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Happy Labor Day!

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MIDNIGHT CIRCUS IN THE PARKS CONTINUES TO AWE AUDIENCES AND BRING IN PROCEEDS FOR LOCAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Series Expands to 11 Parks, 40 Performances

The Midnight Circus in partnership with the Chicago Park District presents the seventh annual Circus in the Parks, Aug. 17-Oct. 6, at 11 citywide parks. Voted "Best Annual Family Event" by TimeOut Chicago, this unique performance featuring an eclectic ensemble of acrobats, aerialists, dancers, contortionists and a dog under the big top tent has thrilled more than 40,000 attendees since 2007. Click here to watch a video.



Since its inception, this family friendly event has raised nearly \$420,000 towards park improvements, such as new playgrounds, due to engagement from park advisory councils. Furthermore, Midnight Circus has built long-term relationships within Chicago's neighborhoods in an effort to engage the public with local parks. For example, a church in Grand Crossing purchased 250 tickets to distribute free of charge to its congregation.

Circus in the Parks is part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks initiative, which features more than 750 citywide cultural activities this summer, making more than 230 local parks safe havens and hubs of activity.

The 2013 Circus in the Parks tour is presented by People's Gas.

Ticket Information



Ticket prices vary per location from \$5-\$20. Children under 2 are free. Discounts are available for groups of 20 and more. To purchase tickets, visit www.circusintheparks.org.

2013 TOUR SCHEDULE

- Garfield Park, 100 N. Central Park Ave., 312-746-5092**
Saturday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m.
- Hamlin Park, 3035 N. Hoyne Ave., 312-742-7785**
Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 and 5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 and 4 p.m.
- Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., 312-742-7511**
Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26 at 2 and 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27 at 1 and 4 p.m.

The Chicago Park District oversees more than 8,100 acres of parkland, 580 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, 10 bird and wildlife gardens, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit 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.

93rd GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST AND STEUBEN PARADE
(See Pages 3,4 & 5)

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Place: Union Hall, 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, Illinois
Time: 7:00 p.m. - concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets in advance: \$20, at the door \$25
Admission includes a wonderful concert of 60's and 70's music and a deluxe dessert buffet. There will also be a raffle!

To purchase tickets for this special event please send your check (payable to Rainbow AAT) to: Rainbow AAT, 6042 W. Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053
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Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers September Health Programs

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

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, September 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education. For more information, call 773.794.8329.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, September 13, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Occupational therapist Ramonchito Romasanta will discuss arthritis and joint protection strategies to increase independence. Registration is not required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Monday, September 16, 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 'The Affordable Care Act 101 - What It Means for You' will be held Tuesday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to noon and again from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Graciella Guzman, PrimeCare Community Health, Inc., will answer questions; explain CountyCare, a new Medicaid service; and discuss what to expect when the health insurance exchange opens in October. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO.

Prostate cancer screenings will be given Thursday, September 19, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening for adult males includes a blood draw for a PSA (prostate specific antigen) level. Results will be mailed. There is a \$20 fee. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO.

A free lecture titled 'Observation or Admission: What's the Difference?' will be held Monday, September 23, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lee Laftsidis RN, Director of Case Management, will explain the difference between these patient types and how individuals can be affected as either an observation patient or admission patient. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO.

A free, three session program titled Courage to Quit Short Program will be offered September 24, and October 1 and 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the

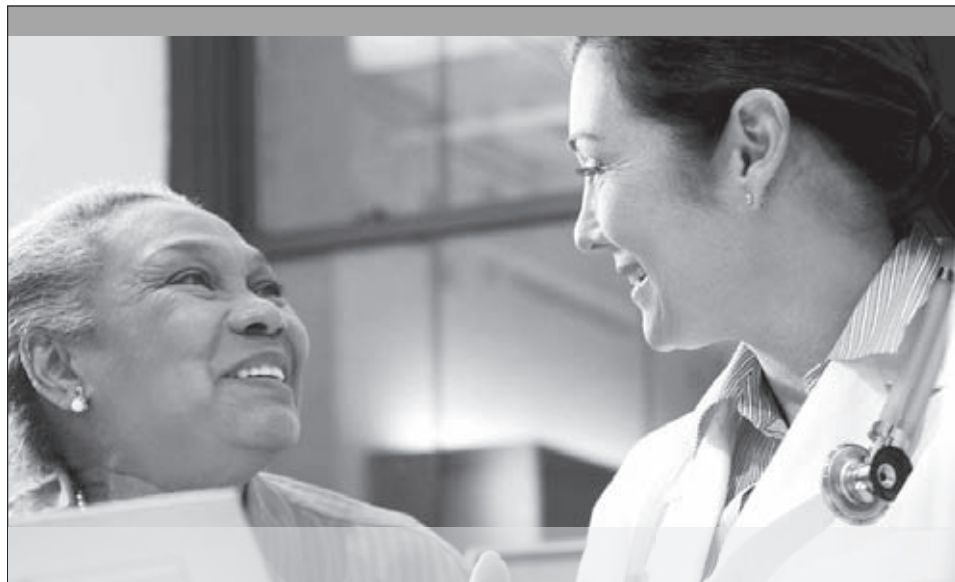
American Respiratory Association, these 90-minute sessions aim to help smokers quit the habit. Participants will be given a workbook to be used each week and includes practice exercises and educational information. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, September 26, 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. Registration is not required.

A free lecture on prostate health will be held Thursday, September 26, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Urologist Fadi Habib, M.D., will discuss the causes of and treatments for an enlarged prostate. Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) affects more than half of men over the age of 60 and more than 26 million men in the United States each year. Green Light Laser Therapy, a new outpatient treatment option, will be discussed. A light dinner will be served. Advanced registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO.

The 14th Annual Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk will take place Sunday, September 29, at 8:30 a.m. in Portage Park, Irving Park Rd. and Central Ave. Event participants will use the latest timing system that is used in big city marathons for accurate timing of participants' performance. Registrants will receive a 5K long-sleeve, 100 percent cotton T-shirt; ballpoint pen with LED light and stylus that works with iPad, iPhone, Droids and other touch screen devices; and post-race refreshments. Top race winners will be awarded prizes. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO or going online at www.presencehealth.org/FallFitness5K.

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Norwood Park Historical Society Stems and Steins Reservations Now Being Accepted

Reservations for the Norwood Park Historical Society's Stems and Steins fund-raiser are now on sale. The annual wine- and beer-tasting fund-raiser will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2013, 4 to 7 p.m., at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Reservations are \$50 to taste 50 wines or \$50 to taste 50 beers through August 31; prices rise to \$60 for either tasting option starting September 1. Reservations are \$70 for Premier Tastings, which includes all wines and beers and an extra 60 minutes of tasting beginning at 3 p.m. Stems and Steins is held every year at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the oldest house in Chicago. Event attendees can taste various wines, craft beer, and food at a unique outdoor venue. Chicago's Foremost Liquor Center will provide tastes of wine or beer, including wines from around the world and an assortment of craft beers. Stems and Steins attendees will be served hors d'oeuvres, cheese and crackers, chips and dips, desserts, and other bite-size items that will accompany the selected wines and beers.

A silent auction and raffle will take place until 6 p.m. inside the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House. The auction and raffle include restaurant and event gift certificates, cooking and kitchen items, unique vacation packages, beer gift baskets, sports memorabilia, games and artwork, and wine gift baskets. Auction item costs vary; raffle tickets are 2 for \$5. Winners must be present to collect their raffle item.

Guests with wine reservations can sample wines from around the world including: 75 Wine Co., Aveleda, Bel Lago, Bodegas Volver, Craggy Range, Frogs Leap, Gordon Brothers, Hirschbach, St. Supery, Wente Vineyards, and Zorzal Vineyards and Winery.

Those with beer reservations can sample craft beers from breweries including: Anchor Brewing, Arcadia, Bells, Dogfish Head, Flying Dog, Founders, Great Lakes, Hofbrau, Lagunitas, Magic Hat, Rogue, Saugatuck Brewing Co., Stone, Sprecher, Stiegl, Summit, and Two Brothers Brewing.

Norwood Park Historical Society's Stems and Steins is one of the largest fund-raisers for the Norwood Park Historical Society. Guests must be 21 to attend. Children are not allowed. Reservations can be made at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, owns and is headquartered in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the oldest surviving house in Chicago (1833). The Society works with the community to preserve its rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visits are available on Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

Jefferson Park Community Meeting

The JPNA September meeting, Wed. Sept. 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Will be Rachel the horticulturist who works with the city of Chicago for landscaping projects. This session will be a mostly question and answer period with the audience explaining questions asked by people about their plant problems whether grass, decorative or vegetable plants. As usual, meetings are free, open to the public with light refreshments. Rachel is also a Northwest side resident. Meetings are at 5320 W. Giddings.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TRIP TO BLUE CHIP CASINO IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) invites all seniors 55 and older to join the PNA Senior groups for a day at the beautiful Blue Chip Casino in, Michigan City, Indiana, on Wednesday, September 18, 2013. The trip is also co-hosted by the Polish Women's Alliance and Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

The cost of the trip is \$26.00, which includes round trip bus transportation, a FREE buffet lunch ticket and \$10.00 for 1000 points on the player's card. Buses will leave from two locations: North Side will leave from the PNA Home Office parking lot - 6100 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois at 7:45 a.m., and South Side will leave from the Mayfield Banquet Hall parking lot - 6072 Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois at 8:00 a.m. Buses will leave casino back to original destination at 1:30 p.m.

Reservations are on a first come basis. There is still availability and time to make a reservation for the trip. Reservation deadline will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Please call the PNA Home Office during regular office hours at 1-773-286-0500 ext. 316 to check availability and payment information.

KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD

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

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.

AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS BEGIN WARNING PERIOD MONDAY

Children's Safety Zone Program Designed to Reduce Speeding and Improve Safety

As part of the Children's Safety Zone Program to increase safety, reduce speeding and fund critical safety programs, the City will begin its automated speed enforcement (ASE) program on Monday, August 26th as the first speed cameras installed near Gompers Park in the North Side Mayfair neighborhood will be activated and begin to produce warnings to speeding drivers.

"The Children's Safety Zone Program protects children and other pedestrians by reminding motorists to slow down and obey speed laws - particularly in school and park zones," said Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) Commissioner Gabe Klein.

With extensive signage on the street, a robust system to give drivers only warning tickets during the first 30-days systems are operating, in addition to one free warning the first time a motorist is eligible to receive an actual violation, CDOT expects to reduce the amount of speeding substantially, even beyond what other cities that use automated enforcement have experienced.

The cameras near Gompers Park (at 4124 W. Foster Ave. and 5119 N. Pulaski Rd.) were the first to be installed, tested and readied for operation. The City also installed numerous new speed limit and photo enforcement signs to inform drivers as they approach the ASE cameras.

For more information call 312/744-3600 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdot.html.

GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST

2013 Chicagoland German Day Association Presents

93rd Annual German-American Fest and 48th Annual Steuben Parade

**September
6th, 7th and 8th, 2013
Lincoln, Leland &
Western**



**Join us for the Parade
2:00 pm Saturday,
September 7th
Lincoln Ave**

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

German American Fest Schedule of Events, Sept. 6th thru 8th, 2013

Friday September 6th

7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
7:00 p.m. Official Beer Tapping Ceremony

Saturday September 7th

12:00 pm Festival Grounds open
2:00 pm Von Steuben Day Parade from Irving Pk Rd to Eastwood: Eastwood to Western: north to Lawrence
3:00 Combined German American Choruses of Chicago
3:15 German American Kinderchor
3:30 Schuhplattler Verein Edelweiss
3:45 Jolly Lumberjacks Dancers
4:00 Rheinische Verein Chicago

Sunday September 8th

11:00 am SUNDAY MASS at the Festival grounds
12:00 Festival ground opens music in the tent
2:00 Opening Ceremony
2:15 German American Kinderchor
2:30 American Aid Society Kinder Dancers
2:45 American Aid Society Youth Dancers
3:00 Donauschwaben Kinder Dancers
3:15 Donauschwaben Youth Dancers
3:30 Donauschwaben folk dance group
3:45 Egerlaender folk dance group
4:00 Rheinischer Verein Mardi Gras Society with Prinz Franz Josef & Princessin Elfriede
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The German Day Association would like to thank the following for their sponsorship and support. United German American Societies of Greater Chicago, Alderman Ameya Pawar 47th Ward, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, City of Chicago and the cooperation of Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce.

**National German American
Day Celebration**

Sunday, October 6, 2013 2:30 pm

**Saint Benedicts Church
2215 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL**

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



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

When Wilhelm the First became King of Wuerttemberg in 1816, the crisis was at its worst. His brother-in-law,

Czar Nikolaus of Russia, helped relieve the biggest misery by delivering grain to the starving people in his

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

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

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

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

BAND SCHEDULE FOR GERMAN AMERICAN DAYS

In the large tent:

FRIDAY - PALOMA 6pm to 11pm
SATURDAY - PERLEN 1 pm to 5:30 pm
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SUNDAY - PERLEN 1 pm to 5 pm
SUNDAY - PHENIX 5:30 pm to 10 pm

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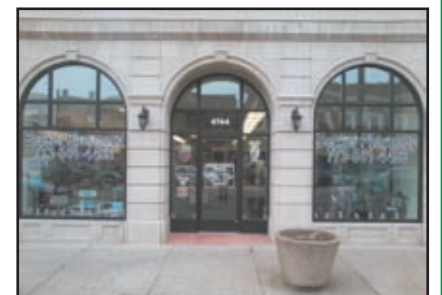
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93RD GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST

The Christkindlmarket Chicago



The Christkindlmarket Chicago, organized by German American Services, Inc., is an annual outdoor holiday market featuring over 56 vendors from around the world who display hand-crafted ornaments, toys and unique holiday gifts as well as traditional German foods, sweets and beverages. The market, now in its 18th year, is rich in cultural tradition and includes special events, performers and activities.

Experience a traditional German holiday market on Daley Plaza. Admission is FREE! Open daily from November 26 – December 24: Sun-Thurs 11am-8pm, Fri & Sat until 9pm –visit www.christkindlmarket.com for more information.

The German American Children's Chorus

The German American Children's Chorus or The Kinderchor was founded in 1935 to preserve the German culture through song. 77 years later the chorus thrives with 60 active members ranging from ages 4 to 21. The Kinderchor has successfully taken two concert tours to Germany and sang at The Epcot Center at Walt Disney World. We encourage any prospective members to come visit and sit in on a rehearsal.

For more information please visit our website: www.dakinderchor.org

Make sure to visit us at the annual German American Fest September 6, 7 & 8, 2013 at Lincoln & Leland Ave's in Chicago's very own Lincoln Square. The Kinderchor will participate in The Von Steuban Day parade and will be running a tent at the fest. Stop by and visit the Kinderchor tent for a cold beer and a delicious bratwurst.

DELIGHTING AUDIENCES AND PRESERVING AUSTRIAN CULTURE FOR DECADES

The Austrian Mixed Chorus was founded by Austrian/Americans in 1979 for the purpose of keeping alive the Austrian folk songs as they were sung in the various provinces of their home land. The chorus, in addition to the Austrian folk songs, presents light classical music, German "Lieder" and a small selection of songs in English.

The idea grew into a viable mixed chorus with an active membership of about thirty five singers.

Practice is every Wednesday at 7:15 at the Catholic Kolping Center on Elston Avenue in Chicago. We always welcome new singers, German-speaking or not.

Our annual concert is the only fundraiser and is solely for the purpose of defraying the cost of operating the chorus: Director's fees, rent, sheet music, etc

The Austrian Mixed Chorus welcomes new singers, men and women, in all voice ranges. No audition is required. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Catholic Kolping Center at 5826 N. Elston in Chicago. For more information call Membership Chairperson Evelyn Schell at 847/583-9065.

Mark your calendar and save the date for the Fall Concert of the Austrian Mixed Chorus which will take place on Sunday, October 20, at the Avalon Ballroom in Elk Grove Village. This year's theme is "Vienna, City of my Dreams." More will be published in a later edition.

Submitted by Maria Bappert

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German Town:
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Directed by David Ritter
Produced by David Ritter & Clinton Wallace
for Photomundo International
Music by Project Sound
Still Photographs by Roswitha Wesiak
Running time 55 mins.

German Town: The Lost Story Of Seaford Town, Jamaica is a documentary that explores the history of German heritage and history within Westmoreland Jamaica.

Deep within the isolated, undeveloped mountains of Westmoreland lies a village with a history and people unique to Jamaica. It is said that the inhabitants of this village are descendants of German indentured servants, who were used to work the Jamaican plantations after the emancipation period, to substitute the slave labor that drove the islands economy.

Others think they came under different circumstances such as runaway prisoners, former military battered after the Napoleonic wars, seeking a better life to escape poverty and hardships in their home lands. This documentary project explores the history and contemporary life of Jamaicans of German heritage.

For more information contact David at djazydave@juno.com or the DANK Haus at 773.561.9181

Friday, Sept 13th, 2013 @ 7:30PM
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93RD GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST

General Friedrich Wilhelm Von Steuben German-American Hero

General Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin Von Steuben was born in Magdeburg, Germany on September 17, 1730. Von Steuben's military career began at an early age, when he entered the Prussian army and served with Distinction in the Seven Year's War. He later became the aid of Frederick the Great of Prussia, who was recognized as the military genius of his time. Von Steuben became expert in the drilling and training of troops. Because of this exceptional ability, Benjamin Franklin and Count St. Germain, French Minister of War persuaded Von Steuben to volunteer his military expertise to the American Revolutionists.



Von Steuben sailed for America and arrived at Portsmouth, NH in 1778 to aid the young nation in its fight for independence. He offered his services to General Washington without rank or pay, arriving at Valley Forge in the late winter of 1777-78. He found the soldiers in deplorable condition, without uniforms, weapons or food. Appointed by Congress to be inspector General of the Army, Von Steuben set about training the unorganized band of ragged soldiers. He infused in them a sense of discipline and converted them into an excellent fighting force, training them to bear arms, march, form columns and to execute maneuvers with precision. He gave confidence to the officers and men, enabling them to continue on to victory at Yorktown.

As "Drill Instructor" of the Continental Army, Von Steuben wrote "Regulations of the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States." Although his Manual has been modified, it still remains in the basic guide for the discipline and drill of the Army.

On June 28, 1778, Von Steuben's training was put to test when the American troops encountered the British Army near Monmouth Courthouse in the town of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey. What early threatened to become a disastrous defeat for the Colonial forces was turned into a glorious victory by General Von Steuben. The retreating troops of General Lee were brought to a halt by Von Steuben and reformed under heavy fire. The retreating men knew how to conduct themselves and wheeled into line with the precision of veterans. What seemed to be a certain defeat turned into a patriot victory and a turning point in the war. This battle was followed by victories in Stony Point, Yorktown and other places.



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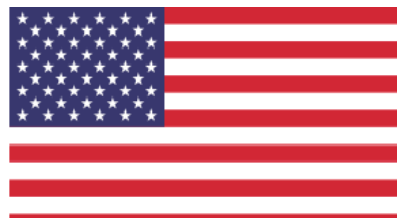
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(See Our Oktoberfest Band Listing and Menu Selections on page 7)



Watch for Our Float at the Steuben Parade

93rd Anniversary Celebration



German-American Fest

September 6-7-8, 2012

ADMISSION IS FREE

Friday - 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm
8:00 pm Official Opening Ceremony
Saturday - Noon to 11:00 pm
Sunday - Noon to 10:00 pm
11:00 am German Mass and Service

German Commemoration Day
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September 8, 11:00 am
Sunday Mass in German (on the Festival Grounds)

48th Annual Steuben Parade

Saturday, September 7th, 2:00 pm, Lincoln Ave & Irving Park Rd



What Is Probate and Why Should You Care?



Chester M. Przybylo

To paraphrase a popular book title, you may have learned everything you needed to know in kindergarten, but they probably never told you about probate.

Probate is one of those terms we generally don't become familiar with until the death of a loved one or until we consult an estate planning attorney. Simply put, though, probate (derived from Latin for "prove the will") describes a lengthy, public and often painful process in which your assets or those of a loved one which took a lifetime to accumulate can be slowly gnawed away through bureaucratic fees and other costs.

The wealthy and famous are not immune from the ravages of probate. The estate of W.C. Fields, for example, (whose tombstone reads "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia") shrunk by 37 percent from the time his will was being administered to the time his assets were distributed. It would have been enough to drive the poor man to drink.

Fields is not alone, however. Marilyn Monroe's estate shrunk 55 percent, John D. Rockefeller's shrunk 64 percent, and even Dean Witter, who founded a financial planning firm, had his estate reduced by 25 percent. "The King," however, is Elvis Presley, whose estate shrunk by a whopping 73 percent. Heartbreak Hotel!

"Probate can be very expensive," said Robert Armstrong, president of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, based in San Diego. "As one legal scholar said, 'The cost of probate expands to consume the money available.' Some states have instituted informal probate procedures in response to the public's criticism and it had greatly reduced the time and expense of probate. However, in most cases the better choice is to avoid probate altogether."

Doesn't having a will avoid probate? "Unfortunately, a will guarantees probate," said Armstrong. "All property that is controlled by your will must go through the probate court. Once your estate enters the probate process, it's trapped in the system until the judge releases it."

Fortunately, there is an alternative. It's called a living trust.

Briefly, a living trust transfers the title of all major assets (stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.) from your name to the name of the trust. You then name yourself as the trustee and beneficiary; you "trust yourself."

The benefit of a living trust is that you have total control over the distribution of your assets. At death, a successor trustee who you name controls your property completely according to your wishes, minimizing the government's participation in the distribution of your estate.

For millions of "baby boomers" born between 1946 and 1964, effective estate planning is especially important. They may be entering a time when they want to make certain that their wealth is properly preserved and nurtured for their children. At the same time, as part of the so-called 'sandwich generation,' they may be called upon to help in the care or estate planning for elderly parents.

With so much at stake, this is no place for an amateur.

In planning their estates, baby boomers and children of all ages should seek the assistance of an attorney whose practice is focused on estate planning. Members of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys receive continuing education on the latest changes in any law that affects estate planning, providing the highest quality estate planning services.

-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.

Lincolnwood Village Featuring New Artist

Beginning September 5, 2013, the art of Jane Michalski and April Nomellini will be featured in the Village's art gallery. This show, entitled "WaxWorks," will run through October 31, 2013. The Village will host a public reception for the art exhibit on September 17, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Light refreshments will be served and attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artists.

The art is displayed at Village Hall, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Art Gallery section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm

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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.

GETTYSBURG ADULT ENRICHMENT COURSE OFFERED AT RESURRECTION

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering a fall adult enrichment course entitled "A New Birth of Freedom: Exploring Gettysburg." Participants will join Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo in an exploration of the Civil War, President Lincoln, the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Address. The class will explore the historical period in America's history that redefined the meaning of the nation, as north and south battled and the President worked to reunite the nation. A special emphasis on the Battle of Gettysburg will explore how the battle, the war and the meaning of the nation came together. The books used in the course will be *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara and *Battle Cry of Freedom* by James McPherson.

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University. Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: September 10, September 24, October 8 and October 22, 2013. The cost is \$50. To register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org

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

The Lincolnwood Social Club

Day trips, drop-in programs, guest speakers and seasonal mixers are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Lincolnwood Social Club members. Area seniors, age 55 years and better, are encouraged to join the program and start taking advantage of some of the upcoming programming including theater outings to see *The Pirates of Penzance* (May 16), *Dream Girls* (October 10) and *Singin' in the Rain* (November 28). Other day trips include the Glenn Miller Orchestra (May 22), History Lunch Tour on the Spirit of Chicago (June 20) and Lake Geneva Lake Tour and Lunch at The Abbey (July 18). Registration fees include round trip transportation and lunch for most outings. Drop-in programs are offered on a weekly basis at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Weekly activities include bridge, mah jongg and senior exercise. Classes are offered either free of charge or at a discount for Social Club members. In addition to day trips and drop-in programs, members enjoy monthly activities including movie viewings with catered lunch, area restaurant outings as well as outings to city locales (transportation included) and monthly social mixers highlighting member birthdays.

For membership information and a list of activities, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or access at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

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.

OUR APOLOGIES!!

Sorry to our readers that we spelled Edison Park incorrectly in our announcement on page 1 in our last issue for the Stanley Cup Return.

Also, we credited Anastasia E. Weaver with the Spinach Meatball recipe in the Village Cooking Corner. The submitter of that recipe was Maria Bappert.



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For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit www.recreation.lwd.org.

RESURRECTION BEST BALL SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

On Sunday, September 29, 2013 the Resurrection College Prep High School Men's Club will sponsor the Best Ball Scramble Golf Outing at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 W. Howard Street in Niles. Check-in is at 7 am with an 8 am shot-gun start. The cost is \$50 per golfer for 9 holes of golf and includes green fees, cart and coffee and donuts at check-in. All are invited to stay to watch the Chicago Bears vs. the Detroit Lions football game at noon and prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin and other contests held during the golf outing.

All are welcome - men, women, alumnae, community members and friends of Resurrection College Prep High School. Register on-line at www.reshs.org as an individual or foursome. Contact Mike Maloney at mmaloney@reshs.org or at 773.775.6616 Ext 136 with any questions regarding the golf outing or sponsorship.

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Nightscape: A Theatrical Evening Of Terror!

The newly formed "Ashes and Embers Theatre" at Luther Memorial Church of Chicago will present "Nightscape: An Evening of Terror" at 7:00 pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from September 27 until November 3, 2013. The purpose is to resurrect scary storytelling as a la the Twilight Zone and Outer Limits.

In 1982 the first production of Nightscape premiered at Echo Theatre in Highland Park, opening to both audience and critical success; demonstrating that people love to hear a good scary story with a strong cautionary tone. Such stories bring us a sense of closure in that those horrible incidents have a purpose "to warn us" while also conveying a sense of Mystery and awe of a universe that is bigger and stranger than we can possibly understand.

Nightscape will take people into dark corners of the outer and inner universe. Beginning with the essential power of the oral tradition of the campfire "scary story," it will crescendo to a climax of light, videos, sound and actor performance, pushing the limits of theatrical presentation. Prepare for a melding of performance art, haunted houses, filmmaking and traditional theatre: a journey not for the faint of heart or weak of mind.

The stories slated for presentation include TAPPING - A scary story with a beat. THE WISP - In a house haunted by a spirit, James falls in love. OCTOBER'S GAME - Sometimes vengeance is served best warm. A COUNTRYSIDE APOCALYPSE - A run in the country to ... IMMEDIATE JUSTICE - Judge, Jury comes to you for immediate justice. THE CRYPT - To discover the secret of the crypt, you must enter ... THE UNITED STATE OF ZOMBIFICATION - The last Zombie Story. Additionally, during intermission, the audiences will experience HADES' THREE HALLS OF THE SEVEN HELLS, an experiential walk through presentation previewing the next vignette.

Luther Memorial Church is located at 2500 W. Wilson Avenue in Chicago. Tickets will range from \$12 to \$24 (or a free will donation). For more information, including directions and very unique content, visit their website at www.thenightscape.com. Joe Jensen is the press contact person (773-583-8525), or email him at joejensen888@gmail.com. Submitted by Maria Bappert

AUTHORS AND MORE AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER

This September the Chicago Public Library presents a variety of programs highlighting the current One Book, One Chicago selection, The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration as well as the Library's ongoing Authors @ the Library Series. For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit chicagopubliclibrary.org.

September 2013 Special Event and Author Programs

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This event is hosted by the Jane Austen Society of North America - Greater Chicago Region, dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of Jane Austen and her writings.

PETER ORNER

Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Sulzer Regional Library

4455 N. Lincoln Avenue

Author Peter Orner discusses and signs copies of his recent book titled Last Car Over the Sagamore Bridge. In it, he zeroes in on the strange ways our memories define us: a woman's husband dies before their divorce is finalized; a man runs for Governor of Illinois and loses much more than an election; two brothers play beneath the infamous bridge at Chappaquiddick. In stories that span considerable geographic ground--from Chicago to Wyoming, from Massachusetts to the Czech Republic--he writes of the past we can't seem to shake, the losses we can't make up for, and how our stories help us reclaim what we thought was gone forever. Orner is the author of three acclaimed books, Esther Stories, The Second Coming of Mavala Shikongo, and Love and Shame and Love.

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