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## Chicago's 175th Anniversary Kicks Off March 4th

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## CITY GRAFFITI BLASTERS DEPLOY NEW STRATEGY

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## CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM HOSTS CHICAGO'S 175TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!

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## EXPLORECHICAGO.ORG OFFERS VISITORS & RESIDENTS "175 WAYS TO LOVE CHICAGO" 35 notable Chicagoans share their five favorite things about the city to celebrate Chicago's 175th birthday

In anticipation of the City of Chicago's 175th birthday, the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture is asking 35 notable Chicagoans to share their unique perspectives on what they love most about the city, then posting them on ExploreChicago.org, the City of Chicago's Official Tourism Site, beginning January 16. For 35 days leading up to the City's March 4 birthday, "175 Ways to Love Chicago" will provide an engaging forum for locals to honor their city by sharing five personal insights about what makes them proud to be a Chicagoan.

From musician Jon Langford's intriguing recommendations on "How to Listen to Chicago" to a Lincoln Park Zoo biologist's favorite ways to experience nature, a broad range of Chicagoans including media personalities, artists, chefs, a dancer, a window washer and many others are contributing a list of favorites related to their area of expertise. Even the Picasso sculpture weighs in on its favorite public artworks.

"175 Ways to Love Chicago is a great way to get people excited about Chicago's 175th birthday and a wonderful resource for both visitors and residents," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "It celebrates the city's rich cultural diversity and its most important asset - its people - by providing a forum for them to share their own personal insights about what makes Chicago one of the greatest cities in the world."

Each weekday for 35 days, one Chicagoan's list of five favorites will be featured on the ExploreChicago blog, which can be found on ExploreChicago.org. Once all 35 lists are posted, "175 Ways to Love Chicago" will provide a unique body of content that will live on through ExploreChicago.org to inspire millions of visitors and residents.

"175 Ways to Love Chicago" promotes the upcoming 175th birthday of the City of Chicago. Then, beginning March 4, enjoy "175 Days to Love Chicago". More details will be announced soon.

For more information please visit [ExploreChicago.org](http://ExploreChicago.org).



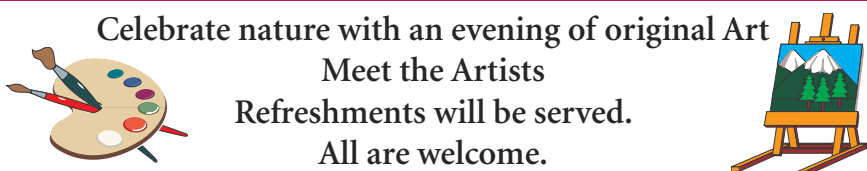
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## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Earns Chest Pain Center Reaccreditation

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center announces that it has received Chest Pain Center reaccreditation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC), an international not-for-profit organization that focuses on transforming cardiovascular care by assisting facilities in their effort to create communities of excellence that bring together quality, cost and patient satisfaction.

“By becoming reaccredited as a Chest Pain Center, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center has continued to enhance the quality of care for the cardiac patient and has demonstrated its commitment to higher standards,” says David L. Fishman, M.D., cardiologist and medical co-director, Chest Pain Center.

Hospitals that have received SCPC accreditation have achieved a higher level of expertise in dealing with patients who arrive with symptoms of a heart attack. They emphasize the importance of standardized diagnostic and treatment programs that provide more efficient and effective evaluation as well as more appropriate and rapid treatment of patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms. They also serve as a point of entry into the healthcare system to evaluate and treat other medical problems, and they help to promote a healthier lifestyle in an attempt to reduce the risk factors for heart attack.

To become an Accredited Chest Pain Center, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center engaged in rigorous evaluation by SCPC for its ability to assess, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack. To the community served by Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, this means that processes are in place that meet strict criteria aimed at:

- Reducing the time from onset of symptoms to diagnosis and treatment;
- Treating patients more quickly during the critical window of time when the integrity of the heart muscle can be preserved; and
- Monitoring patients when it is not certain that they are having a heart attack to ensure that they are not sent home too quickly or needlessly admitted to the hospital.

“People tend to wait when they think they might be having a heart attack and that’s a mistake,” states David Bordo, M.D., director, Emergency Department, and medical co-director, Chest Pain Center. “The average patient arrives in the emergency department more than two hours after the onset of symptoms, but what they don’t realize is that the sooner a heart attack is treated, the less damage to the heart and the better the outcome for the patient.”

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center’s cardiac healthcare encompasses a comprehensive continuum of care for the heart patient that includes such focal points as ‘no wait’ emergency department, state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization lab and cardiac rehabilitation program.

## Khachig Ishkhan, MD, Named Physician of the Year at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center

Cardiologist Khachig Ishkhan, M.D., has been named the 2011 Physician of the Year at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and received the Physician of the Year CARES Award.

“I am honored to receive this award,” said Dr. Ishkhan, “and it would not have been possible without the support of the nurses and staff. I consider it a privilege to work for Resurrection Health Care and especially Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center. I take pride in serving this community and working with this hospital team. Thank you.”

Dr. Ishkhan was chosen for his going above and beyond the call of duty to improve the quality of life in the Northwest Side community by promoting the hospital’s core values of compassion, accountability, respect, excellence and service. He also was chosen for consistently delivering excellent patient-centered care through his medical expertise, leadership, collaborative spirit and respect for others.



Khachig Ishkhan, MD

## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers March Health Programs

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

**The Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

**Cholesterol screenings** will be conducted Tuesday, March 6, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening requires a 12-hour fast and tests for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL levels. Test results will be mailed. There is a \$15 fee. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, March 9, 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. Audiologists Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., and Marie Vetter, Au.D., will discuss hearing loss and hearing aid technology. Registration is not required.

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, March 20, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, March 28, 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).

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Wednesday, March 21, 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.

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, March 22, 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 titled **‘Don’t Risk Colon Cancer’** will be held Thursday, March 22, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer, cancer of the colon or rectum, is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. It is estimated that 60 percent of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented if people aged 50 years and older were screened routinely. Amritbhai Patel, M.D., board-certified gastroenterologist, will lecture on screenings used to help detect colorectal cancer, who should be screened and how to reduce your risks for colorectal cancer. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 87-RES-INFO (877-737-4636). The first 50 attendees will receive a free hemoccult test kit, a test used for detecting fecal occult blood, which may be indicative of gastrointestinal disease.

**The Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, March 28, 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.

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

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## CITY GRAFFITI BLASTERS DEPLOY NEW STRATEGY TO REDUCE OPEN REQUESTS FOR SERVICE

**Streets and Sanitation Graffiti-Removal Crews Blitz Wards to Increase Productivity Similar Strategy to Used by Tree Trimming Crews has Reduced Backlog by 25%**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Streets and Sanitation announced today that graffiti-removal crews are now using a new method of "blitzing" neighborhoods using a ward-based grid system to improve efficiency and increase productivity. The system is the same method used by the department's tree-trimming and tree-removal crews that has reduced a backlog of open requests for service by more than 25 percent over the past three months.

"We are consistently committed to finding better and more efficient ways to serve the taxpayers," said Mayor Emanuel. "We tried the blitzing approach with tree-trimming and saw great success, so we are going to use the same approach to combat graffiti in our neighborhoods. We will not stop looking for ways to improve our service delivery."

Mayor Emanuel and Department of Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Tom Byrne visited a graffiti-blasting crew at work today in the 2800 block of West 59th Street, removing graffiti in a number of locations in the immediate vicinity.

Starting last week, graffiti-removal crews have responded to requests for service using a ward based grid system in which the crews "blitz" the areas with the most open requests.

They now each visit four wards a day to address the outstanding calls for service in a tight geographical area. They are the same wards that forestry crews visit on the same days. Additional graffiti and forestry crews are available for emergencies and other priority situations.

"Under Mayor Emanuel's direction, our graffiti-removal crews have implemented an action plan designed to maximize their efficiency, following the lead of our tree trimming and removal crews," said Byrne. "By using our limited resources in a smarter, more strategic way, the result will be a significant reduction in the number of outstanding calls for service."

In just the first week of the new system, graffiti-removal crews visited a total of 18 wards and blasted more than 1,000 pieces of graffiti from buildings and other structures, and painted over another 1,400.

In addition to being more efficient, the "blitz" method significantly reduces the amount of time and expenses associated with fuel and vehicle maintenance that occurred when crews used to drive around from one location to the next. The new plan allows for a "blitz" in each of the city's 50 wards every 13 working days.

Since the implementation of this new method for tree trimming and removal in November 2011, the number of outstanding requests for tree-trimming services is down 26 percent and the number of outstanding requests for the removal of dead trees is down 36 percent.

## Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce EASTER HAM RAFFLE

The Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce will be conducting its 2012 Easter Ham Raffle from March 23, 2012 to April 2, 2012. The drawing for the raffle will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012, and winners will be notified by phone and/or mail. Once again, Gene's Sausage Shop is providing 5 lb. canned hams for the raffle. The chamber of commerce will be providing the raffle bins, entry forms and a window poster. The cost to the business is \$20 per canned ham.

Please phone the chamber office at 773-647-1644 or email at reid@belmont-central.org by March 9, 2012 to participate in this year's raffle.

## MISERICORDIA CANDY DAYS

**Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28**

Please volunteer two hours of your time to make a difference for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

To volunteer call Tessa 773-273-2769, email candydays@miseriordia.com, or go to www.Miseriordia.com, or go to www.miseriordia.org.

To make a \$5 donation TEXT "MIS" to 25383.

## Garden for the Hungry Benefit

What: Benefit for and re-dedication of "The Garden for the Hungry". The new name will be "Olive's Neighborhood Garden" in recognition of Olive Borgardt, long time garden benefactor. Garden address is 5200 W.Ainslie... Ainslie and Laramie

When: March 3rd, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Hosted by Rabbits Bar and Grill. 4945 W Foster, Foster and Elston

Who: Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, Garden for the Hungry, food grown by neighborhood gardeners for weekly distribution through a local food pantry.

How: Stop by Rabbits for the benefit or anytime before for special taps of "Green Line" beer that support the garden or try a few other excellent local brews.....Show your support, meet the volunteers become one yourself. Meet your neighbors and just say HEY!

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Can't be there? Want to show your support? Stop in at Rabbits or call Andy at 773-502-4651.

## ARTISTS CELEBRATE CHICAGO'S 175TH BIRTHDAY WITH NEW INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CITY'S FLAG AND SEAL AT EXPO 72

**Free Printmaking Demo and Workshop to Take Place March 3 at Expo 72**

In anticipation of Chicago's 175th Birthday on March 4, The Flag and Seal Revisited, a new component of the Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago exhibition currently running at Expo 72, will feature artworks that riff on the Chicago flag and seal. The Flag and Seal Revisited and Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago both focus on etching, engraving and screenprinting from a variety of Chicago printing presses and independent artists.

The Flag and Seal Revisited will be unveiled on Friday, March 2 with a free reception open to the public from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Expo 72, 72 E. Randolph Street. Expo 72 is open Mondays - Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is free. Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago and The Flag and Seal Revisited run through April 30. For more information, visit [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org).

A brief history of the Chicago flag and seal written by Tim Samuelson, cultural historian for the City of Chicago, will be featured in the exhibition. Artwork will be updated with artists' reinterpretations of the flag and seal throughout the exhibition's run.

The public is invited to create their own versions of the Chicago flag and seal on Saturday, March 3, from 1 - 4 p.m. at a free workshop and printmaking demonstration presented by Spudnik Press. Participants will have an opportunity to ink and print on paper using an etched plate and a portable press. Materials will be provided.

Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago and The Flag and Seal Revisited are presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. The Flag and Seal Revisited component of Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago promotes the upcoming 175th Birthday of the City of Chicago.

### Chicago's 175th Birthday

Celebrate Chicago's 175th Birthday in 2012! Kick-off a year of festivities beginning Sunday, March 4, with the City's official birthday party at the Chicago History Museum. Then enjoy 175 Days to Love Chicago through August 26; visit [www.ExploreChicago.org/175days](http://www.ExploreChicago.org/175days) (launching March 2) to find events, festivals, promotions and fun facts to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the city's incorporation. In the meantime, discover 175 Ways to Love Chicago from the perspective of 35 notable Chicagoans, including new ways to celebrate and explore Chicago every day, online at [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org).

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# GREAT OUTDOORS

## Community Garden to be Developed

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced an ordinance to enter into a lease agreement with the Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly (CLESE) for use of a city-owned vacant lot located at 2954 West Lawrence Avenue for \$1 per year for use as an urban garden for refugees.

"CLESE is providing training, financial literacy, and other support for these refugees as they transition to life in the country", said Mayor Emanuel. "In addition, beautifying vacant lots will attract residents and developers to the area and will create new business opportunities".

The lease agreement provides the Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly to occupy the space for \$1.00 per year. They would be responsible for maintenance and security of the as well as paying for any utilities. The lease expires on December 31, 2015.

CLESE is a non-profit corporation that provides advocacy and education programs on behalf of elderly immigrants with limited English skills. CLESE recently secured a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Refugee Resettlement to assist refugees by offering training and additional sources of food.

## Lincolnwood Non-Resident Pool Pass Registration

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting non-resident pool pass registration online on Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m.

Please Note: Online registration will be on a first come – first served basis until all 2,000 passes are sold.

No walk-in registration will be accepted in the Parks and Recreation Office. Any mail-in registration received at the Parks and Recreation Office will be returned to sender.

Any faxed-in registration will be disregarded.

The Parks and Recreation Office will be open on Saturday, May 5 and May 12 for non-residents to come in and get their membership pass ID photos taken.

Prior year members will not have to retake a photo. Your pass from last year will be reactivated when your registration is processed.

If you are a new member this year, every member of your family who will be getting a pass will need to come in and get a photo ID.

It is extremely important to have all information ready at the time of registration. To access the system on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. please visit:

<https://www.lwdpoolpass.org>

Because of the high volume of requests you may have to attempt to enter the system several times. Until the system says that all passes have been sold there are passes available for sale.

The first step in the process is to request the number of pool passes for you, your partner, or your family. You will be asked to input a verification code, and then submit your request. The system will then check to see if that many passes are available. If the number of passes you requested is not available at that moment, you will be directed to enter your request again until a time that all passes have been purchased. If the number of passes you request are available you will be directed to input the information for all pass holders.

Please have all of your information available for those people you are requesting a pass including a nanny if applicable, the credit card number and verification number on the back or front of credit card. You will have 15 minutes to complete the process.

If you would like to contact us about any issues regarding the Non-Resident Pool pass operation, please complete the Pool Registration Complaint form by visiting the Village website at: [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) and clicking on the Online Service Request tab and following the Service Requests drop-down menu.

For further inquiries please call the Parks and Recreation Office at: 847-677-9740.

# Local Arts and Entertainment "A Theater Review"

*"The Foreigner"*

*Provisions Theatre, 101 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Ill*

*Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt*

My hat goes off to Provisions Theatre artistic director Timothy Gregory for giving Chicago audiences a first rate production of the late Larry Shue play "The Foreigner." It proves a show can be staged without entertaining an audience with sex, drugs, rock 'n roll, nudity and swearing to be entertaining for over two and a half hours that includes an intermission.

The show features a cast of seven outstanding actors that include three equity actors. The founding member and the theatre's artistic director has done a phenomenal job in guiding his thoroughly professional cast in this show.

The theatre company has a mission devoted to works of hope, reconciliation and redemption by doing works that challenge us to explore a life of meaning and purpose. I urge theatergoers to take the time to support this theatre company and subscribe to their season.

"Spoon River Anthology" will end their current season and I'm looking forward to their announcement of their 2012-2013 season. "The Foreigner" has been around for about thirty years and I've seen several productions in that time.

Betty Meeks played by Glory Kissel runs a hunting lodge in rural Georgia.

When the curtain goes up we meet Charlie Baker played by Rod Armentrout who is a middle-aged Englishman. He comes to the lodge with s/sgt "Froggy" LeSueur played by Michael Perez who is Charlie's best friend.

Charlie is very shy and suffers from social awkwardness. He has everyone believing that Charlie doesn't speak or understand English. Knowing this the residents of the Lodge reveal and share personal secrets that can put people in danger.

Other residents include Catherine Simms played by Brit Cooper Robinson and Alex Goodrich as Ellard Simms. There are many funny scenes with Charlie and Ellard that will give you many laughs.

Chris Amon plays the sinister Reverend David Marshall and rounding out the cast is Owen Musser played by Colin Wasmund as Marshall's dimwitted violent sidekick. The object of the two is to turn the Lodge into a Ku Klux Klan headquarters.

It's up to Charlie to devise a plan to protect his friends and see the villains get what they deserve.

"The Foreigner" runs through March 18th. For performance days – show times and reservations call 866-811-4111. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30 and there is plenty of free parking. **-Four Stars-**

## SPRING PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS ONLINE FEB. 21

**ALL PATRONS MUST FIRST CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON NEW WEBSITE FEATURING NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS**

The Chicago Park District kicked off 2012 with a new website and program registration system. With the new system, all patrons who wish to register for a program, membership or event, must first create an account at [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com). New accounts can be created online now.

After creating an account, patrons can browse spring program offerings and create wish lists. Wish lists do not secure spots, but will help save time when spring online registration opens Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. In-person registration at most local parks begins Saturday, Feb. 25. The Chicago Park District's new program registration system offers many benefits to patrons including:

- Ability to search for programs and activities in a variety of methods.
- View full account history online starting with spring 2012 session.
- Receive timely emails or text messages for program-related issues.

The Chicago Park District's new website also offers many benefits including a fresh design, improved navigation, enhanced park and facility search options and interactive maps. For more information, contact your local park, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call 312-742-PLAY.



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# Local Arts and Entertainment

## The 11th Annual d'Vine Affair Raises \$125,000 to Benefit Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency Programs

On a Sunday afternoon in January over 500 guests gathered at the Union League Club of Chicago to taste wine from around the world, while helping to break the cycle of poverty by supporting the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Self-Sufficiency Programs. The January 29 event raised a net of \$125,000 to support the on-going Self-Sufficiency Programs in both Cook and Lake Counties that provide long-term support helping participants reach financial independence.

Over the past decade, the d'Vine Affair has raised funds that have enabled more than 700 families to participate in the multi-year programs that have helped them achieve education and permanent housing and employment through the Lake County Family Self Sufficiency Program. Additionally, proceeds help support more than 1,400 women, children, and homeless parents through various Catholic Charities Programs that provide temporary housing, food, clothing, recovery from substance abuse and social services to help them with skills to gain employment and permanent housing.

Over a dozen years ago, Joseph Glunz, founder of the d'Vine Affair and president of Louis Glunz Wines, was invited to attend an achievement ceremony of Catholic Charities Lake County Family Self-Sufficiency Program. He was touched by the single-parent families who, through the help of the program, were able to overcome great obstacles and begin learning to achieve and maintain an independent self-sufficient lifestyle.

Helen and Joe Glunz, of Grayslake, along John and Teddi Scholz, of Highland Park, developed the d'Vine Affair as a way to help support Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency Program on a continuing basis.

Glunz brings his knowledge of wines and connections in the wine industry together with supporters of Catholic Charities to create a fun and informative event that gives back to the community and helps individuals and families re-build their lives.

The d'Vine Affair committee works year round and hosts in-home wine tastings to help support the Self-Sufficiency Programs. To learn more about how you can get involved or participate in an in-home tasting, please log onto the d'Vine Affair website at [www.catholiccharities.net/dvine](http://www.catholiccharities.net/dvine) or call Ashley Owen, Catholic Charities' Event Coordinator, at (312) 655-7912.

## SPRING BREAK: CHICAGO – A DOSE OF CULTURE, NIGHTLIFE AND SCENIC BEAUTY ALL IN ONE TRIP

March through May 2012 events make Chicago the perfect getaway this spring

Spring is fast approaching! For a change of pace, take a break from busy beaches and costly cruises and set your sights on Chicago. The city will be in full bloom, and an array of indoor and outdoor events and attractions invite visitors to discover all that Chicago has to offer.

"Whether for a quick getaway or extended stay, there is no shortage of things to do in Chicago," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "You can check out an afternoon at the ballpark, immerse yourself in world-class museums, delve into the craft cocktail scene or taste some of our top-notch culinary offerings. There is something for everyone."

Stop by one of the Visitor Information Centers – across from Millennium Park in the Chicago Cultural Center (77 E. Randolph Street) and at historic Water Works pumping station (163 E. Pearson Street at Michigan Avenue) – to plan an excursion to Chicago's diverse neighborhoods. Friendly visitor representatives are on hand to help customize an itinerary and assist with any questions.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit Navy Pier for the Chicago Flower & Garden Show, March 10-18, to see stunning floral varieties and enjoy seminars, cooking demos and youth activities. With its "Hort Couture" theme, the show's 25-plus gardens will draw inspiration from textures and colors found in plants and fabrics.

One of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the country, the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the patron saint of Irish heritage. On March 17, watch as parade floats, musicians and dancers take to Columbus Drive, then catch a glimpse of the Chicago River dyed green in honor of the festivities. Also, an old favorite returns this year to the Beverly neighborhood when the South Side Irish Parade kicks off on March 11 at Western Avenue from 103rd to 115th Street.

### Visitor Information Resources

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## SKOKIE ART GUILD

### WORKING WITH MOSAICS

Skokie Art Guild Artist Angela Heller will demonstrate Mosaic techniques March 27, 7:00 PM. Skokie Library - Radmacher room, 5215 Oakton St. All Are Welcome! Refreshments! Funding Provided by Village of Skokie

### FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

Saturday Sessions started 9/10 and continue every week 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Thursday evening sessions have been eliminated) Live models / no instructor

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For information: Steve Gal 847/673-4450



### CALL FOR ARTISTS

Skokie Art Guild's 51st Annual Art Fair. July 14-15, 2012. Fine Art. 75 artists. Held downtown Skokie on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton (next to the Library). Prizes and Awards. APPLY NOW! For information/application: [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org) [skokieart@aol.com](mailto:skokieart@aol.com) 847-677-8163.

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## Lincoln Square Hot Spots to Participate in Largest HIV/AIDS Fundraiser in America!

On Thursday, April 26, 2012 EdgeAlliance will host the 19th Annual Dining Out for Life event – the largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser in North America! Last year, more than 80 Chicago restaurants participated – all pledging a portion of their funds from the night to EdgeAlliance, a Chicago nonprofit that provides housing and services to children and adults living with HIV/AIDS. Among the all-stars on this year's growing list of participating restaurants are Lincoln Square gems like Tank Sushi and Sola.

Last year's Dining Out For Life event attracted more than 7,500 diners to raise much needed funds and awareness for children and adults living with HIV/AIDS. This year, we would love the opportunity to be featured in the Our Village News, perhaps highlighting some of the fabulous restaurants in your neighborhood! Through your help, we are confident we can make this year's Dining Out for Life Chicago the most successful to date!

Below you'll find a press release describing this year's event. I've also attached a brief fact sheet outlining more specific details. We're excited at the opportunity to work with Our Village News and look forward to hearing from you soon! If you have any questions about Dining Out For Life or EdgeAlliance, please don't hesitate to contact me at 773.359.0103 or by email at [ctapper@edgealliance.org](mailto:ctapper@edgealliance.org)!

## Join Us for an Inspiring Event of Jewish Unity & Torah Scholarship

Chicagoland's Grand Rambam Celebration will take place in conjunction with the completion of the 30th cycle of study of Maimonides' magnum opus known as the Mishneh Torah, studied daily by thousands around the world.

This Grand Rambam Celebration will take place on Thursday evening March 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Double Tree Hotel & Convention Center, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL. This momentous event will feature the internationally acclaimed orator, Rabbi Yoseph Chazan of the prestigious Holy Law congregation in Manchester, England; Rabbi Daniel Raccah, Sephardic spiritual leader of the Ohel Shalom Torah Center in Chicago; and entertainment by Eli Marcus, Chasidic music's amazing rising star. A dessert buffet will be served.

Advanced admission is only \$10 per person and sponsorship packages are all also available. Log on to [www.RambamCelebration.com](http://www.RambamCelebration.com) for tickets or call 773-262-2770 x100 for further information.

The Rambam Celebration is a project of Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois, Cong. Bnei Ruven, the Lubavitch Mesivta of Chicago, Seymour J. Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School and local Chabad Centers throughout Illinois.

To learn more about Maimonides and the daily study of his works log on to [www.ChabadIllinois.com/Rambam](http://www.ChabadIllinois.com/Rambam)

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN / POLISH-AMERICAN CONCERT at the DuSable Museum of African American History

The Lira Ensemble, which specializes in Polish music, presents its highly praised African-American/Polish-American concert performed by the NGOMA Group of African-American performers and the Lira Singers:

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012 - 3PM AT THE DUSABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY 740 EAST 56TH PLACE, CHICAGO (AT 57TH STREET AND SOUTH COTTAGE GROVE IN WASHINGTON PARK)

Admission is free – to both the museum and the concert

The concert is presented in celebration of DuSable Day, honoring the memory and legacy of Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable – the "Father of Chicago" – the city's first settler and businessman. The Museum will celebrate the day with performances and special events from 12PM through 5PM. Admission is free for all.

Admission to both the DuSable Museum and the concert are free on March 4th and free parking is available adjacent to the museum. For more information about this cross-cultural event, please call the Lira Ensemble at 773-508-7040.

# DANK Haus Celebrates its Grand New Look

**ODDFELLOWS TO BUILD \$300,000 HALL ON WESTERN**  
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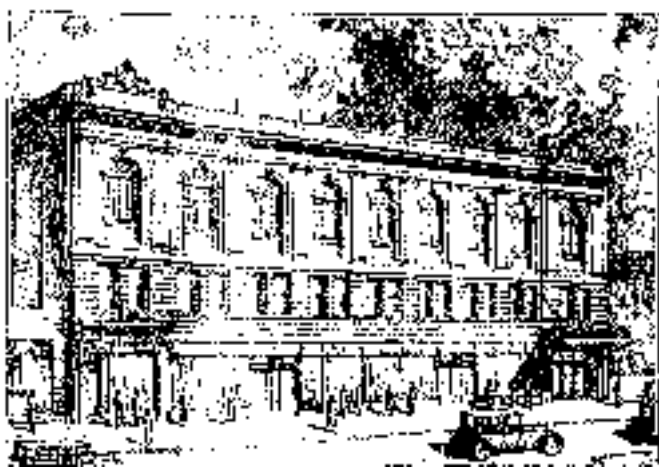
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Georgi Wirs Contest for a Design.

The Three Links Association is building a new hall on Western Avenue, Chicago. The hall will be a grand structure, and will be a fitting home for the Three Links Association. The hall will be a grand structure, and will be a fitting home for the Three Links Association. The hall will be a grand structure, and will be a fitting home for the Three Links Association.

**STURLEY SHOWS CLUB AND HOTEL CENTER ON NEAR NORTH SIDE**

*Home for Fraternal Order*



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## Time Capsule

During our \$370,000 first floor renovation, we discovered the original Time Capsule from 1927 behind the south cornerstone. The box was about 11 x 5 x 4 of copper. Per the mason, limestone reacts with copper, so over the last 85 years, some holes developed. Archives Committee is working on preserving and cataloguing the pieces for display this Spring. Without disrupting the artifacts too much, we can see a Bible, the bylaws and constitution of the Three Links Association, several newspapers and then a full range of 1927 coins: a silver dollar, a half dollar, buffalo nickel, quarter, dime and penny. The best coin is a commemorative coin struck for the building with the full structure engraved on one side and the Three Links motto on the reverse.



## Façade extras

Our tenants, Becker Pharmacy and Athenian Shoe Store have been with us for 40 years in original storefronts. Athenian Shoe Store is celebrating their new entrance and display windows by updating their name to Lincoln Square Footwear. They remember in the 70's when they would sell 1,000 pairs of white children's shoes for Easter alone. They currently offer high quality European brands with attentive and knowledgeable service. Becker Pharmacy's owner Alvin Klein is also in possession of one of the original construction coins. His father in law was one of the masons who worked here in 1926.

The vacant space was the Greek Presto Restaurant that had a kitchen fire in the 1980s. With our new façade in place, DANK is hoping for a new tenant to enjoy the space. Our ten year plan calls for us moving our museum to the first floor for better visibility and accessibility for guests to enjoy our rich collection of German American artifacts and learning experiences.

## History of the Building



Built in 1927 by Architect Paul Gerhardt Sr, a German born architect whose father-in-law was a Cook County commissioner and Chicago alderman in the late 1800's. Gerhardt designed Lane Tech, Von Steuben, Cook County Hospital, L & H Company Mercantile Building and dozens of others.

The Beaux Arts facility was built for the Three Links Association and sold to DANK in 1967 when a group of members mortgaged their homes to raise funds and narrowly escaped being sold to the Church of Scientology in 2003.

The interior is largely original with shadows of its past as a spa, hotel, business college and restaurant around every turn.

The 5th floor is an all terrazzo ballroom with fixtures from Germania Place.

The 6th floor boasts one of the finest skyline panoramics to be sure.

And yes - there is a Olympic lap pool in the basement



## About DANK Haus German American Cultural Center

DANK stands for Deutsch Amerikanischer National Kongress. Established in 1959 as a lobbying organization to ensure post war Germans had a voice in American government, we quickly became a language school and social center, as Germans are known as the great assimilators in the American immigrant experience.

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center serves Chicagoland by offering cultural enrichment at little to no cost and celebrating Chicago's ethnic diversity.

DANK operates a 6 story architectural treasure in Lincoln Square, the traditional German neighborhood. We offer language education for adults and children that is certified and partially funded by the German government. You do not need to be a German speaker or of German descent to enjoy the DANK Haus! All are Willkommen. Visit our website and join our mailing list for information on the over 150 instances of public programming offered each year. From classical concerts to sports viewing to contemporary film with English subtitles - there is a DANK program for you. Learn to cook German favorites from professional chefs or just join us for an evening on the Skyline Terrasse. Are you a teacher, scout leader or activities director? DANK Haus welcomes your group for tours of our facility and museum - contact the office today.

Volunteers are always needed from major fundraisers like Maifest to building maintenance and event management. Come visit the DANK Haus soon!

## DANK-HAUS GERMAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

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### 2012 Events

- 24 Feb – Cabaret Fundraiser
- 24 Feb – German Cinema Now – Grave Decisions
- 9 Mar – Lost German Chicago exhibit - special partner day with City of Chicago 175th Birthday celebration – debut of Time Capsule contents
- 9 Mar – Sausage Making Class
- 17 Mar – Erin Go Berlin?! Irish Music with German Influence concert
- 23 Mar – German Cinema Now – Distant Lights
- 23 Mar – Opening night – The Meteor by Friedrich Dürrenmatt
- 15 Apr– Germania on the Pier – Neighborhoods of the World on Navy Pier
- 6 May – Bach & Beyond Spring Chorale
- 31 May – 2 Jun– Maifest
- 9 Jun – Euro 2012 Viewing Party – Germany v Portugal
- 1 July – Euro 2012 Final
- 5 Sep – Adult German Starts
- 15 Sep – Kinderschule starts
- 20 Oct – Oktoberfest/DANKtoberfest



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# EXPLORE CHICAGO THROUGH EMERALD EYES THIS MARCH WITH EVENTS THAT CELEBRATE IRISH CULTURE AND TRADITION

## Visit Chicago this March for the St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Don your best green outfit, or a kilt if you dare, and embrace all Chicago has to offer for those Irish at heart during St. Patrick's Day. From lively parades and the green-dyed Chicago River to parties at hotels and pubs, Chicago visitors of all ages can "go green" all across town.

It must be the luck of the Irish: St. Paddy's falls on a Saturday this year and locals and visitors alike will be celebrating throughout the weekend and in the days leading up to the holiday. Approximately 400,000 people are expected to come to the Loop area for the spectacular parade and to catch a glimpse of the river dyed with brilliant shades of emerald green for the occasion.

"Chicago offers family friendly fun, especially during this spirited holiday," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "The dyeing of the river is a beloved tradition for many generations of Chicagoans. The parades and many other celebrations make Chicago a perfect getaway for a day trip or weekend stay."

For help planning your trip and additional event and attraction details, visit the city of Chicago's official tourism website, [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org).

### Parades

#### Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade – FREE Saturday, March 17

Arrive early to get the best viewing spots as the Chicago River is colored with 45lbs of environmentally-friendly green dye at 10:45 a.m. near Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive. Then catch the colorful parade floats, musicians and dancers on Columbus Drive, beginning at Balbo Drive at 12 p.m. and ending at Monroe Drive.

#### South Side Irish Parade – FREE Sunday, March 11

An old favorite returns to Chicago's South Side with a focus on family and Irish heritage. The Beverly neighborhood parade steps off at 11:30 a.m. on Western Avenue and runs from 103rd to 115th Street.

#### Northwest Side Irish Parade – FREE Sunday, March 11

Enjoy the newest of the annual parades when this fun-filled community event steps off at 12 p.m. at Raven Street and Northwest Highway near William J. Onahan School in the Norwood Park neighborhood.

### Festivals & Special Events

#### Chicago Irish Film Festival March 2-7

Culture buffs wanting a head-start on the festivities should check out this six-day showcase, a cinematic celebration of new Irish films, insightful documentaries and highly anticipated shorts held at Beverly Arts Center.

#### The Chieftains 50th Anniversary Tour 2012: Voice of Ages at Symphony Center Friday, March 2

The Chieftains, the popular Grammy® Award winning Irish folk band, appears at Symphony Center for a performance at 8 p.m. as part of their 50th anniversary tour. Start your St. Patrick's Day celebration early with Ireland's musical ambassadors.

#### It's the Real McCoy presented by the Irish-American Heritage Center March 9-10

Get ready for an action-packed night of theater, direct from Ireland, as a brand new three-act Irish comedy comes to the Irish-American Heritage Center for two nights only. Set in rural Ireland in 1964, what unfolds on stage is a combination of high drama, amazing Irish wit and a happy ending.

#### South Side Irish Family Fest March 9-11

Before the St. Patrick's Day weekend, bring your "wee folks" to the Beverly Arts Center to celebrate Irish culture while enjoying live entertainment,

crafts, food and beverages.

#### St. Patrick's Festival at the Irish-American Heritage Center Saturday, March 17

After Saturday's downtown parade, head north to the Irish-American Heritage Center for contemporary and traditional Irish music, dance, food and activities at this family-oriented annual event from 1p.m. to midnight.

#### St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Navy Pier – FREE Saturday, March 17

Join Navy Pier after the downtown parade for an exciting afternoon of Irish dance by Trinity Irish Dancers and live music by Anish from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Family Pavilion Stage.

#### Sightseeing: See Chicago Through "Irish Eyes"

#### Shoreline Sightseeing Cruises Saturday, March 17

These popular cruises include a traditional Irish buffet, cash bar and a 90-minute tour of all three branches of the Chicago River. Feast on favorites including Corned Beef and Cabbage and Bread Pudding, and warm up with a cup of Irish Coffee. Professional docents will entertain with stories of how the Irish shaped modern Chicago while you enjoy the scenic views. Cruises are scheduled before and after the downtown Chicago parade, departing at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Navy Pier.

#### Chicago History Museum presents Erin Go Beer! Irish Pubs of Chicago March 8, 11, 15

Explore your inner leprechaun on this trolley tour that visits various Irish pubs. Enjoy a foamy brew while chatting about each stop and hear about the Irish in Chicago and the history behind St. Patrick's Day.

#### Chicago Greeter – FREE

Get the inside scoop on the City's rich Irish-American heritage from an enthusiastic, knowledgeable local during a free Chicago Greeter walk around the city. Eco-conscious travelers can explore the other side of "Green" Chicago with a visit to Chicago's green buildings and park space. Customized for small groups up to six people, these insightful two- to four-hour introductions can be reserved at [chicagogreeter.com](http://chicagogreeter.com) 7-10 days in advance.

#### Chicago Neighborhood Tours presents Bridgeport Saturday, March 31

The city's historically Irish-American Bridgeport neighborhood comes alive, revealing a rich history that sheds light on its working-class past. Chicago Neighborhood Tours are half-day motor coach trips that offer fully-planned itineraries and an expert local guide to lead the way. These affordable and convenient excursions depart from the Chicago Cultural Center at 10 a.m. and can be booked at [chicagoneighborhoodtours.com](http://chicagoneighborhoodtours.com).

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# BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

## Quigley Legislation Protects Service Members and Veterans Targeted by Deceptive For-Profit Colleges

Closes loophole abused by for-profit colleges that prey on federal military education funding

U.S. Representatives Mike Quigley (IL-05) and Jackie Speier (CA-12) introduced the Military and Veterans Education Protection Act, legislation that discourages for-profit colleges from aggressively targeting service members and veterans using military education assistance programs.

“Our veterans and active duty military have worked hard to protect us, and we must protect them in return,” said Rep. Quigley. “One of the promises we make to the men and women who serve in our military is that they will have access to higher education. This bill closes a loophole that encourages for-profit colleges, many of which care more about their bottom-line than providing a quality education, from preying on our brave men and women and their families.”

Under current law, for a college or university to be eligible to receive federal aid, no more than 90% of overall revenue may come from federal student aid, with the remaining 10% derived from private sources. This rule, commonly known as the 90/10 Rule, is meant to ensure that schools making significant profits are not fully funded by taxpayers.

However, a loophole in the current law allows schools to apply revenues received from publicly-funded military education initiatives, including the widely used Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 GI Bill and Department of Defense (DOD) Tuition Assistance Program, toward the 10% side of the formula. Doing so effectively allows a for-profit school to be entirely funded by taxpayers and makes service members and veterans lucrative targets for exploitation.

“We’ve got to ask the question – when these for-profits are taking taxpayer funds and attributing 22% to marketing, 37% to profit, and they have an abysmal 60-70% drop out rate – is this a good deal for taxpayers? Is this a good deal for students? This bill holds for-profit colleges accountable and puts all taxpayer funded loans and benefits into the 90% side of the formula where they ought to be,” said Rep. Speier.

In the last academic school year, for-profit schools collected more than a billion dollars in Post-9/11 G.I. Bill tuition payments, equaling nearly 1/3 of total disbursements made by the VA.

Quigley’s bill ends this practice by revising the law to count military education aid the same as other federal student aid, restoring a true 90/10 split of public and private funding.

Many for-profit colleges create separate recruiting divisions to seek out veterans and active-duty military personnel. Predatory recruiting practices documented by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) include for-profit colleges using deceptive methods to recruit members of the military online, encouraging potential students to borrow beyond their means, and even signing up Marines with serious brain injuries.

While substantial financial resources, including those funded by taxpayer dollars, are directed toward recruitment, less attention is focused on the quality of education itself. Many for-profit colleges spend less than half of their budgets on education and nearly one-third on recruiting and marketing.

Rep. Quigley has been committed to good government reform in his two terms in Congress. He sits on the Committee on Oversight and Government reform and previously co-authored an opinion piece on the predatory nature of for-profit colleges. He founded the bipartisan Transparency Caucus and recently released Reinventing Government: The Federal Budget Parts I and II, which establishes transparency in the budget process and offers 60 recommendations to save \$2 trillion over the next 10 years.

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## Lincolnwood State of the Village Luncheon Set

The annual State of the Village address will be given by President Jerry Turry at a luncheon to be held on Tuesday February 28th at 11:30AM in the Lincolnwood Community Center. The Community Center is located adjacent to Village Hall at 6900 Lincoln Avenue. Sponsored by the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce, all businesses, residents and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Over the past decade, the State of the Village address has become an annual tradition where the Village President summarizes the activities and challenges of the past year and provides a forecast for the Village for the upcoming year. Questions from the audience are also accepted. To keep his presentation lively, President Turry often includes an interactive element or a surprise or two.

This year’s luncheon will be catered by Myron & Phil’s with a cost of \$20 for chamber members and \$30 for non members. To register to attend this luncheon or for further information, contact the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce at 847-679-5760 or through the Chamber’s website, [www.lincolnwoodchamber.org](http://www.lincolnwoodchamber.org)

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## The Bill of Rights Institute Invests in Civics Teachers

This summer, the Bill of Rights Institute is partnering with the Foundation for Economic Education to host the Founders Fellowship: Civil Liberty, Commerce, and the Constitution. American History and Civics teachers from across the country are invited to apply. Selected Fellows will participate in an exclusive professional development program aimed at deepening their understanding and appreciation of the American Founding.

Teachers must apply online by March 26, 2012. More information and an application can be found at [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Founders-Fellowship-2012](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Founders-Fellowship-2012).

## Trader Joe’s Comes to Evanston

Trader Joe’s, a unique, neighborhood grocery store with foods and beverages ranging from the everyday to the exotic, has signed a lease to open a new location in Evanston, with a target opening date in first quarter 2013. The new store is located at 1211 Chicago Avenue (just south of Dempster Street).

The store will be approximately 13,000 square feet and will be the 14th Illinois location. It is scheduled to offer beer and wine and will feature a festive décor that mixes traditional Trader Joe’s elements such as cedar covered walls and Hawaiian motifs, combined with a local flair that includes art celebrating the neighborhood.

The “Trader” in Trader Joe’s refers to the way the company blazed a distinct trail through the grocery industry, searching the world for great values and distinctive products. Store employees, dubbed “Crew Members,” consider themselves “traders on the culinary high seas.” Crew Members sport brightly colored Hawaiian-themed shirts, adding to the friendly and light-hearted air of the store.

Many area residents after the store opens can expect to receive a copy of the Trader Joe’s “Fearless Flyer” in their mailboxes. The Fearless Flyer is a somewhat irreverent description of a timely selection of Trader Joe’s products. It’s been called a cross between Consumer Reports and Mad Magazine. Each edition highlights a selection of Trader Joe’s products that the company buyers believe are worthy of customer interest, including comfort foods and items that are organic or have other special attributes.

Trader Joe’s carries an extensive array of domestic and imported foods and beverages including fresh baked artisan breads, Arabica bean coffees, international frozen entrées, 100% juices, fresh crop nuts, deli items, and vitamins and supplements, as well as the basics, like milk and eggs – all at honest, low prices.

Trader Joe’s is truly a grocery store unlike any other. Trader Joe’s is a “store of stories,” meaning every item in the store has its own virtues – high quality ingredients, great flavor or simply an extraordinary price – many items often feature all of those qualities. Another significant point of difference, all of Trader Joe’s prices are everyday prices. Trader Joe’s doesn’t have “sales” for a few days, only to hike the prices back up again. Their prices change only when their costs change – there are no fancy promotions, discount cards or couponing wars.

So how does Trader Joe’s offer unique groceries at prices everyone can afford? By offering more than 1000 items under the Trader Joe’s private label, which includes Trader José’s salsas, Trader Ming’s fried rice, Trader Giotto’s marinara sauces, in addition to specially purchased items.

Also, Trader Joe’s buys differently than other grocers – they purchase from manufacturers, not through distributors. They’ll take a brand name product, take out the preservatives and artificial colors and ingredients, and put it under their Trader Joe’s label to sell it at a real discount.

Trader Joe’s introduces approximately a dozen new items every week, heightening the store’s adventurous appeal. Our buyers travel around the world searching out unique products at great values. In order for an item to be sold in a Trader Joe’s store, it must pass the scrutiny of a discerning tasting panel. Thousands of items are tasted each year to find products that both appeal to the culinary adventurer and microwave aficionado.

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## 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, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Northfield, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

The Village will be hosting a public meeting to discuss this issue on Tuesday, 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](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

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## Skokie Electrical Aggregation Referendum Public Hearings

On the March 20, 2012 primary election ballot, voters will be asked if the Village of Skokie should be given the authority to seek competitive pricing bids for electrical services. If lower electric bills can be realized, the Village would enter into a single contract that would include residents and small businesses.

As part of this process two public hearings will take place on Tuesday, February 21 and Monday, March 5, 2012 at 8 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. During these two public hearings the Village Board will consider a plan of the operation and governance for an electricity aggregation program. All interested parties are invited to be present and to comment at these two public hearings.

For more information, please contact Max Slankard, Public Works Director, at 847/933-8427 or [max.slankard@skokie.org](mailto:max.slankard@skokie.org).



# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## Documentary Filmmaking Workshop

"Mock Doc" Workshop (Ages 11-14)

Saturday, March 3rd, 11:00am - 3:30pm

Documentary Filmmaking Workshop Fee: \$40

Learn the way to make your own "reel" reality show! Join CICFF 2011 award winner Katie Mahalic (director of The Vacuum Kid) in an all-day, hands-on workshop as you discover:

Basic platforms of documentary filmmaking

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Working in teams, kids will make their own "mockumentary" based on fictional characters.

If you missed the sold-out documentary workshop with Hussam Hadi earlier this month, then you won't want to miss this one!

Contact [kidsfest@facets.org](mailto:kidsfest@facets.org) or 773-281-9075 x3011 to register.



## Teens for Jeans

Members of the Montclair/Elmwood Park Guerin Preparatory High School Key Club collected more than 1,000 pairs of jeans for the Teens for Jeans promotion sponsored by Aeropostale and DoSomething.org. Pictured are Junior Dan Gepido (Chicago), Sophomore Colleen Walsh (River Grove) and Junior Peter Sampson (Chicago). The Key Club is moderated by Ms. Jane Maher and supported by the Kiwanis Club. The jeans will be donated to the homeless throughout the area.

## Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department Introduces Indoor Playground at the Community Center

With colder temperatures and snow on the ground, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department has brought the playground inside! Open to children from nine months to four years of age with parent/caregiver, this new program takes place from 8:30-11:00 AM on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Creative play equipment, riding toys and soft mats transform the Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue) into a toddler's dream. The drop-in fee for this program is \$2 for Lincolnwood residents; \$4 for non-residents. Make this your next play date destination or come solo and meet other parents and toddlers for a morning of indoor fun.

For more information, please call the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

## Village of Skokie Honors Student Artists

In honor of Youth Arts Month, the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission will present the annual youth art show, SOAR (Students' Outstanding Artistic Recognition). The show features artwork selected by art teachers from Skokie schools.

Artwork will be on public display at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Boulevard, from Tuesday, March 6 through Friday, April 9, 2012. The exhibit will be accessible Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

The Fine Arts Commission promotes interest in cultural and arts activities in the Village. Some of the responsibilities of the Commission include: promoting the work of private organizations and individual volunteers within the Village who are active in the fine arts, and encouraging the cooperation of public and private agencies as well as the general public, in supporting cultural enrichment within the Village.

For more information about the SOAR program or the Skokie Fine Arts Commission please call 847/933-8257.

## FILL THE WALLS AND SUPPORT SPECIAL GIFTS THEATRE AT NILES NORTH'S EMPTY WALLS SILENT ART AUCTION ON MARCH 3

Niles North High School is holding its Empty Walls Silent Art Auction this year on Saturday, March 3. Empty Walls is an all-day event in which artists from the community, staff, teachers and talented art students will team up and create art the entire day of March 3. That evening, artists donate their works at a silent auction with the proceeds going to this year's School Chest beneficiary, Special Gifts Theatre. Special Gifts Theatre is an organization that provides children and teens with special needs a drama experience enabling personal growth while also breaking down stereotypes related to disabilities. This is a special opportunity to acquire beautiful one-of-a-kind works of art while at the same time helping to support children with special needs.

The Empty Walls Silent Art Auction begins at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in the Niles North High School Codell Commons at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Bidding will take place from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with auction winners announced at 6:30 p.m. Artwork represented at the auction includes paintings, photography, drawings, watercolors, jewelry, fiber arts/clothing and ceramics. There will be jazz entertainment from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For children, there will be a craft section and face painting.

If you are local business that would like to make a donation, please contact Empty Walls Director Lori Real at (847) 626-2113 or [lorrea@niles219.org](mailto:lorrea@niles219.org).

Visit the Empty Walls Silent Auction Home Page at: <http://www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/north/departments/fine-arts/empty-walls>

## NILES NORTH CHESS TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Niles North Chess Team was victorious at the IHSA State Chess Championship held last weekend in Peoria, IL. Competing against over 120 other schools, Niles North remained undefeated throughout the tournament and brought home its third state championship since 2006.

Members of the team include: Dennis Andreev, Emmett Barr, Ethan Brown, Adil Dzelilovic, John Grossman, Souroush Kadineh, Ben Marks, David Paykin, Rafah Qazi, Eric Rosen, Adam Rubinberg, Ross Schneider, Julian Spivak and Yuri Tytla.

Niles North Chess Team coaches are Harry Kyriazes, Heather Ingraham and Mases Hagopian.

## RESURRECTION ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Resurrection College Prep High School will celebrate an All-School Reunion on Saturday, April 21, 2012 beginning at 6 pm at Resurrection. Classes that are celebrating a milestone year will be honored in a special way during the evening. Resurrection Alumnae Coordinator Stefanie Thorpe is seeking graduates who are available to reach out to friends and help promote the event to their former classmates. Please contact Resurrection Alumnae Coordinator Stefanie Thorpe at [sthorpe@reshs.org](mailto:sthorpe@reshs.org) or 773.775.6616 Ext 127 for more information.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school 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](http://www.reshs.org).



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# When Joint Tenancy Trumps a Will



Chester M. Przybylo

Joint tenancy offers some short-term conveniences, but can also cause you and your family a slew of problems in the long run. Married couples, friends, parents and children all rely heavily on joint tenancy when they purchase a home, car, or other costly asset. Consumers aren't always aware of the expense and headache that joint tenancy brings about. In a recent Tennessee estate planning case, the dispute arose when joint tenancy precluded the terms of a will.

A recent Tennessee estate planning case illustrates the need to exercise considerable care in how the property title is held. In *Pawlakos v. Pawlakos*, \$70,000 in a decedent's bank account was in dispute as to whether direction in a will could override a surviving spouse's right to take the funds. These funds were held in the spouse's name as joint tenant with the decedent.

In the case mentioned above, the husband was terminally ill with cancer. One month before his death, he converted bank accounts (a total of approximately \$70,000), from his separate property into joint tenancy property with his wife. However, in Tennessee, there is a presumption that joint tenancy ownership is intended to pass the property to the survivor upon the death of one tenant. To the contrary, Mr. Pawlakos' will left specific bequests totaling \$85,000 to various friends and relatives. Without the \$70,000 that he had transferred into joint tenancy, he had insufficient property to satisfy the \$85,000 in specific bequests.

Mr. Pawlakos' sister filed suit to have the wife return the joint tenancy funds to the estate, so that the money could be distributed to the friends and relatives listed in the will. The sister won in the trial court but was reversed on appeal. She argued that Mr. Pawlakos must have meant for the funds to be passed to his estate, so as to satisfy the specific bequests. Although the court found this argument persuasive, it did not satisfy the "clear and convincing" standard and, thus, was not successful.

The moral of the story is that an estate plan can be successfully prepared and changed, but should be done only under the supervision of an experienced estate planning attorney. It is quite possible that Mr. Pawlakos did not intend to eliminate the bequests to his friends and relatives, but by changing the title to his property, without adequate advice, those he intended to benefit were disinherited.

In planning your estate, the best course of action is to seek the assistance of an attorney whose practice is focused in estate planning. Members of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys receive continuing education on the latest changes in laws that affect estate planning, allowing them to provide the highest quality service.

*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](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*

## Earn (And Keep) More Money

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs

You probably already know that there was an increase in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly payments at the beginning of the year. If you receive monthly Social Security or SSI payments, you received a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment beginning with your payment for the month of January 2012.

For people who receive Social Security retirement benefits, there's more good news. In addition to receiving a little more each month, you may now earn more income without offsetting your benefits because the "earnings test" numbers also have gone up.

If you have reached your full retirement age (age 66 for anyone born between 1943 and 1954), the earnings test does not apply and you may earn as much money as you can without any effect on your benefits. However, if you are younger than full retirement age, collecting benefits and still working, we do offset some of your benefit amount after a certain earnings limit is met. For people under full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$14,640, and if you do reach that limit, we withhold \$1 for every \$2 above that limit from your monthly benefit amount. For people who retired early, continue working and will obtain full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$38,880 and we will withhold \$1 for every \$3 you earn over the limit from your monthly benefits.

You can learn more about the earnings test and how benefits may be reduced by visiting our website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), and searching on the topic "earnings test."

Find out what your full retirement age is at our Retirement Age page, [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm)

You also may want to read our publication, *How Work Affects Your Benefits*. It's available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html).

## The Women's Board of NorthShore University HealthSystem Skokie Hospital Presents Why Can't I Sleep? Learn How Adults and Teens Can Get the Rest They Really Need

The Women's Board of NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) Skokie Hospital proudly presents "Why Can't I Sleep? Learn How Adults and Teens Can Get the Rest They Really Need," an informative presentation led by Dr. Thomas Freedom, Director of the NorthShore Sleep Program, and Dr. Krisztina Harsanyi, board certified neurologist with special qualifications in Child Neurology and Sleep Medicine. Members and friends of The Women's Board, as well as parents and students from Niles West High School, are invited attend this educational event which will address common sleep problems individuals experience, as well as offer helpful tips on how to achieve a good night's sleep. Supported by the latest leading-edge research at NorthShore, the presentation will inform guests of all ages on what it really means to be well rested.

March 13, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60076

COST: \$15 Please RSVP via e-mail to [gcialoni@northshore.org](mailto:gcialoni@northshore.org) or by calling (847) 570-5049. For more information, please visit [northshore.org/womensboard](http://northshore.org/womensboard).

## Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Join the Lincolnwood Social Club (55+)

Are you tired of staying home? Would you like to do fun and exciting things? Do you want to make a few new friends? Then why not join the Lincolnwood Social Club 55+. You do not have to be a resident of Lincolnwood to join. We go to exciting places every week in addition to the numerous special events held at our Community Center. Give us a call and find out what we are all about (847) 677-9740.

## 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.

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# Village Lenten Recipes

*This is one of my favorite desserts for the Lenten season but it can also please any vegetarian guests at any time of the year.*

## Lenten Coffee Flavored Cake

1 cup brewed coffee  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup Sun Maid raisins or any other brand  
1/4 cup Sun Maid chopped dates  
1/3 cup vegetable oil

1/4 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp ground allspice (optional)  
2 cups all-purpose flour

Icing:

1/2 cup of confectioners' sugar (sifted)  
1/4 tsp vanilla extract  
1-2 tablespoons cold coffee or water

Combine the first 3 ingredients in a saucepan and simmer until the sugar is melted. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and set aside to cool. When cooled stir in the vegetable oil. Add the remaining cake ingredients and mix until well blended.

Coat a 9 inch square pan with no stick cooking spray or a little of the vegetable oil and then lightly flour pan. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven for about 25 to 30 minutes. Test by inserting a toothpick in the center. It is ready when the tooth pick comes out clean. Cool the cake.

For the Icing: Sift the confectioners sugar into a small bowl. Add the coffee or water (whatever is your preference) 1 teaspoon at a time. The icing will spread smoothly. Stir in the vanilla extract. Spread the icing or drizzle over the cooled cake.

Serves 8 to 10

*Submitted by: Anastasia E. Weaver*

# Public Libraries

## CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IS CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH FREE PROGRAMS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Chicago Public Library (CPL) continues its Celebrating Diversity campaign in March, during Women's History Month. As part of the celebration, CPL presents a variety of free programs and events focusing on the achievements and contributions of women in music and the music industry.

As part of the month-long celebration, CPL presents a special evening of music titled Women in Music: Classical Pianist Toshiko Suzuki and Violinist Talia Pavia play Brahms' Sonata in G and Franck's Sonata in A. The free program takes place on Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. Toshiko Suzuki is a freelance accompanist for professional opera singers and solo instrumentalists. Talia Pavia is founder of the Talia Pavia String Academy and has played under such conductors as Daniel Barenboim, Pinchas Zukerman and Pierre Boulez. Both are faculty members at the Merit School of Music.

Additional CPL programs for Women's History Month include:

### St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Irish Harp

Sulzer Regional Library presents harpist Aislinn Gagliardi to perform and discuss a selection of traditional Irish music including dance tunes, slow melodies and O'Carolan tunes.

### Book Discussion: Stormy Weather: The Life of Lena Horne

The Richard M. Daley Branch Book Club discusses the book Stormy Weather: The Life of Lena Horne by James Gavin.

### Book Discussion: Little Girl Blue: The Life of Karen Carpenter

The Dunning Branch Book Club discusses the book Little Girl Blue: The Life of Karen Carpenter by Randy L. Schmidt.

### Harps & Heroines

The North Pulaski Branch features storyteller Megan Wells to lead an interactive program that celebrates the harp and performs delightful folktales from many cultures.

CPL also will feature numerous standing exhibitions celebrating Local Women in the Arts, on display at branch locations throughout the city. Moreover, a selected bibliography on Women in Music, as well as the 2012 Women's History Month Calendar of Events, are available at [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org).

Throughout 2012, the Chicago Public Library is "Celebrating Diversity" in Music and the Music Industry during all of its ethnic heritage month celebrations. For more information about "Celebrating Diversity" and additional Women's History Month programs, visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org), a neighborhood branch library, or call (312) 747-4300.

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

**Cinematic Classics.** Thursdays at 1 p.m. Mar. 1: "The Birds"; Mar. 8: "East of Eden"; Mar. 15: "Winchester 73"; Mar. 22: "A Streetcar Named Desire"; Mar. 29: "North by Northwest."

**Constituent Advocate.** Mar. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kris Sadur, from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office, is available to answer questions about visas, immigration, social security, veteran benefits and more. No appointment necessary.

**Morning Matinees.** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Mar. 1: "Moneyball"; Mar. 8: "The Last Lions"; Mar. 9 "Cowboys and Aliens"; Mar. 15: "Drive"; Mar. 22: "The Way"; Mar. 29: "50/50."

**Friday Films.** Shown weekly at 1 p.m. Mar. 2: "Sarah's Key"; Mar. 9: "The Big Year"; Mar. 16: "Thunder Soul"; Mar. 23: "The Guard"; Mar. 30: "Ides of March."

**Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review.** Mar. 2, 10:30 a.m. Elise Ginsparg is the reviewer, title to be announced. Please check with the library.

# Village Lenten Recipes

## MEDITERRANEAN "COMFORT FOOD" SEAFOOD STEW

*Whenever I want to provide a healthy heart warming stew, I go for this seafood creation, which seems to delight spouse and guests! Serve with a warm crusty Vienna or Greek Bread or if you wish a home made bread, and enjoy! A nice Greek salad on the side is also a nice accompaniment! Kali Orexi (Bon Appetit) In the Greek Orthodox Faith this stew would only be served if fish was permitted. Otherwise, I would normally substitute other seafood e.g., scallops for the fish on a strict fast day.*

3-4 fillets of Wild Caught Cod Fish or Alaskan Halibut fresh, or frozen (thawed) and cut into 3 inch pieces.

1/2 lb medium uncooked frozen (thawed) shrimp

6- 7 Tbsp. Olive Oil

1 large onion chopped

3-4 large garlic cloves, chopped

1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives, sliced

1 large can (28 oz) peeled, diced No Salt added tomatoes

1 Tbsp No Salt added tomato paste

1 can (8 oz) clam juice

1/4 cup of fresh lemon juice

1 tsp Greek Oregano

1 tsp Thyme

Dash of salt

Freshly ground pepper to taste

In a large pot over medium-heat, heat the olive oil. Add the chopped onion and garlic and saute about 4-5 minutes until onion/garlic are soft. Add the olives and stir 2 minutes. Add the diced tomatoes, tomato paste and continue to cook for about 2-3 minutes. Add the clam juice. Lower the heat and simmer covered for about 15 minutes. Add the fish fillets and the shrimp and simmer until seafood is cooked about 6-8 minutes (do not overcook). Stir in the lemon juice, stir and simmer another 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into soup bowls and serve hot with crusty Vienna or Greek Bread, or if available home made bread.

*Submitted by: Anastasia E. Weaver*

## CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM HOSTS CHICAGO'S 175TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!

**A DemiSemiSeptCentennial Celebration on March 4**

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Chicago is celebrating its 175th birthday and everyone is invited to the party.

The city will mark its milestone at special events throughout the year, but Chicago's official birthday party is Sunday, March 4 the Chicago History Museum (1601 North Clark Street). Chicago residents, guests and tourists are encouraged to help celebrate during a special afternoon featuring historical characters, musical performances and student readings.

"Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the rich and colorful history of Chicago on its 175th birthday," said Michelle Boone, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. "The celebration will be a great time for residents of all ages and the opportunity to learn about Chicago from some its most prominent residents."

This year, guests will have the opportunity to mingle with three of Chicago's noted historical residents. Actors playing Jane Adams, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable and Bertha Palmer will share history of the city and their lives from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chicago's Bleeding Heart Bakery will design a special commemorative cake highlighting all that is special about Chicago, plus another cake that will be served at the party. Party attendees will receive a free piece of cake, while servings last.

The party will also feature musical performances from The Tony De Rosario Trio and The Chicago Children's Choir. The American Indian Center will perform the native drum song of Happy Birthday.

Additional activities for children include the award-winning balloon entertainer Smarty Pants, who recreates Chicago sites and historical figures in balloons, and stations for kids to design and wear their own Chicago style birthday hat.

The City birthday celebration will again feature readings from children who have participated in an essay contest about the city's first settler and founder, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable. The contest is presented in partnership with the Friends of DuSable.

Following the brief program and beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Museum's auditorium will host a 4-Star Panel discussion exploring Chicago's identity from the perspective of fields such as architecture, food, literature, the arts and its neighborhoods.

The Chicago History Museum is offering free admission for Illinois residents during the celebration, from noon to 5 p.m. The North and Clark Café, located in the museum lobby, will sell hot dogs for \$1.75 in honor of Chicago's 175th birthday. (Chips and Fries are available for an extra cost.)

The City of Chicago's 175th birthday party is the kick-off event of the many celebrations of Chicago's 175th Birthday year. Enjoy 175 Ways and 175 Days to Love Chicago. Visit [www.explorechicago.org/175days](http://www.explorechicago.org/175days) to find events, festivals and significant dates in Chicago's history as the city celebrates its 175th birthday.

Chicago's 175th birthday party is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events in collaboration with the Chicago History Museum.

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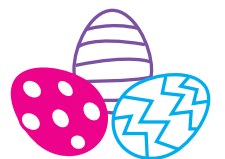
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