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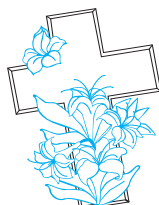
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SPRING HAS SPRUNG, NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN

(Open To Pages 4 & 5 for Happenings)



Happy Easter and Passover



from the staff of

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A Message From The Editor

Thank you to all of our readers and advertisers for following and contributing to the Our Village News through the many years we have been in print and on-line.

Our Country, State, City and County working together is vital to the success of our Communities. However, it is the Neighborhoods in which we individually live and work that are the foundation at the base of any successful efforts toward growth.

The Our Village News has always been pointed to those Neighborhoods and the activities and services that exist within them. We plan to continue in that same direction and to enhance our coverage even more. In order to do that, we need your help by sharing information with us about matters you feel are important to share with one another. We want to hear your thoughts, your concerns, your stories about people you admire and who contribute in special ways, your ideas for helping your Neighborhoods work more closely together and amongst the Communities that surround yours in order to make life even more full than it is now.

We want to be of value and perform the services we can provide in the best way we are able. The Our Village is your paper – we are the merely the vehicle through which we can assist you, the local residents and businesses, in coming together. Please allow us to do just that.

We are available any time to accept your calls at 773/633-4059. If e-mails or posted letters are more to your liking, then please send to contact@ourvillagechicago.com or P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631. We look forward to hearing from you, soon and often.

Remember: Bad things can only happen when good people do nothing. Get involved and stay informed.

GET READY, GET SET... FLY! 16TH ANNUAL CHICAGO KIDS AND KITES FESTIVAL RETURNS TO LINCOLN PARK ON MAY 3

A favorite family event and a harbinger of springtime in Chicago, the 16th Annual Chicago Kids and Kites Festival returns to Cricket Hill in Lincoln Park (Montrose and Wilson) on Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is FREE.

Once again, the City of Chicago will provide kite kits for children to build, decorate and fly, while supplies last. Other activities include face painting, balloon artists and a kite-shaped refrigerator magnet craft.

One of the most popular highlights of the festival is the Big Kite Candy Drop, which is a piñata-like kite filled with candies that drop from the sky, taking place during the afternoon, weather permitting.

Kite Harbor will be onsite for kite buyers and professional kite flyers will demonstrate their skills with oversized and uniquely-shaped kites.

The 16th Annual Chicago Kids and Kites Festival is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and sponsored by The Boeing Company, Pepsi, Chicago Transit Authority, Whole Foods Market and CLIF Kid. For more information, visit www.chicagokidsandkites.us, join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter (@ChicagoDCASE) or call 312.744.3316; TTY 312.744.2964.

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)

begins in the evening of Sunday, April 27, 2014
and ends in the evening of Monday, April 28, 2014



Celebrate EARTH DAY on Tuesday, April 22, 2014



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Saturday, April 26, 2014

To register or for more information, call us at 3-1-1.
Registration deadline is April 18, 2014

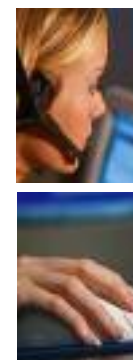
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Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers April Health Programs

Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in April.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, April 24, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free lecture titled Health Care Radiation Risks and Benefits will be given Wednesday, April 30, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Images created using radiation can provide important information about a person's health. These images often help a doctor diagnose a problem or decide on a treatment plan. People are sometimes concerned or have questions about the radiation used in medical procedures. Mohammad Rezaei, M.D., medical director of the hospital's Radiology Department, will discuss the risks and benefits of commonly ordered tests. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-737-4636.

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

May 22 Kiwanis Club Program

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SAVE THE DATE!

You and your family members, co-workers and friends are cordially invited to a Special Event hosted by Division One and the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood on Thursday, May 22, 2014 beginning at Noon at the Barba Yianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Avenue. You won't want to miss this meeting as our guest speakers will be Ms. Angela Golden from Chicago's Classical Music Station WFMT, 98.7FM, who is in charge of the Station's "BACH TO SCHOOL" program. Over the years, this program has introduced many youngsters to the richness of classical music. It is obvious that both WFMT 98.7 FM and the Kiwanis Clubs believe in "Serving the Children of the World."

We will enjoy delicious Greek specialties served family-style which includes coffee and baklava for dessert, all for a nominal \$25.00 per person in advance or \$30.00 at the door. Cash bar is available at reasonable prices.

FREE PARKING courtesy of mb Financial Bank on the north side of Lawrence Avenue, just west of Western Avenue, just south of Ronald McDonald's.

Reservations required by calling 773/728-8127 or e-mailing to rheideman@sbcglobal.net.

Cook County, Ill. Cracks Down on Puppy Mills

County Council applauded for steps to increase adoptions of homeless animals

The Cook County Council passed an ordinance to restrict the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits obtained from large-scale commercial breeders. The ban will go into effect Oct. 1. Chicago also passed a similar ban in March. Kristen Strawbridge, Illinois state director of The Humane Society of the United States, issued the following statement:

"Cook County is taking a step forward for the humane economy and a stand against pet overpopulation and puppy mills. This rule will help end the euthanasia of thousands of animals every year in the state. This ban will help drive the market toward adoptions of homeless animals from shelters and rescue groups, and increased sales for small, responsible breeders who meet standards of animal care."

EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION OFFERS 4 PART SERIES ON VISITING THE SICK

Visiting the sick (bikkur cholim in Hebrew) is the best of all good deeds in the Jewish tradition.

A four-part course at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, will teach participants the best practices for visiting people who are ailing. The series starts, Tuesday, April 29 and will continue until May 20. Each class starts at 4:45 and goes to 6:15 p.m.

Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski and Elizabeth Cohen of the JCFS Jewish Healing Network will lead the class.

Fee is \$18 for members of the synagogue and \$20 for non-members.

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

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Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The JPNA, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, will have as its next speaker a representative from Alderman Area's Office who will explain Participatory Budget voting and how nominations for projects in the ward are made for the discretionary funds available. Meetings are on the last Wed. of the month, April 30, at 7:00 p.m., are free and open to the public. They are held in the lower level of the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings. Lite refreshments are provided.

Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Julie Youngquist from Lawrence Hall Youth Services, will be the guest speaker on Thursday, April 24 at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood. The meeting will take place at Noon at the Hilltop Restaurant, 2800 W. Foster (N.W. corner of Foster & California Avenues), in the private dining room. The Lawrence Hall Youth Services facility is located on Francisco Avenue, just north of Lawrence, on the east side of the Chicago River. They have been members of our Club for quite a number of years. Ms. Youngquist will give us an update of their activities and programs. Her presentation promises to be very interesting and informational for all of us.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and tell your friends and co-workers about it. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person. Free parking is available in a lot just west of the Hilltop Restaurant on the north side of Foster Avenue. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. RSVP with Dr. Ronald Heiderman, DDS, at 773-561-0455 or Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127.

Boat Area Access Program Grants Totaling \$715,200 Awarded to Six Communities

Grants will help provide additional access for recreational boating

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller today announced 2014 Boat Access Area Development grants totaling \$715,200 were awarded to six communities. The Natural Resources Advisory Board reviewed grant requests totaling \$1.22 million and recommended awarding nearly all of the \$725,000 appropriated for FY2014. The Boat Access Area Development Program provides financial assistance to local government agencies for the acquisition, construction, and expansion or rehabilitation of public boat and canoe access areas on Illinois' lakes and rivers. The program provides up to 100 percent of approved project construction costs and 90 percent of approved land acquisition costs. There is a limit of \$200,000 per project per year.

Applications must be received between July 1 and September 1 each calendar year.

Revenue for this program is derived from marine motor fuel tax and boat and canoe registration fees.

Download the Boating Access Area Development Program Local Government Participation Manual here: <https://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/bamanual10.pdf>

Communities receiving grants include:

- **Village of Machesney Park in Winnebago County:** \$200,000 to construct a boat ramp and dock. The project will improve access for the public and help local law enforcement respond more quickly to emergencies.
- **City of Evanston in Cook County:** \$200,000 to construct an extension for the Church Street Boat Ramp to upgrade the facility and improve safety. The ramp provides Lake Michigan access for powerboats, sailboats, personal watercraft.
- **City of Oglesby in LaSalle County:** \$152,225 to construct a safe and accessible launch along the Vermilion River. A parking lot will be constructed for cars and vehicles with trailers.
- **City of Galena in Jo Daviess County:** \$80,000 to construct canoe and kayak access to the Galena River. The project includes adjacent parking and loading/unloading area.
- **City of Freeport in Stephenson County:** \$64,600 to build an accessible floating dock and canoe/kayak launch along the Pecatonica River Water Trail.
- **Dixon Park District in Lee County:** \$18,375 to build a boat ramp extension to provide safe access to the Rock River during times of low water.

Mayor Emanuel Announces Additional 13 Miles Of Resurfacing Of City Arterial Streets To Counter Winter's Toll

Nearly 350 Miles of Chicago Streets and Alleys to be Resurfaced In 2014; \$15 Million Added for Additional Street Resurfacing and Repair

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced that the City would add \$15 million in funding to add 13 more miles to the 2014 arterial street repaving plan and bolster a program to perform patching work on hundreds of streets across Chicago.

"With this additional investment to improve our infrastructure, we are Building a New Chicago and improving the quality of life in every community," Mayor Emanuel said. "We are increasing our workload, once again, to further combat the pothole-filled condition of many of Chicago's arterial streets caused by the extremely harsh winter weather."

Last month, the mayor announced that City agencies and private utilities plan to resurface a total of 333 miles of arterial and neighborhood streets and alleys in 2014. The additional funds will add to the overall program and provide flexibility for CDOT to respond more quickly to deal with the effects one of the worst winters in history.

The \$15 million for paving is surplus funding from the past several years that was available from federal grants. Repaving projects are eligible to be funded by these grants.

CDOT is using \$2 million to implement an expanded program of heavy duty patching for streets that do not need a full resurfacing, but have shown deterioration from winter.

In Mayor Emanuel's first term in office, nearly a quarter of Chicago's 4,600 miles of streets will have been resurfaced.

Under the mayor's Building a New Chicago infrastructure investment program, CDOT, the Department of Water Management (DWM), private contractors and utilities will have resurfaced more than 1,000 miles of streets from 2011 through 2014 (155 miles in 2011; 269 miles in 2012; 290 miles in 2013; and 346 miles in 2014).

DWM plans to increase their workload in 2014, to installing 85 miles of new water mains, 21 miles of new sewer mains, relining 51 miles of sewer mains, and install 15,000 new water meters. DWM will also repave 133 miles of roadway.

In 2014, CDOT plans to repave nearly 100 miles of arterial streets, 90 miles of residential streets and five miles of alleys. Gas, electric and telecommunication utilities are expected to repave 20 miles of streets as part of their infrastructure work.

With better coordination on infrastructure improvement projects through CDOT's Project Management Office, both departments and the utilities worked together to reduce the amount of project conflicts that would open up a street more than once. By setting new standards for restoring the public way after construction, the various utilities resurfaced more miles of Chicago streets.

In 2013, the City realized a savings of approximately \$14 million through the coordination of projects with utilities and the requirements that they fully restore the roadways after their construction projects.

Chicago City of Learning Launches 1000s of Free Programs for Chicago Youth to Learn and Earn

This summer youth between 4 and 24 will have thousands of opportunities to gain skills and earn recognition while they engage in their favorite summer activities through Chicago City of Learning (CCOL). The initiative brings together more than 100 Chicago city agencies, youth serving and community organizations offering free summer programs to the city's youth and provides digital badges to those who participate and gain skills through them.

Chicago City of Learning is an outgrowth of the 2013 Chicago Summer of Learning, a collaboration of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Mozilla Foundation, DePaul University's Digital Youth Network and the City of Chicago. Last year 200,000 youth participated and were awarded 100,000 digital badges. This year more than 100 museums, theatres, universities and youth serving public and community organizations are participating and offering more than 1,000 programs, workshops and online learning opportunities – ranging from the performing arts and story-telling to design and making and from sports and wellness to community action.

Announced this Wednesday as the centerpiece of Mayor Emanuel's 2014 "Summer of Learning and Earning" and through information provided to every Chicago student through their schools, Chicago City of Learning also has spring programs and activities that families can access immediately.

From April 12 through May 10 the city's libraries, park district and dozens of museums and community organizations will participate in Mayor Emanuel's Spring Adventure – offering activities for youth 4 – 24 both online and at sites throughout the city.

On May 10 Chicago City of Learning will hold its second Destination: Chicago event, a city-wide festival of making and doing, where youth can create everything from 3-d printed objects to videos and apps, sample hundreds of summer programs and sign up onsite for the summer activities in which they wish to participate. The event will run from 11am to 4pm at Jones College Prep, located at 700 South State Street.

All information for the spring and summer programs is online, as is an Exploration Ticket which allows youth to document their participation in spring activities. Those who fill out the ticket and turn it in on May 10 will be eligible to win everything from tickets to sporting events to an iPad Mini through raffles to be held at Destination: Chicago.

"City of Learning turns our City into a campus with robust learning opportunities that challenge our children and help them explore new interests," Mayor Emanuel said.

"The Chicago City of Learning initiative enables youth to take advantage of the rich learning opportunities that the city has to offer, creating new pathways both in and out of the classroom," said Nichole Pinkard, DYN Founder and associate professor in DePaul University's College of Computing and Digital Media. "The CCOL model helps young people build a deep set of skills and knowledge in their areas of interest, enabling them to unlock opportunities for further learning, internships, and jobs."

For interviews or to arrange post-event news coverage, please contact MK Communications at 312-822-0505. For more information on Chicago City of Learning and Destination: Chicago, please visit www.ChicagoCityofLearning.org.

Dining Out for Life – Chicago, Celebrating 21 years!

Since 1992, EdgeAlliance has been dedicated to providing quality permanent housing and life enriching services to individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS, the Homeless, the Disabled and Veterans. Now in its 21st year, EdgeAlliance's programs have assisted over 1,500 homeless and low-income children, families and adults living with HIV/AIDS to achieve stable housing, improve wellness and transition toward greater independence.

(March 10, 2014) Chicago, IL -- Mark your calendars and let all your friends know - our next Dining Out For Life® is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th, 2014! Dining Out For Life® is an annual fundraising event involving the generous participation of volunteers, corporate sponsors, diners and restaurants. In exchange for their financial support, restaurants are listed in a city-wide marketing campaign in an effort to increase customer traffic.

In 2013, more than 9,000 diners and over 80 Chicago restaurants raised \$115,000! This year, EdgeAlliance hopes to add to its list of esteemed Chicago dining spots in support for Chicagoans impacted by HIV/AIDS! Art Smith, Executive Chef at Table Fifty-Two, a neighborhood restaurant in Gold Coast said that local restaurants have always been fully supportive of HIV/AIDS research and programming in this city. "We at Table Fifty-Two welcome the opportunity to show support for EdgeAlliance and their Dining Out for Life campaign by being a participating restaurant. Our shared support with residents of Chicago – to uphold the traditions of good taste and community outreach – makes this venture a natural fit", he said. Participating restaurants around Chicago will donate a portion of their proceeds to EdgeAlliance, allowing its residents to sustain healthy lives through affordable housing and programming. Chicago is one of 60 cities across the United States and Canada participating in the event, making Dining Out for Life the single largest HIV/AIDS benefit in the country!

Actress and advocate Pam Grier joined Dining Out For Life as co-spokesperson (with Food Network host Ted Allen) to help raise support: "There is a resurgence of HIV among youth, gay men, women and ethnic minorities due to lack of education and the misperception that the epidemic is over and curable. Awareness and funds are declining – but you can help. Dine out on Thursday, April 24th for the most satisfying meal you'll have all year."

For more information on Dining Out for Life, please contact Joey Wasserman, Special Events Manager at 773.359-0122 or jwasserman@edgealliance.org. Visit the official Dining Out for Life website at www.diningoutforlife.com/chicago for full list of participating restaurants

CHICAGO AUTHOR STAN "TEX" BANASH TO DISCUSS ROADSIDE HISTORY OF ILLINOIS AT NORWOOD PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ON APRIL 23

The public is invited to hear Chicago author Stan "Tex" Banash discuss his third book, *Roadside History of Illinois*, at 7:00 p.m., on Apr. 23, at the Norwood Park Historical Society, 5624 N. Newark Ave., in Chicago.

Banash will describe some of his research, explain several trip segments in each of the book's seven regions, and provide information on a number of significant historical happenings that shaped Illinois. The book itself begins with the Ice Age and carries readers to the present along old U.S. highways, state roadways and county roads, leading to the people, places and events that contributed to the state's development. It is the first book on Illinois history in more than 30 years and has been praised by former U.S. Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III and Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and inscription following the talk.

Active in his local community, Banash served as president of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce and also chaired a local zoning advisory board. He graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, obtained a Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Roosevelt University and operated his own home-based public relations firm for more than 30 years. His two earlier books were *Best of Dee Brown's West* and *Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology*. He also reviews books for a number of western publications, and is a member of Western Writers of America, the Society of Midland Authors, Western History Association, and the Westerners—Chicago Corral, where he served as its sheriff for five years.



MAKE UP ENTRANCE EXAM TESTING DATE OFFERED AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering an Entrance Exam for eighth grade girls who have not tested at Resurrection and are interested in joining the Resurrection Class of 2018. The Entrance Exam will be given on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 7:45 am until approximately noon.

Pre-registration is necessary for the April 29 testing date. Please contact Mary Kaye Ulczak at mulczak@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 127 to register for the Entrance Exam or if you have any questions regarding the test. On the morning of the Entrance Exam, students should arrive by 7:45 am and enter through the Main Entrance at 7500 West Talcott Avenue. No calculators may be used on the test, students should bring number 2 pencils and a \$25 testing fee (cash or check made payable to Resurrection College Prep High School).

Eighth grade girls and their families who have not had the opportunity to visit Resurrection are welcome to contact Debbie Gillespie at dgillespie@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 129 to schedule a tour and learn more about Resurrection. Please visit www.reshs.org for additional information.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

Apply Now for Summer Employment Opportunities!

Looking for a summer job? Evanston's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is now hiring for seasonal summer camp positions.

As part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP), students interested in certain positions with the City must attend the job fair on Sat., April 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave.

Liebe DANK Haus Freunde!

Spring is finally on it's way and with it comes Maifest!

One weekend, a few hours of your time, and one of our most important fundraisers benefiting cultural programming at the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center. Save the dates: Maifest Chicago 29 May - 1 Jun 2014! Call 773.561.9181 for more info.

You want first dibs? You know you do! Maifest is the best festival in town, so kick off summer the right way! Sign up for a shift grilling brats, plating kraut, pouring beer, or building the bar. You'll love it! And you will be helping to raise funds for language and cultural programming. Everybody wins!

All volunteers are required to attend orientation in order to learn proper food safety rules, get your t-shirt, learn how to master the perfect pour, and have a little fun too. Since bar shifts are very popular, we require volunteers to sign up for an aufbau, kitchen, grill, or abbau shift before they can volunteer at the bar. *Viel Spass!*

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Achtung, the battle of the wits - German Quiz Night on Friday, April 25. In teams, with a max of 6 people you will be challenged in classic and contemporary German trivia covering current & historic events, music, sports, and literature. Don't have a full team? No worries! Make new friends, have fun and test your knowledge!

Everybody is welcome, grab a brew and show off your smarts or obscure knowledge! Quiz starts at 8:30 pm and questions will be asked in both German and English.

DIVVY PUTS SPRING FLEET BACK ON THE STREET AT ALL 300 STATIONS

Bike Share System Celebrates Two Million Miles Ridden and Readies for Spring; "Divvy Week" to offer \$5 24-Hour Passes, Membership Incentives

Divvy, Chicago's bike share system, is fully prepared for the upcoming busy spring and summer cycling seasons by releasing 700 bikes that were in winter storage back into the system at its 300 stations.

In just nine months of operations, Chicagoans and visitors to the city have taken more than 900,000 trips and have collectively ridden an estimated two million miles, passing the milestone yesterday.

"This spring and summer, we expect even more Chicagoans and visitors to start using bike sharing as a transit option for getting around the city," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Divvy has already been a great success, and with the improved weather comes the chance for more of us to get outside and ride a bike."

In an effort to encourage more Chicagoans to try Divvy for the first time or purchase an annual membership, Mayor Emanuel declared that April 21-27 would be "Divvy Week" in Chicago. During that week, all 24-hour passes, regularly \$7, will be available for just \$5. Chicagoans who sign up for new annual memberships would receive Chipotle gift cards, and other prizes and promotional discounts would be made available to current Divvy members.

The system typically keeps at least 2,500 of its 3,000 bikes out at one time, but reduced that number to 1,800 over the winter during the slower season. Once a month, Divvy bike checkers and mechanics put each bike through a routine maintenance check to ensure it's safe for riding.

"We're excited for the season ahead. Divvy wasn't even a transit option last April, so this is our first spring," said Elliot Greenberger, general manager of Divvy. "We've already developed a devoted group of annual members, but we anticipate a lot more residents and visitors giving us a try now that they've had a chance to see the system at work and the weather improving."

The spring weather comes as Divvy celebrates an estimated two million miles ridden since it launched just over nine months ago on June 28, 2013. In that time, 907,883 trips have been taken by more than 15,000 annual members and 140,000 24-hour pass holders. In the first week of April alone, riders took more than 25,000 trips as temperatures rose above 40 degrees.

In a recently conducted survey, Divvy annual members said they were highly satisfied with Chicago's new bike share service, and claim to save an average of more than \$760 a year on commuting expenses by riding a bike rather than using cars, taxis or other forms of transit.

Neighborhood Farmers Markets Will Open In May

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Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day April 26!

You're invited to celebrate and protect the planet in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day on Sat., April 26! The day will begin with a volunteer effort to clean up City parks, followed by a tree planting and community celebration at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St.

Spring Fun at the "Bunny Bash Skate"

Attend Robert Crown Community Center's first-ever "Bunny Bash Skate" on Sat., April 19 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.!

The night will feature giveaways, including gift certificates, assorted chocolate candies, a giant jar of jelly beans and more! Admission is \$7 and skate rental is \$3. 1701 Main Street, Evanston.

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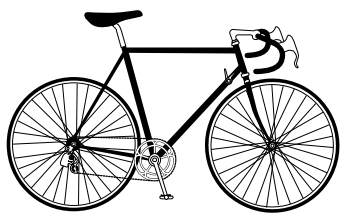
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SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS AND CAMP INVENTION SCIENCE CAMP AT RESURRECTION

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering summer programs in June and July, 2014 for grammar school and high school students. Athletic Camps for Girls entering grades 4-12 are offered for the following sports: Basketball, Bowling, Golf, Lacrosse, Running, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball. Athletic camps run at various times for different age groups and camp schedules and registration forms are available on the Resurrection College Prep High School website at www.reshs.org or by calling 773.775.6616 Ext. 110. Questions regarding summer athletic camps at Resurrection can be directed to Athletic Director Katie Kikos at 773.775.6616 Ext 134.

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Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org

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A Piano with 3 Tales is a classical piano recital masquerading as a puppet show. Pianist Mary Rose Norell performs three pieces for piano in their entirety: Modest Musorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition; Frederic Chopin's Scherzo in b flat minor; and Montague's Mirabella a Tarantella (for toy piano). The music is paired with various handmade puppets, from bunraku dolls to larger-than-life human-sized costumes. This delightful family show exercises the imagination and reveals the magical power of wordless music. View an excerpt of "A Kite's Tale," one of the three pieces, here.

Cast includes puppeteers Sam Deutsch, Sarah Fornace, Dan Kerr-Hobert, Tully McLoughlin and Missi Davis. Puppet design is by Blair Thomas, Jesse Mooney Bullock and Andrea Everman. *A Piano with 3 Tales* is created and directed by Blair Thomas

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Sign Up Now for Summer Camps at Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick High School, 5900 West Belmont, Chicago, IL 60634 will host a variety of Summer Camps for girls and boys of all ages beginning mid-June. There is something for everyone! The basketball program is offering a Fundamental Camp for 5-8 grade boys, a Shooting Camp for 5-8 grade girls and boys, a Ball Handling Camp for 5-8 grade girls and boys, and a Rising Star Camp for grades 2-4. The football program is offering a fundamental camp for grades 3-6 and a Quarterback & Receiver Camp for grades 5-8, an Elite Contact Football Camp for 7th and 8th graders and a speed, agility, and conditioning camp for grades 5-8. Other camps in soccer, wrestling, water polo, baseball, cross country, golf, track & field will be offered as well.

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Register by June 1 and save \$20 off each camp! You may download a camp brochure and registration form by going to Athletics/Camps and Clinics at <http://www.stpatrick.org/athletics/camps.aspx> which will list each camp in detail along with the dates, times and prices. Interested families may register by mail or in person at Saint Patrick. For any questions about the camps, contact Saint Patrick Athletic Director Mr. Brian Glorioso, at 773-282-8844 ext. 235 or at bglorioso@stpatrick.org.

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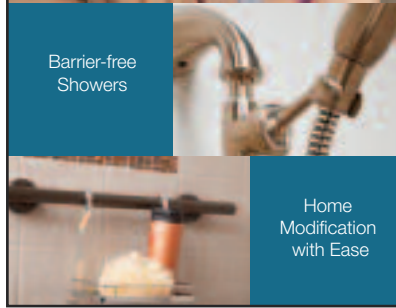


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Your Ex-spouse May Get Most of Your Assets



Chester M. Przybylo

Divorce is relatively commonplace nowadays. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, there were 957,200 divorces in the United States in 2000. That means that more than 1.9 million Americans get divorced each year. According to the United States Census Bureau, approximately one-half of all marriages now end in divorce.

Imagine you have divorced many years ago and remarried. Perhaps you have children with your new spouse and have been happily married for years. However, you have not changed any of the estate planning documents you had done before. Then, your family's world crumbles as you are stricken by an accident or illness. You are unable to make health care decisions and your physician calls your

Agent under your existing Health Care Power of Attorney, who happens to be your ex-spouse. In some states the appointment of a spouse as Agent is not be revoked by a subsequent divorce. As Agent, your ex-spouse could make decisions regarding your health care – not a situation most of us would want to be in. Of course, this would only exacerbate the emotional distress your family would be going through.

If you did not survive, your family would be devastated by the loss. They would be left with an emotional and financial void left by your absence. Your spouse knows you had sufficient assets saved in your 401(k) plan. However, upon investigation, your spouse discovers that you had not changed the beneficiary designation. Surely the law would automatically change that? No. If the beneficiary designation still lists the ex-spouse, the assets go to the ex-spouse. With other assets, the divorce might serve to terminate the designation or the bequest to the ex-spouse. However, with 401(k) and other qualified plan assets, it does not.

Next, your spouse is relieved to discover that in your state bequests to an ex-spouse are invalidated upon divorce. Under the terms of your estate planning documents, your spouse finds the assets go to your children. Finally some good news. However, your spouse finds that the ex-spouse is named as trustee and that, in your state, such a designation is not revoked upon divorce. Thus, the ex-spouse now controls those assets, too.

Of course, this nightmare scenario can be avoided. After divorce, you can change your estate planning documents to remove your ex-spouse as a beneficiary, trustee, agent, etc.

A qualified estate planning attorney can help revise your estate plan in light of these changed circumstances.

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

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.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

University Guild of Northwestern University

April 21st. The University Guild of Northwestern University, hosts a program on April 21st, followed by tea, coffee and cookies. The special event for this meeting will be Mr. Karl Gates, Appraiser. Pick a special item from your collection and bring it to today's program! We will all learn about the antiques we treasure from our own homes.

The meeting starts at 1:30 P.M., Guild Lounge, located at 601 University Place, 2nd floor of Scott Hall, University Campus. Guest fees for women and men are \$2.00 at the door. Join us for this very special program.

Queen of all Saints Class of 1991 Reunion

QAS "Class of 1991" is having a 23rd reunion on April 27. This event starts at 10 Sunday morning with coffee & donuts in the Holy Name Room, followed by mass at 11 where some rows will be reserved for the 1991 class. After mass they'll tour the school, then return to the Holy Name room for light refreshments. Christine Reich says there's a \$5 donation to cover expenses and anything over the amount spent will be donated back to the school. Please RSVP ASAP to Christinereich@hotmail.com and spouses & children are welcome - and teachers!

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LIBRARY NEWS

April Author Events at Chicago Public Library

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SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.

Roman Catholic nun and author Sister Helen Prejean joins us to continue the conversation about her celebrated book *Dead Man Walking*. In 1982 Sister Prejean became the spiritual advisor to convicted killer Elmo Patrick Sonnier. Through frank discussions with Sonnier during the months before his execution, Sister Prejean got a better sense of who Sonnier was as a man. She also had compelling conversations with the families of Sonnier's victims and the assigned executioners from Louisiana's Angola State Prison. From those intimate contacts came a profoundly moving spiritual journey through the United States' system of capital punishment.

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SCOTT TUROW AND WORLD BOOK NIGHT

Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

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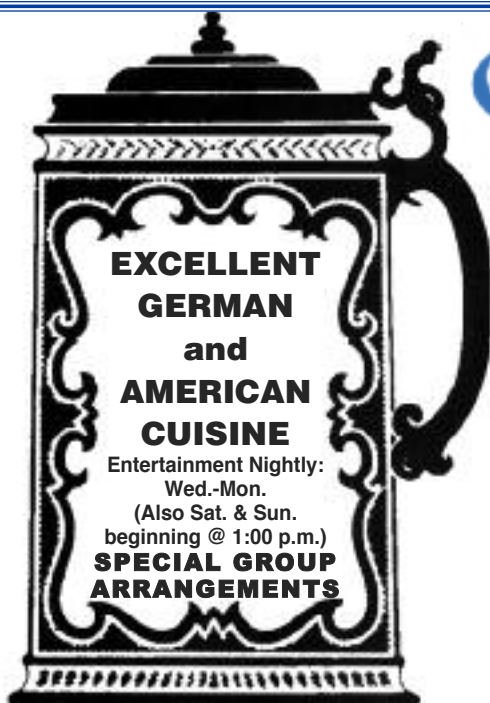
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41st Annual Bach Week Festival Slated for Evanston April 25, Chicago May 2 & 4

The 41st annual edition of the Chicago area's Bach Week Festival will offer four different concerts of Johann Sebastian Bach's music in Evanston and Chicago, April 25 to May 4, 2014, featuring soloists of international stature and several Bach compositions that have never been performed at the venerable music series.

Richard Webster will conduct the Bach Week Festival Orchestra and Chorus. Webster, who performed at Evanston's inaugural Bach Week Festival in 1974, has been music director since 1975.

This year's festival continues a partnership forged last season between Bach Week and Chicago's North Park University School of Music.

Evanston Concerts April 25

The festival gets underway at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, with a back-by-popular-demand appearance by pianist Sergei Babayan, an artist in residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music. At his festival debut in 2013, the charismatic Russian-trained Armenian-born pianist impressed audiences, critics, and fellow musicians with his bracing and sensitively nuanced playing. The pianist and the orchestra will perform three of Bach's keyboard concertos, the Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055; and two that are new to Bach Week: the Concerto in D Major, BWV 1054; and Concerto in G Minor, BWV 1058.

Tenor William Watson, an internationally noted Bach interpreter, will be soloist in Bach's Cantata "Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht," BWV 55.

Following the season-opener concert, award-winning young Boston-based guitarist and Naxos recording artist Adam Levin, who was raised in north suburban Lake Bluff, Ill., will present a solo Candlelight Concert titled "Bach, Variations, and Witches" in the Nichols Hall lobby at 10 p.m. Levin's program will include Renaissance composer Girolamo Frescobaldi's "Aria Con Variazioni detta la Frescobaldi"; J. S. Bach's Chaconne from the Partita No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1004; and two 21st-century works: Ricardo Llorca's Baroque-inspired "Handeliana," consisting of variations on a theme by G. F. Handel; and Eduardo Morales-Caso's Suite "Il Sogno Delle Streghe" (Witches Dream).

Chicago Concerts May 2 & 4

The festival will head to Chicago in early May for a two-concert series at North Park University's Anderson Chapel, 5149 N. Spaulding Ave.

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2, Christopher Martin, principal trumpet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and North Park University organist Margaret Martin will play Bach's Concerto in D Major, BWV 972, which has never been heard at the festival. In this version, the orchestral score has been transcribed for organ. The Violin Sonata in E Minor, BWV 1023; Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B-flat Major, BWV 1051; and Cantata "Vergnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust," BWV 170, will round out the program.

The series-finale concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, at North Park will include yet another work new to the festival, Bach's Mass in G Major, BWV 236. Chicago Symphony cellist and festival stalwart Katinka Kleijn will play the unaccompanied Cello Suite No. 5 in C Minor, BWV 1011. Other Bach fare will include the Orchestral Suite No. 3, BWV 1068; and Cantata "Nun is das Heil und die Kraft," BWV 50. The North Park University Chamber Singers will join forces with the Festival Chorus for the G-Major Mass and Cantata, BWV 50. The cantata is scored for double chorus and orchestra.

Tickets and Information

Single tickets for each of the festival's three main concerts are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students with ID. All tickets for the April 25 Candlelight Concert are \$20. Festival subscriptions for the three main concerts are \$80 for adults, \$50 for seniors, and \$20 for students. Tickets are available at www.bachweek.org or by calling 800-838-3006.

Bach Week is one of the Midwest's premiere Baroque music festivals. The event enlists musicians from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra, and other top-tier ensembles, while featuring some of the Chicago area's finest instrumental and vocal soloists and distinguished guest artists from out of town.

The Theatre School at DePaul University Presents: THE LAST DAYS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT

The Theatre School at DePaul University is pleased to present *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, by Stephen Adly Guirgis, in the Fullerton Stage Theatre in the new Theatre School building located at Racine and Fullerton. The production, directed by Lisa Portes, premieres on Friday, April 18, and runs through Sunday, April 27, 2014. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. There is a 2 PM matinee performance on Saturday, April 19th, and there is no performance on Sunday, April 20. Previews are on April 16 and 17, at 7:30 PM.

About the play: *Sometime, in Purgatory*. Judas gets his day in court, and biblical archetypes join legal eagles to make the case with hip-hop and street talk in this outrageous and provocative play about the paradox of faith, free will, and the nature of divine love. A contemporary and philosophical look at what might be the most famous betrayal; *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* poses questions about the limit to forgiveness. This production is recommended for mature audiences.

Tickets are \$15, preview tickets are \$10, and student tickets are always \$5. Subscriptions and group rates (6 or more people) are available at (312)-922-1999. All tickets are reserved seating. Tickets are available by calling (312) 922-1999 or visiting the online box office at <http://theatre.depaul.edu>.

The Theatre School at DePaul University is located at 2350 N Racine Ave (at Fullerton). The school is easily accessible via the Fullerton CTA Station and the Fullerton (74) bus. Visitors and audience members can park in DePaul University's Clifton Parking Deck, located at 2330 N Clifton Avenue. Please call the Box Office for more information or for help in planning your trip.

For patrons who are blind or have low-vision, the performance will be audio described on Friday, April 25 (7:30 PM) with a pre-performance touch tour. Call 312.922.1999. The performance on April 27 (2 PM) will be interpreted in American Sign Language. TTY: 773.325.7975. Wednesday, April 23 (7:30 PM) is USO of IL Night, U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families can attend the performance for free. Visit www.tixfortroops.org to reserve tickets, or call 312.922.1999 for more information. Additional special events include an Opening Night Reception following the performance on April 18, and post-show discussions on April 19 and 24.

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1 small instant vanilla pudding

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Recipe from Rose Suter

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Mint leaves for garnish

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City of Chicago to host Public Art Town Hall Meetings

Advancing the Chicago Cultural Plan and coinciding with the "35 Years of Public Art" exhibit, town halls on March 26 and April 30 will solicit feedback about public art in Chicago

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) will host two Public Art Town Hall Meetings this spring, advancing the goals of the Chicago Cultural Plan. The first town hall is Wednesday, March 26 at 6pm, at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) – and the second meeting is Wednesday, April 30 at 6pm, at the Washington Park Arts Incubator (301 E. Garfield Blvd.).

Attendees at the town hall meetings will learn about the Chicago Cultural Plan and the City's public art program as well as best practices from other cities. Participants will also have an opportunity to brainstorm ideas in a smaller group setting, discussing the role of public art in our city, temporary public art projects, new genres of public art, funding ideas for public art and other relevant topics.

Chicagoans are encouraged to RSVP at cityofchicago.org/dcase. Residents may also share their thoughts about public art via civic dialogue platform Textizen by texting "public art" to 773.769.7987, then answering nine survey questions. (Standard text rates apply. DCASE will not sell or share phone numbers. For more information, visit textizen.com/privacy.)

The "35 Years of Public Art" exhibit features sculptures, paintings, murals and more that represent an overview of more than three decades of public art in Chicago.

The exhibition is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). Gallery hours are Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Friday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission is FREE. The Chicago Cultural Center is open seven days a week, except holidays.

The exhibit continues through May 4 and is located in the Exhibit Hall (fourth floor north) at the Chicago Cultural Center.

For more information, visit chicagoculturalcenter.org, join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter (@ChiCulturCenter) or call 312.744.3316; TTY 312.744.2964. For the latest DCASE news, visit cityofchicago.org/dcase or join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter (@ChicagoDCASE).



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“Let’s Talk About Germany: The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall” Historian Anette Isaacs enlightens and educates with this lecture

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The event will be held Thursday, May 1st, 2014 at 6:30pm at the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center. The event is free and open to the public.

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