of cookies and roasted nuts will fill the air but also the sounds of the holidays will fill the hearts of visitors with joy and good spirits. A roaming brass band, holiday carolers and dance performances will brighten up the winter days. Additionally, Chicago's own Christkind (the namesake of the market) will appear at the market on its opening day and on other scheduled dates.

Be part of the newest tradition of the holiday season and visit the family friendly Christkindlmarket Oakbrook!

Location: On the "Village Green" - located next to Crate & Barrel and Macy's, 100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Dates & Times of the Christkindlmarket Oakbrook
Friday, November 28 - Sunday, December 21

- Thursdays 12pm - 7pm • Fridays & Saturdays 11am - 9pm
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Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23; 11am until shopping center closes

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By Wayne Mell – Managing Director

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When Harry Met Irving

Friday, November 28 at 8 pm

Judy Rossignuolo-Rice, Denise McGowan Tracy, and Beckie Menzie debut their newest cabaret show. Harry is Harold Arlen, not only of Wizard of Oz fame but also the man responsible for classics like "Get Happy," "Paper Moon," and "Stormy Weather." Irving is the incomparable Irving Berlin who wrote "Blue Skies," "A

Pretty Girl is Like a Melody," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band," just to scratch the surface. These three ladies of song and stage promise a trip down memory lane with a fresh new spin on these great songs and a few laughs along the way. One night only. Tickets are \$20.

Megon McDonnough

Sings the Great American Songwriters
Saturday, November 29 at 8 pm

A Chicagoland favorite, Megon is guaranteed to please an audience of all ages.

After her sold out show at Skokie Theatre in July, she's back with a whole new lineup.

Megon will be singing songs from the great American songwriters of our generation, such as Carole King, Burt Bacharach, James Taylor, Dolly Parton and more. You'll be surprised at the number of famous songs they wrote for themselves to perform, as well as for others. And Megon is inviting the audience to help her create the show. Do you have a favorite song? Email it to her at MegonsRequests@gmail.com for a chance to have it included in the show. One night only. Tickets are only \$30.

End your weekend by sharing fist class entertain entertainment with those you love most. Tickets are available online at SkokieTheatre.org or by phone at 847-677-7761.



Village Cooking Corner

The Holidays are all about family members and friends gathering around the table to socialize and "break bread together." In addition to the ever-popular cookies, we also need side dishes to go with the main course such as roast turkey, baked ham, etc. Before the summer break, the Queen of Angels Church Choirs in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood always have a Pot Luck Luncheon after Mass. The following recipe for the Two Corn Casserole is from Stella (Alto) and John (Bass) of the Adult Choir and it is from Stella's daughter Yolanda. I enjoyed the casserole so much that I asked for the recipe and made it for Thanksgiving last year. Our guests enjoyed it very much. I like casserole dishes because the food can be brought right from the oven to the table, and it keeps warm longer.

Two Corn Casserole

1 onion, chopped	1 can whole corn (do not drain)
1 small green pepper, chopped	1 can cream-style corn
1 stick (or a bit less) butter or margarine	1 Box Jiffy corn muffin mix
3 eggs	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Saute onion and green pepper in butter and allow to cool. In a large bowl mix lightly beaten eggs, both cans of corn and the Jiffy corn muffin mix. Add the onion and green pepper mixture. Pour into a casserole dish or a 9 x 13" pan which should be sprayed with Baker's Joy. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over top. Cover pan for a softer crust or leave uncovered for a crisper top. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-65 minutes until top is nicely browned. Let cool a bit and slice into serving-size pieces.

Submitted by Maria Bappert

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Lessons Learned From My Father

Ted S. Przybylo - Original Owner and Founder of the White Eagle

In Dec. 2009, I decided to share stories about my Dad ... to keep his memory alive here at the White Eagle. The first lesson I shared pertained to Christmas – The spirit, motive, and sensitivity of giving a gift and sharing your good fortunes. Though he has been gone since 1992, his wisdom lingers in my heart. And, before the season is officially ended (in Poland it ends at the beginning of Feb.) I thought you might enjoy another Christmas story.

LESSON 2 CHRISTMAS EVE - 1980

The Solidarity movement had begun in Gdansk, Poland under the leadership of Lech Walesa. This was the beginning of the end to Communism in the Warsaw Pact countries. Lives were lost for freedom and those in danger of incarceration and severe punishments, fled their country. With the new Refugee Act in place, Chicago was a viable destination, with its Polish Churches, neighborhoods and organizations. The Polish Welfare Association offered to help find shelter, jobs, and food for the hundreds arriving in early Dec. (My brother Andrew was the Pres. Of the P.W.A.- Dad had preceded him as president and was still active.)

((Christmas was a few days away, and Dad began to worry about this first holiday (a most important one) for the refugees. They were without their families and far from their Homeland. Wigilia (Christmas Eve dinner) was the religious tradition of welcoming the infant Jesus into the family. And for the refugees, there was no family.))

And so, Dad declared that we would be their family. After clearing it with my mom, (who counted on us to help her prepare for the 80 people family dinner) the wheels were put in motion. The 6 of us and Dad, would serve the meal, offer Christmas wishes (in badly spoken Polish for most of us) distribute gifts and food baskets from under the tree, and then gather around the piano to sing Kolendy (Polish caroles). We couldn't communicate well, but by singing these sentimental songs together, we were all moved to tears. Personally, it was one of my most special Christmas memories. Just then ... the door opened and in walked Maryann Childers, an ABC news broadcaster, and cameramen. What she thought would be a great human interest story and great publicity for our business, became a shattered effort. My father blocked their entry and asked them to leave. He could not allow this very private time, for 75 refugees, to be exploited for personal gain. The newswoman and her crew left. Dad went back in to embrace his new friends.

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Tips to Prepare Now for Severe Winter Weather Ahead

Cold temperatures, heavy snow, and treacherous ice storms are all risks of the impending winter season.

"Severe winter weather can be dangerous and even life-threatening for people who don't take the proper precautions," said FEMA Region V acting administrator Janet Odeshoo. "Preparedness begins with knowing your risks, making a communications plan with your family and having an emergency supply kit with essentials such as water, food, flashlights and medications."

Once you've taken these steps, consider going beyond the basics of disaster preparedness with the following tips to stay safe this cold season:

Winterize your emergency supply kit:

- Before winter approaches, add the following items to your supply kit:
- Rock salt or other environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Sufficient heating fuel and/or a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Stay fire safe:

- Keep flammable items at least three feet from heat sources like radiators, space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Ensure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home. Check it on a monthly basis.

Keep warm, even when it's cold outside:

- If you have a furnace, have it inspected now to ensure it's in good working condition.
- If your home heating requires propane gas, stock up on your propane supply and ensure you have enough to last an entire winter. Many homeowners faced shortages due to the record freezing winter weather last year, and this season there's the possibility of lower than normal temperatures again. Don't be caught unprepared.
- Avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide by installing battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors.
- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

Prevent frozen pipes:

- If your pipes are vulnerable to freezing, i.e., they run through an unheated or unprotected space, consider keeping your faucet at a slow drip when extremely cold temperatures are predicted.
- If you're planning a trip this winter, avoid setting your heat too low. If temperatures dip dangerously low while you're away, that could cause pipes to freeze. Consider draining your home's water system before leaving as another way to avoid frozen pipes.

You can always find valuable information to help you prepare for winter emergencies at www.ready.gov/winter-weather. Bookmark FEMA's mobile site <http://m.fema.gov>, or download the FEMA app today to have vital information just one click away.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Holiday Favorite, Caroling At Cloud Gate Returns November 28

Caroling at Cloud Gate Starting Friday, November 28, at 6pm, sing your favorite holiday carols in the reflection of Millennium Park's stunning landmark and the accompaniment of some of Chicago's best choral groups. Caroling at Cloud Gate (aka "The Bean") continues each Friday through December 19 at 6pm in Millennium Park.

Performance Schedule:

- November 28: Dexter Walker & Zion Movement
- December 5: Lutheran Choir of Chicago
- December 12: Chicago Chamber Choir
- December 19: Bella Voce

Boys & Girls Club Holiday Ham Sale

Monday, November 10th - Sales begin

Saturday, December 6th - Sale ends

Friday, December 19th - Ham Pick Up & Payment Day

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"Jingle & Mingle" Girls' Night Out At Resurrection

The Resurrection College Prep High School Parents Club presents a Girls' Night Out with a holiday theme on Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 6 - 9 pm. Admission is free and all women and girls in the community are welcome to enjoy shopping, raffles, refreshments and more. Vendors will be selling jewelry, handbags, accessories, specialty food items and other gift items. Girls' Night Out information is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by contacting Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org.

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Juicebox Family Music Series Continues First And Third Fridays Through Winter And Spring

This FREE performing arts series is tailor made for toddlers but is engaging for the whole family. Children are encouraged to move, meet the artists and sometimes even partake in the performances. Performances take place every first and third Friday of the month at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) and the following Saturday at the Garfield Park Conservatory (300 N. Central Park Ave.) beginning at 11am.

Performing November 7-8, the Striding Lion Performance Group invites young audiences to participate in dance, theater and musical storytelling in their unique brand of educational performance

On November 21-22, Elements Contemporary Ballet partners with Baroque Band, period-instrument group, in a mini-performance of The Sun King based on the life of French monarch Louis XIV.

For a complete schedule, visit cityofchicago.org/dcse.

Fridays Are Wired For Midday Dance Parties

Wired Fridays presents electronic dance music and local world-famous DJs in a midday dance party setting in the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.). The series, which occurs on the first and third Friday of each month from noon to 1pm, features original Chicago House music along with various other EDM genres.

Spinning November 7 is DJ Terry Hunter, one of the most sought after House music DJ/producers in the world. Hunter has contributed his production talent on music remixes for songs by the late Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Mary J. Blige and R. Kelly. Most recently, Terry released the Jennifer Hudson track "It's Your World" (featuring R. Kelly).

The uniquely talented DJ Colette comes to Wired Fridays November 21. Colette's recent album When the Music's Loud, named one of the top 20 dance albums by Billboard, is a perfect example of her musical range, displaying both lounge and up-tempo tracks that showcase her tremendous vocals.

For a complete schedule, visit cityofchicago.org/dcse.

Millennium Park's Ice Rink Opens November 14

The McCormick-Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Friday, November 14, and will remain open through Saturday, March 7, 2015, weather permitting. For more than a decade, the rink has drawn over 100,000 skaters annually and is free and open to the public. The rink, located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets, offers skate rentals.

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink will operate under the following hours:

- Monday-Thursday: Noon-8pm
- Friday: Noon-10pm
- Saturday (Through Jan. 3): 10am-10pm
- Saturday (Beginning Jan. 10): 10am-9pm
- Sunday: 10am-9pm
- Thanksgiving Hours
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 27: 10am-4pm
- Friday, Nov. 28: 10am-10pm

For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, visit millenniumpark.org or call 312.744-3316. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @Millennium_Park.



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Now in our classrooms.
We pray for their safe return.*

Make A Lasting, Positive Impact This Holiday Season: Give Family And Friends Gifts From The Arbor Day Foundation

Celebrate this year's holiday season with friends and loved ones while supporting conservation and tree planting with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation.

- Returning for the sixth season in a row, Give-A-Tree cards from the Arbor Day Foundation offer a unique holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations. And again this year, Give-A-Tree cards can be purchased individually and with customized text.

- Purchasing the Arbor Day Foundation's specialty coffee helps preserve rain forests in Central and South America. The Foundation's Specialty Coffee is shade-grown under the canopy of Latin American rain forests. Unlike sun-grown coffee plantations, this traditional shade-grown method gives the coffee a rich and delicious flavor, while preventing the destruction of forestland.

- The Foundation's Trees in Celebration

program allows the giver to honor loved ones while supporting crucial conservation efforts. For each dollar donated, one tree is planted in a high-need forest, and recipients are given a certificate showing them where the trees were planted.

- By giving friends the gift of membership to the Arbor Day Foundation, recipients will also be sent 10 free trees, which will be shipped at the right time of year for planting.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the Earth," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We encourage everyone to give gifts that will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit arborday.org.

Norwood Seniors Network Celebrates 20 Years Of Serving Seniors

Reaching out to meet the needs of the ever increasing older population who want to live independently requires a commitment of a mission oriented non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to improve the quality of life for its clients. With that in mind, Norwood Seniors Network (formerly Norwood Park Seniors Network) was established as an affiliate of Norwood Life Society and is now proud to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

In 1994, Norwood Seniors Network began a targeted program of home-delivered meals to older adults who wanted to maintain a more independent lifestyle in their homes. Over the years, Norwood Seniors Network recognized that other services were needed and added care management, in-home care services, transportation, social outings, and emergency response, all designed to enhance the safety, privacy and dignity of area seniors.

Their client base is the far northwest side of Chicago and nearby suburbs. In 2009, Norwood Seniors Network filled another void on Chicago's far northwest side by agreeing to manage the newly-opened Norwood Park Senior Center, located adjacent to the Norwood Park Fieldhouse. Since then, the Center has become one of the most successful and most visited in the city.

In 2013, Norwood Seniors Network re-



A Norwood Seniors Network volunteer delivers a meal to a client in the Edison Park community.

ceived a perfect score in a client rating of caregivers, services, organization, and office responsiveness. The quality of care offered by Norwood Seniors Network was recognized the past two years with the Best of Home Care Provider of Choice and Best of Home Care Employer of Choice Awards.

A dedicated Norwood Seniors Network staff provides professional monitoring and services that its clients deserve. Within the staff is a full-time registered nurse who provides care management assessment, caregiver oversight and fulfills other related responsibilities. Norwood Seniors Network is located at 6009 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, phone (773) 631-5673.

To meet some of their clients and to read their testimonies, please visit www.norwoodseniorsnetwork.org/twentyyears.

Big Holiday Book Sale: Find Great Gifts, Support The Library

Looking for great gifts or your next great read at crazy low prices?

The Evanston Public Library will hold a Big Holiday Book Sale from Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7. The 3-day event features an unusually large collection of beautiful gift books in excellent condition at prices buyers will love. Book lovers can expect to find 1000s of very gently used children's and adult books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines, large print, and vintage selections in every imaginable category of fiction and non-fiction. The Big Holiday Book Sale has it all. It's like a book store, only a lot cheaper!

Unique finds in great condition or like-new include:

- A collection of children's pop-up books;
- an amazing array of infant/ toddler board books;
- a great selection with multiple copies of Newbery and Caldecott award-winning children's literature;
- books on Holiday crafts, Holiday cooking and Holiday stories;
- WWII History; Russian History; Photography; Architecture, and much more.

All proceeds from the sale, which takes place in the third floor Book Sale Room, benefit the Evanston Public Library. Last year, Evanston Public Library book sales raised more than \$60,000 for the Library.



Volunteers prepare for the booksale. Blanche Gildin, far left, has volunteered for the Book Sale for 25 years.

Join the hundreds of people who know that EPL book sales are a great way to stock up on high quality reading material at low, low prices.

Book Sale Hours:

Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th: 10am to 5:30pm. (There will be an Early Bird Preview on Friday from 10am to Noon, \$5 admittance fee for Preview only.)

Sunday, December 7th: 12pm to 5:30 pm, all books half-price.

The Evanston Public Library is located at 1703 Orrington Avenue. Parking is available in the Library's underground parking garage, as well as in the nearby surface lot, metered street parking, and City Parking Garage at Church St. and Chicago Ave.

CTA Ride Free Permit Expiration Date Quickly Approaching: Senior Ride Free Permits Expire Nov. 30

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is reminding riders that the expiration date of November 30 on Ride Free permits, used by qualifying seniors, is quickly approaching. If riders have not yet applied for the State of Illinois Benefit Access Program (BAP) they are encouraged to do so now in advance of the rapidly approaching expiration date.

In June, the RTA extended the expiration date of Ride Free permits for seniors to November 30. The extension allowed more time for riders to apply for the BAP program as it could take between four and six weeks for eligibility to be approved.

"We extended the renewal process to ensure every qualified rider is able to ride the transit system," said Leanne Redden, Executive Director of the RTA. "We hope the extension has given the riders the time they needed to apply through the BAP program to ensure there are no interruptions in their service. If they have not applied yet, they should do so immediately, as time is running out."

Approximately 24,000 seniors have yet to renew their permits. The RTA is required by law to issue these permits to individuals who have been approved by the BAP program.

If a senior has recently applied for or has received a new Senior Ride Free permit, no additional action is required at this time.

There are two ways to apply for eligibility through BAP:

1. From any computer or mobile device, visit the Illinois Department on Aging Benefit Access Program website at www.illinois.gov/aging and click on the "Benefit Access" tab.

- The State only allows applications online, not in writing or over the telephone

- The applicant must submit documentation online, which may require scanning documents to a computer to submit them online

2. If assistance is needed filling out the online form to confirm eligibility for the Illinois Benefit Access Program, an applicant may do one of the following:

- Chicago residents can visit any of the City of Chicago's six Regional Senior Centers Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM and 3:30PM. Riders can call 311 to find the closest Regional Senior Center or

- Call the Illinois Department on Aging at (800) 252-8966 to find a conveniently located center where staff can assist in filling the application.

Resurrection College Prep Honored Alumna Veteran Ramina Orah '03 At Salute Assembly

Honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans, the Resurrection College Prep High School students, staff and faculty honored veterans from the community at a Salute Assembly on Thursday, November 6, 2014 in observance of Veterans Day. The assembly was coordinated along with Salute, Inc., a non-profit organization based in the northwest suburbs that actively supports military families. In a special way, Resurrection honored U.S. Air Force veteran Ramina Orah '03, Resurrection alumna from the Class of 2003. Ramina was a Senior Airman who was deployed to Iraq in 2006. On her birthday, February 17, 2008, she suffered a stroke. While her recovery has been difficult and her speech has been profoundly impacted, Ramina Orah continues to have a positive attitude and shared a special message of hope with the students of Resurrection.

Student leaders at Resurrection helped to organize and run the assembly, including junior Allison Carleton '16 who proposed the idea for the assembly and Student Council President and senior Katelyn Switzer '15 helped to lead the assembly. Freshman Kayla Vargas '18 led the group in prayer, freshman Adriana Whitmore '18 sang the National Anthem, and junior Sabrina Jaroch '16 shared her personal essay about a veteran who touched her life. Allison Carleton '16 and Salute, Inc. Executive Director Mary Beth Beiersdorf gave a tribute to Ramina Orah. Ms. Beiersdorf commended Ramina and her parents, Elizabeth and Albert Orah of Jefferson Park.

Illinois State Representative Michael McAuliffe presented Ramina with a commendation and friends and classmates from the Resurrection Class of 2003 surprised Ramina at the assembly. Also in attendance were State Senator John Mulroe, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, 41st Ward Alderman and Resur-



Resurrection alumna and U.S. Air Force Veteran Ramina Orah '03 (center) was honored at the November 6, 2014 Salute Assembly at Resurrection. Pictured with Student Council President Katelyn Switzer '15 (left) and Allison Carleton '16 (right) who proposed the idea for the special assembly.

rection alumna Mary O'Connor and 38th Ward Alderman Tim Cullerton, Melissa McIntyre, Executive Director of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce and Katie Rottman, Assistant Director of the Edison Park Chamber.

Resurrection students Katelyn Switzer and Allison Carleton presented Ramina Orah with a gift from the school and presented Salute, Inc. a check for \$2,000 from a student-led fundraiser that was held on November 5, 2014. Salute, Inc. Executive Director Mary Beth Beiersdorf urged Resurrection students to continue to be leaders as they continue to honor the values of service and giving.

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"S.M.O.W." - Class Of 1974 Held Their Recent 40Th Reunion At Howard Street Inn In Niles

St. Mary of the Woods School class of 1974 recently had a 40th reunion. Teachers Tom Helgeth & Marty Wambach joined students Ellen Accomando, Ellen Bonk, Ann Marie Bourke, Rhonda Brose, Kevin Byrne, Ann Chiodo, Mary Pat Cotter, Marty Curry, June Dunker, Jane Durkin, Karen Glasener, Jim Griffin, Margo Grogan, John Haderlein, Tom Halloran, Michael Hartigan, Rich Jegen, Eileen Joyce, Mike Kaminski, Mary Beth Kelly, Anne Lahart, Katie Maher, Patricia McCluskey, Tom McDarrah, Audrey Menarik, Mary Molloy, Jeff Nabicht, Mary O'Brien, Brian O'Laughlin, Deb Petro, Mary Przypyszny, Mike Pucci, Kathy Riley, Liz Rochford, Jim Rogers, Diane Rohde, John Schmit, Nancy Schultz, Mary Simpson, Genny Smith, Ron Tsoumas, Debbie Wrightson, plus special guest Molly Maher. Their table of memories included a Laugh-In TV show comedy album, plus music albums by the Beatles, Jim Croce, Elton John, and Simon & Garfunkel.

Taking Care of Rover After You're Gone



Chester M. Przybylo

Your pet may have been with you for years. In fact, pet ownership can likely lead to a higher life expectancy. A report by The British Journal of Health Psychology found that pet ownership resulted in lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol, and better overall health. In fact, pets may be especially helpful when you are in the greatest need. A study in Public Health Reports found the heart attack survival rate among pet owners was 28% higher than among those without pets. Many people suspect these health benefits of pet ownership result from the companionship the pet provides. In many cases, pets are considered a member of the family.

We plan for our human family members with a Will, a Living Trust, and other vehicles to ensure they are taken care of. However, we often forget about our furry and feathered family members or assume that one of our surviving family members will take on their care. However, if we do not make arrangements for our pets, they may join the hundreds of thousands of sad pets who end up in shelters or are euthanized because their owner is no longer able to take care of and provide for them. For example, according to the ASPCA, 2-3% of pets entering shelters each year do so because of the death or disability of their owner. That is between 120,000 to 240,000 loving cats and dogs who end up in shelters, or worse, because of their owner's death or disability. None of us like to consider our own mortality. When doing your planning, don't forget the pet members of your family. These loving, vulnerable members of your family need you to plan for them, too.

While you cannot prevent your own death or disability, you can prevent your loving pet from ending up in a shelter or being euthanized at your death. You can arrange with your friends or family for someone to be your pet's caretaker upon your death or disability. The estate plan you create for your family should include a "Pet Trust," a trust which ensures that your loving pet is cared for even after you are gone. An estate planning attorney can designate the primary caretaker in your Trust. You should also name an alternate caretaker, in case your primary caretaker is unable or unwilling to fill that role when the time comes. Additionally, the ideal caretaker for your pet may not have the financial resources to meet your pet's needs, particularly if your pet has specialized dietary and health concerns. You can leave a list of your pet's foods, medicines, veterinarian, and other useful information for your pet's caretaker. Your Trust can set aside some money to provide for your pet's food and medical needs for the remainder of your pet's years. Your Trustee will administer that money and is under a duty to use the money that you set aside for your pet's needs. If you choose, you can even pay your pet's caretaker a monthly stipend or a set sum for taking on this responsibility. If you have no friends or family to act as caregiver for your pet, consider designating a charitable organization such as Best Friends (www.bestfriends.org), Bideawee (www.bideawee.org), or a similar pet adoption / rescue agency to take your pet, along with a donation, to the charity as part of your estate plan. A qualified estate planning attorney, one who focuses his or her practice in estate planning, will know how to craft a Pet Trust to provide for your loving pet.

Your pet has provided you with love and affection. Now, you can do something to ensure that someone is there to love and care for your pet, even if you are no longer able to do so. Do the loving thing, call your estate planning attorney today to arrange for a Pet Trust.

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.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

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Roberta Wachowicz Speaks To PNA North Side Seniors

By Robert M. Jadach

The November meeting of the Polish National Alliance North Side Senior Group met at the PNA Home Office on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

PNA Vice President Paul Odrobina introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Roberta Wachowicz who spoke about a novel her mother Erna M. Russnak wrote over 50 years ago. Roberta mentioned that Erna's book was originally drafted on the blank sides of Christmas Card. The hand written work was then typed out on an old fashioned typewriter into the story called "Perhaps Tomorrow". Erna sent out the 495 typed manuscript to publishers who did not publish the book and put on a shelf until 1997 when her



Vice President Odrobina introduces Roberta Wachowicz



Roberta Wachowicz reading excerpts from "Perhaps Tomorrow"

daughters Roberta Wachowicz and Ann Malon found the unpublished work and began a way to get the story published. Sadly Erna passed away in 1991, but her daughters went to fulfill her dream of having her book published.

Roberta briefly took the seniors on the journey of love and discovery, where it starts off on the Queen Mary Ship and takes the title character throughout Europe.

The novel "Perhaps Tomorrow" is available on the Amazon and Kindle websites.

Vice President Paul Odrobina and the North Side Seniors would like to thank Roberta Wachowicz for speaking at our meeting and wishes her well on keeping her mother's dream alive.

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

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

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

The most common veteran scams include:

- Charging veterans for services they could get for free or less expensively elsewhere, such as military records.
- Fraudulent investment schemes that convince veterans to transfer their assets into an irrevocable trust.
- Offering "instant approval" military loans ("no credit check," "all grades and ranks approved") that can have high interest rates and hidden fees.
- Advertising housing online with military discounts and incentives then cheating service personnel out of the security deposit.
- Trying to sell things like security systems to spouses of deployed military personnel by saying the service member ordered it to protect his or her family.
- Selling stolen vehicles at low prices by claiming to be soldiers who need to sell fast because they've been deployed.
- Posing as government contractors recruiting veterans and then asking for a copy of the job applicants' passport (that contains important personal information).
- Posing for online dating services as a lonely service member in a remote part of Iraq or Afghanistan, and then asking for money to be wired to a third party for some emergency.

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

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

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

Sickweather Alert: Chicago Illnesses Going Around 11/11/14 – 11/18/14

Sickweather is prepared to help navigate through flu season. This is the weekly forecast for your area:

Allergies, Fever, and Common Cold are going around in Chicago. Reports of Fever are on the rise.

Here's the link to the Animated 5-Day Chicago Map: <http://sick.io/98vgw>

Sickweather Forecast & Maps explained: Sickweather uses a patent-pending process to track and map reports of illness on Twitter and Facebook. The forecast represents the top trending illnesses reported in any given area. The maps show clusters of activity as represented by a heat map, or individual reports as represented by blue "SICK" map markers.

About Sickweather: Featured again on The Today Show, Sickweather, a Baltimore-based company, provides online reports and a mobile app that scans social networks for indicators of illness, and maps real time data on more than 23 different symptoms and illnesses. Sickweather launched their beta website in November 2011, and now qualifies over 2 million reports of illness each month. In 2012, they were recognized among "100 Brilliant Companies" by Entrepreneur Magazine and featured on the Today Show for successfully identifying the early start of the 2012 Flu Season 6 weeks before the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). For more information, please visit: <http://www.sickweather.com>

Mayor Emanuel, Department Of Streets And Sanitation Announce 6,600 Trees Planted In Chicago This Year, Exceeding Projections

Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) Commissioner Charles L. Williams today as crews completed the 2014 tree planting plan that included more than 6,600 plantings citywide—surpassing initial projections by more than 300 trees.

"Chicago was one of the first cities where planting trees and urban forests were part of the City's plan and design," said Mayor Emanuel. "By planting thousands of trees each year, we are helping to maintain the urban canopy's vibrancy for generations to come."

This year, a total of 6,652 trees were planted citywide as part of Mayor Emanuel's "Building A New Chicago" infrastructure investment program. The City's 2014 tree planting plan was a multi-department effort that included more than 3,400 residential street plantings coordinated by DSS, more than 3,000 infrastructure enhancement plantings coordinated by Chicago Department of Transportation and nearly 200 plantings supported by the Department of Aviation and the Department of Planning and Development. Next year, a total of 7,800 trees are projected to be planted – an increase over this year since the Mayor has dedicated an additional \$400,000 to tree planting in his 2015 budget.

"Chicago's urban tree canopy provides countless benefits to our environment from reduced carbon dioxide levels to storm water interception to increased property values," said Commissioner Williams. "By continuing to plant trees and provide necessary forestry maintenance, the City is protecting this important community asset."

Mayor Emanuel's 2014 budget included additional funding to support tree planting. These newly planted trees will provide more than \$270,000 in environmental benefits and property value improvements each year. The 6,600 new trees can intercept more than one million gallons of storm water annually, conserve more than 82,000 kilowatts of energy annually and sequester more than 360,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. These figures are calculated using the National Tree Benefit calculator and are based on the specified size of the tree, type of tree and if the tree is planted in a commercial area or a residential area. Trees are considered a value appreciating resource as trees pay for themselves approximately seven years following establishment.

Chicago has an estimated 3.5 million trees on both public and private property, covering more than 17 percent of the area, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

City Of Chicago Accepting Nominations For '2014 Taxicab Driver Excellence Award'

The City of Chicago's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection has opened the nomination period for the "2014 Taxicab Driver Excellence Award."

The City will award a taxicab medallion to an exemplary taxicab driver who drives a wheelchair accessible vehicle, serves the disabled community, and provides exemplary customer service to passengers. Nominations will be accepted from Nov. 1, 2014 until Jan. 5, 2015.

The award is part of Mayor Emanuel's initiatives to promote and incentivize the growth of wheelchair accessible vehicles in Chicago and provide services to people with disabilities.

"We hear about dedicated drivers going above and beyond the call of duty to help a passenger often," said Commissioner Maria Guerra Lapacek of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. "Now, we want the passengers who depend on these drivers to let us know who they think have earned a taxicab medallion by providing outstanding service and to the disabled community."

Nomination form forms are available at www.cityofchicago.org/bacp.

Eligible Taxicab Drivers MUST at a minimum:

- Hold a valid City of Chicago Public Chauffeur license.
- Be in compliance with all City laws.
- Have been driving a Chicago licensed taxicab for at least 3 consecutive years.

Nominations will be accepted through 3p.m. January 5, 2015:

- By Mail: "Attn: Taxicab Driver Excellence Award" BACP - Public Vehicle Operations Division, 2350 W. Ogden Ave., First Floor, Chicago, IL 60608
- By Email: In subject line, state "Taxicab Driver Excellence Award" and email to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org
- In Person:
BACP - Public Vehicle Operations Division 2350 W. Ogden Ave., 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60608 OR BACP - Administrative Offices, City Hall - Room 805, 121 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60602

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

FAiR Coalition Asks "Where Is The Mayor?"

On Thursday, October 30 at 4:45pm the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition received notice from a local news source that on Friday, October 31, 2014 at 10am at the Chicago City Council Budget Hearings questions would be posed to the Chicago Department of Aviation regarding the massive increase in planes, noise and pollution resulting from the October 2013 changes made to O'Hare runway and takeoff patterns affecting tens of thousands of city residents. These changes were made without any real community input and the hearings on Friday, October 31 seem to be much of the same, no real community input. While FAiR welcomes yet another platform through which this issue can be discussed, the exclusion of FAiR, the leading voice for residents in both the city and suburbs impacted by the changes made at O'Hare at Midway, is troubling.

"We're disappointed to learn about this hearing at the last minute, but not surprised. Unfortunately many things that have impacted our quality of life have been announced at the last minute with little or no input from the very people that these actions impact, including the insane levels of loud, low-flying aircraft flooding the skies over our neighborhoods. We're pleased that Alderwoman Laurino is speaking on the matter but as a trusted ally of Mayor Emanuel, she needs to get him (the Mayor) to meet with FAiR immediately." Said Kevin Robinson, FAiR Leadership Team member.

FAiR also notes the ongoing absence of the only missing voice from the discussion FAiR started and continues to lead in order to find solutions to the airport noise issues: Mayor Emanuel.

Jac Charlier, FAiR Coalition Co-Founder and Leadership Team Member said, "Conspicuously absent once again from all of this is Rahm Emanuel. FAiR has requested to meet with the Mayor nine times. Where is the mayor on an issue that impacts so many taxpaying Chicagoans? At this point, the better question might be 'Where is our democracy?'" Noting that the seriously late and almost secretly announced hearings are being held on October 31, he added, "Seeing that it is Halloween, FAiR is working to bring back to life from the dead democracy in Chicago."

FAiR FOIA WORKSHOP O'Hare And Midway Airport Data And FOIA Workshop

**Edgebrook Public Library, 2nd Floor Community Room
Saturday - November 22, 2014 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
5331 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646**

WORKSHOP PURPOSE:

The change in air traffic patterns mandated by the O'Hare Modernization Program in October 2013 significantly increased jet noise levels, resulting in citizens, civics and organizations (including FAiR) requesting noise and flight data from the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) via Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Given that the raw data collected via the FOIA requests and/or other sources needs to be critically analyzed, reviewed, cataloged and graphed to transform it into concise, accurate, readable and reportable findings for effective presentation to elected officials, the media and other concerned citizens, Dr. Don Walsh—a member of the Indian Woods Community Association and Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition—will conduct a FOIA Workshop to instruct attendees how to:

- 1) make effective FOIA requests to the CDA and other government agencies for data, reports and information;
- 2) discuss various methodologies to analyze and graph the data received; and
- 3) make accurate, understandable and persuasive reports that quantify the effects of increased levels of jet noise on impacted Chicagoland residents.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- 1) FAiR Coalition members
- 2) Concerned citizens;
- 3) Civic and Community Associations; and
- 4) High School/College students having an interest in completing a class project focusing on the increased noise levels for those living under the flight paths used by each O'Hare (ORD) and Midway (MDW).

COST OF WORKSHOP: FREE

ITEMS TO BRING TO THE WORKSHOP:

- A laptop;
- Any reports and/or data that you may have already requested/received; and
- A data stick to share data with, and get data from, others in the Workshop related to ORD/MDW noise and aircraft flight operations.

RSVP: To the FAiR Coalition, at jac.charlier@gmail.com with:

- Your name, address, email address, organization or school affiliation;
- Any pertinent data collected to date; and
- Any expression of interest in being a presenter at the meeting!
- You do not need to be a FAiR member to attend the workshop

FAiR welcomes the opportunity to learn from the experience and best practices of others, so please let us know if you have researched the jet noise issue and have data, findings and/or analytical methods that you'd like to share with the group!

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is a rapidly growing movement of citizens and civics on Chicago's Northwest side and the near Northwest suburbs. FAiR is the leading voice for city and suburban residents negatively impacted by the runway takeoff and landing patterns implemented in October 2013. FAiR supports the economic engine that is O'Hare, while also seeking a voice in when and how jet engines fly over the residents, homes, parks and schools of impacted communities. FAiR contends that with two more runways yet to be completed, the problems posed by yet more massive increases in airplane traffic will become worse if citizens do not have an active voice in the process.

FAiR requests that residents report airplane noise complaints online, throughout the day, at www.fairchicago.org or 800-435-9569.

Citizens and civic organizations are invited to learn more about and join FAiR at www.fairchicago.org. FAiR is also on Facebook.

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