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JOIN US AT THE 32nd ANNUAL TASTE OF CHICAGO JULY 11TH THRU JULY 15th GRANT PARK/MILLENIUM PARK IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO

Happy Fourth of July



July 4th Background

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 64th ANNUAL FAMILY FEST & CARNIVAL

WHY The organization's oldest and largest fundraising event of the year All proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club programs

WHERE Irving Park Road & Rockwell Avenue (behind Paul Revere Park)

WHEN

Wednesday, June 27th 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Thursday, June 28th 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Friday, June 29th 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday, June 30th 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Sunday, July 1st 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm

HOW Entertainment * Beer Garden * 18 Spectacular Rides * Games * Great Food * Family Activities * Plenty of Parking * Raffle

2012 NBGC FAMILY FEST RAFFLE Raffle Tickets are available for \$5.00 each

1st Prize: \$1,000 Cash (courtesy of Tom Kelly - Cougars 60's)

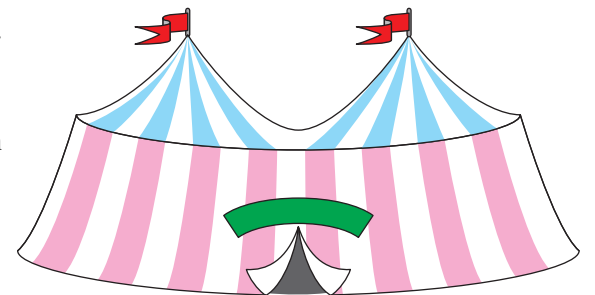
2nd Prize: iPad or \$500 Cash

3rd Prize: Kindle Fire or \$250 Cash (Courtesy of Cooney Funeral Homes - Eugene, Michael, Marty & Thomas)

4th Prize: Replogle World Globe (Courtesy of Replogle World Globe)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS

Visit our Family Fest website page for updated information and details about our event www.nbgc.org/family_fest.asp



Skokie Art Guild's 51st Annual Art Fair

CIRCLE THE DATES

Saturday, **July 14th** and Sunday, **July 15th**

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers July Health Programs

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, July 3, 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 **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Friday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, July 13, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Timothy R. Davis, herbalist and traditional Chinese medicine practitioner, will discuss herbalism and its dangerous contraindications. Registration is not required.

A free lecture, titled **'Do You Suffer From Pelvic Pain?'**, will be held Wednesday, July 18, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This lecture is for anyone who suffers from pelvic pain. Michael Rock, M.D., chairman of anesthesia and pain management, will discuss the causes of pelvic pain, symptoms, treatment options and services offered at the new Pelvic Pain Clinic. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **health fair** will be held Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will feature a variety of health screenings, 'talk to the experts' booths, health literature, raffles, giveaways and refreshments. Face painting and balloon creations for children will be included. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

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

A **diabetes screening** will be held Thursday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. No fasting is required for this blood draw that will test for HbA1C, glycohemoglobin. The screening is for anyone who wants to know their blood sugar average during the past two-to-three months. Test results will be mailed. There is a \$10 fee payable at the screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

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

Better Business Bureau Advice: Guard Against Added Cell Phone Charges When Vacationing

With today's technology, cell phone users can surf the web, receive emails and watch movies on smart phones. When traveling abroad, many users fail to recognize their data plan is constantly in use, even when they think their phone isn't. The Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois (BBB) encourages those going abroad to take steps in preventing unnecessary charges.

In the past 12 months, the BBB received almost 747 complaints against the cell phone industry, many of those were from customers who were unaware their phone or other mobile device was still in use as they traveled outside their coverage area.

"Vacationers often rack up more expenses than initially planned when traveling," said Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and northern Illinois. "It's important to make sure you aren't paying extra for a cell phone not being used."

"Roaming" is the term that describes a wireless phone's ability to make and receive calls outside the designated coverage area under your service plan. Before traveling abroad or out of your coverage area, consumers should be proactive and contact their provider for specific details regarding their individual data plan.

The BBB advises consumers to do the following with their cell phone and cell phone provider in preparation for a trip abroad:

Turn off your phone. If you don't need your phone and don't plan to use it while traveling abroad, turn it off. Another option is to rent or buy an international cell phone. Many rental plans offer services that work in several countries and may provide free incoming calls.

Contact your cell phone provider. Cell phone users generally know not to make calls or send text messages while out of their coverage area or abroad. For the occasional traveler it may be worth looking into an international add-on plan. Your cell phone carrier can provide specific tips that cater to the roaming needs of your individual cell phone and data plan.

Invest in a prepaid SIM card. For frequent, chatty travelers or long-term travelers consider investing in a prepaid SIM card. With access to a local phone number, vacationers will be able to make phone calls at the country's local rate.

Check with your BBB. Travelers should always check with your BBB before choosing an international service provider at www.bbb.org

For more information on finding businesses and consumer tips you can trust, visit www.bbb.org or www.facebook.com/bbbchicago

Be Careful During Summer Heat

Summer is here, and with this season comes the heat. The Skokie Health Department recommends the following during periods of forecasted heat even when a heat advisory has not been issued:

- Use a buddy system to check in on family, neighbors, and friends;
- Plan activities for the coolest times of the day (early morning and late afternoon);
- Drink plenty of fluids;
- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing outdoors;
- NEVER leave children or pets in a parked car; and
- Protect your pets. Make sure your pet always has cool, clean water and a shaded area to rest if left outside

The following public locals are available for cooling in Skokie:

- Illinois Department of Human Services at 8020 St. Louis, Skokie, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Skokie Public Library at 5215 Oakton St. Skokie, 847/673-7774. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.
- Skokie Park District, The Skatium at 9300 Weber Park Place (at the rear of the building), Skokie, 847/674-1500 ext. 2900. Sunday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and at Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252, or visit www.skokie.org.

"RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" FREE TO THE PUBLIC FROM THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

The 2012 edition of the "Resource Guide for Persons with Disabilities," published by The Young Lawyers Section (YLS) of The Chicago Bar Association (CBA), is now available for download at www.chicagobar.org under the "For the Public" link. It can also be ordered in paper form by calling 312-554-2013. It is available at no cost.

The 134-page spiral bound, soft cover book provides contacts and information on public agencies and non-profits that work with the disabled. Resources for help with abuse and neglect, issues of aging, medical issues and more are listed.

Edited by members of the YLS, the publication intends to acquaint Chicago area residents with the tools available for coping with the many issues facing those with disabilities.

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2012 PAA's Annual Gala

As you know, this year the Polish American Association is celebrating its 90th Anniversary as an organization. Our Annual Gala & Benefit Auction on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Drake Hotel promises to be splendid in our anniversary year. The 2012 Presidential Award will be presented to Arie and Bozena Zweig. They are being recognized for their long-standing commitment and generous contributions to the Polish-American community.

We would like to thank you for your gracious patronage of the PAA over the years and we are asking you again to join our efforts to raise funds for the PAA's Annual Gala, our primary fundraiser. We need your help with the sponsorships and the items for the silent auction. They are crucial for the financial success of the Gala.

JOIN US AS THE SPONSORSHIP

Go to <http://www.polish.org/> for a sponsorship package with a solicitation letter, sponsorship levels and an agreement. There are six Gala sponsorships levels. To be one of the sponsors please complete and return the agreement form by August 1, 2012. You can also forward these packages to your friends with an encouraging note. YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO US!

JOIN US AS THE SILENT AUCTION SUPPORTER

Go to <http://www.polish.org/> for a silent auction package with a solicitation letter and an agreement. To donate an item or service, please complete and return the agreement form. You can donate:

sports items including tickets, memorabilia, equipment
gift certificates to stores, spas and salons, restaurants
tickets to events

jewelry and other fashion items such as scarves, purses

items for entertaining: small appliances, glassware

items for decorating: candles, table linens, decorative pillows

KINDLY JOIN US IN MAKING OUR 2012 ANNUAL GALA & SILENT AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS AND CELEBRATING OUR 90th ANNIVERSARY!

For more information, visit us at www.polish.org/gala2012. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Sobocka (773) 427-6307, e-mail: barb@polish.org

SBIF Grants Available for Devon/Western Businesses!

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 50th Ward Alderman Debra Silverstein and the City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development are pleased to announce the availability of additional Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) Grants for the Devon/Western TIF District.

The (SBIF) program uses Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues to help owners of commercial and industrial properties and/or tenants repair or remodel their facilities.

Program participants can receive reimbursing grants to cover up to 75% the cost of remodeling work.

The grant does NOT have to be repaid.

Expenses Eligible For a SBIF Grant Include:

New windows, floors or roof

Sign removal and replacement

Tuck pointing

New heating, ventilation and air conditioning

Improvements to accommodate disabled patrons or workers

Purchase of adjacent property for building expansion or parking

Find out how your business can participate!

How the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce Can Help

The Chamber has assisted many local business owners in obtaining SBIF funding for renovation projects. We are happy to assist in filling out applications, obtaining letters of support and finding local financing options. Contact us today to set up an appointment!

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Amie L. Zander, Executive Director / 773/743-6022 / westridgechamber@sbcglobal.net / www.westridgechamber.org

“INTRODUCTION TO R/C AIRCRAFT” WILL BE TIMELY TALK FOR JULY 18 AT NORWOOD CROSSING

If soaring like an eagle is too adventurous, perhaps the hobby of flying remote control aircraft may be of interest. To learn more about this unique and fun-filled hobby, be sure to attend the Timely Talk, “Introduction to R/C Aircraft,” presented by Greg Bosak, owner of Chicagoland Toys and Hobbies in Norwood Park. The free program will be held at 2:00 p.m., on July 18, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue).

Bosak will explain how you can enter the hobby, gain greater skills at flying your own model aircraft or expand your existing model aircraft hangar, make pre-flight checks, match the size of the aircraft with your personal skills, and point out other details that need to be considered before purchasing or flying a model plane. He will also exhibit flying remote helicopters. A question and answer session will follow the talk, refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held.

Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or visit info@norwoodcrossing.org.

**Registration is Always Open at
St. Peter School in Skokie.
Call early to guarantee a spot and for
registration information. 847/673-0918.**

Lincolnwood Village Board Awards Residents with Prestigious Honors

At the June 19, 2012 Village Board meeting, the Village Board awarded the Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year, Lincolnwood Achievers, Top Female and Male Lincolnwood Achiever, Madeleine Grant Scholarship, and Human Relations Awards.

The Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year recognition is given in honor of past Village President Madeleine Grant, who was instrumental in opening the doors to volunteerism in the Village. This year's Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year is Pamela Stavinoga, who was chosen for her many years of volunteering within the community.

The Lincolnwood Achievers Award is given to high school students based on their grade point average, teacher recommendation, and status as an Illinois State Scholar. Out of the 36 Lincolnwood Achievers, a top female and top male student are chosen who academically stand above their peers. This year, Lauren Langer and Michael Nissan, both of Niles West high school, were selected as the top female and top male Lincolnwood Achievers.

The Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce awarded Lia Sacks and Aaron Michael Ruderman of Niles West High School as recipients of the Madeleine Grant Scholarship Award. This award is given to outstanding graduating high school seniors who are continuing their education.

The Village's Human Relations Commission then introduced the 2012 Lincolnwood Human Relations Award designee, Leah Yarrow. Leah was chosen for this award because of her dedication to helping others and her commitment to promoting respect, tolerance, and neighborly cooperation.

For information about these awards, please contact the Village Manager's office at (847) 745-4717 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

National Jewish Retreat

This summer, I am excited to be joining the National Jewish Retreat, for its seventh annual year. It is an expertly planned luxury getaway of Jewish wellness and spirituality, with every imaginable physical amenity and a wealth of Jewish learning on a giant range of topics. I enjoyed it so much last time that I am going back for more!

The lectures and workshops are delivered by experts in every field from Jewish mysticism and reincarnation to Talmudic debate and contemporary issues, and the retreat offers first class accommodations and the finest and tastiest in kosher cuisine, this year at the luxurious Hyatt Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Evenings at the retreat are for entertainment, with comedy shows, film screenings, exclusive art shows, and amazing concerts featuring the biggest names in Jewish music.

More than anything, the retreat is its participants. Each person has different interests, and a story all their own. The relaxed atmosphere offers participants the opportunity to interact, to learn from one another, and to develop long-lasting bonds of friendship. Just ask your fellow Skokie friends who were there last year!

I can't think of a better way to recharge and enjoy an unforgettable vacation this summer. The National Jewish Retreat is for men, women, and teens, as well as children! So, if you want to bring the whole family, or treat just yourself, you deserve it. You will love it.

The faculty this year includes scholar-in-residence Chief Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau, David Nessenoff, Mrs. Rivkah Slonim, Professor Eugene Kontorovich, and more!

The retreat has a 6 day option or 4 day option, beginning 7/31 or 8/2, ending 8/5. For more info they can email me yona@skokiechabad.org or visit the website www.jretreat.com.

Please join me, and your friends, for an unforgettable weekend. For details and reservations you can visit the website at www.jretreat.com. If you'd like some live reviews from the people who've joined me at the retreat, or have any questions at all, please contact me, yona@skokiechabad.org.

Here's to recharging,

Yona Posner

Belmont-Central and Northwest Connection Chambers of Commerce Annual Golf Outing

Join the Belmont-Central and Northwest Connection Chambers of Commerce for their annual golf outing

Thursday, August 9th, 2012

Indian Boundary Golf Course, 8600 W Forest Preserve Ave, Chicago, 60634

\$100 person includes:

18 holes

Lunch and dinner

Raffle and prizes

Hole sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact us for more information: 773-647-1644.

JOIN US FOR A CHICAGO'S GREEK FEST WEEKEND

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 2012

by Anastasia E. Weaver

We are all fully aware that the economy has played havoc with our income and expenses. Wherever we turn there is a hike in prices, unemployment still in existence, and no immediate solution, housing costs keep spiraling and savings accounts dwindling. On the bright side, we have been blessed with wonderful Chicago weather conditions - lots of sunny skies and warm but breezy days. The Festival committee at St. Demetrios has been planning the annual Chicago's Greek Fest Weekend and keeping all of the above in mind. We also know this is not the smartest of times to be planning a trip to the sunny shores of Greece- they seem to have their own depressing economic turmoil. Our goal is to create a weekend with some of the greatest Greek cuisine, first-class star studded musical entertainment and activities for the entire family to enjoy including the same warm hospitality that would greet you on your arrival on the sunny shores of Greece. Pricing will remain stable at Chicago's GREEK FEST.

All right, it may not be exactly like the sunny shores of Greece and its beautiful islands with cool breezes coming off the shores of the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. It is certainly not Omonia Square or Syntagma Square in Athens. We can promise you a fun filled weekend at St. Demetrios Church's annual GREEK FEST nestled on a quiet residential street in Chicago's Lincoln Square on August 17, 18, and 19. If our weather conditions should suddenly change and a few rain drops come our way, we will not permit that to spoil our fun. We will make sure that the fun still continues in our air conditioned facility.

When you are ready for dinner, whatever the hour you choose, you can visit our Food Tent for a wonderful assortment of authentically prepared Greek dishes, which we create with the freshest and finest ingredients we can obtain. You may want to enjoy our famous GRECIAN CHICKEN with rice pilaf. Perhaps you will select our popular SOUVLAKI - succulent pork tenderloin shish-kabob, or our ROASTED LEG OF LAMB - we marinate to perfection and our GYROS is delicious and it is carved fresh - it is not packaged. Why not try our GREEK FRIES - sprinkled with Feta. You cannot stop eating them. Perhaps it is PASTIT-SIO that will hit the spot - layers of macaroni and ground beef. We also have TYROPITA - home made Greek style cheese pie and our famous SPANAKO-PITA - homemade (not bought) Greek style Spinach Pie. Since the Mediterranean Cuisine is abundant with fresh vegetables - try our GREEK SALAD if you wish. You can enjoy this wonderful meal under the Big Tent or in air-conditioned comfort in the Miller Center. It is your choice, depending our Chicago weather conditions as well.

Visit our PASTRY TENT where you will find the best Greek Pastries made

with recipes prized by our families over the years. The choices are innumerable. You can also take a box home to enjoy the next day while you reminisce about the wonderful weekend of fun you have had with us. Also do not forget our now famous Loukoumades (puff pastry) made from scratch, sprinkled with honey and cinnamon and served warm continuously through the three days.

While we are known for our great Greek cuisine, we do not stop at food alone because we love to dance and sing so we planned a weekend of musical entertainment for the soul and enjoyment. Friday night from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. come and enjoy the exciting music of the NORTHSIDE - a five-member Rock n' Roll band. Four of the five members of this group were born and raised at St. Demetrios and we are proud to say got their start right here and reunited with Rebecca Bolluyt on vocals, Bob Spiliotis on bass, Louie Kritikos on lead guitar, George Skoubis on guitar and keyboards and Chris Stamos on drums. They will be bringing the best in Rock 'n Roll from the 1970's to the present.

Saturday and Sunday night you will enjoy the incomparable JOHN LINAR-DAKIS BAND with Frank Rhokas, bouzouki; Dino Koulianos, lead vocalist; George Marks, keyboards and John Verros, drums performing both Greek and American dance and listening music. We are happy to present an internationally acclaimed clarinetist Dr. Athanasios Zervas, has just arrived from Greece, where he is also a professor of musicology and an accomplished composer, and will be performing as a guest artist at the Chicago's Greek Fest. Dr. Zervas holds a Doctorate of Music, composition from Northwestern University and a Master of Music in saxophone performance as well as a B.A. in music from Chicago State University. Also appearing will be Carol LaVerde, accomplished Soprano and Associate Professor of Music at Columbia College, Chicago. Carol is a specialist in chamber music of many genres, including traditional Italian songs. Dr. Zervas and Carol LaVerde will perform in a duet on Sunday evening. A star studded night of performers for your entertainment and at no extra cost to you..

We are pleased to present the HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE and our own SOLON GREEK SCHOOL DANCERS who will entertain us Sunday night. For the kids besides the Clown, Puppet Show performances we have our popular KIDDIE CRAFT CLASSROOM with hands-on learning of various crafts to enjoy Saturday and Sunday continuously from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and ride and games continuously throughout the weekend.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults and children under twelve are free. For further information call the church office at 773-561-5992 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or visit our FESTIVAL website at www.stdemetrioschicagogreekfest.com

RESURRECTION CLASS OF 2012

One hundred and ninety-five young women celebrated their graduation as the Resurrection College Prep High School Class of 2012. A Baccalaureate Mass was held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at St. John Brebeuf in Niles and the graduation ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the Copernicus Center in Chicago. At the Resurrection Baccalaureate Mass thirty-four graduating seniors presented their mothers or grandmothers with roses. These special mothers and grandmothers were Resurrection alumnae who were honored for continuing the Resurrection legacy with the current generation of students.

The Resurrection Class of 2012 included seventeen Illinois State Scholars and the 195 graduates were awarded over \$7.6 million in college scholarships. At the May 23, 2012 graduation ceremony at the Copernicus Center three students were selected to address their classmates. The graduates included young women who have distinguished themselves in academics, service, athletics and artistic achievements. Two high achieving students Donna Gawron '12 and Briana Torres '12 presented "Student Reflections" at the graduation ceremony. The Commencement speaker, chosen from the Class of 2012 graduates, was Bianca Baltazar '12.

Donna Gawron, President of the Resurrection Student Council, was the first student speaker. She read from the Dr. Suess book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" and urged her classmates to hold onto their imaginations as they face the next phase of their lives. She also challenged the Class of 2012 to live out the words in the song "Go Make a Difference" which is a song frequently sung at Resurrection liturgies.

Donna Gawron was a Res Scholar and an Illinois State Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and Tri-M, the Music Honor Society. She was President of the Resurrection Science Club and a member of the Resurrection Chamber Orchestra. She also performs in a Polish violin and dance ensemble. Donna Gawron will be attending Loyola University in Chicago where she plans to study biology as a pre-med student.

Briana Torres, the second student speaker, has been an active member of Key Club, Italian Club and National Honor Society during her time at Resurrection. "I personally have come to appreciate that each one of us graduates are one of a kind individuals with the potential to make a lasting impact in this world," she said. Briana Torres is a Res Scholar and Illinois State Scholar and will continue her education at Boston University, where she plans to study International Relations and Arabic.

Senior Bianca Baltazar was selected as the Commencement speaker. She is a member of the Orchesis Dance team, has been involved in various clubs here at Resurrection, has volunteers at Resurrection Medical Center and served the sophomore class Secretary. "With the foundation Resurrection College Prep High School has given us, we are prepared to face our future. High school has been a time of learning and maturing; now it is our time to triumph." Bianca Baltazar will be attending Marquette University, where she plans to major in Broadcast Journalism while pursuing Political Science as a minor.

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

Wine Fest Delivers Never-Ending Glass of Wine

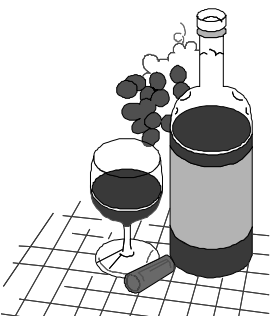
The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its fifth annual Wine Fest on Saturday, September 8, 2012, 4 to 7 p.m., at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Doors open for VIP patrons at 3:15 p.m. Ticket prices are \$50 before September 2 and \$55 after, or \$70 for VIP tickets, which includes high-end wines and an extra 45 minutes of tasting. The Wine Fest is held every year at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home.

The event allows ticket holders to experience various wine and food at a unique outdoor venue. Vas Foremost Liquors will be on tap to coordinate a "never-ending glass" of wine filled by a wide-ranging selection of flavors from around the world. The Wine Fest will offer gourmet cuisine provided by Honest Foods.

Guests can taste more than 60 wines from several distributors, with representatives on hand to answer any questions. Inside the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, guests can bid in a silent auction featuring breathtaking vacations, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, and wine merchandise. Raffle tickets will also give guests the chance to win an Instant Wine Cellar.

The Wine Fest is one of the largest fund-raisers for the Norwood Park Historical Society. Guests must be 21 to attend. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 773-631-4633, e-mail: info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org or online at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home. We work with the community to preserve its rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visits are available on Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.



**Purchase Your Taste of Chicago Concerts
Tickets and Celebrity Chef du Jour Tickets
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The City of Chicago is partnering with Groupon Chicago as the exclusive seller of tickets to the seats at the Petrillo Music Shell for Taste evening concerts and to the all-new Celebrity Chef du Jour. Tickets are on sale now through the Taste website, www.tasteofchicago.us.

Purchase seating tickets for the evening concerts for only \$25 and the dining experience for \$40.

**Bill Passes House to Create Illinois State
Police Cadet Funding**

On the very last day of this spring's grueling legislative session, State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) saw his House Bill 196 pass the House 80-37 to create funding for Illinois State Police training.

"The number of Illinois State Police we are losing due to retirement this year is extremely high," Rep. McAuliffe said. "We need to create this additional funding in order to train the new Illinois State Police Cadets to make up for this large gap."

The bill would allow the circuit court or clerk to charge a fee of up to \$15 when pleading guilty to an offense that would require a court appearance. This would only affect people who must appear in court and have no bearing on those who plead guilty and mail in their fees. Currently, the court charges a fee between \$1-\$2.

The bill is now sent to the Governor for consideration.

**Village of Skokie Partners with Illinois Science
+ Technology Park, Oakton Community College
on Nanotechnology Jobs Training Initiative**

The Nanotechnology Employment, Education and Economic Development Initiative (NE3I), a consortium that includes the Village of Skokie, the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP), Oakton Community College (OCC), NSERVE (a consortium of nine local high schools) and NanoInk, Inc., an IS+TP tenant, recently received a \$250,000 grant from The Chicago Community Trust. At its June 18, 2012 meeting, the Skokie Village Board authorized matching this grant with \$250,000 in funds from the Village's Downtown Science + Technology Park Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to further the NE3I goal of making nanotechnology accessible for local high school and community college students.

"The NE3I partner organizations share a common goal of training 125 to 300 local students each year to address a growing and documented need for nanotechnicians at the IS+TP and other northern Illinois locations," said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "In addition to the generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust and the Village's fund match through the IS+TP TIF, the consortium continues to work with state and federal agencies to secure additional funding for this important jobs training initiative."

The NE3I will be housed at the IS+TP in Downtown Skokie, and the Village of Skokie and all partners will have representation on the program's advisory board. The nanotechnology training curriculum will be developed by the OCC Departments of Math and Technologies and Science and Health Careers, and will incorporate existing curriculum developed by NanoInk, Inc.

"NE3I represents a unique public/private partnership. I am grateful to Oakton Community College and Forest City Enterprises, the firm that owns the IS+TP, for their leadership and cooperation. I am equally grateful to The Chicago Community Trust for supporting the initiative, and am pleased that the Village of Skokie has the resources to contribute to this important jobs training initiative. With a locally trained, professional nanotechnology workforce, it is expected that additional nanotechnology firms will establish a presence at the IS+TP and regionally throughout northern Illinois," said Van Dusen.

The curriculum is expected to be available to area students through OCC in spring 2013.

**Celebrate Norwood Park's 138th Birthday
With A Party on July 28**

The Norwood Park Historical Society will celebrate Norwood Park's 138th birthday party on July 28, 2012, with activities for adults and children.

On Chicago's far Northwest Side, celebrate Norwood Park's 138th birthday party on July 28, 2012, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Norwood Park Historical Society will celebrate the 138th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Norwood Park with a day full of events for adults and children. This event is free to the public and all are welcome. Donations to support the Norwood Park Historical Society are appreciated.

Festivities will occur on the grounds of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. The birthday party includes something for everyone, from adults to kids of all ages. Most of the activities will be held outside. The museum will be open during regular hours, noon to 4 p.m.

* Representatives of the Girl Scouts, in conjunction with 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts and the Norwood Park Historical Society's museum exhibit, will organize games and activities. Attendees do not need to be or have been a Girl Scout or a girl to participate. Just come to join the fun!

* As our nation continues to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Norwood Park Historical Society is pleased to welcome a large group of re-enactors who will portray members of the 10th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. This interactive living history event will include 15 to 20 men who will set up camp, march, perform a firing demonstration, hold a presentation of arms, and conduct other drills. These re-enactors will be wearing and using authentic items from the Civil War. They welcome your questions and participation in their activities at Camp Norwood Park.

* At 10:30 a.m., Tom Micheletti from The Hosta Patch, Deer Park, Ill., will speak about hostas. The Hosta Patch grows many different varieties, and visitors can learn from the expert. Owner Tom Micheletti speaks to garden clubs, Master Gardener groups, and hosta societies.

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

**Galewood WWII Veteran Ray Crotty Looks
Forward to Honor Flight Trip to Washington**

With the number of surviving World War II veterans on the decline, it's an amazing honor and opportunity for WWII Army veteran Ray Crotty, age 85, of Galewood to take an Honor Flight Trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the WWII Memorial on July 11th. Ray is packing his bags and preparing mentally and physically for what promises to be an action-packed and emotional day visiting the National WWII Memorial and touring the nation's capital. This all-expense-paid trip of a lifetime is provided courtesy of Honor Flight Chicago and arranged by Victory Centre of Galewood, the supportive living community where Ray resides.

He will join other Chicago area veterans when he boards the plane at dawn at Midway Airport July 11th and flies to Washington, DC, where he will spend the day touring with the help of volunteers and then return home at night to a hero's welcome.

Ray, who was stationed in France and Germany during WWII, is looking forward to reconnecting with fellow veterans on the trip. "It can't help but bring back memories to talk to a bunch of people who were fighting in Europe during the war," he said. Ray vividly recalls the food shortage that affected German families at the close of the war. "They would wait at the end of our chow line and take our food scraps," he said.

Victory Centre of Galewood, located at 2370 N. Newcastle, Chicago, is a Supportive Living community.

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Local Arts and Entertainment

“CHICAGO PIX” NOW ON DISPLAY AT CITY HALL

City's Beauty as Captured by Citizen Photographer

The first installation of “Chicago Pix” is now available for view on the 5th Floor Lobby of City Hall, (121 N. LaSalle Street) outside the offices of Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The 19 images were selected from dozens of entries submitted to the Visual Arts Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, (DCASE) which also served to curate the display.

The images are playful such as Yellow Fellows depicting the “participants” of the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby, uniquely Chicago with photos reflecting sculptures such as The Bean (Cloud Gate in Millennium Park) and Agora in Grant Park, and some are a slice of life such as Back Dive depicting that first foray into a still-chilled Lake Michigan or children enjoying the Daley Plaza sculpture in Angel on the Picasso.

The photographers of Chicago Pix are Chicagoans by birth or by choice, making the city their home from places as far away as Mississippi and abroad as one transplanted Scotsman finds the beauty in the fire escapes of American buildings with Stairway to Heaven and a Polish immigrant finds Aqua Tower to be reminiscent of her homeland's Tatra Mountains.

All of the framed images will be given to the applicants upon completion of the exhibit.

GOATS...IN THE CITY?

Goats Browse at the Garfield Park Conservatory This Summer

WHO: Two adult goats along with four baby goats (pair of twins) can be seen browsing in the City Garden at Garfield Park Conservatory this summer.

WHERE: Garfield Park Conservatory's City Garden located behind the Conservatory (west of the facility.) 300 N. Central Park Ave.

WHEN: For one week each month during Conservatory hours which are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays until 8 p.m.

July 7 – 13

August 4 – 10

September 8 – 14

October 6 – 12

Please call ahead to ensure goats are not out sick!

MORE: We are asking patrons NOT to touch or feed the goats please.

These goats belong to a Westside Chicago resident who is experimenting with how small farm animals benefit the urban landscape and life in the city. People and goats have lived side-by-side for over 10,000 years, and today's city dwellers are starting to realize the benefits.

A browser eats leaves, green stems, and bark, while a grazer eats mostly grasses. Think of them both as natural mowers. They can clear a vacant lot of weeds in no time!

Browsers and grazers have been part of Garfield Park's history. William Le Baron Jenney, the architect who designed Garfield Park in the 1870's, imagined a country space in the city where farm animals roamed pastoral meadows. At long last, goats are browsing in Garfield Park!

Drum Corps International to Perform in Muscatine

7:30 Sunday, July 1, 2012

What: Percussion on the Pearl – A Drum Corps International extravaganza

Where: 2705 Cedar St., Muscatine, Iowa (Muscatine High School Football Stadium)

When: 7:30 Sunday, July 1, 2012

Why: To experience the DCI phenomenon

How: Buy tickets at dci.org/tickets

Tickets: Range from \$10-\$20

Promo: <http://bcove.me/2pdqd88c>

They are athletes, artists and performers and guaranteed to present a spellbinding performance. Drum Corps International, known as the Major League of Marching Music, will perform in Muscatine, Iowa, at 7:30 on Sunday, July 1.

Drum Corps is sometimes described as marching band but there's no real comparison. Each drum corps performance is an intense, highly competitive, choreographed musical. Drum Corps is composed of students age 13 to 22 playing brass, percussion and color guard - no woodwinds.

“It will be the first time Muscatine will host a major Drum Corps International event,” said Muscatine High School Director of Bands Jeff Heid, who is organizing the event. “It will be an outstanding competition among eight great drum corps from around the country.”

The eight corps performing are: Bluecoats - Canton, OH; Blue Stars - La Crosse, WI; Madison Scouts - Madison, WI; Glassmen - Toledo, OH; Troopers - Casper, WY; Colt Cadets - Dubuque, IA; Legends - Kalamazoo, MI; and the Racine Scouts - Racine, WI.

Active participants in U.S. Drum Corps hail from more than 15 countries, and the annual DCI tour consists of more than 100 events throughout North America. Each summer more than 400,000 fans attend live events, and more than 8000 students audition for 3500 marching spots.

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$20 and can be purchased online at dci.org/tickets. Ticket Prices increase \$5 on event day at the gate!

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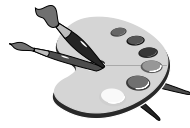
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CHICAGO FRANCHISE SET FOR 2012-2013 MISL SEASON NEW FRANCHISE

SET TO PLAY AT SEARS CENTRE ARENA

The Major Indoor Soccer League is pleased to announce that a new franchise in Chicago will begin participation in the league starting with the 2012-13 season.

Led by CEO/Owner Armando Gamboa and COO/Owner Dave Mokry, the franchise will announce its name in the coming weeks. The team will play its home games at the Sears Centre Arena, a multi-purpose family entertainment, cultural and sports center which holds 9,400 for indoor soccer.

“Chicago is an important market for the MISL with a great deal of history in the league and a passionate fan base, so we're obviously pleased to announce this addition, which is another step in the continuing growth of the MISL,” MISL Senior Director Chris Economides said. “Armando Gamboa and Dave Mokry are committed to producing a winner on and off the field.”

Tryouts for the team are expected to be announced shortly.

“We are delighted to be part of the excitement and tradition of the Major Indoor Soccer League and we look forward to working with the league and the other franchises to continue to grow the league,” Gamboa said. “We expect to feature a great deal of Chicago talent on our team and can't wait to start building a team that Chicago soccer fans will be proud of.”

The 2012-13 MISL alignment and schedule are expected to be released in August.

COMPOSER GUSTAV HOLST'S ORCHESTRAL SUITE, THE PLANETS, DISCUSSED AND PERFORMED

Program Presented As Part Of “One Score, One Chicago” Event

The Chicago Public Library and the Ravinia Festival present a discussion and live piano performance featuring The Planets by Gustav Holst, as part of the 2012 One Score, One Chicago program. The free event takes place on Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Dr. Sheldon H. Marcus will lead a discussion of The Planets, one of the most powerful and compelling pieces of music ever written. Dr. Marcus will take the audience on a musical journey using live performance with pianists Mary Rose Norell and Laura Moylan, as well as audio and visual samples. Ms. Norell and Ms. Moylan will perform selections including Mars and Venus, from the four hand piano version of the work.

The Planets is Holst's seven-movement orchestral suite, written between 1914 and 1916, in which each movement of the suite is named after a planet in the Solar System that was known during that time. From its premiere in 1918, to the present day, the suite has been enduringly popular, influential, widely performed and frequently recorded.

Inspired by the Chicago Public Library's One Book, One Chicago, Ravinia's One Score, One Chicago highlights an important piece of music each season. One Score, One Chicago gives a deeper understanding of music to wider audiences. In addition, through the Library's and Ravinia Festival's Words and Music Program, Chicago Public Library card-holders can visit any neighborhood Library location to pick up a limited number of free lawn passes to selected concerts at Ravinia Festival during the summer season. Visit www.ravinia.org for more information.

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

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra Announces Summer Concerts

This Summer, the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will be performing two concerts for the community's enjoyment. The first will be held Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Skokie Theatre at 7924 N. Lincoln Avenue in Skokie. Philip Simmons will conduct works by Golimennov, Nenov, Zletev-Cherkin, Williams, and Copland with violin soloist Kamen Vatchev. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Skokie Theatre Box Office, by phone at 773-598-4549, or online at www.gorilltango.com.

The second Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra performance will be held Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 7 PM. The concert will be outdoors at Proesel Park near the entrance to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. Admission to this patriotic evening of popular and classical favorites is free. For more information, call 224-456-2399 or visit www.americanmusicfestivals.com.

Local Arts and Entertainment

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish the SANCTUARY of THE DIVINE MERCY

The famed Lira Singers of the Lira Ensemble will perform a benefit concert of Marian Hymns on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 3:30pm at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church/the Sanctuary of The Divine Mercy at 1327 N. Noble St. in Chicago.

The concert celebrates the 135th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the current church building. The Polish community of Chicago founded historic St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in 1867 to serve their spiritual needs. By the turn of the 20th Century, the church was the largest Catholic parish in the United States, serving 8,000 parishioners. The church continues to serve a Catholic community of many races and nationalities in the heart of Chicago.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is currently undergoing an essential repair and restoration of the interior costing \$4.4 million.

The famed Lira Singers of the Lira Ensemble, founded in 1965, specialize in Polish music and have as their mission "to bring the best of Polish culture into American life." Lira Ensemble is recognized for outreach concerts with other American ethnic groups. Lucyna Migala is the artistic director, general manager, and co-founder of the Lira Ensemble, received the Sor Juana Award of the National Museum of Mexican Art for the outreach efforts.

Tickets are \$25.00. Send ticket requests to Restore St. Stans, St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, 1351 W. Evergreen Ave, Chicago, IL 60642. You can e-mail the restoration office at restoreststans@yahoo.com or call 773-278-2470.

Cultural, Civic and Corporate Partnership Launches Bold Initiative – Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago Park District and The Boeing Company

present

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS - FREE FOR ALL

July 29 – August 19, 2012

Chicago Shakespeare Theater (CST), Chicago Park District and The Boeing Company announced today plans to bring Shakespeare, FREE FOR ALL, to community parks across the City of Chicago this summer. From Portage Park to Humboldt Park and Austin to South Shore, this summer from July 29 to August 19, Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks will break down barriers to arts participation and give Chicagoans direct access to their City's cultural resources by bringing free Shakespeare performances into their neighborhoods.

"Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks is a wonderful example of how arts initiatives can succeed in bringing communities together, enhancing the quality of life through public and private partnership throughout the city and into our neighborhoods," said Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Commissioner, Michelle T. Boone. "Accessibility to the arts is something we heard from residents throughout the city at our many public meetings for the new 2012 Chicago Cultural Plan. This new program is an important step in strengthening Chicago's future as a leader in the world for arts and culture."

The new citywide arts initiative, the largest of its kind in the history of the Chicago Park District, is made possible by a grant from The Boeing Company, with additional support from BMO Harris Bank, Sara Lee Foundation, and the Chicago Shakespeare Trust.

Lianne Stein, Vice President of Global Corporate Citizenship for The Boeing Company, says, "As a company dedicated to innovation and new ideas, Boeing is pleased to partner in presenting Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks. We applaud the program's aim to activate and engage communities through quality artistic programming, free of charge, which will inspire residents with the works of the world's leading playwright."

Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks is inspired by the open air setting in which Shakespeare's plays were originally performed more than 400 years ago, and Joseph Papp's twentieth century American initiative that brought free Shakespeare to urban communities. Beginning its summer tour on July 29 through each of the Park District regions, a traveling production of *The Taming of the Shrew* will be presented. A specially equipped truck will roll into each park, a stage will unfold, and a company of professional actors will perform. Parks scheduled to be visited, rain or shine, include: South Shore Cultural Center, Tuley Park, Dvorak Park, Austin Town Hall Park, Humboldt Park, Douglas Park, Welles Park, Garfield Park Conservatory, Ridge Park and Frank J. Wilson Park.

"We are so pleased to welcome Chicago Shakespeare Theater to our parks," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent & CEO Michael Kelly. "This partnership creates a unique opportunity to enhance cultural offerings at parks across the city and hopefully begin a tradition of bringing free theatrical performances to families citywide."

Visitors to the parks will enjoy a 75-minute, daylight production of Shakespeare's enduring comedy about the battle between the sexes, *The Taming of the Shrew*. The wildly spirited Kate and the machismo-driven Petruchio will scream, fight and woo their way into one another's heart in Shakespeare's verse and Elizabethan dress, underscored with original rock-inspired music to connect contemporary audiences with the characters' journeys.

"As Chicago's 'home for Shakespeare' for the past quarter century, CST has delighted in introducing millions of audience members to his timeless plays," said Barbara Gaines, Artistic Director of Chicago Shakespeare Theater. "We are honored by this opportunity to make Shakespeare FREE FOR ALL Chicagoans and to share his insight and humor in a high-energy professional production, under the summer skies. Prepare to fall in love with Shakespeare – for the first time, or all over again!"

Adapted and staged by Jeff Award-winning director Rachel Rockwell, Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks production of *The Taming of the Shrew* features Ericka Ratcliff, performing the role of strong-willed Katharina and Matt Mueller performing the role of Katharina's sparring partner, Petruchio. The acting company also includes: Jeffrey Baumgartner, Tiffany Yvonne Cox, Max Ganet, José Antonio García, Eric Leonard, Kate LoConti, Robert Joseph Miller, Matthew Sherbach, Mick Weber and Jarrod Zimmerman.

For more information on Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks, visit www.chicagoshakes.com/parks. A complete Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks map and schedule is attached.

POLISH FRATERNALS SPONSORS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT AT TOYOTA PARK WITH THE CHICAGO FIRE

Polish National Alliance Vice President (PNA) Paul C. Odrobina invites Chicago Fire Soccer 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 first Polish-American Night with the Chicago Fire at Toyota Park on Saturday August 18, 2012 starting at 7:30 p.m. The Chicago Fire vs. the New England Revolution. Price of Premiere Tickets are only \$20.00 (regularly \$40.00). Toyota Park is located at 7000 S. Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois.

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) or at the Chicago Fire Sales Office Contact, Ed Kaczynski (708) 496-6784. Please note that tickets are subject to availability and due to high demand, we encourage to order tickets as soon as possible. A flyer with complete details could be found on the PNA's website www.pna-znp.org

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Upcoming Events

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27 Jul German Cinema 23	19 Aug Comedy Hirten
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Proceeds from this annual event benefit the West Ridge, Gladstone Park and Norridge-Harwood Heights Chambers of Commerce and their educational programs.

Lincoln Village Featuring New Artist

Beginning June 4, 2012, the art of Maryann Kofoed will be featured in the Village's art gallery. This show, entitled "Faces and Places," will run from June 4 to July 13. The Village will host a public reception for the art exhibit on June 19, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

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

Local Arts and Entertainment

Observance of Independence Day Facts

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, Ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy".

In 1791, the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.

In 1820, the first Fourth of July celebration was held in Eastport, Maine which remains the largest in the state.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.

In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.



Mitchell Museum Offers Crafts for Kids in July

The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston will offer special activities for youngsters June 6-8, the first days of summer break for students in Evanston/Skokie School District 65.

Kids can engage in do-it-yourself craft projects making simple versions of traditional Native American items including woven rugs, Northwest Coast masks, Plains shields, and Seminole patchwork. The crafts are recommended for children ages 5 and older. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Native American stories will be read each afternoon at 2 p.m. in the museum's teaching lodge.

The "school's out" activities are included with the price of museum admission. Regular museum hours will be in effect.

Kids Craft Morning Programs

The museum will also offer its "Kids Craft Morning" programs on Saturdays and Sundays in June and July.

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

Kids will make Woodlands porcupine quill boxes out of colored toothpicks and cardboard; Northwest Coast button blankets of plastic buttons glued to felt; Northwest Coast rattles of dry corn kernels sandwiched between paper plates; bolo ties of nylon cord, cardboard, and colored mosaic tiles; beaded key chains of hemp cord, beads, and metal key rings; beaded bracelets and headbands of cord and beads made on a cardboard loom; Lakota Star quilts of cloth and heavy paper; Seminole patchwork of fabric pieces glued onto cloth; and a Cherokee syllabary, a booklet using written symbols to represent syllables of the Cherokee language.

Workshop dates, times, and themes are as follows:

- July 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Seminole patchwork
- July 7, 11 a.m.-noon, beaded key chains
- July 8, 12:30-1:30 p.m., beaded key chains
- July 14, 11 a.m.-noon, Cherokee syllabary
- July 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Cherokee syllabary
- July 21, 11 a.m.-noon, Lakota star quilts
- July 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Lakota star quilts
- July 28, 11 a.m.-noon, Northwest Coast button blankets
- July 29, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Northwest Coast button blankets

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

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

Workshop participants have the opportunity to view authentic examples of Native crafts from the Mitchell's collection and illustrations of Native designs as models for their projects.

Kids Craft Morning activities are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary.

Admission to Kids Craft Morning workshops is included with museum admission, which is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 1-17), students (with ID), teachers (with ID), and seniors (age 65+). Admission is free for Mitchell Museum members and tribal members.

The Mitchell Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays.

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

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16TH ANNUAL CHICAGO SUMMERDANCE ANNOUNCES LINEUP

Free Outdoor Dance Festival Returns with Diverse Music and Dance Offerings
July 19 – September 16; Special Kick-Off at Taste of Chicago, July 11 - 15

The largest annual outdoor dancing series in the United States, Chicago SummerDance returns for its 16th year of jumping, jiving and bringing joy to Chicago's residents and visitors. SummerDance will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 4 to 7 p.m., weather permitting, from July 19 through September 16.

Highlights include performances by acclaimed Cuban composer and vocalist Angel d'Cuba (July 28); Bollywood, Bhangra, Reggae and Funk band Funkadesi (August 9); African Soukous and Highlife band The Occidental Brothers Dance Band International (Sept. 7); and Chicago Samba (Sept. 8). The full schedule is enclosed.

New this year, Chicago SummerDance kicks off at the 32nd annual Taste of Chicago, July 11 – 15, with DJs spinning a different genre of music each night in Grant Park, midpoint between Jackson St. and Congress Pkwy. Then, Chicago SummerDance moves to the Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan Avenue, July 19 – September 15 for introductory one-hour dance lessons taught by professional instructors followed by two hours of live music and dancing.

The final evening of Chicago SummerDance on September 16 is scheduled to take place in Millennium Park on the AT&T Plaza in front of Cloud Gate. Further details on the grand finale September 16 event will be announced at a later date.

Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago SummerDance brings people of all ages and skill levels together on the 4,900-square-foot, open-air dance floor made of 100% recycled materials each summer. The series offers free, introductory one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors followed by music and dancing. The diverse musical lineup showcases dance styles from all corners of the globe.

Updates and announcements will be available on Facebook at facebook.com/Chicago-SummerDance and on Twitter @SummerDance2012. Weather announcements will be available on the SummerDance Hotline at 312.742.4007. For more information, visit ChicagoSummerDance.org.

Last year more than 100,000 people enjoyed the Chicago SummerDance series, making it the most established and popular dance series of its kind in the United States.

Chicago SummerDance Dance Floor

The open-air dance floor for Chicago SummerDance was designed by Chicago artist Dan Peterman out of recycled plastic. Titled Chicago Ground Cover, the floor was first installed in 1997 at the original Chicago SummerDance site in Grant Park along Michigan Avenue at Washington Street (now Millennium Park). Originally 2,500 square feet, it was first expanded to 3,500 square feet in 1999, and was then expanded to 4,600 square feet. In 2011, it was renovated and further expanded to 4,900 square-feet to accommodate the increasing number of SummerDance visitors.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL RETURNS TO MILLENNIUM PARK

The Family Fun Festival returns to Millennium Park this summer, making the Park the place to be for kids of all ages. Every day, from July 2 through September 2 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., family performances and hands-on activities will take place in the Family Fun Tent, located on the Park's Chase Promenade North. The Family Fun Festival is sponsored by Target and presented by the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

"At Target, we are committed to serving local communities where we do business," said Laysha Ward, President, Community Relations, Target. "That's why we are proud to partner with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to present the Family Fun Festival as we work to strengthen communities and enrich the lives of our guests and team members."

Activities in the Family Fun Tent every day include Wiggleworms® at 10 a.m., when instructors from the Old Town School of Folk Music lead young children in a fun-filled sing-along that has kids singing and dancing to popular children's favorites from the Wiggleworms program. A reading circle follows at 11 a.m., and concerts by some of the most notable names in local and regional entertainment will take place at 1 p.m.

Throughout the day, the Family Fun Tent's Activity Zone will include hands-on craft projects and garden, science and environmental activities led by some of the region's popular museums and cultural institutions, including Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Architecture Foundation, Chicago History Museum, Chicago Park District, Chicago Wilderness, Chicago Youth Circus, CircEsteem, Lurie Garden, Museum of Science and Industry, Swedish American Museum and William Moss and Friends.

The Family Fun performer line-up and the Activity Zone schedule can be found at www.millenniumpark.org. For more information about the Family Fun Festival and all of the programming in Millennium Park this summer, visit millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @Millennium_Park.

Weekly Activity Zone Partners

July 2-8 - Wild in the City with activities led by Chicago Wilderness

July 9-15 - Pop Goes the Easel with activities led by Art Institute of Chicago

July 16-22 - Past, Present and Future: Your Chicago with activities led by Chicago History Museum

July 23-29 - Under the Big Top with activities led by CircEsteem and Chicago Youth Circus

July 30-August 5 - Architecture Week: Building Chicago with activities led by Chicago Architecture Foundation

August 6-12 - TBD

August 13-19 - Science and Exploration with activities led by Museum of Science and Industry

August 20-26 - Cultural Exchange: Explore Swedish Traditions with activities led by Swedish American Museum

August 27-September 2 - Garden in the City with activities led by Lurie Garden (August 27-31) and Get Out & Grow with activities led by William Moss and Friends (September 1-2)



Fireworks are Always Dangerous Especially, During this Unusually Dry Weather

Summer is a great time to have family picnics, spend hot days poolside, and to share happy moments with friends and family and not the time you want to spend in the hospital from a fireworks injury or caring for a family member with burns.

Sadly, fireworks send thousands of people to the hospital each year, and nearly all of those injuries could have been prevented by leaving fireworks in the hands of professionals.

Fireworks are illegal without a permit in Illinois. The State Fire Marshal's Office urges everyone to attend professional pyrotechnic displays where the whole family can enjoy them at a safe distance.

Fireworks pose threats year round, but with the Fourth of July holiday approaching, dry weather conditions pose a greater risk of injury and deaths related to fireworks misuse.

Even seemingly harmless fireworks devices can be dangerous. Matches burn at 350 degrees and Sparklers reach temperatures of up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and remain hot enough to cause serious burns even after extinguishment.

So, let's make July 4th and the entire year fireworks safe. Observe all fireworks safety rules, and leave fireworks use to the professionals.

For more information, contact the Skokie Fire Department at (847) 982-5340.

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Public Libraries

Gerber/Hart Library & Archives Elects New President, Board Member

Gerber/Hart Library announces that Brad Tucker has been elected President of the Board of Directors to fulfill the remainder of Karen Sendziak's term. Karen Sendziak has been elected Treasurer, and John Orwat, PhD has been elected Secretary of the Board. Orwat will finish the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Brad Tucker served as President of Gerber/Hart from 1997 – 1999 and oversaw Gerber/Hart's move from its previous location on Paulina Street to the facility on Granville Avenue. Tucker said, "Moving Gerber/Hart to Granville Avenue marked the beginning of a new era for Gerber/Hart in 1999. Moving to 6500 N. Clark St. will mark the beginning of another new chapter in Gerber/Hart's 31 year history and I am honored to be able to be a part of it."

Tucker stated that re-opening Gerber/Hart to the public will be his number one priority and is counting on volunteers to help unpack, re-shelve and reset the Library in its new home as soon as construction is completed.

"With the help of Karen Sendziak, Gerber/Hart recently received a large donation of furniture, which will fit beautifully in the new library. The new space is being custom built for Gerber/Hart and its needs. We will have much more space to house and process archives, a separate area for booksales, bright sunny reading areas, a meeting room and an exhibition hall that will allow local artists to display their works to the public. Once complete, the library will be handicap accessible and ADA compliant", Tucker said.

Going forward Tucker says he will primarily focus on board development, new fundraising initiatives, community outreach and implementing new management strategies. He expects to develop oversight bodies for the library, archives and programming at Gerber/Hart. "It's embarrassing to admit, but during my first three years as president I never learned how to check out a book for a patron. I won't pretend I'm a librarian or archivist. I will leave that work to the professionals and our well-trained volunteers. I see my role as helping to develop the future of Gerber/Hart; developing future leaders, insuring its financial viability and making sure Gerber/Hart is providing services and sharing our resources with the community."

Former president Karen Sendziak has now assumed the position of Treasurer. Sendziak is also Gerber/Hart's longest and most steadfast volunteer. For almost 25 years she has served as Historian, Archivist, volunteer coordinator, board member, President, programming director, exhibit curator and a host of other positions at Gerber/Hart. "Without Karen Sendziak, I'm not certain Gerber/Hart would be around today", Tucker said.

John Orwat, PhD will assume the role of Secretary on the Board of Directors. John is an Assistant Professor at Loyola University. He has done significant research in the areas of substance abuse treatment among adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Don Landers will remain on the board as a member at large.

Gavin Rehfeldt has been appointed Gerber/Hart's Exhibition Coordinator. Rehfeldt received his Masters of Arts Management from Columbia College, has interned at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, and has served as Exhibition coordinator for the Chicago Mosaic School. He looks forward to creating exhibits with compelling visuals that contribute to conversations concerning the history and experiences of LGBTQ individuals.

Gerber/Hart Library and Archives was founded in 1981 to be a depository for the records of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) individuals and organizations, and for other resources bearing upon their lives and experiences in American society. Gerber/Hart Library and Archives has since grown into being the Midwest's largest LGBT circulating library with over 14,000 volumes, 800 periodical titles, and 100 archival collections.

For more information about Gerber/Hart Library and Archives go to www.GerberHart.org or call 773-381-8030.



Brad Tucker

COOL AUTHOR & SUMMER READS FOR ADULTS PROGRAMS AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IN JULY

While the July heat scorches the city, the Chicago Public Library features cool author and You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults events at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. and other branch libraries. For more information visit chicagopubliclibrary.org, or call (312) 747-4050.

JANINE MACLACHLAN Monday, July 9 at 6 p.m.
Reception Hall, Lower Level

Food writer and author Janine MacLachlan discusses and signs her new book, *Farmers' Markets of the Heartland*, an accounting of her tour of seasonal markets and farm stands throughout the Midwest. Along the way, MacLachlan meets the growers, producers and artisans who bring fresh, nourishing food to local communities. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

DAVID MARANISS Wednesday, July 11 at 6 p.m.
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

David Maraniss, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and associate editor at *The Washington Post*, discusses and signs his new book *Barack Obama: The Story*, a deeply reported generational biography teeming with fresh insights and revealing information. Maraniss' masterful narrative is drawn from hundreds of interviews, including President Obama's in the Oval Office, as well as numerous letters, journals, diaries and other documents.

LAURA BRUZAS Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Clearing Branch, 6423 W. 63rd Pl., (312) 747-5657
Rogers Park Branch, 6907 N. Clark St., (312) 744-0156
North Austin Branch, 5724 W. North Ave., (312) 746-4233

In this workshop titled *Eat Well for Less*, the "green kitchen economist" Laura Bruzas from *Healthy Dining Chicago*, <http://www.healthydining.org/>, discusses simple, healthy lifestyle options for consumers. Bruzas offers expert tips and dietitian-approved strategies to shopping smart, conserving energy in the kitchen and stocking the pantry with nutritious and tasty meals. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

COLSON WHITEHEAD Wednesday, July 18 at 6 p.m.
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

Bestselling author Colson Whitehead discusses and signs his post-apocalyptic horror novel *Zone One*, about a global pandemic that has devastated the planet and humanity, leaving the living and the living dead in its wake. *Zone One* is both spine chilling and playfully cerebral as it subverts the genre's conventions and deconstructs the zombie myth for the 21st Century.

JAMES MASTRIANNI, M.D., PH.D. Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Sulzer Regional Library
(312) 744-7616

In this workshop titled *Health Matters: Is Your Brain Trying to Tell You Something*, Dr. James Mastrianni, associate professor of neurology and director of the University of Chicago Medicine's Memory Center, leads a discussion on memory disorders. His discussion includes deciding when forgetfulness becomes a serious health problem, addressing memory loss symptoms immediately, seeking medical attention and ways to help keep memory sharp. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

TERRI GREGORY Monday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Sulzer Regional Library
(312) 744-7616

Artist Terri Gregory, MAAT, discusses the use of art as a visit activity for people suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or have difficulty connecting socially. In this workshop titled, *Connecting to Those with Memory Loss*, Gregory shows that art and creativity can facilitate a social bond, stimulate memories, enhance emotional well-being, and act as a bridge for interpersonal communication in ways that cannot be done through verbal conversation. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

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Public Libraries

RAHM'S READER: YOU ARE WHAT YOU READ SUMMER PROGRAM HEATS UP WITH COOL PROGRAMS IN JULY

The Chicago Public Library kicked off its annual Summer Reading Program on June 11, celebrating health and wellness as part of Rahm's Readers: You Are What You Read. In just the first two weeks, a total of 6,213 children have already read 24,281 books. Moving into the hot month of July, the Library will have loads of cool programs about health, nutrition and wellness to keep kids reading and having fun as the summer heats up.

Chicago children (and families) will have a great time attending the following upbeat and interactive citywide programs in July. Please visit chipublib.org for dates and locations:

- **Healthy Beats: A Family Program for Active Kids & Parents** with Laura Doherty
- **Histories for Kids, Inc.:** The Chicago Super Chef Express with Terry Lynch
- **Deep Divers and high Jumpers: Small and Tall Tales of Animal Athletes** with Bob Kanegis
- **A Recipe for Success: The Magic of Reading** with Bob Kann
- **Don't Just Sit There ... Get Healthy!** with Rick Kelley
- **Nutrimania! A Tasty Game Show for Kids** with Mad Science of Chicago
- **Artist Workshop: A Feast for the Eye** with Steve Musgrave
- **Get Hip to Health!** with The Science Alliance
- **Music, Movement and Healthy Reading** with ScribbleMonster
- **Read, Sing and Keep Health!** with Carol Weston
- **Design. Build. Test.** With the James Dyson Foundation

Rahm's Readers: You Are What You Read is presented in partnership with the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Public Health, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, La Rabida Children's Hospital, Comer Children's Hospital, CLOCC: Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago's Children, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics: Reach Out and Read and the By the Hand Club for Kids.

Programs are generously supported by the Chicago Public Library Foundation and a host of sponsors including Cubs Care, Dr. Scholl Foundation, Kraft Foods Foundation, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation, Macy's Foundation, Helen M. Harrison Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, R. R. Donnelley, ComEd, RPM Advertising, Citidel Foundation, wttw11/98.7 wfmt, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Blackhawks Charities and the Chicago Sun-Times.

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

FREE MONEY SMART PROGRAMS CONTINUE IN JULY

The Chicago Public Library continues its free series of financial literacy programs designed to help people become more "money smart." Presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and its partners, Money Smart programs help participants understand the business of money, gain control of their finances and learn practical money skills for life. Money Smart programs are held year round at library locations throughout the city. Additionally, all Chicago Public Library locations offer books and online resources which allow participants to learn more about organizing their personal finances and financial planning. For a complete listing of Money Smart programs, please visit chicagopubliclibrary.org.

Seven Costly Misconceptions about Mortgage Loan Modifications

Learn about the mortgage loan modification process and how lender policies may affect the loan's monthly payment, interest rate, mortgage terms and outstanding loan principal. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Fonfrias Law Group LLC.

Monday, July 23 at 12 p.m.
Harold Washington Library Center
Video Theater, lower level
400 S. State St., (312) 747-4300

Introduction to Investing

Basic investment concepts and portfolio design ideas will be discussed for the beginning investor to avoid common mistakes and make sound decisions to secure a better financial future. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Warren Arnold, CFA, CFP, ChFC.

Tuesday, July 24 at 12 p.m.
Harold Washington Library Center
Video Theater, lower level
400 S. State St., (312) 747-4300

All Money Smart programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The Chicago Public Library does not endorse, promote or guarantee the products and/or services of the presenters. Products and/or services are not sold at these presentations. For more information about Money Smart programs, please call (312) 747-8184.

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LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The library is closed on Wednesday, July 4.

Book Discussion. July 9, 11 a.m. The adult book discussion features "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett.

Cinematic Classics shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. July 5: "Yankee Doodle Dandy"; July 12: "Inherit the Wind." July 19: "The African Queen."

Food Drive. June 6-July 27. Please place nonperishable food items in the box across from the Circulation Desk to support our summer reading theme: "Reading Is So Delicious." Donated food will benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry and the approximately 3,000 individuals who use the pantry every month.

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. July 6: "We Need to Talk About Kevin"; July 13: "New Year's Eve." July 20: "The Artist."

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. July 5: "Haywire"; July 12: "One for the Money"; July 19: "The Woman in Black."

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, June 13-July 25. Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for Playtime program following. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Breakfast All Day. July 12, 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. 6th grade and up. Breakfast food is so good, you can eat it anytime! Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Breakfast for Dinner. July 10, 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Grades K-5. Breakfast food is so good, you can eat it anytime! Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Family Storytime. July 11 and July 25, 6:30 p.m. The July 11 theme is "Breakfast Before Bed" and the July 25 theme is "Cakes, Cookies, & Pie, Oh My!" Families with young children are invited to join us for an evening of stories, activities and celebrations. Especially for children ages 3-8. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Monday Matinee. Alternating Mondays, 10 a.m., Grant Room. G-rated films. July 9: "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

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

Playtime. Wednesdays, June 13-July 25. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

Stories and More. Tuesdays, June 12- July 24. This fun, interactive storytime is tailored for children ages 3-5 and emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, colors and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, online stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each session provides a language-rich experience. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, June 26-August 28, 6-8:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

Literacy Class. Saturdays, June 30-August 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading and writing skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

The Friends of Lincolnwood Library meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Book Discussion. July 9, 11 a.m. The adult book discussion features "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett.

Dining for Wellness. July 18, 11:30 a.m. Chef demonstration by Lincolnwood Place. Sampling of papaya mango slaw with pulled turkey. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Library Board Meeting. July 19, 7:30 p.m. The Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Edible Art. July 17, 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Grades K-5. Use food to make a masterpiece! Let your creativity and your tastebuds run wild. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

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Gather 'Round the Campfire. July 19, 6:30 p.m. 6th grade and up. A guest storyteller will captivate us with spooky stories as we nosh on s'mores. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

OUTDOORS & PETS



How Does a "Heat Wave" Affect Your Plants?

by: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

Once again this year our Chicago weather has changed from the cool of Spring to the heat of Summer almost overnight. This sudden and rapid change from cold to hot impacts the growth of your flowering annuals in ways of which you may not be aware. The average gardener often does not understand the role that temperature plays in the performance of his/her plants. What we will focus on today is the impact which temperature has on blooming.

For all plants there is an ideal temperature range consisting of a night time low and a day time high which is optimal for producing blooms and flowers. Having a heat wave the night time low is usually not cool enough, and the day time high is often exceeded. When this occurs, most plants tend to slow down, just like people do, when it is hot. Some plants will either go out of bloom completely or decrease the number of blooms significantly. This is the survival mechanism of the plant kicking in. The plant will shut down blooming to concentrate on just staying alive. Dianthus and snapdragons are some example of plants that often times go out of bloom when the real heat hits. This does not mean that the plant is dead. Continue to water, and when the weather cools the blooms and flowers will magically reappear. In other plants the number of blooms will not decrease, however the size of the flowers will shrink. New Guinea Impatiens and nonstop Begonias will often follow this pattern. Again, keep up the watering and continue feeding the plants every two weeks, and all will be fine when the weather cools down. During a heat wave all a gardener can really do is just wait for the cooler more moderate weather to return.

Urhausen Greenhouses, Inc. is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Phone: 847-675-1573, fax: 847-675-0661.

Village of Skokie Pet Licenses Available

Pet licenses are available at Village Hall. With a veterinarian's statement of spay/neutering, the pet license fee is \$6. Without the statement the fee is \$12. A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase whether purchasing in-person or by mail. Pet licenses cannot be renewed online at this time.

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses can be purchased at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423.

West Nile Virus Alert from Lincolnwood

The Village of Lincolnwood received notice from the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District that they have identified the first West Nile Virus positive mosquito pool in Lincolnwood this year. This notification prompts the Village to remind our residents about West Nile virus and precautions that can minimize your exposure to the virus. It is important to protect yourself by following the three R's – reduce your exposure to mosquitoes, repel them by wearing insect repellent, and remove areas in your yard where mosquitoes typically breed.

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Approximately 80 percent of people infected with West Nile Virus never show symptoms, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite from an infected mosquito. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis, meningitis, and death are possible.

So far this year, there have not been any human cases of West Nile Virus reported in Illinois. Last year, there were 34 reported cases with three confirmed deaths.

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



Anti-Cruelty Society

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Illinois Comptroller Adoption Event / Chef Tasting

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What Tree is That?

The Arbor Day Foundation has a booklet that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The booklet, *What Tree is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinct characteristics of many tree species.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this booklet to help people identify trees in Illinois and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach to identify the species of each tree. The booklet explains what to look for in the shape of the leaves and differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, specifics on the fruits and flowers and the details of buds and bark.

What Tree is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org. The Arbor Day Foundation offers this unique, one-of-a-kind online tool so people can identify trees using the internet.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name and address and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at arborday.org.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in July

America's forestland is a prized natural resource, and anyone can help plant much-needed trees in these vital areas by joining the Arbor Day Foundation.

Through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins the Foundation in July by planting 10 trees in forests that have been devastated by wildfi res, insects and disease.

The cost for joining the Arbor Day Foundation is a \$10 donation.

Our national forests need protection because they provide habitat for wildlife, keep the air clean and help ensure safe drinking water for more than 180 million Americans.

"Keeping our forests healthy is vital to the health of people and the entire planet," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "By planting trees in our national forests, we will preserve precious natural resources and the benefits they provide for generations to come."

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our national forests, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or visit arborday.org/july.

OUTDOORS & PETS

SHAPE UP THIS SUMMER WITH FREE WORKOUTS IN MILLENNIUM PARK ON THE GREAT LAWN AND JAY PRITZKER PAVILION

Weekly Workouts Began in June

WHO: Chicagoans and visitors alike...

WHAT: Will join Millennium Park and McDonald's® for the 2012 summer kick-off of energizing free workouts.

WHEN: continuing every Saturday through September 1

7 a.m. Tai Chi with Stirling Tai Chi

8 a.m. Yoga with the Chicago Park District

9 a.m. Pilates with Frog Temple

10 a.m. Zumba with TEAMiFIT

Music during yoga and Pilates by Perrin Stamatīs

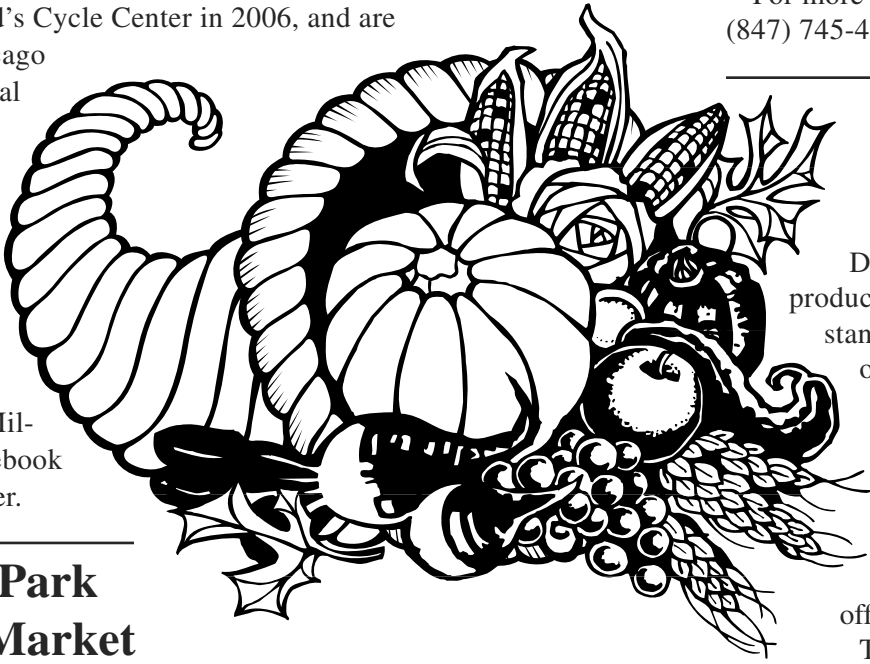
WHERE: Great Lawn at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park

Workouts are 45 minutes long with classes in Tai Chi at 7 a.m., Yoga at 8 a.m., Pilates at 9 a.m. and Zumba, a Latin inspired calorie-burning fitness dance party, beginning at 10 a.m.

Again this year, there will be live music played over Millennium Park's state-of-the-art sound system for the yoga and Pilates classes. Workouts are free and open to people with all levels of experience.

Workouts are supported by McDonald's, who committed \$5 million to Millennium Park to provide free fitness activity, as well as the McDonald's Cycle Center in 2006, and are presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

For information about Workouts and all of the programming in Millennium Park, visit millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.



Jefferson Park Sunday Market

Mark your calendars for the season's first Jefferson Park Sunday Market – Jefferson Park's very own farmers market held at the Copernicus Center at 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. The first market is Sunday June 24th at 10am-2pm. The bar will be open from 11:30-1:30. Returning vendors include: Delightful Pastries - Organic pastries, C & D Family Farms(meats, eggs etc.), River Valley Farms - Mushrooms, sauces, pasta, The Scrumptious Pantry - Artisan specialties (cranberry ketchup!), condiments, oils and vinegars, That Pickle Guy (Kosher pickles, pickled specialties, giardiniera, muffaletta topping)

New vendors include: Stamper Cheese Company (Cow- and goat- milk cheese), Café Wool Le Purr (pet treats+), Fannie Schmoes Bakery, Capo Coffee, Geneva Lakes Produce

Our opening market will also feature --

Plant Swap: bring your extra plants, seeds and even tools to exchange, or donate Rachel Decorvo, Horticulturalist for the City of Chicago, will be on hand as an education resource

Nate Sarnat & Kevin Miller of Harmonious Funk will be playing June 24th starting at 11am

Meatloaf-A-Go-Go Food Truck will also be on hand, for lunchtime snacks.

More info may be found at www.jpna.net/fm or on Facebook under Jefferson Park Sunday Market.

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.

Lincolnwood Summer Market and Music Series Kicked off June 21

Mark your calendars for Thursdays this summer between June 21-July 26 for Lincolnwood's Summer Market and Music Series at Proesel Park! The market opens at 5pm with a wide variety of vendors including produce, specialty pastries, gourmet ice cream, handmade jewelry and unique arts and crafts. Consider making this a meal destination by enjoying the made-to-order roasting corn, paninis, and bangers hot off the grill. Several area non-profit groups will round out the market portion of this brand new series.

Bingo takes place each week from 5:45-6:30pm. \$5 allows you to try your hand at five games with a chance to win a VIP one-night stay at Hampton Inn and Suites, our official bingo sponsor. Face painters will delight our youngest guests from 5-7pm making this a true family affair.

If music is what you are after, this concert lineup is sure to please. Mr. Meyers kicks off the season on June 21 getting everyone in the mood for summer with their Caribbean vibe. The Flat Cats perform big band swing on June 28 with the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra celebrating everything American on July 5. Shy Violet will get everyone up and dancing with pop hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's. Out of Control will rock the house July 19. Our season finale on July 26 features Maxwell Street Klezmer Band showcasing music of Jewish Eastern Europe.

Concerts will be held from 7-8:30pm. All activities will take place in Proesel Park near the entrance to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. Bring your lawn chairs or favorite blanket and make this a new summer tradition.

For more information, please contact Genelle Iocca at giocca@lwd.org or (847) 745-4726. You may also visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

DOWNTOWN FARMSTAND TO BECOME INDOOR MARKET

Fresh Growers, Bakers and Producers to Vend July 2

Downtown residents and workers will soon be able to shop for fresh produce and farm products every weekday, rain or shine, at the Farmstand Farmers Market, which is replacing the Downtown Farmstand on July 9.

Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the new market will offer fresh fruits and vegetables recently picked on nearby farms. Lehman's Orchards, Frank Farms and the Original Bleeding Heart Bakery will be among the vendors selling fresh products every day, while another group of vendors will offer their fresh wares on a rotating schedule, so that shoppers will find different offerings each day.

The Farmstand Farmers Market, 66 E. Randolph, will remain open through October. During the summer months, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) which runs the Chicago Farmers Markets Program, will solicit ideas for a new concept for the space after the summer growing season.

A Request for Information (RFI) will be posted on the department's webpage seeking innovative ideas for how the space can serve the public while providing nutritional education and information on local and sustainable goods. This public/private partnership will serve to promote a long-term mission of healthy eating and keeping Chicago as one of the greenest cities in the nation.

Opened in 2008, the Farmstand was one of the first city stores to provide locally sourced goods. As other retailers began to offer similar options, the Farmstand operated at a loss for the past three years despite maintaining a loyal following.

The RFI will be posted on the department website at www.cityofchicago.org/dcase beginning July 16.

For a complete list of Chicago Farmers Markets, presented by COUNTRY Financial, visit www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us.

CITY OF CHICAGO FARMERS MARKETS RETURN 33rd SEASON OPENED 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.

Lincoln/Leland/Western, City Parking Lot at Brown Line Station

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

Armitage & Orchard, Lincoln Park High School Parking Lot

Why Women Hold the Keys to Successful Estate Planning



Chester M. Przybylo

Some people still assume that, when it comes to financial and legal matters, women are not key players. However, this is entirely inaccurate. Women are most likely to be highly involved and greatly affected by estate planning.

In recent generations, women have taken on a larger role in the financial arena. The number of women in the workplace has tripled in the last fifty years. Meanwhile, the real median income of women has increased by sixty-three percent, while that of men has declined by six percent in the same period. This income shift changes the family dynamics and gives women a greater voice in financial matters.

According to a recent survey, women have an equal say in major financial decisions in seventy-five percent of households. In homes where one partner is solely responsible for financial decisions, women outnumber men in that role by a four to three margin.

In fact, women own a majority of all publicly traded stock in the United States. Women control seventy percent of all wealth in the United States and inherit about seventy-five percent of all estates. This is the reason estate planning is even more important to women than to men: they are more likely to benefit from good planning or pay the price for poor planning (or no planning).

A recent study by the New England Journal of Medicine suggests that the odds of needing long-term care at some period in life is roughly fifty percent. More than forty percent will spend more than six months in long-term care. Guess who are likely to be the caretakers? Women. Women are three times more likely to cope with their mate's illness or injury. Guess who are likely to be the survivors? Women. Widows outnumber widowers by a wide margin. It is essential for women to ensure that, at a minimum, they and their spouse have done basic estate planning. This includes four documents: General Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Durable Power of Attorney, Will, and Revocable Trust.

When a husband is missing or becomes incapacitated what happens to his assets? How does a wife refinance the house to pay bills if her husband is unable or unavailable to sign necessary documents? Without planning, a wife must go to court and have her husband declared incompetent. This is an arduous process that is emotionally draining for all involved. However, this can be avoided with proper planning. A General Durable Power of Attorney allows the "Principal" to designate an "Agent" who will make financial decisions for him when he is unable to do so. With this document, a wife can sign for her husband in the event of his incapacity.

Similar problems arise regarding health care issues when a person becomes incapacitated. Who decides the appropriate treatment and the efficacy of procedures if the patient cannot? Like the General Durable Power of Attorney, a Health Care Durable Power of Attorney designates an "Agent" to make health care decisions for the principal if he is unable to make them for himself. As women typically cope with their mate's illness, it is they who usually serve as the agent. Without this document, she may face difficulty in getting health care providers to follow her instructions.

Like incapacity, at death a person cannot express his or her wishes regarding various decisions. Who should inherit the family business? Who should care for minor children? A Will provides these answers and has several functions. First, and most importantly, the only manner to designate a guardian for minor children in most states is in a Will. Without a Will, you have no input in the decision, and the court will decide. Unfortunately, no matter how caring the judge may be, he or she does not know and love your children as you do. Second, the Will distributes any assets held in your name. Without a Will, the state decides who receives the assets, in accordance with a set list for "intestate succession." Unfortunately, this set list provides the same distribution to your wonderful sister with seven children as to your brother who has not spoken with you in eight years. The Will can provide that the assets "pourover" into a Revocable Living Trust, to be distributed by its terms.

Even with a Will, any assets owned by you at your death must go through "probate" in order to be distributed to those designated by you. The process of transferring title from the person who died to the person who is designated to receive the property is "probate." Probate can be expensive, time consuming, and emotionally draining for those left behind. A Revocable Living Trust is set up now, during your lifetime, and holds legal title to your assets. Because the trust owns the assets and the trust did not die, the assets do not need to go through probate. You still can use the assets, even though legal title is in the Trust. If you become incapacitated, the person you have chosen as your successor "Trustee" will manage the assets for you, much like the Agent under your General Durable Power of Attorney. The Trust can be very flexible and directs how and when the assets will be used. For example, the Trust can keep the children from squandering the assets, ensuring the assets are available for college or graduate school. Since the woman is likely to be the survivor and, therefore, the successor Trustee, it is essential that she take an active part in the planning process.

In addition to preparing basic documents, periodically review the beneficiary designations on 401k, IRA, or other qualified plan assets. Frequently, beneficiary designations do not reflect changes in circumstances. Qualified plan assets comprise an ever-increasing portion of the typical person's assets; therefore this is a critical review step. Your periodic review also should include life insurance beneficiary designations.

There are many considerations which come into play when attempting to achieve your goals: children with special needs, aging parents, creditor protection, income taxes, divorce protection, estate taxes, etc. A qualified estate planning attorney who specializes in that practice area can help you structure your plan to achieve the best result. It is essential for you to be involved in the process from the start. The woman, as survivor, is likely to reap the rewards of security and harmony from smart planning.

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.

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.

CJE SENIORLIFE'S CULTURE BUS™ PROGRAM SELECTED AS ONE OF BEST PRACTICES IN COUNTRY FOR SENIORS

The non-profit leadership organization Partners for Livable Communities, funded by the MetLife Foundation, showcased CJE SeniorLife's Culture Bus™, as one of the top practices in the nation in their latest publication, *Stories for Change: Leadership Examples of Expanding the Arts to New Audiences*. Partners for Livable Communities worked with the MetLife Foundation to create a compendium of nearly 50 arts and cultural best practices from organizations across the country that demonstrate leadership and innovation in developing programs that meet the needs of older adults and/or immigrants.

Partners for Livable Communities identifies organizations that are helping communities become more aging friendly, and hand-picked CJE SeniorLife's Culture Bus program based on its strong reputation in the Chicago community and beyond. "It came as a delightful surprise to be called by Partners for Livable Communities to be invited to share more about our Culture Bus program. Based on its national reputation, they felt it was worthy of inclusion as a best practice for its innovation and leadership qualities. It was an honor to be included in this compendium, listed alongside so many other inspiring, innovative, needed programs that make life better for our beloved seniors," said Judy Holstein, Director of Adult Day Services.

For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit www.cje.net.

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Bohemian National Cemetery Annual Picnic

Bohemian National Cemetery will hold its annual picnic, featuring Czech food and music.

Date: July 8 Time: Noon – 4:00 PM

Location: Bohemian National Cemetery, 5255 N. Pulaski in Chicago Illinois

Cost: Free

For additional information, contact Marge Sladek Stueckemann at 847-362-9036 or mdstueck@aol.com.

Fabulous Five Heritage Festival Fundraiser

The Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois is holding a celebration of the culture and history of the five countries that composed the former Czechoslovakia to fund the new technology installation at the CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library.

Date: July 15 Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Klas Restaurant, 5734 W. Cermak Road in Cicero Illinois

Cost: \$50, Advance RSVP is required.

For further information or to RSVP, call 708-442-9753 or email CSAGSI12@comcast.net.

CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library Expanded Hours

The CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library has expanded its summer hours. In June, July, and August, the library will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM every Tuesday and Thursday. The library will also be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of month. Those dates are June 23, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25.

The CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library is located in the TG Masaryk School at 5701 West 22nd Place in Cicero Illinois. There is no fee to use the library.

Lincolnwood's Channel Runne Park Gets New Name and Amenities

The Village's Board of Trustees recently approved an Ordinance to change the name of Channel Runne Park to Lincolnwood Centennial Park. This new name will commemorate the Village's 100th anniversary of its incorporation, which was celebrated in 2011. The former Channel Runne Park is the elongated piece of land along McCormick Avenue between Touhy and McCormick Avenues, and is the second largest in the Lincolnwood Park System.

The current phase of construction at the park, referred to as Phase II, will include the development of a natural outdoor amphitheater, a stage that doubles as a fishing platform with canoe/kayak access, a handicapped accessible path to the channel, a nine-hole disc golf course and a parking lot. This phase is 50% funded by a grant from the State of Illinois.

The Village has also entered into a partnership with the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS) to further enhance the park with the planting of approximately 100 trees over the next three years. The planting of the trees will commemorate the mutual 100th anniversary of the Village of Lincolnwood and HIAS, both celebrated in 2011.

The first phase of park development was completed in 2007 with the realignment and renovation of the bike paths. Phase I was 50% funded by a State of Illinois grant. The final phase of development will include a restroom/shelter facility, a nature path and a lookout over the channel. A grant application has been submitted to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program to fund 80% of this phase.

For further information, call the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at 847-677-9740 or to view the Park Master Plan, go to the Village of Lincolnwood website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Wednesdays on the Green

Enjoy Wednesdays on the Green in Downtown Skokie this summer! Free, fun, family oriented events are held every Wednesday night, which began June 6 and runs through August 29, at 7 p.m., at the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street.

On their featured Wednesday night, participating Downtown Skokie restaurants offer a 20% discount (dine-in/carry out) from 4 p.m. to closing when patrons present a Wednesdays on the Green postcard. Cards are available at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street and is available for download at www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

Refer to the schedule below for event dates and featured restaurants.

***Tuesday, July 3** – Chain Night! – Dunkin' Donuts, 8408 Skokie Blvd. Subway on Oakton, 5041 Oakton Street Taco Bell, 8329 Skokie Blvd. Comedy: Gorrilla on the Green

July 11 – Siunik Armenian Grill, 4839 Oakton Street Dancing: 80's Night

July 18 – Skokie Club, 4741 Main Street Family Fun: Kaotic Drumline

July 25 – Libertad, 7931 Lincoln Avenue Classic Cars and a Movie: 16 Candles

August 1 – Kabul House, 4949 Oakton St. Music: Charlene Brooks

August 8 – Eclissi, 8018 Lincoln Ave Dancing: All decades

August 15 – De-Jred Fine Jamaican Cuisine, 4901 Oakton Street Family Fun: Matt Wilhelm

August 22 – The Curragh Irish Pub, 8266 Lincoln Avenue Classic Cars and a Movie: Ferris Bueller

August 29 – Beijing Wok, 8335 Skokie Blvd. Music: Michael Lerich Orchestra Visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com for more details.

RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL 2nd SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Resurrection College Prep High School students have been named to the honor roll for the 2nd semester (January 2012 to May 2012) of the 2011-2012 school year. The Resurrection grading system is based on a grade point average (GPA) in which an A in a college prep class equals 5 points. Students with a GPA of 4.51 or higher are recognized with first honors; those students with a 4.00 – 4.50 GPA are recognized with second honors. A complete listing of all the honor roll students may be found at www.reshs.org

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school 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.

Village of Skokie Partners with Illinois Science + Technology Park, Oakton Community College on Nanotechnology Jobs Training Initiative

The Nanotechnology Employment, Education and Economic Development Initiative (NE3I), a consortium that includes the Village of Skokie, the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP), Oakton Community College (OCC), NSERVE (a consortium of nine local high schools) and NanoInk, Inc., an IS+TP tenant, recently received a \$250,000 grant from The Chicago Community Trust. At its June 18, 2012 meeting, the Skokie Village Board authorized matching this grant with \$250,000 in funds from the Village's Downtown Science + Technology Park Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to further the NE3I goal of making nanotechnology accessible for local high school and community college students.

"The NE3I partner organizations share a common goal of training 125 to 300 local students each year to address a growing and documented need for nanotechnicians at the IS+TP and other northern Illinois locations," said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "In addition to the generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust and the Village's fund match through the IS+TP TIF, the consortium continues to work with state and federal agencies to secure additional funding for this important jobs training initiative."

The NE3I will be housed at the IS+TP in Downtown Skokie, and the Village of Skokie and all partners will have representation on the program's advisory board. The nanotechnology training curriculum will be developed by the OCC Departments of Math and Technologies and Science and Health Careers, and will incorporate existing curriculum developed by NanoInk, Inc.

"NE3I represents a unique public/private partnership. I am grateful to Oakton Community College and Forest City Enterprises, the firm that owns the IS+TP, for their leadership and cooperation. I am equally grateful to The Chicago Community Trust for supporting the initiative, and am pleased that the Village of Skokie has the resources to contribute to this important jobs training initiative. With a locally trained, professional nanotechnology workforce, it is expected that additional nanotechnology firms will establish a presence at the IS+TP and regionally throughout northern Illinois," said Van Dusen.

The curriculum is expected to be available to area students through OCC in spring 2013.

RESURRECTION ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are available for crafters who are interested in participating in the Resurrection College Prep High School Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10, 2012. The annual event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Each year, more than 2,000 patrons visit the fair to explore the wide variety of handcrafted items at over 180 craft displays. The application is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by contacting Carol Marchetti at 773.775.6616 Ext 112 or cmarchetti@reshs.org

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A note: 24 agencies have not fully reported their data, as required by the Debt Disclosure Ordinance which was passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. We are working with these agencies to comply with the DDO before they are compelled to do so. Meanwhile, read your bill when you receive it.

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