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Memorial Day

Memorial Day is one of our most patriotic holidays in the United States of America. It is the day we have set aside to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and for all of us.

These fallen heroes, recent and past, fought for the United States to create and preserve the freedoms and liberties with which we are blessed, that go far beyond those that any other nation on earth has ever had.

One day, reserved for so many, is very little time taken out of 365 days in the entire year to remember and to thank our heroes. This is also a time when we should ask the question of ourselves how to best contribute our efforts to insure that all the world knows how very special we are as a Country.

Although America is having difficult times right now, we are fortunate to still have those who are still giving their all in defending our amazing American way of life.

We are forever grateful for their service and we pray that God blesses them in their mission.
(See page 7 for events and tributes.)



Wounded Warriors and Fallen Heroes

It's an American tradition to pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces each Memorial Day — especially honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.

If you are a military service member who was wounded and needs to apply for disability benefits, it's important to know that you will receive expedited processing. Our wounded warriors initiative is for military service members who become disabled while on active duty on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel, including dependent children and, in some cases, spouses, may be able to receive benefits. Learn more about it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

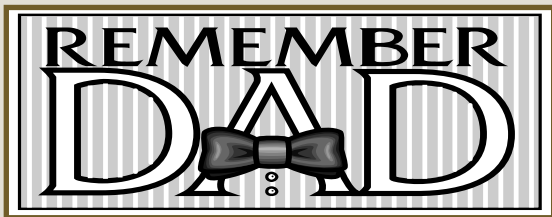
Did you know that May also is National Military Appreciation Month? Even more reason to let members of our military know how much we value what they do for us and our nation.

To learn more about the Social Security benefits for those who have served in the military, read our publication, Military Service and Social Security. You can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html, or send us an email at OPI.Net.Post@ssa.gov, or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to ask for a free copy to be mailed to you.

Memorial Day also is a good time to remind families of fallen military heroes that we may be able to pay Social Security survivors benefits. If the person you depended on for income has died, you should apply for survivors benefits. Learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

The men and women of the Armed Forces serve us each and every day. At Social Security, we're here to serve them too.

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist



FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 17TH

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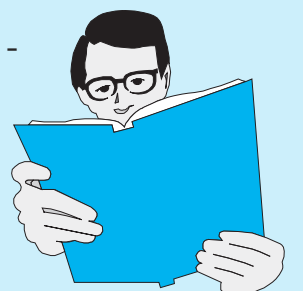
Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing and speaking skills.

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Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 6:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 6:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 from 6:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

If you need additional information, you can contact 847.635.1486.



Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers June Health Programs

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, June 5, 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.

Free **hearing screenings** will be offered Wednesday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologists Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., and Marie Vetter, Au.D., will perform this screening in a soundproof booth in the second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free **foot screenings** will be given Thursday, June 7, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This screening offers diabetics, seniors and people with painful foot problems a foot exam by Megan Leahy, D.P.M., who also will advise on foot treatments. No prescriptions or treatments will be given at the screening. Participants should wear easy to remove shoes and socks. Advanced registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, June 8, 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. Tomika Golden, certified alcohol and drug counselor, will discuss the NewVision™ program that provides medical stabilization services for people with drug, alcohol and health related issues. Registration is not required.

Thyroid screenings will be conducted Tuesday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This blood draw screening is for TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone). Neither fasting nor preparation for the test is required. Test results will be mailed within one week. There is a \$10 fee payable at the screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free lecture titled **Break Away From Addiction** will be given Thursday, June 14, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The use and abuse of alcohol and other chemicals can disrupt a person's life and the lives of family members. Robert Jackson, certified drug and alcohol counselor, will discuss the New Vision™ program that provides treatment options to those suffering from incapacitation due to the effects of drugs, alcohol or acute withdrawal symptoms. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free Meet and Greet/Open House for the **New Vision Medical Stabilization Unit** will be held Friday, June 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A light lunch will be served. New Vision staff will explain how the medical stabilization unit can help people with drug, alcohol and health related issues. Tours of the unit will be given and attendees' names will be entered into a raffle for a top prize. For this event only, reservations are required by June 6 to Maria Soria, 773-794-8483.

New Vision Holds Open House

New Vision™ staff will hold a 'meet and greet' open house on Friday, June 15, at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 West Addison, Chicago. The event will be held between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the seventh floor Conference Room A. A light lunch will be served.

New Vision is a medical stabilization service for people with drug, alcohol and health related issues. New Vision accepts appropriate patients who are experiencing incapacitation due to substance use or are experiencing acute withdrawal symptoms. The service accepts most insurance, Medicaid and Medicare plans.

Event attendees will have an opportunity to learn about how New Vision staff can help individuals with drug, alcohol and health related issues. Tours of the unit will be given and there will be opportunities to network with other interested parties. Names of attendees will be entered into a raffle for a top prize.

Interested parties should RSVP by June 6 to Maria Soria, 773-794-8483, or email her at msoria@reshealthcare.org.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT NAMES NORWOOD CROSSING ONE OF "BEST NURSING HOMES" IN ILLINOIS FOR 2012

Norwood Crossing, a long-term care retirement community on Chicago's far northwest side, was named one of "Best Nursing Homes" in Illinois for 2012 by U.S. News & World Report. The facility at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago was compared to the more than 16,000 nursing homes nationally, scoring high marks in three specific categories—health inspections, nurse staffing and quality measures.

"We are particularly pleased with this designation," said Silvia Morici, Norwood Crossing executive director. "It reaffirms our commitment to excellence and reflects the high quality care provided by our professional staff."

The leading national magazine used data from Nursing Home Compare, a consumer web site run by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in awarding the five-star rating. Norwood Crossing is not new to these awards. In 2010, Norwood Crossing received a five-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Earlier, it was ranked in the "Top 10 percent of Nursing Homes in Illinois" as determined by Consumer Reports Nursing Home Quality Monitor, and was named one of the "Best Senior Care Communities in Illinois" by The Inside Guide to American Nursing Homes.

POLISH FRATERNALS SPONSORS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT AT U.S. CELLULAR FIELD

Polish National Alliance Vice President (PNA) Paul C. Odrobina invites Sox Fans to join us along with the Vice Presidents of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons of America and Polish Women's Alliance for our annual Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Sox Park) on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 starting at 7:10 p.m. The Chicago White Sox vs. the Texas Rangers. Price of tickets for the Lower Box Seats are only \$20.00. The four Fraternal Organizations are also having a Polish American Day for the entire family at Six Flags Great America Theme Park in Gurnee, Illinois. Tickets prices are \$28.00.

Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723 ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632, ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women's Alliance (1-888-522-1898 ext. 1208).. Sox game tickets are limited and going fast, and will be sold as first come, first served. In the years past, the tickets sold quickly We ask you call the PNA, PRCUA, PWA or PFA for availability. Tickets must also be picked up during regular business hours, please call ahead of time before purchasing tickets. A flyer with complete details of both events could be found on the PNA's website www.pna-znp.org

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SISTERS OF THE RESURRECTION CELEBRATE 100 YEARS IN NORWOOD PARK

On May 12, 2012, the Sisters of the Resurrection begin their 100th year of presence and ministry in Norwood Park.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Resurrection originally came to the United States in 1900 to minister to Polish immigrants. They immediately began teaching in a Chicago parish grade school and recognized the value of education for children of all nationalities who were growing up in the city of Chicago which had been incorporated less than 100 years earlier, in 1837.

The Sisters decided to open a secondary school in Chicago and chose Norwood Park for the site. Their choice of Norwood Park was made primarily because the Passionist Fathers had settled in the area in 1903 and were willing to provide spiritual ministry. However, it was also a beautiful area, named for a town in New England that had been described by Henry Ward Beecher in these words "The place was unusual for picturesqueness and beauty, and it would be safe to say that no fairer village ever glistened in the sunlight or hid itself under arching elms." The area's early residents were also interested in education. By 1830, they already had built a school house on the corner of Higgins and Canfield Road. The children of John Pennoyer, one of the first residents in the area, were the first students to be educated in this school. Later, a steady representation of his descendants were graduates of Resurrection High School.

The New England town of Norwood was also known for its spirit of community. This spirit has always characterized Chicago's Norwood Park as well and may be one of the reasons the Resurrection system of education flourished. The core values of the Sisters' system of education are charity, truth, and community.

In 1912, Sister Anne Strzelecka, C.R., the Superior for the Sisters of the Resurrection at the time, purchased 42 acres of land north of what is now Talcott Avenue on Chicago's far northwest side, from Joseph and Delaphine Mather. At this time the northwest side of Chicago was still primarily farmland. Along with the land and buildings came "two cows, one two-seated surrey, one light wagon, two single harnesses, 65 chickens, two stoves, two lawn mowers and barn tools" as described on the bill of sale. Spring planting by the Sisters began immediately. Vegetables grown on the farm were taken daily by horse and wagon to be sold in the Chicago markets. Income from the farm paid for the property. With the building of the high school in 1962, the cows and farm buildings disappeared; however, the Sisters still maintained large vegetable gardens and the orchard for several years after.



Resurrection Academy

On October 15, 1915, the Sisters opened Resurrection Academy, an elementary school and boarding school for girls. Dedication day was damp and rainy. At this time there was no public transportation to the school. Guests were excited about it even though they had to walk from Milwaukee Avenue to the convent, a distance of about 2 miles. Others walked from the train station, about a mile away. Paved streets were under construction approximately five years later when automobiles were introduced.

In 1920, when the population of Norwood Park was about 2,800, Sister Anne purchased the Anderson onion farm, acreage south of Talcott Avenue. As her eyes scanned the property, she envisioned a hospital that would occupy it 33 years later when the population was about 30,000.

Resurrection High School began in 1922. As the enrollment grew, a large addition was built in 1928, and continued as the high school and accommodations for boarding students until 1962 when a "new" school, built for 1,000 students, opened.

This year, 2012, Resurrection College Prep High School celebrates 90 years of educating young women and has over 13,000 alumnae who have since witnessed to the Spirit of the Resurrection within society. At first the Sisters' convent was part of the Academy. Later, renovations occurred and in 1968, a separate home was built for the retired sisters called the Queen of the Resurrection House of Prayer. In 2005, a new addition replaced the original 1914 convent and academy. The 1928 high school building was renovated for use by the Sisters, and now includes a section for the retired Sisters.

After the financial crash of 1929, Norwood Park, because of its location and beauty, became a place of choice for persons who could invest in low-cost housing. By the late 1940's the residents began to realize a need for a hospital. The Sisters of the Resurrection offered their property south of Talcott and the community worked with them to build a 174-bed hospital, Resurrection Hospital, which opened in 1953, and provided work for 250 residents of the community and the medical services of 112 physicians. By its 25th anniversary, Resurrection Hospital had 442 beds, 25 Sisters working in the facility, more than 1500 employees and 200 doctors on the staff.

Resurrection Hospital became the flagship of a health care system that was among the first in the nation to incorporate other hospitals, long-term care fa-

cilities, and other continuum of care services into a system of care. The system was formally incorporated in 1981 as Resurrection Health Care and grew into an organization with six hospitals, eight nursing homes, four retirement communities, behavioral health and home health services with multiple physician office sites within the Chicago and Chicago suburban areas. The mission statement included these words: "Empowered by the Risen Christ and witnessing to God's sustaining love, our mission is to positively affect the well-being of the people we serve and thereby give people a reason to be hopeful. To this end we provide a broad array of health care services and programs that best meet the health care needs of our community." In 2011, Resurrection Health Care joined Provena Health, a system of comparable size, to form Presence Health through which services are extended throughout Illinois.



Sister Anne Strzelecka

As the residents of the Norwood Park community aged, they wanted to continue to live on the land they came to love. They asked the Sisters to provide a retirement community for them. Part of the property north of Talcott was chosen for this. Resurrection Retirement Community opened August 1, 1978, and currently has 471 apartments occupied by very satisfied senior citizens and with a waiting list.

In 1998, in partnership with other religious congregations in Chicago, a nursing home of 162 private rooms, intended primarily for sisters and priests, but also open to residents of Resurrection Retirement Community, was built on the property north of Talcott.

In the United States the Sisters ministry is focused in Chicago, New York and New Jersey. The Sisters of the Resurrection also minister in Africa, Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Italy and Poland. Each community has its own story of the development of the ministries of the Sisters of the Resurrection. This year, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the presence and influence of the Sisters of the Resurrection in the Chicago community of Norwood Park. The Sisters of the Resurrection celebrate their partnership with the Norwood Park community and its citizens over the past 100 years.

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Local Arts and Entertainment

"ETERNAL SILENCE" EXHIBIT AND STUDIO SALE

Project Onward kicks into high gear this June with a new exhibition inspired by Graceland Cemetery and a two-day studio sale at its home in the historic Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street. Project Onward is a studio and gallery dedicated to the creative growth of artists with mental and developmental disabilities.

Eternal Silence: Drawings by Andrew Hall, June 1 - July 25, 2012. First Floor, Chicago Cultural Center

Project Onward artist Andrew Hall is well known for his tiny, intricate ink drawings of Chicago's architectural landmarks and diverse neighborhoods. For Eternal Silence, his second one-person exhibit at the Project Onward Gallery, Hall took inspiration from a different kind of Chicago neighborhood: Graceland Cemetery.

Within its walls, the monuments and mausoleums of Graceland form a miniature city, with many of its structures designed by world-renowned architects for the final resting places of Chicago's elite. Hall's drawings, reverently executed in ink on paper with washes of color, invite the same stillness and contemplation as the tombs they depict. In addition to his cemetery studies, Eternal Silence features ink drawings of other architectural subjects whose quietness and monumentality invite the viewer to consider if they, too, belong to a city of the departed.

Project Onward Studio Sale, Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. First Floor Garland Room, Chicago Cultural Center

Project Onward offers a massive studio sale, featuring affordably priced artworks created by their amazing, prolific artists. Guests can browse aisles of original drawings, handmade greeting cards and funky objects in the First Floor Garland Room at the Chicago Cultural Center. For more information, call 312.744.8032 or visit www.ExploreChicago.org.

CHICAGO'S "GET UP AND GO!" NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATION AND TOUR SERIES BEGINS JUNE 5

This summer, get an insider's point-of-view on a different Chicago neighborhood each week when Get Up and Go!, a popular series featuring conversations with community experts followed by guided walking tours, returns to the Chicago Cultural Center.

Hosted by Mark Bazer, RedEye columnist, humorist and host of The Hideout's acclaimed Interview Show, these informal lunchtime programs start with a discussion about all there is to eat, see and do in Chicago's unique neighborhoods followed by a visit to the featured community.

Conversations begin at 12:15 p.m. every Tuesday, June 5 through August 28, at the Chicago Cultural Center (77 E. Randolph Street, 5th Floor Millennium Park Room), with the discussion and Q&A session lasting approximately 40 minutes. Tours will last approximately one hour, not including commute time, and will depart from and return to the Chicago Cultural Center via public transportation. A complimentary, single-day CTA pass will be provided to a limited number of audience members taking the tour.

Space is limited; reservations are highly recommended. Visit www.ExploreChicago.org/tours to reserve a seat in advance, and for additional event details including the list of scheduled guest speakers.

Get Up and Go! 2012 Schedule

June 5	Auburn Gresham	July 31	Back of the Yards
June 12	New East Side	August 7	Sheffield and DePaul
June 19	The Loop	**begins at the Chicago Cultural Center, 1st Floor Garland	
June 26	Rogers Park	August 14	Lincoln Square
July 3	Chicago River	August 21	Wicker Park and Bucktown
July 10	Millennium Park	August 28	Humboldt Park
July 17	Beverly		
July 24	Logan Square		

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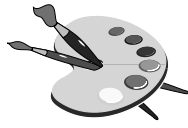
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Mural at Addison and Avondale with renowned artist Rafael Lopez Thursday, June 21st is Community Paint Day!

Local residents and organizations of the Avondale neighborhood will come together on Thursday, June 21 for a Community Paint Day from 9am to 4pm to help complete the colorful and vibrant mural created by Rafael Lopez an internationally recognized artist (www.rafaellopez.com).

Working with local artists and neighborhood children, Lopez will create a 100-foot mural, which he has designed based on the professed values of community members including: diversity, energy, growth, vitality, friendship, sense of community, family, green space and intersections. The mural, which is to cover the South wall of the viaduct will beautify the neighborhood and provide color and style to the well-tred intersection of Addison and Avondale, just under the Metra tracks.

Avondale is not the first neighborhood that Rafael Lopez's work has helped to transform. Lopez has also created vibrant murals in San Diego and Ft. Collins, Colorado. In particular, Rafael was able to transform several San Diego neighborhoods during the Urban Art Trail project. (<http://urbanarttrail.com>) Avondale residents hope this mural will spark future projects in the neighborhood and have a deep impact.

"I am hopeful that this large colorful mural will serve as a catalyst for future neighborhood beautification projects," says Joanie Friedman, a resident of the Avondale neighborhood and the mother of two young kids, who set this project into motion when she found herself pushing her stroller through the viaduct several times a week on her way to Athletic Field Park playground.

"We as a neighborhood are incredibly lucky to host artist Rafael Lopez to Avondale. The National Museum of Mexican Fine Art is thrilled to assist in this project because it reinforces our mission of bringing artists of Mexican descent to our Chicago-community," explains Cesareo Moreno, Senior Curator at the Museum.

The Athletic Field Advisory Council will serve as the fiscal agent and will partner with the National Museum of Mexican Fine Art to fly the artist to Chicago from San Diego. Skilled artists will work with Rafael Lopez to create the mural between June 14-20.

On Thursday, June 21 from 9am-4pm, join us for Community Paint Day where the entire community (ages 5 and up) are invited to help paint the mural. To sign up for a 1.5 hour slot on Community Paint Day, please email Kelsey Krzyston, KKrzyston@cityyear.org.

For more information please link to the facebook page "Mural at Addison and Avondale." <http://tinyurl.com/addison-mural>. If you want to volunteer or get involved, please go to <http://goo.gl/JMbcV>

Chicago Park District Announces Schedule for the 12th Annual Movies in the Parks Series

Outdoor Screenings Run June 11 - Oct. 26

The Chicago Park District's 12th annual Movies in the Parks series kicks off Monday, June 11 and will feature 176 screenings of current and classic movies in 128 citywide parks through Oct. 26. The series is presented by Charter One.

Admission is free, and all movies begin at dusk weather permitting. Patrons can call the Movies in the Parks hotline for daily listings and updated weather-related cancellations at 312-742-1134.

"The Chicago Park District's Movies in the Parks series is a great tradition in the neighborhood parks," Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly. "This program is one of many recreational options that we will offer this summer that allows families the chance to relax and engage with others in their community."

"Charter One is proud to serve as the presenting sponsor of Movies in the Parks this summer for the second consecutive year," said Scott C. Swanson, President, Charter One and RBS Citizens, Illinois. "We are committed to serving our communities and are pleased to help provide individuals and families throughout Chicago with safe, free and easily accessible entertainment in their local neighborhoods."

Several of this year's selections include screenings of Dolphin Tale, Hugo, Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, Moneyball, The Smurfs, Super 8, Vertigo and The Wiz.

For additional details, call 312-742-PLAY or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Local Arts and Entertainment

"A Theater Review"

"The Pirates of Penzance"

Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

"The Pirates of Penzance," is a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta and something that is rarer than the normal musical you see at the Marriott Theatre.

It has been awhile since Dominic Missimi has directed a show at Marriott but his direction and cast are outstanding.

Matt Rafferty has done a superb job with his choreography for the show.

The show is led by a number of actors but it is welcome home to Kevin Earley who has returned to the Chicago stage as the Pirate King after leaving Chicago for work in California and New York. It was nice to see his mother in attendance as she worked at Marriott until she had health issues. Kevin still shows Chicago audiences how talented he is with his singing and acting.

This is perfect for leap year as the story deals with Frederick who was born on February 29th during a leap year. Frederick is played by Omar Lopez-Cepero who I found talented and an emerging bright new star. While he is twenty-one because of leap year he is really a little over five years.

Ross Lehman will have you in stitches as well as the hysterical performance of Alene Robertson as Ruth Lehman who plays the modern major general.

Patricia Noonan is Mabel who is in love with Frederick but he must serve the pirates for 63 years before he can marry Mabel.

Other standouts in the cast are Susan Moniz, Kelly Ann Clark, Natalie Ford, Christine Mild, Andrew Lupp, Roger Anderson, Bernie Yuon and Brian Bohr as well as many others in the cast.

It is well worth going to see this hi-jinks operetta. It's fun for the family and it's one for all and all for run.

"Pirates of Penzance" runs through June 10th. For performance days – show times and schedule call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$41 - \$49. **-Four Stars-**

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S LIVE BLUES EVENT PRECEDES CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL

Be prepared to pitch a "Wang Dang Doodle," and more at the Chicago Public Library, when the next Speakin' of the Blues program features live music and conversation with Chicago blues musicians Lurrie Bell and Matthew Skoller. Also featured is a special remembrance of Koko Taylor "Queen of the Blues," by her daughter Cookie Taylor. Join us for a tribute to one of Chicago's legendary blues matriarchs and some great Chicago blues music.

The free program takes place on Friday, June 1 at 12:15 p.m., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. This program is presented by the Library's Music Information Center in cooperation with the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events as a prelude to the annual Chicago Blues Festival being held June 8-10, in Grant Park. Visit www.chicagobluesfestival.us, for more information.

Blues guitarist and singer Lurrie Bell started playing guitar at the age of six. His father was renowned blues harmonica player, Carey Bell. While still a teenager, Bell had the opportunity to polish his skills playing with legends of the Chicago blues scene including Eddy Clearwater, Big Walter Horton and Eddie Taylor. In the mid 1970s, Bell went on to join Koko Taylor's Blues Machine and he toured with the band for four years.

Matthew Skoller is one of Chicago's most respected harmonica players and blues bandleaders. For the past 20 years he has played in all of Chicago's hippest showcase venues and toured much of the world with his super tight ensembles. Deeply rooted in the tradition of the Chicago blues elders, Skoller has developed a unique style that conjures the past while being firmly planted in the present. Skoller played harmonica on Koko Taylor's CD, Royal Blue (Alligator Records), and is featured on 11 songs on the CD.

Koko Taylor perfected her skills as a blues performer by sitting in with several blues legends-in-the-making, such as Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and Jimmy Reed, while working the blues circuit on Chicago's South and West Sides. Her meeting with legendary blues impresario Willie Dixon and Chess Records, led to her first hit recording, "Wang Dang Doodle," which became her signature song throughout her career. Her time with Alligator Records brought her unparalleled success with nine albums, eight Grammy nominations and many other awards and honors, including a Grammy and induction into the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame.

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THEATER ON THE LAKE ANNOUNCES ITS 60TH SEASON

The Chicago Park District's Theater on the Lake: The Chicago Summer Theater Festival turns 60 this year and is proud to announce the eight artistically diverse Chicago theater companies that will receive encore presentations from June 13 – Aug. 5, 2012. Each production will be performed for five evenings only at the theater at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive.

The season opens with SiNNERMAN Ensemble (June 13-17) and continues with popular productions by Caffeine Theatre (June 20-24); eta Creative Arts Foundation (June 27-July 1); Redtwist Theatre (July 4-8); TJ & Dave (July 11-15); Stage Left (July 18-22); The Inconvenience (July 25 – 29); and The Building Stage (Aug. 1-5). With the exception of Caffeine Theatre, seven of the companies are new to Theater on the Lake.

In conjunction with the 60th anniversary, the Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee is honoring Theater on the Lake for its commitment to fostering live theater performed by local performing arts companies. The Jeff Committee will bestow a Special Award to Theater on the Lake for its commitment to presenting a cross section of Chicago's diverse theater scene. The Special Award will be presented at the Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee Non-Equity Awards ceremony June 4 at the Park West.

Theater on the Lake will celebrate its 60th season by will featuring related pre- and post-show entertainment, including a weekly Theater Thursday in partnership with the League of Chicago Theatres. Each Thursday, audience members can watch the performance and enjoy pre-show refreshments as well as the chance to mingle with the artists.

The Chicago Park District's Theater on the Lake is located at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive in a historic building that offers breathtaking views of Lake Michigan.

The schedule for all performances June 13 – Aug. 5 is Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the Chicago Park District, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY.

Summer Concert Series in Lincoln Square

The annual Summer Concert Series, Lincoln Square's favorite free summer event, begins on June 14th! The series will occur every Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 9:00pm in Giddings Plaza at @ N. Lincoln and W. Giddings (across from the Chicago Brauhaus, 4732 N. Lincoln Ave.) through September 6th. Be sure to tell your entire family and all of your friends! No one is going to want to miss out on this great, fun event!

"DOWNTOWN SOUND" POP SERIES RETURNS TO CHICAGO'S MILLENNIUM PARK

Chicago's summer concert season kicks off on Memorial Day with the opening of Millennium Park's popular, cutting-edge indie rock and pop music series, Downtown Sound. Returning for a fourth season, this free series will include ten double-bill concerts on Monday nights, May 28 through July 30, 2012. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

Highlights of the series include indie rockers Cloud Cult, The Sadies and Jonathan Richman and soul-singer Charles Bradley, along with international performers Chico Trujillo and Ana Tijoux from Chile, M.A.K.U. Soundsystem from Colombia, Sidi Touré and SMOD from Mali and Ireland's James Vincent McMorrow. Chicago musicians Kelly Hogan, Joan of Arc, the Occidental Brothers Dance Band International, The Eternals and other local acts add to the line-up.

Downtown Sound is presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. The series is programmed by Mike Reed of At Pluto LTD.

For more information about Downtown Sound and all of the events in Millennium Park this summer, visit millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @Millennium_Park.

May 28 Kelly Hogan + Scott Lucas and the Married Men

The Downtown Sound series begins on Memorial Day with the dynamic Kelly Hogan and her versatile voice and transformative style. A Chicagoan by way of Atlanta, this singer-songwriter mixes her southern roots with Chicago charm. Scott Lucas and the Married Men open the night with their introspective brand of alternative rock. <http://kellyhogan.com/> <http://scottlucasandthemarriedmen.com/>

June 4 Jonathan Richman

Jonathan Richman brings his unaffected blend of rock and roll and folk music to Millennium Park after over 40 years of performing in small to mid-size venues. Opening band TBD.

June 11 The Eternals + Wild Belle

The Eternals have been combining jazz and funk into a unique mix for years, but add a live jazz band in Millennium Park to create a multi-genre performance of funk, hip-hop and punk rock. Emerging brother-sister duo Elliot and Natalie Bergman of Wild Belle start off the night with music from their debut album. <http://www.myspace.com/eternalsthe>

June 18 Cloud Cult + Judson Claiborne

Mixing indie-rock with environmental activism, Cloud Cult's moving, open-hearted songs are a call to action towards a greener world. Opening the night with their collaborative music, Judson Claiborne is the solo and band name of Low Skies frontman Christopher C. Salveter on guitar with Ryan Blaine Boyles on bass, Jamie Daniel Carter on drums and Jacob Floyd Ross on guitar. <http://www.cloudcult.com/home.cfm> <http://judsonclaiborne.com/>

Happy Father's Day to All of Our Dads

WHAT MAKES A DAD

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad*
Author Unknown

THIS FATHER'S DAY GIVE DAD SOME EXTRA HELP

You can probably think of a number of times when you asked your dad for a little extra help. Now, with Father's Day right around the corner, is the perfect time to offer a little extra help for Dad. People across the nation are helping their dads save nearly \$4,000 a year on the cost of Medicare prescription drugs. You can help your dad too — and it won't cost you a dime.

The high cost of prescription medication can be a burden on fathers (or anyone) who have limited income and resources. But there is Extra Help — available through Social Security — that could pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. That Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 a year.

To figure out whether your father is eligible, Social Security needs to know his income and the value of his savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home he lives in). To qualify for the Extra Help, he must be enrolled in Medicare and have:

Income limited to \$16,755 for an individual or \$22,695 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if he or his spouse:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii.

Resources limited to \$13,070 for an individual or \$26,120 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count his house and a car (if he has one) as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your dad. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescription-help. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Think of all the times you've asked Dad for some extra help. This Father's Day, give your dad a little extra help he can use year-round — a savings of up to \$4,000 a year on his Medicare prescription drugs through Extra Help available from Social Security. By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs

The Norwood Park Historical Society Giant Yard Sale, Silent Auction, and Flea Market

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its annual Giant Yard Sale/Silent Auction/Flea Market at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, on Saturday, June 16, 2012, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2, and all proceeds from the sale will benefit the Norwood Park Historical Society, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

On the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House's giant front yard, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase household items, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, furniture, toys, books, artwork, kitchen items, garden items, bikes, tools, and outdoor items. A Silent Auction and Book Sale will take place inside the house. There will also be food for sale.

Donations of "unwanted items" from spring cleaning can be left under the canopy by the garage in back of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House at any time. The historical society does not accept mattresses, clothing, shoes, large appliances, and electronic equipment. If you need to schedule a pick up of your donation, please contact Joanne or Shirley at 773-631-4633 or info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Those interested in becoming a vendor should call 773-631-4633 and leave a message for Joanne or Shirley to purchase a site.

For more information about the event, please call 773-631-4633 or e-mail info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home. We invite you to join our efforts to preserve our community's rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visit us on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.



Container Gardening

By Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

Even if you live in a condo and only have a confined space like a balcony or a small deck, you can still experience a bit of nature with a container garden. A container garden is a collection of plants grown in a container or planter.

Whether you choose to buy a container which is already planted, or you decide to plant your own, there are a few things to remember.

First, realize that the size of the container will impact how frequently you will have to water. There is an old saying that "container gardening is container watering" implying that in a container, unlike the soil in the ground, you must supply all the water. I think larger containers are easier to care for over a long season.

Second, determine how much sun and shade your area has. This is very important because it will impact how your plants perform. If you put a sun loving plant in the shade it will not bloom as well as it should. Conversely shade loving plants may not be able to take the heat generated by the sun, and will struggle to live. You must determine the level of light over the course of a whole day from sun-up to sun down. With the information you will be able to select the right plants for your space.

Third, try to come up with a theme for your container. Your theme could be simple, symmetrical and elegant with a combination of something like geraniums and petunias or it could be more sophisticated with an asymmetrical blend of many different plants. Many people are copying the natural look best demonstrated by the public planters seen around the City of Chicago. On higher balconies, I would limit the use of really tall plants as one must consider the effect of the wind.

Fourth, you must maintain the planter. Any spent blooms should be discarded along with yellow leaves. Water the container when you see wilt in the plants or when the soil mix feels dry to the touch. Observe the weather - hot windy periods will always require more watering than rainy cooler periods.

The easiest way to keep your planter looking good is to fertilize the plants every two weeks with a well balance fertilize. There are many brands to choose from and they all get the job done. Follow the directions - don't fall in the trap of thinking if it says 1 scoop per gallon, then I'll really make my planter beautiful by using 2 scoops. This is wrong because too much fertilizer could make your planter perform as poorly as neglecting it would.

Fifth, enjoy your little slice of nature both visually and sensually with the various fragrances the plants give off.

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In observance of Memorial Day, American Legion Edison Park Post #541 will conduct a solemn ceremony at Monument Park located at Avondale and Oliphant Ave., Chicago at 9:00AM on Monday May 28th 2012.

All are invited to attend.

After the ceremony we will proceed to Onahan School, 6634 W. Raven St. to participate in the Norwood Park Memorial Day parade. We have been selected as the color guard to lead the parade.

Come see and support our veterans.

Skokie Memorial Day Observance

A Memorial Day observance ceremony will be held at Veterans Memorial at Krier Plaza (the intersection of Lincoln Avenue/Niles Center Road and Oakton Street) at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2012.

Local Veterans posts will be present at the ceremony and taps will be performed.

For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.



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Community Groups Invited to Participate in Lincolnwood Memorial Day Parade and Events

The Village of Lincolnwood and American Legion Post #1226, would like to invite you to participate in the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festivities being held on Monday, May 28, 2012. Whether your group is from a Lincolnwood business, a local or regional organization, a neighborhood, or a government entity, all groups are welcome to be a part of this wonderful community event.

All groups participating in the parade will assemble at Kow-Kow Restaurant, located at the corner of Pratt and Cicero Avenues at 9:45am. Walking groups are asked to wear uniforms or a similar color. Individuals who may be members of multiple groups are asked to dress and participate in one group only. The parade route travels east along Pratt Avenue, turns north on Keeler Avenue, and ends at Madeleine's Garden in Proesel Park. At approximately 11am, a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place in Madeleine's Garden.

This is a great way to reach out to the Lincolnwood community while celebrating a very special day by honoring those who served our country. Please contact Katie Smith at ksmith@lwd.org or (847) 677-9740 if you are interested in participating in the event or have any questions.

"Flag Day", June 14th.

The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777.

The laws relating to the flag of the United States of America are found in detail in the United States Code. Title 4, Chapter 1 pertains to the flag and seal, seat of Government and the States; Title 18, Chapter 33 pertains to crimes and criminal procedures; Title 36, Chapter 10 pertains to patriotic customs and observances. These laws were supplemented by Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

To quote the writer Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history that belongs to the nation that sets it forth. The American flag has been a symbol of Liberty and men rejoiced in it.

"The stars upon it were like the bright morning stars of God, and the stripes upon it were beams of morning light. As at early dawn the stars shine forth even while it grows light, and then as the sun advances that light breaks into banks and streaming lines of color, the glowing red and intense white striving together, and ribbing the horizon with bars effulgent, so, on the American flag, stars and beams of many-colored light shine out together..."

How to Fly the United States Flag

(From literature by the VFW National Veterans and Military Services)

1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

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OUTDOORS & PETS

Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market now opening two weeks earlier on Sunday, June 10. The Market will be open every through Sunday, October 28, 2012. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The Market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A wide selection of fresh grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Also available are fresh baked goods, cheeses, fresh mushrooms, cut flowers and much more. New highlights planned for the upcoming year include a new plant and vegetable grower, cooking demonstrations and additional musical entertainment.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Manager, at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org.

CITY OF CHICAGO FARMERS MARKETS RETURN 33rd SEASON OPENS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS ON MAY 12

Much like spring, the City of Chicago Farmers Markets have returned, and the first markets will open in the neighborhoods, May 12 in Lincoln Park and on Division Street followed the next day by the Beverly market. Chicago's Farmers Markets are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) and COUNTRY Financial.

Downtown markets will open with the season's official kick-off at the Daley Plaza market, which opens on Thursday, May 24 where DCASE and COUNTRY Financial will reveal the winner of the 5th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest during the 11 a.m. program. This year's artistic theme is "Fill Up on Fresh" and the winning design will appear on thousands of bags distributed throughout the season.

LINCOLN SQUARE TUESDAYS June 5 - October 30, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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LINCOLN PARK TUESDAYS May 12 - October 27, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Armitage & Orchard, Lincoln Park High School Parking Lot

Leaf Blower Regulations

As Spring approaches, please remember that gasoline powered leaf blowers are not permitted for use within residentially zoned areas of the Village from May 15 to October 1. Commercially zoned areas are permitted to use gasoline powered leaf blowers Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the period of May 15-Oct 1. During these summer months, gasoline powered leaf blowers may not be used at any time on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Violators are subject to an appearance at the Village's Administrative Hearing Court. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Skokie Bike Safety Day is Sunday June 3

Join your friends and neighbors at the annual Village of Skokie Bicycle Safety Day, Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oakton Park 's Parking lot (Oakton Street at Knox Avenue). The rain date for this event is June 10.

Children through age 14 can participate in games and win prizes. A bicycle safety course will test their knowledge of the law and their ability to properly handle a bicycle. Bicyclists can register their bicycles with the Skokie Police Department this day as well.

Members of the Skokie Park District, Skokie Police Department and the Skokie Fire Department will be on hand to promote pedestrian and traffic safety.

The Skokie Public Safety Commission sponsors Traffic Safety Week. Traffic Safety Week is designed to further public awareness of traffic and pedestrian safety 52 weeks a year.

For more information, contact the Traffic Engineering Division at 847/933-8231.

FREE PET HEALTH SEMINAR COMING TO SKOKIE LIBRARY

Dr. Mark Howes, DVM will present an educational seminar entitled, "Your Guide To Successful Pet Ownership" at the Skokie Public Library on Wednesday June 13 at 7:00 pm. The seminar is free and open to the public.

Dr. Mark Howes, DVM is the medical director and owner of Berglund Animal Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. He is a graduate of the Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Howes serves as a board member for the Canine Therapy Corps and the Northwestern University Center for Talent Development. Founded in 1955, Berglund Animal Hospital has been awarded with American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) certification for fifty years in a row. Dr. Howes is a frequent guest on Comcast Cable TV's "Contempo" show and the author of a monthly pet advice column entitled "Howes Calls" that is published in the Voyager Media newspapers.

The one-hour seminar will cover topics such as preventive medicine for pets; vaccinations; how to choose a veterinarian; seasonal pet health issues; the pros and cons of pet health insurance; pet emergencies; specialties of veterinary medicine; modern technology in today's veterinary medical hospitals; selecting an appropriate pet to match your lifestyle; and caring for the senior pet. A question and answer session immediately follows the seminar.

The Skokie Public Library is located at 5215 Oakton Street. Free parking is available. Call the library at (847) 673-7774 for additional information.



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Man's Best Friend Fashion Show

June 3 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Rockit Burger Bar—3700 N. Clark St.

Tickets are \$30 donation at the door. A benefit for The Anti-Cruelty Society hosted by David Love & Bridget Halanski. Come see adoptable dogs & puppies and a fashion show featuring Chosen Models. Bid on items in the silent auction with 100% of the proceeds going to The Anti-Cruelty Society.

RSVP to Chicago@ChosenModels.com

Pampered Pooches Doggie Tea Party

June 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Palmer House Hilton, Grand Ballroom—17 E. Monroe St.

Tickets are \$30 for the event that is an extravaganza for lucky pups to raise funds for not-so-lucky pups. Enjoy champagne for humans and a gourmet multi-course lunch for the dogs prepared by Chef Joseph Giannini. Have a professional picture taken with you four-legged friend. All proceeds go to help the animals of The Anti-Cruelty Society.

Canine Cruise

June 21 from 6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

Come aboard the Skyline Queen with your canine companion! Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline kicks off their season with an annual Canine Cruise to benefit The Anti-Cruelty Society. Over 70 Chicagoland animal lovers and their dogs will enjoy treats and a refreshing architectural cruise. To register contact events@anticruelty.org.

Visit Chicago Brauhaus During the Summer Concert Series in Lincoln Square

The annual Summer Concert Series, Lincoln Square's favorite free summer event, begins on June 14th! The series will occur every Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 9:00pm in Kempf Plaza (across from Chicago Brauhaus) through September 6th.



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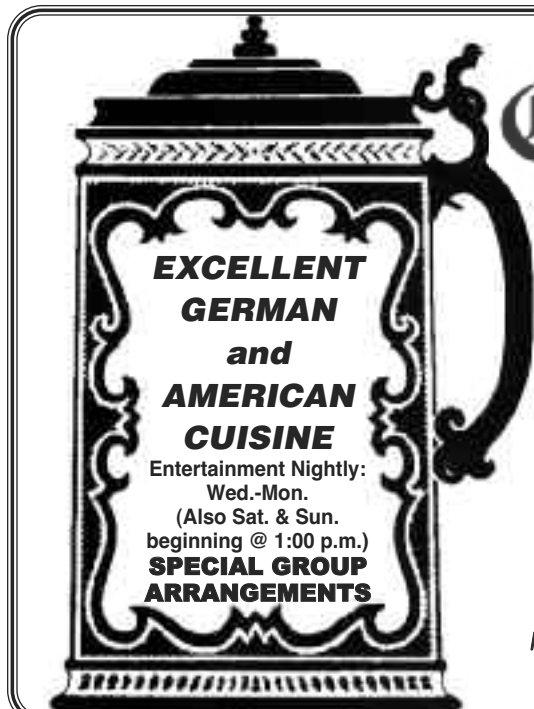
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The Chicago Public Library brings the summer heat in June with a variety of topical author discussions at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information visit chicagopubliclibrary.org, or call (312) 747-4050.

ANNE LAUGHLIN Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m., Video Theater, Lower Level
Chicago author Anne Laughlin will discuss and sign her latest novel, *Runaway*. Laughlin has written for several lesbian anthologies and named an Emerging Writer Fellow by the Lambda Literary Foundation. Cosponsored by the Chicago Public Library's Pride Month committee.

E.J. DIONNE Thursday, June 14 at 6 p.m., Cindy Pritzker Auditorium
Journalist and political commentator E.J. Dionne discusses his latest book, *Our Divided Political Heart*, in which he argues that the American tradition points not to radical self-reliance and self-interest, but to a balance between our love of individual freedom and our devotion to community. From the Founding Fathers to Lincoln, on to Populism, the Progressives, and the New Dealers, Dionne offers both a fascinating tour of American history and an interpretation of our nation's politics that shatter conventional wisdom.

RICHARD SANDOR Monday, June 18 at 6 p.m., Reception Hall, Lower Level
American businessman and economist Richard Sandor discusses and signs his new book *Good Derivatives: A Story of Financial and Environmental Innovation*. In *Good Derivatives*, Sandor—who is an inventor of new market doctrines such as interest rate futures and emissions trading—describes how financial innovation has been a positive force in the last four decades. Sandor further explains that if properly designed and regulated, these good derivatives can open vast possibilities to address global problems. In addition, Sandor tells the story of the creation of the Chicago Climate Exchange and affiliated international exchanges.

ST. SUKIE DE LA CROIX Wednesday, June 20 at 6 p.m., Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

Journalist St. Sukie de la Croix discusses and signs his book *Chicago Whispers*, an illuminating, colorful and vibrant record of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people who lived and loved in Chicago, from the city's beginnings in the 1670s as a fur-trading post to the end of the 1960s. Drawing on years of archival research and personal interviews, St. Sukie de la Croix, recalls Chicago's LGBT past that had been forgotten, suppressed, or overlooked. Cosponsored by the Chicago Public Library's Pride Month committee.

CHRIS HAYES Thursday, June 21 at 6 p.m., Cindy Pritzker Auditorium
Chris Hayes, Editor at Large of *The Nation* and host of *Up with Chris Hayes* on MSNBC, discusses and signs his new book *Twilight of the Elites*. In *Twilight*, Hayes presents a bold, powerful argument that traces the roots of our crisis of authority to an unlikely source: the decline of meritocracy.

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

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The **Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, June 4 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, June 5 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *Running the Rift* by Naomi Benaron.

The **My Kind of Town Chicago Book Discussion Group** will meet on Wednesday, June 27 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Classic Films continue at Eisenhower: *Citizen Kane* with Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton, directed by Orson Welles on June 7; *Singin' in the Rain* with Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds, directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen on June 21. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies! All films begin at 1:00 p.m.

Tired of Knitting Alone? Join our **Knitting Circle!** We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. June's Knitting Circles will be on the 5th at 7:00 and on the 19th at 2:30. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

Computer Classes

Formatting Your Resume in MS Word: Saturday, June 2, 10:30-12:00
FotoFlexer, Basic Online Photo Editing: Wednesday, June 6, 7:00-8:00
Internet for Beginners: Friday, June 8, 2:30-3:30
Basic Internet Safety: Friday, June 15, 2:30-3:30
Saving Computer Documents: Wednesday, June 20, 7:00-8:00
Email for Beginners: Friday, June 22, 2:30-3:30
Internet Plus: Tuesday, June 26, 2:30-3:30
Polish Email: Saturday, June 30, 10:30-11:30

Writing Groups Pen and Ink Adult Writers. Every third Monday of the month. This month's meeting is Monday, June 18, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Anonymous Writers for Teens meets every Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Interested in helping the library, doing great volunteer work and meeting interesting people? The Friends of the Library meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. This month's meeting is on June 20th.

Anti-bullying and Martial Arts Demo Extreme Mixed Martial Arts and Fitness want to give you confidence and knowledge. Learn how to deal with bullies. Never fear them again. Later, you even get to break a board to keep as a souvenir. Grades 3 through 8.

LAW AT THE LIBRARY Starting a Small Business

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 June 2012 *Law at the Library* seminars is *Starting a Small Business* and they take place as listed below:

Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue; (312) 744-7616

Monday, June 25 at 12:15 p.m. Chicago Authors Room, 7th Floor, Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State Street; (312) 747-4300

The Chicago Public Library continues to encourage lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through materials, programs and cutting-edge technology.

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

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

Lincolnwood Library is closed May 27 and 28 for the Memorial Day holiday. Lincolnwood library is closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review. June 1, 10:30 a.m. Suzanne Hales reviews "Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness" by Alexandra Fuller.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. May 31: "A Dangerous Method"; June 7: "Joyful Noise."

Summer Reading Kickoff. June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Our "Reading Is So Delicious" food-themed summer reading program kicks off tonight! Events include: singer Joel Frankel at 6:30 p.m. in the Roehri Room, Steve Belliveau presents "Kitchen Chemistry and the Science of Food" at 7:30 p.m. in the Roehri Room, a Teens Only Gross-Out Room from 7-8 p.m. in the Grant Room, and a book-title trivia contest all night in the main library.

Questions for Your Congresswoman. June 7, 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.

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.

School's Out! Foodie Bingo & Pizza. June 5, 10 a.m. All grades. Join us for a little Reading is SOOOOOO Delicious bingo and pizza to start your summer reading off and have a little fun on the last day of school. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

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Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

The Adult Stamp Club meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Humanities Treasures. Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

THE ACCLAIMED GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL OPENS ITS 78th SEASON

Summer in Chicago begins in just six weeks when the Grant Park Music Festival begins its 78th season at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, running June 13—August 18, 2012. Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar will lead the Grammy® Award-nominated Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus Director Christopher Bell will direct the award-winning Grant Park Chorus in a soaring season of world premieres, Festival favorites and collaborations with local artists and cultural organizations.

All concerts are free and take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

The Festival embarks on an ambitious ten-week season of 30 concerts. "Every year, the Festival integrates the best of the local arts scene and the wider national and international arts community," said Executive Director Paul Winberg. "This season, we will collaborate with a variety of partners including the Ryan Opera Center at Lyric Opera, the Harris Theater and the Paris Opéra Ballet, as well as other Chicago artists, music schools and choruses, offering a season of exciting programming that reflects our vibrant cultural community."

Memberships to the Grant Park Music Festival are still available. Most membership levels include specific reserved seats or general seating in a reserved section of the Pavilion for all Grant Park Music Festival concerts. Memberships with seating benefits begin at \$140.

For more information about the Grant Park Music Festival including membership and group seating, visit grantparkmusicfestival.com or call 312.742.7638. For additional information, visit Grant Park Music Festival on Facebook or follow the Festival on Twitter @gpmf.

Don't Let Probate Get You... Twice



Chester M. Przybylo

Almost everyone dreams of someday owning a little log cabin on a river in Montana or a beachfront condo in California or Florida. For some, a simple timeshare will do, or maybe you want to retire to Arizona and play golf and retain your family home as a rental property. Perhaps your family has property that has passed down from generation to generation and you want to continue that tradition. Many people end up owning more than one piece of property in their lifetime, and often those properties are not located in the same state. As if estate planning weren't confusing enough, what can you do when you own an interest in real estate in another state?

If you have a will or die intestate and you own an interest in real property in states other than where you reside, your family may face several difficulties. When you have a will, your property must pass through probate so that the titles to all property can be changed. This property includes real estate as well as your bank accounts, retirement accounts and other assets. For each state in which you own property, your will must go through probate. For example, if you live in California and own that fishing cabin on a river in Montana, the California probate judge can't alter the title on your fishing cabin. A Montana probate judge must change the title. So, even if you're lucky enough to have the probate process in California finish quickly, your probate in other states may take longer and cost more. Some states have inheritance taxes that may apply in addition to the federal estate tax. For example, Montana may also tax your property as well. Your family may not be able to afford to keep that fishing cabin you worked so hard to buy because of both probate fees and state inheritance taxes. Not every state has these additional death taxes, but you shouldn't have to check the death tax laws in a state before you buy a piece of property.

The same challenges apply to family lands and homes. If you haven't planned properly, your children or grandchildren could be forced to sell real property you intended for them and for their children's children because of high probate fees and estate taxes. If you think this is unlikely because your family would want to honor your wishes and could find another way to pay these fees, think again. Many people who are property rich are cash poor and may use that real estate to cover costs. However, there are ways to protect your out-of-state property from probate just as you protect your other assets.

A living trust avoids costly probate, invasion of your privacy and guarantees that your wishes are carried out. Even if you have property in Montana or in any of the other seventeen states with similar inheritance taxes a well-crafted estate plan can save you and your family money and time. The key is that you need to fund the trust by transferring title of that out-of-state property along with your other property. If the trust isn't funded, then it's useless and any property not transferred to the trust is not protected by that trust. Any property not in the trust will go through probate in the state in which it is located.

There are also other ways to protect your property. But, before you make any decisions, talk to a qualified estate planning attorney. It is much easier for you to take care of your estate plan now, regardless of how many states it covers. Once you're gone it could take years and cost a bundle for your family to take care of it if you don't properly plan for their future.

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.

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NORWOOD PARK SENIOR CENTER TO HOST AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Are you up-to-date on changes to the "Rules of the Road" in Illinois or want to improve your defensive driving knowledge? If so, consider enrolling in the two-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older. Classes will be held on June 12 and June 14, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Completion of the course may qualify participants for a three-year discount on their liability insurance, an aggregate savings that could exceed \$100. Cost of the class is \$14 per person (\$12 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Center at (773) 775-6071.

The Norwood Park Senior Center is managed by Norwood Seniors Network, a community outreach program, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District.

Tai Chi for Older Adults and People with Arthritis

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will hold a free Tai Chi demonstration class on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 6:30 - 7:00 PM. Tai Chi consists of fluid, gentle movements that are slow in tempo. It improves strength, flexibility, balance, well-being and overall fitness. This form is especially ideal to free up stiff joints and muscles. Participants have reported better balance, significant pain relief, increased sense of well-being, and improved physical ability. This class is taught by Arthritis Foundation Certified Instructor Renee Gatsis.

Summer classes are offered on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue) from June 20th -August 15th. Please pre-register online (www.lincolnwoodil.org) or by visiting the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, please call (847) 677-9740.

The Lincolnwood Social Club

Day trips, drop-in programs, guest speakers and seasonal mixers are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Lincolnwood Social Club members. Area seniors, age 55 years and better, are encouraged to join the program and start taking advantage of some of the upcoming programming including theater outings to see *The Pirates of Penzance* (May 16), *Dream Girls* (October 10) and *Singin' in the Rain* (November 28). Other day trips include the Glenn Miller Orchestra (May 22), History Lunch Tour on the Spirit of Chicago (June 20) and Lake Geneva Lake Tour and Lunch at The Abbey (July 18). Registration fees include round trip transportation and lunch for most outings.

Drop-in programs are offered on a weekly basis at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Weekly activities include bridge, mah jongg and senior exercise. Classes are offered either free of charge or at a discount for Social Club members. In addition to day trips and drop-in programs, members enjoy monthly activities including movie viewings with catered lunch, area restaurant outings as well as outings to city locales (transportation included) and monthly social mixers highlighting member birthdays.

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

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT LUNCHEON



Two Norwood Crossing volunteers, Evelyn Earll, a resident, and Paul Hutton, of Chicago, received special awards at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon held at the Norwood Park Senior Center, coordinated by nor.VOL.ution, the department that oversees the volunteer program for Norwood Crossing, Norwood Seniors Network and Norwood Senior Center.

Earll was presented with the 2012 Betty Ohlgren Volunteer Service Award for contributing more than 1,200 hours during the past year, clerking in the Thrift and Gift Shops and overseeing resident craft sales. Prior to coming to Norwood Crossing, she volunteered for two years in Florida where she lived. Originally from St. Cloud, MN, Earll has two married children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The volunteer service award is named for the late Betty Ohlgren, a resident who devoted more than 80 years of her life to volunteerism at Norwood Crossing, a long-term care retirement community at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Hutton, a former computer programmer, was presented with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award for providing thrice-weekly piano performances in the Mulligan Lobby for more than a year. He learned to play the organ at eight years of age and became his church's pianist at age 12. In 2004, Hutton regularly visited a former rehab resident. After she regained her health and was discharged to her home, Hutton decided to share his gift of music with others and started playing in the Mulligan Lobby and on the nursing floors, a practice that led to his well-attended thrice-weekly performances in the Mulligan Lobby.

The annual luncheon brought previous awardees and more than 100 other volunteers together to meet and share their experiences of delivering meals, assisting residents, helping in the Thrift Shop or Gift Shop, handling clerical tasks, bringing residents to chapel, or providing other related duties.

"We are grateful to all our dedicated volunteers who make Norwood Crossing a wonderful place in which to live," said Kate Roche, Norvolution director.

Village Cooking Corner

Pumpkin Muffins

1/3 cup oil	3/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups sugar	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs	1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 2/3 cups sifted all purpose flour	1 cup canned pumpkin
1/4 teaspoon baking powder	1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon soda	

Cream the oil and sugar, beat in eggs. Mix and sift together the flour, baking powder, soda, salt and spices and add to the creamed mixture alternately with the pumpkin and water. Bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees for 25 - 30 minutes.

From the Kitchens of Tillie Meyers

The Delectable Story of the Delightful Dosa

As part of the celebration of Asian American Heritage Month, the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a special South Indian vegetarian meal at the newly remodeled Mysore Woodlands restaurant. The menu will feature mini idlis (steamed rice and lentil bread) with a selection of chutneys; traditional and modern dosas (vegetable-filled rice and lentil crepes), uppuma, (semolina pancake topped with vegetables), Madras pasayam (delicately spiced rice pudding) and South Indian coffee.

The program will feature a tour of the restaurant's kitchen, a demonstration of South Indian coffee making, and a talk by food writer Colleen Taylor Sen, 'The Delectable Story of the Delightful Dosa,' on the history of this ancient dish, named one of the world's 50 most delicious dishes by CNN. She'll also guide diners through a South Indian meal.

Most of the dishes are gluten and lactose free. The dinner is BYOB.

\$30 per person \$25 for West Ridge Residents. Includes a copy of Sen's book Pakoras, Paneer, Papadums: A Guide to Indian Restaurant Menus Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mysore Woodlands Restaurant, 2548 W. Devon Avenue, 7pm

\$30 per person/\$25 for West Ridge Residents

Includes a copy of Sen's book Pakoras, Paneer, Papadums: A Guide to Indian Restaurant Menus.

Lincolnwood Day Camp Begins June 18 for Children and Adults

Our general recreation camps offer children the opportunity to meet new friends and try new activities. From arts and crafts to group sing-a-longs and everything in between, these camps are sure to be a hit with your 18 month old to 9th grader. Swim lessons are offered for most general recreation camps; tennis lessons are offered for campers attending our five-day per week camps. Both require separate registration and an additional fee. Field trips are often the highlight of the week for our campers. Water parks, ball games, indoor art and gymnastics centers are just a taste of what our campers will enjoy this summer. Children's performers are also welcomed to camp on a regular basis to further enhance the camp day.

Specialty camps are offered for those looking to hone a specific skill or talent. This summer's specialty camps include Superstar Sports Camp, Chicago White Sox Baseball Camp, Challenger British Soccer Camp, Computer Explorers, Chess Wizards and Midwest Tennis Summer Camp.

Registration is open for all day camp programs. Two four-week sessions are offered beginning June 18. Also available is a "Pick-a-Week" option for those wishing to customize their summer schedule. A parent orientation will be held on June 13 at 6:30pm at the Lincolnwood Community Center. This orientation provides an overview of the camp program and is open to all parents.

Please visit the Village website at www.lincolnwoodil.org for access to our 2012 Summer Day Camp brochure or call (847) 677-9740.

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Western and Ashland Corridors BRT



You're invited to attend a CTA OPEN HOUSE MEETING

for the Western and Ashland Corridors Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

When and Where?

Tuesday, June 12, 2012
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

7TH DISTRICT POLICE STATION
1438 W. 63rd Street
Chicago, IL 60636

This location is served by:
Green Line (Ashland/63rd Stop)
and CTA Bus Routes #9 Ashland,
#44 Wallace-Racine and #63 63rd

Wednesday, June 13, 2012
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LANE TECH COLLEGE PREP
HIGH SCHOOL
2501 W. Addison Street
Chicago, IL 60618

This location is served by:
CTA Bus Routes #49 Western and
#152 Addison

Thursday, June 14, 2012
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WELLS COMMUNITY ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL
936 N. Ashland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

This location is served by:
Blue Line (Division Stop) and CTA
Bus Route #9 Ashland, #56 Milwaukee,
#66 Chicago and #70 Division

Information presented will be the same at all meetings. The facilities are accessible to people with disabilities.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Introduce the project and the Alternatives Analysis (AA) process. The AA is a study of the potential impacts of the various project options. Each option or "alternative" includes different features and service plans.
- Provide additional information to the public about the project.
- Solicit feedback from the community on the project.

What is the Western and Ashland Corridors BRT Project?

The CTA, in partnership with the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration, is performing an Alternatives Analysis planning study as a means of exploring options as well as the positive and negative impacts of a variety of Bus Rapid Transit features and service on both Western and Ashland Avenues. The study area extends approximately 21 miles along Western and Ashland Avenues, from Howard Street on the north to 95th Street on the south.

Do you require assistance?

If you require an interpreter, including sign language services, or other accommodations at this open house meeting, contact Maria-Teresa Roman, CTA Government and Community Relations Officer, at least five days prior to the open house meeting at (312) 681-2704 or mroman@transitchicago.com.

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