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### happy hanukkah Jewish Art Calendar 2015 Available

Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie is once again publishing the Skokie Jewish Art Calendar 2015 for the Jewish New Year. The Jewish Art Calendar includes detailed information on upcoming holidays, educational messages, Shabbat and Holiday candle-lighting times, traditional Jewish recipes, and popular thematic artwork by famed artists including Yoram Lukav, Michael Muchnik, Baruch Nachshon, Chenoah Lieberman and Zalman Kleinman. To receive your free copy, call 847-677-1770 or contact us via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org.



### Holiday Magic at the Brookfield Zoo

Regular parking and admission fees apply. Free with zoo membership.

Chicagoland's largest lights festival surrounds you in the cheer of over 1,000,000 twinkling lights, caroling to the animals, ice carving, laser light shows, and live entertainment. You're sure to feel the magic of the holidays!

Many of our indoor exhibits will be open for viewing favorite animals, plus there will be Singing to the Animals and special Zoo Chats. In addition, the zoo restaurants and food stands will be open with full menus and holiday treats, and gift shops will have hundreds of unique items for those hard-to-shop-for loved ones.

Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21;  
Friday to Wednesday, Dec. 26-31; 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.



### Millennium Park's Ice Rink Is Now Open

The McCormick-Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park opened 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

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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Spend \$50 Win \$25 **LIVE LIFE LOCALLY AND WIN!**

- Start shopping 11/28/14 to 12/24/14 and email or drop off receipts at the Norwood Park Chamber office
- For every \$50 spent at Norwood Park Chamber\*businesses- you receive an entry!
- (4)Winners announced each Wednesday starting 12/3/14 to 12/24/14

Collect your receipts from 11/28/14 through 12/24/14, email a picture of your receipt or drop off a copy to the Norwood Park Chamber office Mon. Wed. or Thursday and you will be entered into a raffle to win several local business gift certificates! Save your receipts; for every \$50 you spend at a Norwood Park Chamber \*businesses listed on our website [www.norwoodpark.org](http://www.norwoodpark.org) you qualify for one raffle entry. Each Wednesday at Noon in December, starting 12/3/14 through 12/24/14 the Norwood Park Chamber will announce the winners via our website, emails, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!  
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**Shadow Days**  
8th grade girls welcome now on select dates to shadow a current Resurrection student

**Jr. Bandit Lock-in**  
Friday, December 12, 2014  
5:30 to 8:30 pm  
Girls in grades 5 - 8 are invited to an evening of athletics, fun & games!  
\$25 - includes dinner & t-shirt.  
Register at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org)

**7th grade girls welcome to an "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 13, 2015**  
Register at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org)

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# Chicago Park District Announce Winter Park Program Registration To Begin December 1

## Winter Registration Comes On Heels Of Record-Setting Fall Programming Season

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Park District today announced that online registration for winter programming begins on December 1, with in-person registration to begin on December 6. Indoor swimming lessons, basketball leagues, after-school programs, fitness center memberships and winter-break camps are among many of the offerings soon to be available for the upcoming season.

"Park District programming continues to draw record numbers of Chicagoans because their variety, affordability and convenience," said Mayor Emanuel. "No matter your age, neighborhood or income level, the Park District has something for everyone and is helping to keep residents active and engaged, all year long."

Programs can be viewed online beginning Monday, November 17. Registration kicks off Monday, December 1 at [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com). Online registration takes place over two days and in two different zones:

- Parks located west of California Avenue will begin online registration on Monday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.
- Parks located east of California Avenue will begin online registration on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

"At the Chicago Park District we pride ourselves on offering the best deal in town," said Parks Superintendent Michael P. Kelly. "With offerings for everyone – from toddlers to seniors – there is no reason for inactivity this winter."

In-person registration begins at local parks Saturday, Dec. 6 or Monday, Dec. 8 depending upon the park location. Most winter session programs begin the week of Jan. 5, 2015, and run through the week of March 16, 2015, with the exception of winter-break camps which begin Monday, December 20. The Park District works with residents to

ensure that no child is turned away due to their inability to pay, and financial assistance is available.

The Chicago Park District continues to reach record registration numbers. This fall, registrations for programming grew by seven percent to over 90,000 residents. Instructional programming offered by the Park District also increased, growing five percent this year to nearly 5,400 opportunities, up from 5,150 opportunities available in 2013.

Given the popularity of programs, patrons are encouraged to follow the registration tips listed below.

Preparing for Registration Day

- Check your account login and password before registration begins.
- Add all persons who you plan to register for on your account.
- Create a wish list with the programs that you plan to register.
- View the registration process page for additional information.

The Chicago Park District is the 2014 Gold Medal Award winner, recognized for excellence in park and recreation management across the nation. For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 8,200 acres of parkland, 580 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 natural areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling 312/742.PLAY.

## Illinois Poison Center Warns About "Silent Killer" Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

As the weather gets colder, the Illinois Poison Center (IPC) is encouraging the public to be mindful of potential sources of carbon monoxide (CO), frequently called the "silent killer" because it cannot be seen, smelled or tasted. Carbon monoxide related poisonings increase in the winter due to the use of faulty or malfunctioning heaters and furnaces.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning can strike at any time of the year, but the risk increases significantly as the weather grows colder and people turn on the furnace or use other gas-powered appliances to heat their homes," said IPC Operations Director, Carol DesLauriers, PharmD. "The presence of carbon monoxide in a home can easily go undetected in the absence of a functioning carbon monoxide detector, and with the early surge of bitter cold weather this year, we want all Illinoisans to be aware of the risks."

Gas-powered heating appliances are the most common cause of carbon monoxide injury in the winter time. Other sources include oil, wood and gas furnaces and heaters, gas space heaters, charcoal grills, lanterns, gasoline-powered vehicles such as snow blowers, dryers, and gas stoves and ovens.

Carbon monoxide poisoning may result in flu-like symptoms including headaches,

nausea, vomiting and dizziness. Severe poisonings may cause convulsions, unconsciousness, brain damage and even death.

Carbon monoxide poisoning usually occurs slowly over a period of several hours; however, at very high concentrations, carbon monoxide can kill in minutes.

"The IPC strongly recommends installing carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your home, as required by Illinois law, and to have furnaces and other heating equipment inspected annually by professionals," added DesLauriers.

If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning, seek fresh air immediately. Once you or the victim is out of immediate danger, call the IPC at 1-800-222-1222 to receive treatment advice. In the event someone loses consciousness, please call 911 immediately.

IPC experts are available to answer questions and provide information and treatment advice 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, including holidays.

For more information about the carbon monoxide poisoning and prevention, please visit [www.illinoispoisoncenter.org/carbonmonoxide](http://www.illinoispoisoncenter.org/carbonmonoxide).

## RTA Board Allocates \$4.4 Million In Federal Dollars To Benefit Seniors And People And Disabilities

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board approved funding for seven projects through the federally-funded Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. The RTA will administer \$4,402,403 million in total, \$2,931,356 in federal funds and \$1,471,047 in local match provided by municipalities, townships, and the RTA to fund projects that will improve and increase access to transit for older adults and people with disabilities.

These funds are dedicated to removing barriers to transportation service and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The Section 5310 program is the only available source of federal transit funds for projects designed to serve older adults and people with disabilities that go beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

"Through these programs, the RTA awards funding for transit-supportive projects that improve and enhance access for older adults and people with disabilities," said Leanne Redden, Executive Director of the RTA. "We are proud to be able to administer dollars that will ultimately help these riders maximize use of the transit system."

In May, communities, counties and transportation providers were invited to apply for this funding. Of the 11 applications received, seven are included in the final program. The RTA held a 30-day public comment period on these projects prior to the RTA Board's approval.

For more information, visit [www.rtachicago.org/section-5310/section-5310.html](http://www.rtachicago.org/section-5310/section-5310.html).

## Kiwanis Club Of Ravenswood

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

**Saturday, December 6** – The Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra presents "THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS" concert at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue beginning at 7:00 pm. For more information and to order tickets see the website [www.akorchestra.com](http://www.akorchestra.com).

**Thursday, December 11** – Regular Club Meeting followed by a Board Meeting.

**Tuesday, December 16** – Annual Division One Holiday Party from Noon to 2:00 pm at the Edgewater Beach Café, 5555 N. Sheridan Road. Cost is \$28.00, but reservations are a must by Monday, December 8. Clubs should submit names & will be responsible for paying for anyone who does not show up. Please bring a toy valued \$15.00 or less for presents for needy children. In-building parking is \$3.00 for those who get their ticket validated at the restaurant. Call Clay Cerny at 773-907-8660.

## 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.

## Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Park District Cut Ribbon On New Playground At Oriole Park

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Chicago Park District Chief Operating Officer Patrick Levar, Alderman Mary O'Connor and children from the Norwood Park community celebrated the completion of a refurbished playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony today as part of Mayor Emanuel's Chicago Plays! program.

"Thanksgiving is a time for families to come together, and I can't think of a better way to end this holiday weekend than by opening this new playground, which will help this entire community come together," said Mayor Emanuel. "From parks to playgrounds to pre-kindergarten programs, we're investing in the future of every child in Chicago."

The celebration was hosted at the new playground at Oriole Park.

"Mayor Emanuel's Chicago Plays! program is improving the quality of life for children and families across Chicago," said COO Levar. "It is our goal to provide every child in this city access to a safe and inviting place to play."

In Spring of 2013, Mayor Emanuel announced that over a five year period, the Chicago Park District will rebuild, repair and/or refurbish 325 playgrounds in communities across Chicago. In 2014, 50 playgrounds were completely rehabilitated as part of Mayor Emanuel's Chicago Plays! playground renovation program, and an additional 11 soft surface playgrounds were rehabbed by the Park District.

"Today is a great day for the residents of this community," said Alderman Mary O'Connor. "This new park complements the new annex we are building for Oriole Park School to give children every educational opportunity to succeed in the future."

In order to prioritize equipment replacement, the Chicago Park District worked with the Friends of the Park organization to seek community input and determine those playgrounds in greatest need of repair.

Mayor Emanuel's Chicago Plays! program invests over \$125,000 in new playground equipment at each park location for an estimate program cost of \$37,500,000, allowing to provide a broader investment in capital projects throughout the city. The program underscores major announcements the Mayor has previously made regarding parks, including a comprehensive plan to build and improve parks throughout the city so that every Chicagoan is within a 10-minute walk of a park.

For more information, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call 312.742.PLAY, 312.747.2001 (TTY).

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## Free Menorah Lighting Kit Available

Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie is once again providing FREE menorah lighting kits for this Chanukah season.

We provide these kits to help fulfill the mitzvah (Jewish commandment) of lighting the menorah on Chanukah. Each kit contains everything necessary for the ritual - a menorah, candles, and step-by-step instructions and blessings for lighting the Chanukah candles.

To receive your FREE kit, call 847-677-1770 or contact us via the website, [www.SkokieChabad.org/2389091](http://www.SkokieChabad.org/2389091).

## Interfaith, Multi-Cultural Program At Skokie Synagogue

An interfaith, multi-cultural, crisis intervention program, "A Race Against Time: Save Yezidis from ISIS, Slavery and Genocide," will be held Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended.

The event is sponsored by StandWithUs, Protect Our Heritage Education Fund, Viswa Hindu Parishad American, Sewa International USA Inc., Global Hindu Heritage, Assyrian National Council of Illinois Foundation Chicago, Assyrian American Civic Club of Chicago, Assyrian News, American Jewish Committee, Circle for Hellas and Israel, and Grassroots for Israel.

The Yezidis are an ancient religion and culture that predates Islam and has links to Hinduism, Judaism and Zoroastrianism. ISIS is conducting a barbaric and brutal march across Iraq, slaughtering all those Yezidis who refuse to convert to Islam. They have also kidnapped Yesidi women and kept them or sold them as sex slaves. Today, around 7,000 Yezidis are under siege atop Mount Sinjar without food, water or ammunition to defend themselves.

Speakers will include Matthew Barber, a University of Chicago scholar on minority religions in Syria and Iraq, and Adoul Kejjan, a Yezidi activist who was born in a refugee camp in Syria. Barber has worked to help the Yezidi and is currently working to respond to the catastrophe happening to Yezidi women.

Kejjan's parents are survivors of barbaric acts committed against the Yezidi in the 1980s. Her older siblings died of starvation before the family managed to come to the United States.

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

## Home For The Holidays

Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting a Home for the Holidays event on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 from 6 to 9 pm at the Sisters of the Resurrection Provincial Home at 7432 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The open house will feature hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet, tours of the former school and the opportunity to view a collection of over fifty Nativity Scenes from around the world, the Sisters' collection of Madonna statues and a collection of photographs of Christmas decorations from around Chicagoland by Resurrection alumna and author, Mary Edsey '68.

The Sisters of the Resurrection Provincial Home is the former site of Resurrection High School and Resurrection alumnae are welcome to come back to their former school for the holidays, visit with former classmates and tour the former school. All members of the community are invited. Reservations are \$25 per person and may be made online at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by calling Alisa at 773.775.6616 Ext 142. All proceeds will benefit the Sr. Mary Monica Hope Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to Resurrection students and their families.

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## Statement From Mayor Emanuel On The Installation Of Archbishop Cupich

"On behalf of Chicagoans of all faiths, we thank Cardinal George for his service to our city. We are excited to write a new chapter by welcoming Archbishop Cupich to Chicago. Though we are a city of neighborhoods, our goal is to build a single future as one Chicago, and to do that we will rely on his values and voice - not just on Sundays, but every day. I am confident the entire city joins me in wishing him well as he charts his own course, one that will be guided by a passion for his new city, compassion for others, a sense of renewal, and a spirit of inclusion."

## Archbishop Cupich - Statement From Monsignor Boland, Catholic Charities President

"Today we welcome Bishop Blase Cupich as the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Archbishop Cupich has tirelessly worked for years to serve as a voice for the poor, those often forgotten and whom many pass by each day.

His leadership and dedication to serving the poor will serve as an inspiration for the 1 million people in Chicago who turn to Catholic Charities every day on their journey out of poverty. In a city plagued by violence and extreme poverty, his voice is welcomed as we work with the Church, government and businesses to tackle some of the most difficult issues facing our communities.

Every 30 seconds someone counts on Catholic Charities for help. I am confident that Archbishop Cupich's commitment to helping the poor and desire to bring communities together through faith and service will aid Catholic Charities as we continue to support the most vulnerable people in our communities on their paths to self-sufficiency.

For 17 years we have been blessed with the leadership and inspiration of Cardinal Francis George who has been an unwavering supporter of Catholic Charities. We are grateful for all he has done with faith and compassion to help the poorest of the poor in our communities and we are all praying for him during this transition and as he focuses on his health," said Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

## Jr. Bandit Lock-In At Resurrection

Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting a Jr. Bandit Lock-In for girls in grades 5-8 on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The cost is \$25 per student and includes dinner, games, athletics and a t-shirt. Advance registration is required by visiting [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) to register online or by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 129.

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## Jefferson Park Messiah Sing-A-Long

December 14th, 2014 will be the Inaugural Performance of the Jefferson Park "Sing-Along Messiah." It will take place at 3:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. There is ample parking. Bring your own music or purchase it at the Center. Tickets are \$15.00 and open to the public.

For tickets contact the Copernicus Center at [Copernicustickets.org](http://Copernicustickets.org) or [www.jpna.net/messiah](http://www.jpna.net/messiah).

## 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 Alphorn 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](mailto: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](http://www.msichicago.org).

## Stammtisch - Every 3rd Friday

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!



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## 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:

- December 5: Lutheran Choir of Chicago
- December 12: Chicago Chamber Choir
- December 19: Bella Voce

## Lutheran Unity School Christmas Programs!!!

Come join us at Lutheran Unity School West Campus at 5650 N. Canfield in Chicago for our school children's Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18th. The Pre-K - 4th grade program is at 6:00 PM and the 5th-8th grade program is at 7:30 PM. All are welcome! For more information, contact the West Campus school office at (708)867-5044

Lutheran Unity School and Jehovah El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church at 3740 W. Belden in Chicago will be celebrating the Christmas season with the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas. Saturday, Dec. 20th all are invited to gather in the school basement at 4 p.m. to start the journey around the neighborhood to find shelter for Mary and Joseph. Shelter is found as we enter the church singing the traditional Posadas songs in Spanish. The children of the school will then reenact the Christmas story along with singing traditional Christmas hymns. After the service, all are invited next door for a Fiesta which includes food, pinatas and mariachis. For more information, contact the East Campus school office at (773)342-5854.

## Holiday Performances At Resurrection

Join in the festivities as the Fine Arts Department of Resurrection College Prep High School presents a variety of showcase performances and concerts to share the holiday spirit. The community is welcome to attend these fine arts events, all of which will be held at Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. Tickets will be available at the door for all performances and questions may be directed to 773.775.6616 Ext 110.

The Holiday Chamber Concert, featuring the Resurrection Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Mike Longo, will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7 pm in the school chapel.

The Holiday Dance Showcase, featuring the Resurrection dance classes and the Resurrection Orchestral dance ensemble under the direction of Ms. Kari Hintz, will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 7 pm in the Resurrection Little Theatre.

The Holiday Band Concert, featuring the Resurrection/ Notre Dame Band under the direction of Mr. Mike Wallace and the Resurrection/ Notre Dame Jazz Band under the direction of Darren Scorza, will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 3 pm in the Little Theatre.

The Holiday Choral Concert, featuring the Resurrection Women's Choir and the Resurrection/ Notre Dame Concert Choir under the direction of Ms. Alanna Landin, will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7 pm in the Little Theatre.

The Holiday Drama Showcase, featuring Resurrection drama students under the guidance of Ms. Mary Katherine Bohlander and Ms. Kathie Foszcz will be presented on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 7 pm in the Little Theatre.

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## Resurrection Alumnae Association Hosts Breakfast With Santa

The Resurrection College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 9 am to 11:30 am (breakfast is served from 9-10:30 am). All are welcome to enjoy breakfast with Santa, face painting, a theater production by Resurrection drama students and Christmas arts and crafts. Children and families can have their photos taken with Santa and each child will receive a special gift from Santa.



Tickets for Breakfast with Santa will be available for \$9 per child in advance or \$10 per child at the door and \$6 per adult. Reservations are strongly encouraged to secure a space. Tickets may be purchased from the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by contacting Kristin Even at 773.775.6616 Ext 140 or [keven@reshs.org](mailto:keven@reshs.org).

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## 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](http://www.pna-znp.org)

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

## Lira Opens Jubilee Season With A Holiday Concert Of Polish Music & Dance

The acclaimed Lira Ensemble, which specializes in Polish music, song and dance, celebrates the opening of its 50th anniversary with a holiday concert:

**"Joyous Jubilee! Polish Carols, Song & Dance"**

**Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 3pm**

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By Wayne Mell – Managing Director

December is a busy time, and everyone has a different way to celebrate the winter months. But one thing we all have in common is the love of live entertainment. Many families make it a holiday tradition to gather at the theatre for music and stories.

At Skokie Theatre, we have plenty of holiday entertainment to share with your friends and family, regardless of which holidays you choose to honor.

The inimitable Charlene Brooks brings us Highly Seasoned at 8 pm on Saturday, December 20th. A Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Bene Shalom, Charlene has raised her family in a blended household, and she brings this experience to the stage in an eclectic holiday celebration. There's a little Christmas, a little Chanukah, and a lot of winter favorites rolled in with stories of her life delivered with the signature spice and wit that has made Charlene a sell-out favorite where ever she performs.



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Friday, December 19th heralds the return of Denny Diamond and the Jewels with A Cherry, Cherry Holiday. The renowned Neil Diamond tribute artists combine songs from Neil's Cherry, Cherry Christmas album with perennial Diamond favorites and even newly released songs from Neil's current tour. Neil Diamond fans will not want to miss this spectacular show.

And finally, for a special Chanukah treat, The Way Jews Rock. Rock band Ev'ën Sh'siyah, will be performing in concert and holding a release party for their newest CD at 2 pm on Sunday, December 21. The band blends original music with words taken from an array of classic Jewish texts as well as their own English lyrics. Their music is quite modern yet evokes the feeling of prayer, inspired by the sounds of folk rock. The band's musical influences are eclectic: folk, rock, Mid-Eastern, and jazz. They have integrated these genres creating a cohesive and unique musical soundscape of its own.

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Website: <http://jamesdowningtheatre.com>

Performances are planned for 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. All tickets are \$10. Reserve seats by calling 224-725-3696, by email at jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com, or pay by credit card online at jamesdowningtheatre.com.

The production features "A New Christmas Morning" directed by Camille DeAngelis; "Christmas Break," directed by Joe Bonadonna; "Christmas Spirit," directed by Tony LiFonti; "All For Love" directed by Nancy Barenbrugge; "Oy Oy Maria," directed by John Watkins; "Oy Oy Merry Christmas" directed by Richard Bucchi; and "Twelve Days of Christmas" directed by Jane Allyson.

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# What's Your Reason to Start Your Estate Planning?



**Chester M. Przybylo**

People have many different reasons to do estate planning. Some people plan diligently and well in advance of any urgent need. Other people procrastinate and plan only when things are thrust upon them. What are you waiting for? Here are some of the top reasons which estate-planning attorneys say motivate their clients to plan or update their existing plan:

- Vacations - People want to relax without worrying about "what ifs." But, you don't need to wait for a vacation to take this worry off your plate.
- Weddings - When a couple is starting a new life together, they want to start off right and make sure each other are taken care of.
- Divorce - Most people no longer wish to benefit their ex-spouse after a divorce.
- Births and adoptions - A new child is a joyous occasion. People want to make sure there is a solid foundation for their new bundle of joy. Even if they already have a plan, they want to make sure that the plan is suitable now that their family has grown.
- Funerals - The death of a close friend or relative can make people feel their own mortality. They realize that their own death will happen, sooner or later, and they would rather it happen on their own terms. Often, people see firsthand the anguish caused by poor planning and want to make sure they don't leave behind an emotional and financial mess.
- Inheritances - When people inherit money, it often changes their estate plan. They consider how to divide the newfound wealth and what they want to leave as their legacy.
- Health changes - A significant deterioration in health often makes a person's mortality more real. They want to make sure their loved ones are taken care of in case their health declines further. Of course, planning in advance would remove that worry and focus their energy on spending time with loved ones.
- Law changes - Changes in the law can affect what would happen to the estate. New opportunities appear from time to time, while other opportunities disappear. The savvy update their plans periodically to take advantage of these opportunities while they can.

The bottom line is that people do estate planning in order to take care of their loved ones and to assure the legacy they envision. A qualified, estate-planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in that field can help you arrive at an estate plan that effectively accomplishes your unique goals. When you die, will your loved ones discover a plan in disarray (or no plan at all) or a coherent estate plan? What will your legacy be?

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at [www.PlanOurEstate.com](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

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*Submitted by Mrs. Charles Porter*

## Christmas Tree Care

**By: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses**

Just because we do not sell any Christmas trees or poinsettias at Urhausen Greenhouses, as we are already growing our annuals and perennials for next spring and summer, we still receive and answer many questions about Christmas trees. As with everything in horticulture and floriculture, freshness is of the utmost importance. How "fresh" the tree which you purchase will determine how well it will look and how long it will last.

What does one mean by "fresh?" The freshness of a Christmas tree is determined by the length of time since the tree was cut and your purchase. When you purchase your tree it should look healthy and green, and few dead or brown needles should be visible. The needles should not be stiff and hard, but rather flexible and soft. It is a red flag if the needles fall off as you touch them.

Once a fresh Christmas tree is procured, keeping it fresh will depend on how much care the tree receives. Upon purchase, a fresh cut about one inch above the old base on the bottom of the tree should be made. Then the tree should be placed in a bucket of water. Make sure it is a rather large bucket as a tree may absorb almost a gallon of water the first day. Make sure you monitor the water level several times on that first day. AT this time of the year you may read or hear about all kinds of additives to place in the water to preserve freshness. Most horticultural experts advocate the use of pure tap water and disavow the benefits of the so called additives.

The key to the freshness of your tree is to keep it watered and not let it dry out. The added benefit of doing this is that a well watered tree will not be a fire hazard. Use common sense when locating your tree. Don't place it near a source of heat, like a fireplace, stove, or a hot air duct. These measures promote safety and preserve freshness.

The information in this article is correct, however as a fellow consumer of Christmas trees it is becoming more and more difficult to find a fresh tree. Many years I have purchased a tree and followed all these guidelines only to be met with frustration. One sign that you have a stale tree is when the tree will not absorb any water after you place it in the bucket of water. Another is when the needles drop only a few days after the tree is placed inside your home. So, I guess it is important to ask the merchants selling trees when the trees were cut.

From all of us at Urhausen Greenhouses we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

*Urhausen Greenhouses, Inc. is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Phone: 847-675-1573, [www.urhausengreenhouses.com](http://www.urhausengreenhouses.com)*



## Boys & Girls Club Holiday Ham Sale

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## "The Story of Chocolate" Is The Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On December 10

What draws people to chocolate candy, and what makes it a popular gift? Find out the answers to these and other interesting questions by attending the Timely Talk, "The Story of Chocolate," that will be presented at 2:00 p.m., on Dec. 10, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. During construction, entrance to Norwood Crossing is from the back parking lot.

Making the presentation will be Danielle DiCristifano, a representative of Fannie May in Park Ridge. In the talk, you

will hear about the origins of chocolate, different types of candies, the history of Fannie May, and why special candies are associated with specific occasions. A question and answer session will follow, refreshments will be served and a variety of candies will be available for sampling. In addition, select boxes of candies will be available for purchase at a discount, and discount coupons will also be available.

To RSVP for this special program, please call (773) 577-5323, or email [info@norwoodcrossing.org](mailto:info@norwoodcrossing.org).

# Top Ten Tips For Holiday Food Safety From The Illinois Poison Center

*State's only poison center offers recommendations for a harm-free holiday season*

As families and friends across Illinois makes plans for their holiday feasts, the Illinois Poison Center (IPC) is offering its top ten tips for proper food handling techniques this season. According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than 76 million people experience foodborne illness each year.

"Holidays are a time of celebration and joy, but holiday feasts can be tricky; home chefs are often preparing a meal they don't normally cook, and they're preparing it for a larger group than usual," said Dr. Michael Wahl, M.D., IPC Medical Director. "By following basic food safety preparation and storage tips, however, you can avoid foodborne illnesses and enjoy the festivities."

According to the IPC experts, the top ten ways to safe this season include:

1. Use a meat thermometer to confirm that meat, pork and poultry are properly cooked; visit [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov) for proper temperatures.
2. Keep preparation and storage areas, including countertops, stovetops and refrigerators, clean.
3. Wash hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 to 20 seconds before preparing any foods, and especially after handling raw meat, poultry, fish or eggs.
4. Wash utensils between each use. Never reuse utensils without washing them, because dirty utensils can be a source of contamination.
5. Thaw meat and poultry in the refrigerator or microwave, not at room temperature. This may take several days for a large turkey.

6. Do not prepare food if you are sick or have any type of nose or eye infection.
7. Store raw food below cooked food in the refrigerator so it cannot drip onto and contaminate cooked food.
8. Use separate cutting boards for meats, poultry and fish.
9. To ensure that leftovers are safe the next day, properly seal and store food in the refrigerator as soon as possible.
10. If you are unsure about how long perishable food, particularly meat, poultry and dairy, have been left out, throw the items away to eliminate your risk of food poisoning.

"One of the biggest sources of foodborne illness during the holidays is salmonella from handling turkey and other poultry," said Wahl. "Salmonella bacteria can result from raw or undercooked poultry, and may be particularly harmful to people in poor health, young children and the elderly."

People who develop food poisoning may experience symptoms that include nausea, fever, vomiting, stomach cramps and diarrhea. Depending on the exact type of food poisoning, symptoms may last from several hours to several days.

The IPC is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, including holidays. If you think you or someone you know has food poisoning, please call the IPC at 1-800-222-1222 for expert treatment recommendations.

## As Winter Chill Takes Hold, Mayor Emanuel Joins City Departments To Remind Residents To Take Precautions During Cold Weather

*Snow Bans Go Into Effect at 3 a.m. on Sunday, December 1; Citywide Blitz Targets Scofflaw Landlords For Heat and Safety Violations*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, along with officials from the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC), Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS), other City departments and sister agencies, today reminded residents about City-offered services during the winter months and provided residents with tips to avoid weather and health emergencies during cold and extreme weather. "Last winter, our city confronted some of the most extreme weather we've seen in decades," said Mayor Emanuel. "As we brace for this winter, City departments are prepared to clear snow from streets and perform well being checks, but we also ask residents to help prepare for winter, check on their neighbors during extreme temperatures and call for assistance when necessary."

Mayor Emanuel also touted the City's improved Plow Tracker application, which provides real-time information about snow removal efforts throughout the city as well as the results of a new initiative to target landlords that fail to provide adequate heat to their tenants. Throughout the winter, the City will activate the Plow Tracker tool during major snow events along with updating residents on snow removal operations through the Mayor's Office Twitter account: @ChicagosMayor and the Department of Streets and Sanitation's twitter account: @StreetsandSan.

OEMC urges residents to prepare for cold temperatures and snowy conditions throughout the winter by taking steps, such as preparing emergency kits for residences and vehicles and stocking up on necessities, which will help in emergency situations or if weather conditions become dangerous.

"Dealing with extreme weather is not just preparing for an emergency situation, but also having a plan of action to respond and recover from that situation, which is why the City prepares well in advance with Citywide planning exercises to ensure the safety of residents should conditions change," said OEMC Executive Director Gary Schenkel. "As always, we remind residents to be cognizant of weather conditions, take steps to limit their exposure when possible, and to call 311 to be connected to City services for assistance." The City of Chicago works with the National Weather Service to monitor the weather on an on-going basis to prepare for extreme weather as early as possible should it occur, and continues to implement, coordinate and improve plans to adapt to changing conditions to keep residents safe during the winter season.

DSS manages snow removal for more than 9,400 lane miles of roadway and maintains a fleet of more than 280 snow removal vehicles, including 19 new snow plows and four new, smaller 4x4 snow plows for this winter. The City will begin the winter season with approximately 400,000 tons of salt stationed at 19 salt piles across the City. DSS monitors snow removal operations, road conditions and weather from the Snow Command center through access to over 1,400 citywide camera feeds, Doppler radar control, and atmospheric and road data sensors. "The Department of Streets and Sanitation has been preparing for the upcoming winter season since the spring by training drivers and supervisors, preparing the snow removal fleet, and receiving shipments of road salt," said DSS Commissioner Charles Williams. "We are ready for this snow season, and our snow removal team is ready to respond quickly and effectively to all winter weather scenarios." Additionally, DSS and the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) have improved communication with residents around snow removal operations through the online Plow Tracker tool. Residents will continue to be able to watch snow removal operations as plows began on main and arterial streets and then move to neighborhood streets once the snow has stopped. New this year, residents can view the direction of travel for all snow removal vehicles in real-time. Residents will also be able to view snowfall totals for each snow system and for the entire winter season.

### **Parking Restrictions and Overnight Bans**

Motorists are advised of Chicago's annual winter Overnight Parking Ban that will be enforced beginning Monday, December 1, 2014 through Tuesday, March 31, 2014 from 3:00AM to 7:00AM, regardless of snow. Cars parked in violation of the Overnight Parking Ban prevent critical routes from being fully plowed and salted when it snows. During a snowfall, a build-up of snow next to parked vehicles on these routes further reduces traffic flow.

The Overnight Parking Ban impacts more than 100 miles of Chicago's streets and signage is permanently posted along the impacted streets. Violators will face a minimum \$150 towing fee, a \$60 ticket and a storage fee of \$20 per day for the first five days. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be towed to Pounds 2 (10301 S. Doty Ave) or 6 (701 N. Sacramento). Last year on December 1, 239 vehicles were towed for violating the Overnight Parking Ban.

### **Warming Centers**

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) operates six Community Service Centers located throughout the city that double as warming centers during work weekdays when temperatures dip below 32 degrees. These Community Service Centers are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. One of these facilities, the Garfield Community Service Center at 10 South Kedzie, is open on a 24-hour basis to connect residents to emergency shelters.

On evenings, weekends or holidays, City-operated facilities including libraries, park facilities and police stations might also serve as warming centers if they are needed. And during the weekdays, DFSS also operates the City's six Regional Senior Centers and 15 Satellite Senior Centers where seniors can go to keep warm in addition to taking part in numerous activities. Those seeking a warm place to go after hours should call 3-1-1. Seniors or individuals with limited mobility may call 3-1-1 to request a ride to any of the centers. And individuals requiring emergency overnight shelter should also call 3-1-1.

Warming center information and flyers in English, Spanish and Polish are posted on DFSS's website and Facebook pages at [www.cityofchicago.org/fss](http://www.cityofchicago.org/fss).

### **Information for Travelers, Public Transportation Users**

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) reminds those with travel plans

through O'Hare or Midway International Airports to check their airline's website for flight status before going to the airport and to plan to arrive at least two hours in advance of their scheduled flight. When severe weather causes significant delays and cancellations at the airports, travelers can receive airport-wide delay and cancellation updates by calling the CDA Media Relations Office at (773) 686-3700 and pressing 1, or by following O'Hare's Facebook page or Twitter account @fly2ohare and Midway's Facebook page or Twitter account @fly2midway.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) staff is extensively trained on handling winter weather operations and will, working closely with OEMC and other City agencies, carefully monitor weather and traffic conditions to quickly adapt transit operations to changing circumstances. What's more, CTA buses and rail system are equipped with features designed to mitigate the effects of cold temperatures and snow. CTA is also prepared to communicate timely service information to customers in the event of unplanned changes or significant delays in service through informational displays at rail stations and select bus stops; and through social media (Twitter and Facebook) and CTA's website. CTA also encourages customers to sign up at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) for free subscription service alerts to be notified of service changes or issues.

## Prepping Car for Winter Driving

**Winter tires** – when temperatures drop, changing to winter tires is smart:

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**Winter car care** – prevention and maintenance is key to keeping your car moving in harsh weather:

- Check your tire pressure – Although you want to do this monthly, it is especially important to check tire pressure in winter weather. For every 10 de-

grees the temperature drops, your tires can lose about 1 pound per square inch (PSI) of pressure. It's quick and easy to do. You can find the manufacturer's specific tire pressure on the inside of the doorjamb.

- Turn on your headlights – In inclement weather, visibility is oftentimes less than perfect. Turning on your lights allows you to see, and just as important, to be seen by others. Remember this general rule: Wipers On - Lights On.
- Keep a roadside emergency kit and necessary supplies in your vehicle during the winter months. We suggest carrying:
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