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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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**NEW ATTRACTIONS, MUSEUMS,
HOTELS, INNOVATIVE THEATER AND
MAJOR GLOBAL EVENTS MAKE
CHICAGO A PREMIER INTERNATIONAL
DESTINATION IN 2012**

New attractions, museums, hotels, tours, and award-winning theater continue to make Chicago one of the world's top destinations in 2012. Under the leadership of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the city will enjoy unprecedented global attention this spring when it hosts several major events: the G-8 and NATO summits and the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates. From a new international art expo and the only museum of its kind in the U.S. showcasing Greek culture and history to Second City's new comedy club and the world's biggest golf tournament, here is just a sampling of what's new in Chicago in 2012. For more information, visit www.ExploreChicago.org.

Second City Opens New UP Comedy Club

UP Comedy Club is Chicago's premier Stand-Up and Comedy Cabaret Theater offering an eclectic line-up of stand-up, improv and family programming. It also features a full service restaurant and bar with a Chicago-style menu available exclusively to UP that includes Lou Malnati's Deep Dish Pizza, Vienna Beef hot dogs and Eli's Cheesecake. The Second City's History of Chicago, one of the Club's signature shows, is a comedic valentine to Chicago drawing on the insight of native Chicagoans, history experts from the Chicago History Museum, and the audience. Open run.

Morbid Curiosity: The Richard Harris Collection Explores Iconography of Death January 28 – July 8

A deadly obsession takes hold of the Chicago Cultural Center this winter when one of its largest exhibitions to date showcases the wild and wonderfully eclectic selection of nearly 1,000 works of fine art, artifacts, massive installations and decorative objects, including creations by many of the greatest

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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS DEFENSEMAN SAMI LEPISTO SKATES 1,000 FEET ABOVE MICHIGAN AVENUE AT OPENING OF JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY "ICE" RINK

'Seemore Miles,' The New Observatory Mascot Makes Formal Debut

John Hancock Observatory has reopened the world's highest skating rink, 1000 feet above The Magnificent Mile®. Now in its second year of operation the rink features transparent dasher boards, allowing skaters to peer directly down on to Lake Shore Drive as they glide amidst the clouds.



Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Sami Lepisto was on-hand to help launch the 2012 skating season, along with team mascot Tommy Hawk and the new John Hancock Observatory Mascot, 'Seemore Miles,' who was formally introduced to the media at the preview event.

"Before we debuted the rink last year, many people didn't even believe it would be possible," said Carey Randall, Director of Sales and Marketing for John Hancock Observatory. "Once we actually launched the concept, the response was overwhelming with rave reviews from skaters and inquiries literally from around the globe."

The "ice" rink, which measures 20' x 45' feet, is a synthetic surface called Xtraice and is the closest thing to real ice without water, so skaters won't get wet-or cold-a major benefit for parents of small children. The same synthetic ice surface is installed on more than 130 rinks in 35 countries.

"John Hancock Observatory is one of the most visited attractions in Chicago and we pride ourselves on being an innovative leader in the global tourist market," said Carey. "But Skating in the Sky has had a tremendous appeal to local thrill-seekers, families and event planners looking to do something out of the ordinary. We are already sold-out on several days for this year."

Because of the high-level of demand last year, John Hancock Observatory created an online ticket and reservation system on their website at www.JHOChicago.com. A 25-minute skating session is \$5 (plus admission). Guests are welcome to bring their own skates or can rent them in John Hancock Observatory for \$1. The rink will be open daily from 9AM - 10:30PM beginning January 1st thru April 8th. For group reservations and general information call: (312) 654-5019.

Additionally, The Chicago Blackhawks have once again partnered with John Hancock Observatory to offer free skating lessons on Mondays. 30-minute sessions at 4:30, 5PM, and 5:30 will be taught by coaches from the Black-

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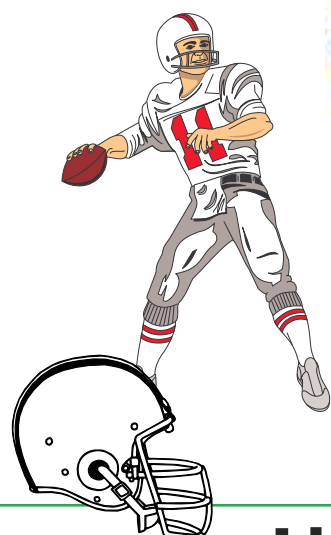
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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers January Health Programs

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

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, January 13, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Emerita Burgess, R.N., director of the Extended Care Unit, and staff will discuss what an extended care unit is and what social services are available for seniors. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, January 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.

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, January 17, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, January 25, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

Eating healthy in 2012 is the topic for a program on Wednesday, January 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, when Geoffrey Magsaysay, executive chef, will share tips on eating healthy. He will perform a cooking demonstration on how to reduce fat and calories in recipes for a healthier new year. Participants will be able to taste the food the chef prepares. There is a \$5 to cover the cost of food. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group will meet Wednesday, January 25, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center C. This free support group provides mutual support and education. Cardiology staff will conduct sessions and answer questions related to pacemakers and internal cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Registration is not required.

Diabetes screenings will be given Thursday, January 26, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening is for HbA1C (glycohemoglobin) that tests blood sugar average over the last two-three months. No fasting or preparation for the test is needed. Test results will be mailed in one week. There is a \$10 fee. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, January 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.

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

New Pelvic Pain Clinic Opens

Pelvic pain affects millions of women but finding the cause is not always simple. The new Pelvic Pain Clinic at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center is dedicated to determining the reason for pelvic pain and treating it with every tool available, from newly approved medications to therapeutic measures to changes in diet.

"I am the first person the patient sees and I keep in close contact throughout treatment, even when the problem is not gynecological," said Matthew Ahranjani, M.D., board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology, and clinical associate professor, Northwestern University. "I start by taking a thorough history and any necessary tests to learn as much as I can about each patient. Depending on what is discovered, I will send her to see one or more of our team for further care in urology, gastroenterology or pain management. Our goal is to make the patient as comfortable as possible and help her through the ordeal of chronic gynecological pain."

The reasons for pelvic pain and urinary problems can often be complex and difficult to diagnose, and symptoms can be the result of multiple causes. "Pelvic pain is an incredibly complex problem that affects every aspect of the patient's life," said Michael H. Rock, M.D., chairman of anesthesia and pain management.

To address pelvic pain from every angle, the clinic offers a multi-specialty team that includes experts from pain management, gynecology, gastroenterology, urology, psychology, physical therapy and nutrition. "The team offers a compassionate, holistic approach focused on relieving symptoms while caring for physical, emotional and psychological needs," added Rock.

Patients receive personalized care in one setting, including any necessary tests, treatments or doctor visits. An initial comprehensive evaluation is performed to determine the individual's needed level of care.

For more information visit www.olr.reshealth.org/pelvicpain or call our care coordinator, Patty Summerville, R.N., at 773-527-5839.

Village of Skokie CPR Classes

The Skokie Fire Department offers CPR classes at Fire Station 16, 7424 Niles Center Road. The next sessions take place on Tuesday, January 17, and Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

The CPR class's run from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and cover infant, child, and adult CPR. Residents pay a \$15 refundable fee. Non-residents pay a \$20, non-refundable fee. This class is not certified for health-care professionals.

Save a life, register for a CPR class today! Call 847/982-5340 to register.

Skokie Health Department Needs Your Input!

The Skokie Health Department is conducting a comprehensive community assessment, to determine the health needs of Skokie. The results of this assessment will help the department modify existing programs, if necessary, and plan for the next five years.

This is part of the IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs) process. IPLAN is one of numerous requirements the Health Department must meet to maintain its certification by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Skokie Health Department is currently one of only a few certified municipal health departments in the State.

Your opinion is very important to this process. A short electronic survey will be available on line at www.skokie.org beginning Sunday, January 1, 2012. Please take a moment to complete the survey, and give the Health Department feedback. Paper copies will be available in the Health Department, or you can call the department to have an individual survey mailed to you.

For more information, contact Robert Johnson at the Skokie Health Department 847/933-8252.

Recycle Your Used Live Holiday Tree

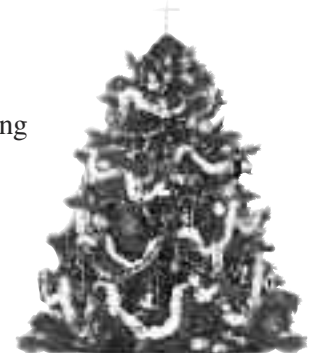
23 Unmanned Sites Open Citywide Jan 7th / Runs Through Jan 20th

From Saturday, January 7, 2012 through Friday, January 20, 2012, Chicago residents will be able to drop off their used live holiday trees at one of 23 unmanned locations citywide. Trees will be mulched so that they can be reused as a fragrant mulch/ground cover on City landscaping projects or by residents in their backyard gardens. This will keep trees from being landfilled and allow an environmentally friendly reuse. A limited amount of mulch will be left at these sites for pick-up by residents beginning on Friday January 13th.

We ask residents to remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and accessories before they leave us their trees. These items can damage our machinery and will prevent reuse. This is the 23rd Year that Chicago has been recycling used live holiday trees. Last year we recycled 14,591 trees and over the past 22 years we have kept more than 143,000 trees out of landfills. Residents can clearly make a difference in protecting Chicago's environment.

Participating Northside Drop Off Locations

Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell St.
Humboldt Pk Boathouse, 1369 N. Sacramento Ave.
Kelvyn Park, 4438 W. Wrightwood Ave.
Lincoln Park, Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Avenue (Parking lot east of Cannon Drive)
Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr.
North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
Norwood Park, 5801 N. Natoma Ave.
Portage Park, 4100 N. Long Ave.
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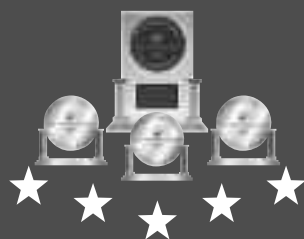
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SPECIAL PROGRAM: Memorialization and Memory In Recognition of the International Day of Holocaust Remembrance

In partnership with the Illinois Holocaust & Genocide Commission, the museum presents two leaders in the field of memorialization, James Young and Cliff Chanin. Young, a Professor of English and Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, served as a World Trade Center Site Memorial jury member. Chanin, the curator of the Illinois Holocaust Museum's Legacy of Absence galleries, is 9/11 Memorial Museum Education Director.

Thursday, January 26, 2012, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Free with Museum admission. Reservations required; 847-967-4889.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

The Downtown Skokie 5 - the Price is Right for Downtown Skokie Shoppers who shop Local

During the week of January 2, 2012, all Skokie residences will receive a colorful purple postcard that serves as a game card for the new Downtown Skokie 5 promotion. Over 30 Downtown Skokie businesses are participating, with more expected to join. Visit www.skokiedowntown.org for the complete list of participating merchants. The promotion runs through May 31, 2012, and here's how it works:

1. Bring the game card to any participating business in Downtown Skokie. When you make a purchase of \$5 or more, ask for a special sticker for your card.
2. When you have 5 stickers on your card, fill out the card with your name, address, email and phone and bring it to any participating Downtown Skokie business.
3. When you turn in your completed card, any participating business of your choice, the merchant will give you a small gift of up to \$5 value. You might get a complimentary appetizer or dessert, a decorative button, bicycle tire patch kit, small jar of touch-up paint, flower, etc. Prizes are subject to change and are at the sole discretion of the participating business.
4. Get a new card and start playing again! All participating businesses will have blank cards, and supplies also will be available at Village Hall, the Skokie Public Library and other Downtown Skokie locations.
5. Around the first day of every month, a \$50 gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie business will be awarded by random drawing from all completed cards turned in the previous month. Winners will be notified by email.

All participating businesses will have a Downtown Skokie 5 poster in their window, and will be listed on www.downtownskokie.org.

For more information please contact the Economic Development Division at 847/933-8446 or visit www.skokiedowntown.org.

North River Commission joins LISC Chicago's "New Communities Program" as Lead Agency serving Albany Park

The Albany Park neighborhood, which through the North River Commission has been engaged in a community planning process, is joining LISC/Chicago's New Communities Program (NCP) – a wide-ranging effort to strengthen 28 communities throughout the city by creating affordable housing, quality education, arts and cultural endeavors, open spaces, and neighborhood business.

Albany Park's participation in NCP, which began January 1, will yield numerous benefits, mostly related to the financial and technical assistance provided by LISC/Chicago, a nonprofit community development intermediary. One initiative is already underway – the new Multicultural Sculpture Park and Healing Garden in Ronan Park, at Lawrence Avenue and the Chicago River, is a collaborative effort led by the North River Commission (NRC) of more than 40 community partners. This summer, local students will plant gardens on the site. NRC will install signage and more sculptures and host its annual Summer Concert Series there in July.

Other initiatives NRC and community partners are tackling with NCP assistance include:

- Preserving and building affordable housing to keep the renter population stable.
- Hosting after school enrichment programs for low- to moderate-income students in area Chicago Public Schools.

Working with area civics to empower residents to improve their own local commercial districts through a series of how-to workshops covering everything from interacting with elected officials to making long-lasting street improvements.

"We are excited to support Albany Park through our comprehensive community development efforts, which will be greatly assisted by being part of NCP," said NRC Executive Director Perry Gunn. "We look forward to implementing the Strategic Community Plan designed by neighborhood leaders that will help Albany Park thrive for years to come."

NRC, established in 1962, has united more than 100 civic associations, businesses, schools, institutions and places of worship on the Northwest Side, from Devon Avenue to the north, Addison Street to the south, the Chicago River to the east and Cicero Avenue to the west. This includes the neighborhoods of Albany Park, Irving Park, and North Park. For more information, see www.northrivercommission.org.

NCP is a long-term initiative of LISC/Chicago to support comprehensive community development in neighborhoods that span Chicago's Northwest, West, South and Southwest sides. For more information, see www.newcommunities.org.

"For 50 years, our organization has served the changing needs of our community," said NRC President Ronald Duplack. "We do our work by organizing residents, businesses, and institutions to respond to neighborhood concerns. Then we implement programs to create a better future for everyone."

KRAFT GREAT KIDS PROGRAM OFFERS CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Parents looking for safe learning opportunities for their children ages 6-12 during the school year are encouraged to sign up for the Kraft Great Kids program offered at 12 Chicago Park District sites from Jan. 17-May 25. The Kraft Great Kids Program is a partnership between Kraft, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Public Libraries, and After School Matters that provides children meaningful after-school experiences in nutrition, fitness, literacy and creativity.

During the Chicago Public School year, the program consists of organized after school activities in four categories including:

Homework help: Instructors are available Monday - Thursday after school for two hours each day.

Nutrition: Staff works with children on gardens that were planted over summer. Healthy snacks are also provided either through a state-funded program or the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Fitness and Creativity in Great Kids@Play: Instructors use dance to promote fitness. Participants will also keep moving while playing nutrition games through a partnership with the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago's Children (CLOCC).

Literacy: The dance and fitness curriculum also incorporates literacy concepts. As coordinated with the Chicago Public Library, dinner and family activities take place monthly from October – May that promote literacy and healthy lifestyles.

Kraft Great Kids operates at the following Chicago Park District sites:

Amundsen Park, 6200 W. Bloomingdale, 312-746-5003

Columbus Park, 500 S. Central, 773-287-7641

Davis Square Park, 4430 S. Marshfield, 312-747-6107

Dvorak Park, 1119 W. Cullerton, 312-746-5083

Gately Park, 810 E. 103rd St., 312-747-6155

Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan, 312-742-7802

Kelvyn Park, 4438 W. Wrightwood, 312-742-7547 or 7492

Kosciuszko Park, 2732 N. Avers, 312-742-7546

Lindblom Park, 6054 S. Damen, 312-747-6443

Palmer Park, 201 E. 111th St., 312-747-6576 or 6577

Russell Square Park, 3045 E. 83rd St., 312-747-6651

Woodhull Playground Park, 7340 S. East End Ave., 773-256-1903

For more information, call (312) 742-PLAY or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Wendy's® partners with Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption for a sweet fundraiser

For just \$1, customers at participating Wendy's restaurants in the Chicagoland area can get up to a year of free Jr. Frosty desserts while supporting the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and its signature program, Wendy's Wonderful Kids.

From January through March, 2012 (while supplies last), customers can purchase a Frosty key tag for \$1, then show the key tag on subsequent visits to Wendy's and receive a free Jr. Frosty with any purchase as often as they wish through December 31, 2012. Wendy's will donate the net proceeds of key tag sales to the Foundation in support of its Wendy's Wonderful Kids program.

"Every child deserves a family," said Rita Soronen, president and CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. "Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a signature, results-driven program of the Foundation, is making a difference for thousands of children. In fact, research shows that children served by this program are up to three times more likely to be adopted," Soronen said. "We fund the work of adoption professionals in Chicago and throughout North America, who execute aggressive recruitment efforts targeted exclusively on moving children from foster care into adoptive families. These are children who, through no fault of their own, have been removed from their birth families and are waiting to be adopted."

Mike Zak, president of Wendy's Chicago Co-op said, "We strive to keep Dave Thomas' ideals and beliefs at the heart of the Wendy's culture. One thing that Dave believed was that everyone has a responsibility to give something back, to help those who can't help themselves. Our Frosty key tag fund-raiser is one way of giving back to the community where we live and work."

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Illinois Electronics Waste Ban

In September 2009, Illinois adopted the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act/SB2313 (Act). This legislation initially banned televisions and monitors from entering Illinois landfills beginning January 1, 2012.

Recently, Governor Quinn signed legislation that makes extensive changes to the Act that expands the number of covered electronic products to include the following items: televisions, monitors, printers, computers (including tablet computers), electronic keyboards, facsimile machines, videocassette recorders, portable digital music players, digital video disc players, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers and digital video disc recorders.

The Village of Skokie works with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to provide residents with recycling options for electronics through one-day collection events, permanent drop-off locations and the At-Home Pick-Up Program. Additionally, residents may utilize many retail store dropoffs during evening and weekend hours.

The locations are as follows:

Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N River Rd, Across from the Maryville Academy, Saturdays: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Winnetka Public Works, 1390 Willow Rd, Tuesdays: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursdays: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

City of Chicago Dropoff 1150 N. North Branch, Chicago, IL 60622, Tuesdays (7 AM -12 PM) Thursdays (2-7 PM). The first Saturday of every month (8 AM- 3 PM)

Best Buy sites - <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/best-buy-list.html>

Registered Residential sites - <http://epadata.epa.state.il.us/land/eWaste/collection-sites.asp>

For a complete list of options, please visit swancc.org or contact them at 847/724-9205.

MONEY MATTERS

MONEY MATTERS is an epic JLI course, on Thursdays or Sundays, starting the last week in January, with Rabbi Yochanan Posner. (MCLE credits available) More info here: <http://myjli.com/index.html?task=location&lid=655>

Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059/4043 Dempster St., Skokie IL 60076. 847-677-1770 ex. 306

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM FOR VILLAGE CLERK TO BECOME APPOINTED POSITION

At its January 3, 2012 meeting, the Lincolnwood Village Board approved a Resolution to hold a referendum asking residents to change the office of Village Clerk from an elected to an appointed one. Residents will be able to cast their ballot on this referendum at the March 20, 2012 municipal election.

Lincolnwood's Village Clerk is currently an elected position, and has been since the incorporation of the Village in 1911. According to the Village Code the Village Clerk performs a number of duties, including maintaining accurate and detailed accounts of Village monies, notifying newly elected officials of their upcoming appointment, keeping various records, and taking minutes at the Village Board meeting.

In practice, many of the formal duties of the Village Clerk are performed by professional staff acting in the capacity of Deputy Village Clerks. The following area municipalities have an appointed Village Clerk position: Deerfield, Glenco, Glenview, Highland Park, Northfield, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

The Village will be hosting a public meeting to discuss this issue on Monday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. If the referendum is approved, the current Village Clerk will complete her term. If you have any questions regarding the referendum, contact the Village at 847-673-1540 or visit the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

To receive more information about Village of Lincolnwood news and events, send an e-mail with the subject line "subscribe" to subscribe@lwd.org.

State Representative McAuliffe and Cook County Commissioner Silvestri to Host Property Tax Seminar for Jefferson Park Township Residents

Please join Rep. McAuliffe, Commissioner Silvestri, Senator Mulroe, and Alderman O'Connor for a free property tax assessment seminar at the Oriole Park Gymnasium on Wednesday, January 25th. A presentation will be given by Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Michael Carbonargi on how homeowners can lower their property taxes and the associated process. If attending, please bring your property tax bill or your property index number (PIN) along.

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 6:00pm

Oriole Park Gymnasium, 5430 N. Olcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

CDOT Hosts Public Meetings for Streets for Cycling Plan 2020

The Chicago Department of Transportation is hosting three public meetings and two webinars to gather public input on the Streets for Cycling Plan 2020. This plan will identify roadways throughout Chicago for innovative bicycle facilities to provide Chicagoans, from children riding to school to senior citizens riding to the grocery store, a safe and comfortable experience bicycling on city streets. People can follow all plan activities through www.facebook.com/StreetsForCycling2020 and submit comments both through Facebook and by emailing streetsforcycling2020@gmail.com.

Wednesday, February 1st, 2012 Sulzer Regional Library – Auditorium
4455 N. Lincoln Avenue

6 – 8 p.m., presentation begins @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 3rd, 2012 Webinar, 12 – 1 p.m.

RSVP required via goo.gl/CGq6M

Monday, February 6th, 2012 Webinar, 6 -7 p.m.

RSVP required via goo.gl/iLphG

LINCOLNWOOD LICENSE NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL DONATION COLLECTION BINS

Effective January 1, 2012, all donation collection bins in Lincolnwood must be licensed. Donation collection bins are unattended outdoor containers used to collect donations of clothing, books and other goods.

In September 2011, the Village Board adopted an Ordinance which regulates the location of donation collection bins. Collection bins are now restricted to business or manufacturing districts, or on religious or government property. There are a number of other restrictions on bin location, including a maximum of two collection bin containers may be on any one property.

Operators of existing collection bins located in the Village will have until February 15, 2012 to obtain a Village license or to remove any unlicensed collection bin from the Village without penalty. Bin license applications are available through the Community Development Department and also available on the Village's website, www.Lincolnwoodil.org. A nonrefundable \$100 annual fee is required to accompany each bin application. Contact the Community Development Department at 847-673-7402 for more information.

2012 Area CAPS Schedule

District 19 has announced the first quarter meeting schedule for CAPS Beat meetings for 2012. Since no official date for the closing of the 19th District has been announced, these meetings will be held at their current locations and times, even if the district is relocated prior to the announced meeting date.

The 2012 schedule for January and February is as follows (meetings are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted):

Jan. 18 -- Beat 1912 (Paul Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park)

Jan. 24 -- Beat 1911 (Kindred Hospital, 2544 W. Montrose)

Feb. 8 -- Beat 1922 (Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland)

Feb. 14 -- Beat 1923 (Lakeview High School, 4015 N. Ashland)

Feb. 16 -- Beat 1924 (Resurrection Church, 1050 W. School, 6:30 p.m.)

25th District Business CAPS Meeting All businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about new and ongoing efforts to eliminate crime in your area. This meeting will also provide the opportunity to share your crime concerns with Police Officers from the 25th District.

Complimentary lunch provided. Thursday, January 19th at 11:30AM
25th District Auditorium, 5555 W. Grand Av.

For more information call 312-746-5090

email: caps025district@chicagopolice.org

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On January 14, 1922, fifty-four visionary sportsmen met in Chicago to discuss an issue of common concern: the deterioration of America's top fishing streams. Uncontrolled industrial discharge, raw sewage, and soil erosion threatened many of the nation's most productive waterways. At the same time, critical wildlife habitat was being destroyed across the country and the nation's forests and wilderness areas were quickly disappearing.

Aware that action – not just talk – would be necessary to solve these problems, the group formed an organization to combat water pollution and protect the country's woods and wildlife. Ninety years and many victories later, the 39,000 members of the Izaak Walton League of America are responding to today's conservation challenges and building on the accomplishments of those who preceded them.

The League has been at the forefront of every major clean water battle in the United States since our founding, from the first federal water pollution law to recent efforts to restore Clean Water Act protections for critical small streams and wetlands. The League also spearheaded conservation of land and waters for the benefit of all Americans, including creation of the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge and Superior National Forest and Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

The League works in the upper Midwest and across the country to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy resources to power our homes, businesses, and vehicles. We recently won a decade-long battle to require strong federal regulation of the largest source of mercury emissions in the United States: coal-fired power plants. The League has also played a leading role in strengthening the Farm Bill's conservation programs since the legislation was created. Today, the League is working to ensure taxpayer investments in agricultural programs are linked to common-sense conservation practices that protect soil and water quality and wildlife habitat.

Our more than 250 chapters are rooted in communities across America, meeting local conservation challenges and working to introduce youth and families to conservation and outdoor recreation. Chapter members build nature trails, restore stream banks, and plant trees. Many chapters are community centers for fishing and shooting sports and offer hunter education classes and fishing clinics to promote responsible outdoor behavior and activities. League chapters also award more than \$125,000 in scholarships each year to college students working toward natural resource degrees. And this is just a fraction of what Ikes do.

As the Izaak Walton League of America reaches its 90th anniversary in 2012, we encourage our members and supporters across the country to join us in celebrating the League's tradition of grassroots conservation activism and working to ensure the health of our natural resources for generations to come.

Ravenswood Community Council Community Gardening Opportunity

The Ravenswood Community Council is reaching out to area residents and businesses about a Community Gardening Program to Feed the Homeless.

If interested in participating in a community gardening program that can help feed the homeless or low-income families in the neighborhood, contact Sheila at sheila@ravenswoodcommunity.org.

If there is enough interest, we can organize this program.
Ravenswood Community Council | 1756 W Wilson Avenue | Chicago | IL | 60640

Celebrate the New Year With 10 Free Flowering Trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Illinois can ring in the New Year by receiving 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2012.

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The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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To become a member of the Foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2012. Illinois residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.



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School of Dog Training

Are you looking to brush up on your dog's manners for the new year? The Society's School of Dog Training has a variety of classes that are about to begin. Our trainers teach all levels of classes, from Wee Ones (puppies that are 8-14 weeks old), all the way up to Canine Good Citizen. Sign up quick before all of the spots are filled!

Brush up on Your Botany Knowledge

Fascinated by plants? Then you'll want to enroll in these upcoming botany classes offered by the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Botany: Special Topics (BOT E03-BG1). Find out which plants can be used medically to enhance mood and ease pain. Six-week course meets 6:30 – 9 p.m., Wednesdays, starting January 18. Course fee is \$149.

Botanical Art: Learning How to Draw (BOT B01-BG1). Discover how to sketch plants accurately and beautifully by learning the fundamentals of proportion, line, tone, dimensionality, and expression. Six-week course meets 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Fridays, starting January 20. Course fee is \$312.

Botany for Beginners (ORN E88-BG1). Learn about the biology of garden plants – including why most plants are green – through this class that meets 1:30 – 4 p.m., Saturday, January 21. Course fee is \$45.

All featured classes meet at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Registrants will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. However, students who register online will only be charged once per semester for an unlimited number of courses. Those registering in person, by mail, or fax will be charged an \$8 fee with each registration form. For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, including registration and fee information, visit www.oakton.edu/all, or call 847-982-9888, press 3.



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DANK Haus German American Cultural Center Announces Official Unveiling of \$370,000 Façade Renovation

The DANK Haus in Lincoln Square will hold an official opening celebration of its \$370,000 first floor façade renovation on Saturday January 21, 2012 between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, Alderman Ameya Pawar, invited, refreshments provided by local Lincoln Square merchants, unveiling of the donor recognition wall (rendering), live music and an exclusive first look at the newly refreshed “Lost German Chicago” exhibit in the Museum.

This event is free and open to the public. Donations for this outstanding contribution to the local and German American communities are still being accepted. Donations received before February 28, 2012 will be included on the donor recognition wall to be placed in the main lobby.

The DANK Haus is a registered 501(c)3 with the mission of preserving and promoting German and German American culture, heritage, language, and the fine arts.

DANK Haus is located in the heart of Lincoln Square in Chicago at 4740 N. Western Avenue. The Museum is open to the public every Saturday, from 11 am - 3pm and is available during the week by appointment only. For more information about DANK Haus, visit www.dankhaus.com or call (773) 561-9181.

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Local Arts and Entertainment

Men's Basketball Team Brings Smiles and Gifts to Children's Memorial Hospital

The Wright College Men's Basketball team shared holiday cheer with the patients at Children's Memorial Hospital over their break. Three players, two student managers and two coaches visited the Brown Family Life Center in Lincoln Park to play with the inpatient children and their families. The Rams brought toy airplanes as gifts and made basketball hoops with the children.

The Rams start conference play on January 11, 2012 and the season runs through February.

Bohemian National Cemetery Program

Discover the artwork of Moravian-born artist, John Mallin, at the Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery's winter meeting. Kathy Mallin, the artist's granddaughter, will review Mallin's career, including Riverview Amusement Park in Chicago and the John Cuneo mansion. Tony Karstonas will present a behind-the-scenes view of the BNC restoration.

Date: January 29, 2012

For further information, call Marge Sladek Stueckemann at 847-362-9036

"Overcoming Obstacles in Tracing the 20th Century Immigrant"

Dr. Paul S. Valasek, noted speaker on topics of Czechoslovak genealogy and a founding member of CSAGSI, will show us how to use sources ranging from death certificates to naturalization papers and ship manifests to find elusive ancestors. One of his examples will follow the trail of a Rusyn ancestor of his wife.

Date: January 28, 2012

For further information: www.csagsi.org

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Soprano Laura Strickland and pianist Liza Stepanova perform in "Songs for a Winter Afternoon"

The DANK Haus in historic Lincoln Square presents "Songs for a Winter Afternoon" on Sunday January 29 2012 at 3:00 pm. This mostly German "Lieder" concert kicks off a year of fine musical performances. Native Chicagoan Laura Strickling and pianist Liza Stepanova will delight with Schubert, Wolf, Clara Schumann and Richard Strauss and Liszt's translations of Mendelssohn's Fruehlingslied, Neue Liebe, Suleika, and Reiselied. They will close with a short American set by the distinguished living New York composer Tom Cipullo - beautiful and funny and a great ending.

COMMUNITY ARTS

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2012

Individual artists and nonprofit arts organizations are encouraged to apply now through January 30, 2012

Individual artists and not-for-profit arts organizations in all disciplines are invited to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 through the Community Arts Assistance Program (CAAP) for the year 2012 for professional, artistic and organizational development projects. Applications are available for download at www.cityofchicago.org/CulturalGrants. Hard copies are also available at the 1st floor Concierge Desk in the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, and 20 other locations throughout the city. Application assistance workshops are scheduled Monday, December 5, 2011 through Thursday, January 19, 2012. The application deadline is Monday, January 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

New, emerging, and mid-career individual artists and not-for-profit arts organizations of all disciplines with annual operating budgets up to \$150,000 are eligible to apply. Individuals must be residents of Chicago for at least six months prior to the application deadline. Organizations must be incorporated, located in and serving the city of Chicago, have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number, and have acquired, or be in the process of applying for, or seeking funds to apply for 501(c)(3) status.

"A thriving arts community is essential to the vitality of our city. The goals of CAAP are to discover, nurture and expand Chicago's diverse artists and not-for-profit arts organizations, and to foster new and emerging individual artists and arts groups," said Michelle T. Boone, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

The CAAP Grant program offers financial support for expenses related to creating new work, obtaining 501(c)(3) status, attending professional development workshops, and a variety of other artistic or organizational development needs. All new and repeat CAAP applicants are strongly encouraged to attend any one of the following two-hour workshops scheduled (registration is not necessary). For sign language or Braille translation assistance, please call 312.744.9797.

Grant applications are available online at www.cityofchicago.org/CulturalGrants and at the following 21 locations throughout the city.

Catholic Charities Uncorks 11th Annual d'Vine Affair, a Tasting of Fine Wines, Benefiting Self-Sufficiency Programs



Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and d'Vine Affair founders and chair couple Helen and Joseph Glunz.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host the 11th Annual d'Vine Affair, a Tasting of Fine Wines, which supports its Self-Sufficiency Programs in Cook and Lake Counties. The event is scheduled at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

Proceeds from the d'Vine Affair directly support Catholic Charities' Self-Sufficiency Programs in Cook and Lake Counties that help families break the cycle of poverty by providing long-term support to reach financial independence. Lake County's innovative Family Self-Sufficiency Programs offer a multi-year relationship between the families and counselors who support them as they master budgeting, parenting, planning skills and are transformed into proud and self-reliant members of their communities.

About 12 years ago, Joseph Glunz, (Grayslake resident) founder of the d'Vine Affair and president of Louis Glunz Wines, was invited to attend a graduation ceremony of Catholic Charities' Lake County Family Self-Sufficiency Program. He was touched by the single-parent families who, with the help of the program, were able to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Tickets for a "stock your wine cellar" raffle will also be available. To register, log on to www.catholiccharities.net/dvine or call (312) 655-7912. For more information regarding the d'Vine Affair contact Ashley Owen, event coordinator for Catholic Charities at (312) 655-7912 or email aowen@catholiccharities.net.

NEW ATTRACTIONS (from page 1)

artists of our time, that explore the iconography of death across a variety of artistic, cultural and spiritual practices from 2000 B.C.E. to the present day.

National Hellenic Museum Showcases Art, Culture and History of the Greek People

Located in the heart of the historic Greektown neighborhood, the new National Hellenic Museum, "the newest thing in ancient history," is the only institution of its kind in the U.S. showcasing the art, culture and history of the Greek people. The Museum immerses visitors in the story of Greek history from ancient times to today in its newly-opened, state-of-the-art, \$15 million building.

Glessner House: An Architectural Treasure Celebrates 125th Anniversary

Through December 1

The Glessner House Museum, a National Historic Landmark in the Prairie Avenue Historic District that served as an inspiration for Frank Lloyd Wright, commemorates its 125th anniversary in 2012. Activities throughout the year include a symposium, a tour of other local mansions and much more.

Grainger Sky Theater Launches Visitors into Deep Space

The Adler Planetarium's newly-renovated Grainger Sky Theater offers audiences the most immersive, technologically enhanced theater experience ever developed. Museum-goers become space adventurers and set off on a journey to explore the Universe like never before. Fashioned as the observation deck of a starship, the theater invites visitors to come aboard for the ultimate journey into deep space.

Broadway Comes to Chicago

Highlights of the Broadway in Chicago season in the historic Downtown Theater District include:

Mamma Mia, an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship set on a Greek island paradise, features ABBA's timeless songs. Oriental Theatre, January 24 - 29.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

danc(e)volve: New Works Festival. Hubbard Street takes its commitment to developing new choreography to the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. This intimate look inside the company features the creative, raw energy of Hubbard Street, with an evening of world premieres in the intimate space of the MCA Stage. January 19 - 29.

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AURORIS DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS

“EVOLUTION” JANUARY 26-28

The Auroris Dance Company presents “Evolution” on January 26 through 28 in the Niles North Auditorium at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28. The dancers will perform different styles of dance including jazz, modern, hip-hop, tap, swing, Broadway, ballet and Bollywood. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 or reserved in advance by contacting Artistic Director Deanna Sortino at deasor@d219.org or (847) 626-2129 or purchased at the door for \$10. A free community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 26.

Auroris Dance Company consists of 27 dancers under the guidance of Deanna Sortino. Dance captains include Elisabeth Govis, Stacy Joseph, Annie Kim and Samantha Schneider. Dance company members: Shana Ariaz, Tanicka Cathey, Chris Chueng, Anna Do, Jenica Doma, Ariella Hoffman-Peterson, Charmaine John, Linda Jung, Sapphire Levi, Victoria Luc, Johnny Woo, Crystal Zapata, Natalia Gu, Dori Hoffman, Paul Kim, Mary Montemayor, Maddy Newman, Justin Salomon, Zoe Hertz, Jake Orlan, Lauryn Schmelzer, Irene Diblich and Saadat Kaplinsky. Guest choreographers include Connie Fagan, Kristy Hronick, Corey Nagel, Santo Scavuzzo III and Elmo Scott.

Popular Emeritus Passages Seminar Returns

Join local experts for “Passages Seminar,” a series of potpourri lectures offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton. The eight-week series meets 1 – 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays, starting January 17, and kicks off with “How Painters Paint,” which details how an American Impressionist painter transforms a sheet of white paper into a work of art. Other lectures include: “From Snow Bird to Song Bird: The Art of Phoebe Snow” (January 24), “Israel Now: Art, Architecture, and Parks” (January 31), “Les Miserables” (February 7), “George Orwell: Writer and Fighter” (February 14), “Alexander: The End of an Empire” (February 21), “Poetry: The Warp and Weave of Life” (February 28), and “Modern China’s Architecture” (March 6).

Lectures take place at Oakton’s Skokie campus, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue. The series-only fee is \$40 for in-district residents age 60 and over, and \$55 for out-of-district residents and those under age 60. All registrants will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. However, students who register online will only be charged once per semester for an unlimited number of courses. Those registering in person, by mail, or fax will be charged an \$8 fee with each registration form. For more information about the Emeritus Program, call 847-635-1414 or 847-982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emergitus.

EDISON PARK FEST 2012: BAND SUBMISSIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Beginning January 2nd, the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce will be accepting band submission for Edison Park Fest 2012. This year’s Edison Park Fest will be held August 17th-19th. Located on the far northwest side of Chicago, Edison Park Fest is attended by over 15,000 people over the 2 ½ day fest. Live music, Miller Lite Beer Garden, food, business expo, family stage, craft fair, bingo, and children’s play area are just a few of the things offered at this true neighborhood festival. Edison Park is easily accessible from the CTA Blue Line and the Metra Union Pacific Northwest line.

Bands that played in 2011 are not eligible to submit. All band members must be 21 years of age or older by August 17th to be eligible. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, February 15th. Chosen bands will be notified by March 1st. Electronic press kits can be sent to info@edisonpark.com or mail your press kit to Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, ATTN: Entertainment Committee, 6730 N. Olmsted Chicago, IL 60631. For more information, visit our website at www.edisonpark.com.

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“A Theater Review”

“Penelope”

Steppenwolf Theatre

1650 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

After their outstanding production of “Gladstone Park,” the current show “Penelope” is bad news.

Four first-rate performers under one of Chicago’s top actresses and directors made it worth watching.

Many in the audience found it sleep time and some left before the ninety minutes was over.

Enda Walsh who is the playwright has written some interesting plays but watching four men in Speedos in a hot tub if it wasn’t for the acting might have put me sound asleep.

The show might deal with life and love and Greek mythology but doesn’t at least for me offer much humor.

Ian Barford plays the character of Burns. Scott Jaeck is Dunne. At one time he was a handsome leading man but that has all changed with his grubby belly, grey hair and face but yet his acting and monologue are strong. Tracey Letts as Fritz has replaced John Mahoney who returned to England due to a death in his family. Letts’ strong acting helped me as I sat through ninety minutes and wanted to leave before it ended. Yasen Peyankov is Quinn and very strong in his role. Logan Vaughn as Penelope is a beautiful African American actress who doesn’t have a speaking role but is worth viewing high above the swimming pool.

Walsh is an Irish playwright who has close to twenty plays under his belt.

The purpose for “Penelope” to stand high above on this unnamed island is because she is waiting for her husband to return from the war.

Each of the four male characters represent the four seasons of the year: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

We find these men are watched with a violent conclusion as she leaves their retreat as doomed dreamers.

In the end their bar-b-cue explodes and the story comes to an end.

“Penelope” runs through February 5th. For performance days – show times and reservations call 312-335-1650. Tickets are \$20 to \$78. **-Two Stars-**

BENEATH THE BLINDFOLD

World Premiere at the Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute Locally made film challenges “blind spot” in political and public perceptions by showing torture through survivors’ eyes.

Beneath The Blindfold, (2012, 80 min.), a new human rights documentary in which four survivors reveal the truth about torture, will premiere at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago on January 13th at 8:15pm and screen again on Thursday, January 19th at 8pm. The film’s Illinois-based co-directors Ines Sommer and Kathy Berger will attend both showings for post-screening discussion.

EVENT INFORMATION:

World Premiere of Beneath the Blindfold – filmmakers attending

Thursday, January 19, 8:00 pm

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Tickets to the screening are \$11/general admission, \$7/students (with current I.D.) and \$6/Film Center members. All tickets may be purchased at the Film Center Box Office. Both general admission and Film Center member tickets are available through Ticketmaster, 800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, and all Ticketmaster outlets. The Gene Siskel Film Center’s box office is open 5:00 to 8:30 pm, Monday through Friday; 2:00 to 8:30 pm Saturday; or 2:00 to 5:30 pm Sunday.

For more information about the Film Center, call 312-846-2800 (24-hour movie hotline) or 312-846-2600 (general information, 9:00 am-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday), or visit www.siskelfilmcenter.org.

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

GUERIN PREP 50th ANIVERSARY REDEDICATION RING CEREMONY

Fifty years ago an unusual looking school ring made its debut. It did not have the typical colored stone in its design, in fact, it had no stone at all. It was no ordinary ring, just like Mother Theodore Guerin High School for Girls was no ordinary high school.

The Guerin ring 's distinctiveness—designed for Guerin by the Herff Jones Company and selected by Sister Frances Alma, the school's founding principal—has bonded Guerin alumnae around the world. Whether spotted on the finger of a woman in a grocery store, at work or on vacation, the ring often sparks a conversation.

The design uses elements of the school seal on a flat surface with the graduate's school year on either side of the seal. Set in an antique satin base, it is highlighted by a soft Burmese finish.

As one in a year of events to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary, Guerin Prep High School is inviting the alumnae from Mother Guerin to the 2012 ring ceremony to have their rings blessed again in a Feb. 3 ceremony in which the school's juniors will get their rings. Male Guerin Prep juniors receive a larger version of the original design.

The event will begin at 7p.m. in the Cuny Auditorium. A wine and chocolate reception will follow in the foyer, which alums will not recognize. The school's entrance area now has couches, tables and chairs and a flat-screen television and is used as a study hall and for receptions.

For more information or interviews, please contact Tina Lilly '91, Director of Alumni Relations tlilly@guerinprep.org or 708-437-4730.

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Jewish Child & Family Services has launched the Access Team and 855-ASK-JCFS (855-275-5237), a single, toll-free number to access all of the many programs and services offered by JCFS across all locations. A new email address, ASK@jcfs.org, also is available for those who prefer to contact the agency via email. The goal is to make sure that all new callers get comprehensive access to JCFS services, as well as linkage and referral to other resources in the community. Any questions? Just ask JCFS by calling 1-855-ASK-JCFS.

Kids Encounter Native Crafts at Mitchell Museum's Winter Workshops

The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston will offer youngsters hands-on learning about corn husk dolls, Northwest Coast button blankets, and other Native items at its Kids Craft Morning weekend workshops in January, February, and March.

Mitchell staffers and volunteers lead the informal, one-hour sessions where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects using everyday craft materials.

Kids will make Woodlands porcupine quill boxes out of colored toothpicks and cardboard; Northwest Coast button blankets of plastic buttons glued to felt; Plains warrior shields of decorated cardboard; Northwest Coast rattles of dry corn kernels sandwiched between paper plates; bolo ties of nylon cord, cardboard, and colored mosaic tiles; God's eyes of yarn and craft sticks; woven baskets of yarn and plastic foam cups; beaded key chains of hemp cord, beads, and metal key rings; corn husk dolls of real corn husks and yarn; talking feathers of craft feathers, felt, and beads; beaded bracelets and headbands of cord and beads made on a cardboard loom; and Lakota Star quilts of cloth and heavy paper.

Workshop dates, times, and themes are as follows:

- January 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Woodlands porcupine quill boxes
- January 21, 11 a.m.-noon, Northwest Coast button blankets
- January 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Northwest Coast button blankets
- January 28, 11 a.m.-noon, Plains warrior shields
- January 29, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Plains warrior shields

The museum also makes available coloring projects and other simple craft activities on request at the workshops.

Offered year-round, the museum's Kids Craft workshops are designed to introduce children to Native cultures of the U.S. and Canada, which are the focus of the Mitchell Museum's collections and exhibits.

Workshop participants have the opportunity to view authentic examples of Native crafts from the Mitchell's collection and illustrations of Native designs as models for their projects. Kids Craft Morning activities are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary.

Admission to Kids Craft Morning workshops is included with museum admission, which is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors, students, teachers (with valid school ID), and children. Admission is free for Mitchell members and tribal members.

The independent, nonprofit Mitchell Museum is at 3001 Central St., Evanston. For information, phone (847) 475-1030. On the Net: <http://www.mitchellmuseum.org>.

RES STUDENTS ARTWORK SELECTED AS FINALISTS IN CITY OF CHICAGO 2012-13 VEHICLE STICKER DESIGN CONTEST

Resurrection College Prep High School student Caitlin Henehan '12 (60646) placed 2nd in the City of Chicago Vehicle sticker contest and both Caitlin and Kristen Brennan '12 (60707) had their designs selected as two of the top ten submissions in the City of Chicago's 17th Annual Vehicle City Sticker Design Contest.

All Chicago high school students in grades 9 through 12 were invited to participate in the design contest. The theme for the 2012-2013 vehicle sticker was "Chicago Heroes." A panel of independent professionals, including artists, civic leaders and local media celebrities reviewed all entries and voted for the top ten finalists. As a finalist, Kristen Brennan will receive a \$100 savings bond and as the 2nd place winner Caitlin Henehan will receive a \$500 savings bond. All finalists will be recognized at a ceremony in January sponsored by Susan Mendoza, City Clerk.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org

National Writing and Arts Competitions For Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students

Deaf and hard-of-hearing high school students are encouraged to enter creative competitions for cash prizes offered by Rochester Institute of Technology.

The competition is RIT's SpiRIT Writing Contest for deaf or hard of hearing students in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade. Students can win their choice of a scholarship and travel expenses to the Explore Your Future program at RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf, or a \$500 cash prize.

EYF is a six-day summer career exploration program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students that gives them the opportunity to sample different careers as well as college life.

Complete contest guidelines and entry information are available at www.rit.edu/NTID/WritingContestNR. The deadline to enter is March 15, 2012.

For more information about either competition, call (585) 475-7695 (voice/TTY) or (585) 286-4555 (videophone).

Dance Auditions for Interlochen Center for the Arts

Dance students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend an open-call dance audition on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Lou Conte Dance Studio at the Hubbard Street Dance Center, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. Auditions will include ballet, pointe and modern technique. Participating students will be considered for admission to Interlochen's world-renowned summer arts program or fine arts boarding high school. Required audition dress for girls is black leotards and pink tights. Boys should wear white t-shirts and black tights. Registration starts at 2:30 p.m. and auditions will be held from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
www.interlochen.org/dance2012

The dance program at Interlochen Center for the Arts offers a curriculum designed for the serious student who wishes to study both ballet and modern dance. All classes provide a positive, focused, professional atmosphere.

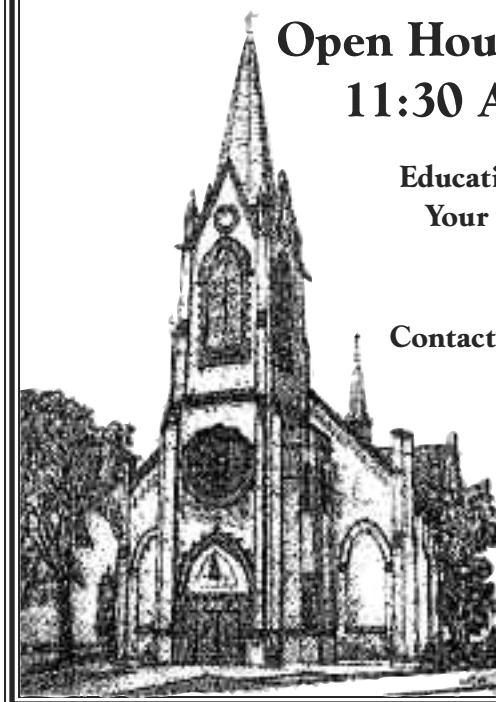
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Common Myths about Estate Planning



Chester M. Przybylo

A great deal of confusion remains over what constitutes a proper Estate Plan. Rumors, statements taken out of context, gossip, some bad characters that have bilked the innocent, and even turf battles over business interests have created widely held beliefs that just aren't correct. These stories have become myths. They can be harmful to you and your loved ones.

One myth is that if you have a Will, probate will not be required, and your assets can be transferred immediately to the beneficiaries of the Will. In fact, having a Will mandates a probate in many circumstances.

Probate is the process of distributing assets to beneficiaries, and it occurs in the state of your legal residence as well as any state where you own real property. The Probate process might be finalized in less than a year, but if your estate is large with more complex assets the process can take years to finalize. The procedures, as well as the cost of probate, are determined under your state's laws.

Additionally, because it is a court proceeding, the probate of your estate is part of the public record. This means that anyone who wishes to access your records may do so.

A second myth, believed by approximately 70 percent of the population, is that if you don't have a large estate, you don't need a Will. Many people also believe that if there is no Will, all the decedent's belongings will go to the surviving spouse.

A Will provides legally binding guidelines on how to distribute your property after your death. It also names the person you want to administer your estate. If you don't have a Will, then state law (the state where you are a permanent resident) makes many of the decisions you did not make for yourself.

Generally, if you and your spouse hold joint title to assets, then those assets pass automatically to your spouse. If you die and do not have a Will, all of your individually owned assets are subject to your state's "intestacy" laws. These intestacy laws normally divide the estate between a spouse and children, using a pre-determined percentage, based upon the number of children and the decedent's marital status. If there is no spouse or children, then the intestacy laws have provisions for dividing the assets among other relatives, and even the state.

If you do not have a Will, a court will appoint someone to administer your estate. This person will be responsible for performing all the administrative functions of probating your estate. This appointee may or may not be someone you would have chosen to manage your estate. They may not even have any real idea of what your wishes are concerning the disposition of your assets.

Not having a Will or Trust nearly always increases probate costs and delays. Additional court appearances will be required, such as to appoint someone to administer your estate, and additional money will be spent for services such as determining whom your heirs are. A failure to legally document what you want to happen makes everyone's job much more difficult.

You can't afford to rely on myths when it comes to your estate. Find out the facts, plan carefully and execute a plan to provide you with peace of mind and security for your heirs.

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.

Social Security Resolutions

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Happy 2012 from Social Security! With the new year, many people put together lists of goals and resolutions. Allow us to share with you some new year's resolutions that you may find worth keeping.

Think about retirement. Whether you're 26 and beginning a career or 62 and thinking about the best time to stop working, give some thought to what your retirement plan will be. Social Security is the largest source of income for elderly Americans today, but it was never intended to be your only source of income when you retire. You also will need savings, investments, pensions or retirement accounts to make sure you have enough money to live comfortably when you retire. The earlier you begin your financial planning, the better off you will be. For tips to help you save, visit www.mymoney.gov.

Plan ahead. The best way to begin planning for retirement is by using the free resources provided by Social Security. Start by using our Retirement Estimator, where you can get a personalized, instant estimate of your future retirement benefits using different retirement ages and scenarios. Visit the Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Make sure you have all your numbers. While tax season may seem far away, now is the time that many taxpayers start gathering records and documentation for filing tax returns. One of the most important things you need is a Social Security number for everyone whom you will claim as a dependent. If you don't have a number for one of your dependents, you need to apply now to have the Social Security number in time to file your tax return. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Do a little light reading. The best way to learn more about Social Security, the benefit programs, and what they mean to you and your family is to browse through our online library of publications. You can find overviews as well as more detailed booklets. Our library at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs is always open.

Help a loved one. Sometimes we get the most satisfaction out of helping someone else. If you have a grandparent, parent, relative, or friend who could benefit from Social Security, share our website and online services with them. You can even help a loved one apply for retirement or Medicare benefits -- or for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs -- in as little as 10 minutes. Whether you forward a publication or sit down to help someone apply for Social Security, the place to go is www.socialsecurity.gov.

We hope you'll consider some of these resolutions. Happy New Year!

Free Town Hall Meeting on Leukemia, Lymphoma and Other Blood Cancers

Patients and caregivers get answers to important questions about leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma and myelodysplastic syndromes.

Medical experts will answer questions regarding leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndromes, and multiple myeloma from patients and their families from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012, at the Leukemia Research Foundation's Annual Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will be held at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Feinberg Pavilion - Conference Room A, 251 E. Huron in Chicago.

Attendees can learn the latest about their disease - and pose questions to a panel of medical experts in the field of hematology/oncology. This year the panel includes medical experts from each of these Chicago institutions:

- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
- Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center at Loyola University Medical Center
- Children's Memorial Hospital
- Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University
- Rush University Children's Hospital
- Rush University Medical Center
- University of Chicago Medical Center

Also included on the panel is one of the Leukemia Research Foundation's 2011 Nurses of the Year -- Ima Garcia from the University of Chicago Medical Center -- offering a perspective that can be especially useful to caregivers attending the Town Hall Meeting. "The Leukemia Research Foundation is pleased to provide eight medical experts to share the latest information about blood cancer treatment," said Linda Kabot, director of Programs and Research Grants Administrator for the Foundation.

For more information about participating doctors and to register, call 847-424-0600 or visit www.leukemia-research.org/TownHall.

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Public Libraries

AUTHOR SERIES AND SPECIAL EVENT AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IN JANUARY & EARLY FEBRUARY

During the months of January and very early February, Chicago Public Library plays host to several interesting programs including its free monthly Authors Series, as well as a free program presented in partnership with Human Rights Watch. All events listed take place at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium (Lower Level). For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit chicagopubliclibrary.org.

JODI KANTOR In conversation with Steve Edwards, Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. New York Times correspondent Jodi Kantor discusses and signs her new book, *The Obamas*. Kantor takes us deep inside the White House as the Obamas grapple with their new roles, change the country, raise children, maintain friendships, and figure out what it means to be the first black President and First Lady. Filled with detail and insight into their partnership, emotions and personalities, *The Obamas* is an intimate portrait that will surprise even readers who thought they knew the President and First Lady. WBEZ's Steve Edwards guides the discussion.

LORI ANDREWS Wed., Feb. 1, 6:00 p.m., Cindy Pritzker Auditorium Lori Andrews, internationally acclaimed legal pioneer in the areas of modern ethics and privacy, discusses and signs her latest book, *I Know Who You Are and I Saw What You Did: Social Networks and the Death of Privacy*. Social networks are the defining cultural movement of our time. Andrews presents shocking depiction of how the web is being used to violate our basic individual rights. She has written a much-overdue Constitution for the web, which extends our basic rights to this wild new frontier.

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

LAW AT THE LIBRARY INFORMS CHICAGOANS ON TODAY'S LEGAL ISSUES

January 2012 Topic: Cleaning Up Your Credit

The Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Bar Association partner to present Law at the Library, a free monthly lecture series focusing on today's hot and timely legal topics. Law at the Library invites participants to listen to an experienced legal professional, ask general questions, and check out materials on a variety of legal topics – at no charge! In addition, all Chicago Public Library locations serve as community centers which provide access to books, databases and journals that can help Chicagoans learn more about legal issues.

Law at the Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The topic of the January 2012 Law at the Library seminars is Cleaning Up Your Credit and they take place as listed below:

Monday, January 23 at 12:15 p.m. Chicago Authors Room, 7th Floor, Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State Street. (312) 747-4300

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org.

LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY 4000 W. Pratt Ave., 847-677-5277

Cinematic Classics shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. Jan. 19: "The Heiress."

Dining for Wellness. Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m. Chef demonstration by Lincolnwood Place. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

eBook Workshop. Jan. 22, 2 p.m. Presentation provides a general overview of eBooks, a demonstration of our digital catalog, MyMediaMall, and group sessions focused on the Nook, Kindle, iPad and Sony Reader. Bring your device to receive specific support. Registration required. Contact Community Relations at 847-677-5277 x236 or communityrelations@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Travel Through Time Presentation. Jan. 20, 10:30 a.m. Sonia Lawrentz presents "Wild Patagonia."

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 29. Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for Playtime program following. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Chess. Sundays, Jan. 15-Mar. 4, 3-4 p.m. If you like logical puzzles, neat patterns, and playing games against your friends, you might like to learn chess taught by community member Larry Rabyne. Grades 1-6. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

Playtime. Wednesdays, Jan 11.-Feb. 29. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

Stories and More. Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28. This fun, interactive storytime is tailored for children ages 3-5 and emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, colors and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, online stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each session provides a language-rich experience. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Village Cooking Corner

Ultimate 7-Layer Dip

1 can (18 oz.) Refried Beans
1 Tbsp. Taco Seasoning Mix.
1 cup Breakstone's sour cream
1 cup Thick 'n Chunky Salsa
1 cup shredded lettuce
1 cup Mexican Style Shredded cheese
1/2 cup green onion slices
2 Tbsp. sliced pitted ripe olives
Ritz Chips original or Wheat Thins baked snack crackers

Mix: beans and taco seasoning mix. Spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish.

Layer: Remaining ingredients over bean mixture, cover and refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

Serve with chips or crackers.

Makes 48 servings, 2 Tbsp. dip and 14 chips or 16 crackers each.

Make Ahead: Prepare as directed, cover, refrigerate up to 2 hours.

Piquant Meat Balls

2 pounds ground beef
1 egg
2 tablespoons bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt
pepper, to taste
12-ounce bottle of chili sauce
6 ounces grape jelly
juice of 1 lemon

Combine meat, egg, bread crumbs, and seasonings. Shape into balls the size of a walnut. Heat chili sauce, jelly, and lemon juice in a heavy skillet or Dutch oven until blended. Add the meat balls, cover, and simmer for 30 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. Serves 8 to 10.

COMMON SENSE

It's too bad that the politics in our Country have come to be nothing more than a contest. It doesn't matter what's right or wrong - it only matters who wins. We, the citizens, are merely the spectators of the show.

It's also too bad that our Country is controlled by money. Unless one has a lot of money to spend on a campaign, it's impossible to enter a political race.

One problem is that those who do have the money to run acquired their wealth from Dad or inherited family fortunes. A high percentage of those people can't handle any job, much less the job they are hired for to represent the people of this Great Nation through the voting process.

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Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 12 o'clock Noon at Hilltop Family Restaurant, 2800 W. Foster (Northwest corner of Foster & California)

Jan. 26th - Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. Our guest speaker is Nikki Bonamarte from the Lambs Farm.

Feb. 9th - Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. There will be no guest speaker today. A Board of Directors meeting will follow the regular meeting

Angel Tree Gift Tags

On December 14, 2011 members from the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants (IAMMA) and the Metropolitan Managers Association (MMA) attended the annual holiday luncheon at Harry Caray's in Lombard and donated gifts for 190 children to the Des Plaines Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Thanks to the large amount of donations received, local families in need will receive clothes, toys and other holiday "wish list" items.

In December, the Des Plaines Salvation Army will provide holiday gifts to over 600 families in the northwest suburbs. Lt. David Martinez noted this year's demand was 15% higher than last year, and thanks to strong community support and generous donations all participating families will receive gifts. The Des Plaines Salvation Army has been participating in the Angel Tree program since 1997.

If you would like to find out about other opportunities to participate or learn more about the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, please contact, Lt. David Martinez at David_martinez@usc.salvationarmy.org

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