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Columbus Day Observance, Oct. 10th

Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1937. However, people have celebrated Columbus's voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the four hundredth anniversary, in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as support for war, citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress.

Many Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, the first occasion being in New York City on October 12, 1866. Columbus Day was first popularized as a holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first official, regular Columbus Day holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905 and made a statutory holiday in 1907. In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day.

Pappas: Second Installment Property Tax Bills

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced that tax year 2010 Second Installment property tax bills will be due November 1, 2011. Payments received after that date will be charged a 1.5 percent penalty per month on unpaid balances.

Taxpayers also can visit cookcountytreasurer.com or call 312.443.5100 for general information in English, Polish and Spanish.



American Legion Post 541 Edison Park hosted Bingo for Veterans on September 18 at Hines Hospital. (Picture by Sr. Vice Commander Bob Fuggiti.)

TOPINKA HELPS TO COLLECT 'CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS'

Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka has joined a national campaign to connect soldiers abroad with their loved ones back home through old and used cell phone donations. The Cell Phones for Soldiers program turns old phones into minutes on prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops overseas. To assist in the effort, Topinka has placed cell phone drop-off boxes on the main and 15th floors of the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago.

The Comptroller encourages community members to contribute their old and used phones before the boxes are collected on November 18, 2011.

For more information on the program, log onto www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com

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Thursday, October 27th
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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers October Health Programs

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

Free **kidney disease screenings** will be offered Monday, October 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. One in eight adults has chronic kidney disease, which is the ninth leading cause of death in the nation. The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois and hospital staff will provide screenings that include: blood pressure, body mass index, waist circumference, blood glucose, blood draw for kidney function and urinalysis. Information will be available on kidney disease prevention and successfully managing diabetes and hypertension, the primary causes of chronic kidney disease. Participants can tour the Kidney Mobile® for hands-on displays and view a short video featuring people whose lives have been affected by kidney disease. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free **vision screenings** will be offered Tuesday, October 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Staff from Eye Specialists of Chicago will conduct vision and glaucoma screenings. Do not wear contact lenses but bring your eyeglasses. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, October 18, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, October 26, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, October 20, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free **breast exams and osteoporosis screenings** will be conducted Friday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Mary Brown Walker R.N., N.P., will provide free, private breast screenings, which take about 15-minutes. Participants will be requested to undress from the waist up to allow for breast visualization and gowns will be provided to ensure privacy. Questions about breast health will be answered. While waiting for the breast exam, participants can participate in the Achilles test, an osteoporosis risk factor assessment, which takes one-minute. Individuals will be required to remove socks for the test; do not wear panty hose. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, October 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This free monthly support group is for anyone with or has a loved one with a pacemaker or internal cardiac defibrillator (ICD). Cardiology Services Department staff will conduct the sessions and answer pacemaker or defibrillator-related questions. Sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. 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.

COMMON SENSE

Debates, if properly conducted, should be a way to help people make a decision on who they feel would make a viable candidate/representative. If the sponsors of these debates would make the necessary adjustments, it would prove to be most valuable to the voters who are listening and/or watching.

Specific questions could be gathered. These questions should then be asked of each person on the panel. The candidates then should be given an adequate amount of time to answer the questions.

The questions to be asked should be released ahead of time to the debaters. In this way they would have time to prepare a meaningful response. The moderators, we assume, are limited in their knowledge of the issues addressed, therefore the limitations put on the candidates to answer in a 30 second or 1 minute period of time might be totally inadequate for them to answer completely and for us, the voters, to get a full picture of what the thoughts and prospective actions of these candidates might be if elected. Perhaps fewer questions, with more substance, is the solution.

It should never be acceptable to be given an answer to a question of "I have a plan" without some sort of explanation as to what the plan is and how that debater plans to carry it through.

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Skokie Fire Prevention Week - October 9 to 15

Fire Prevention Week 2011 will emphasize safety at home. National statistics show that eight percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.

From October 9 to 15, 2011, fire and life safety educators from the Skokie Fire Department will focus on prevention and provide Skokie residents with simple ways to protect their families from fire.

Please remember that Illinois law requires all residences to have working smoke detectors installed within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. Properly installed and maintained, a smoke detector can give time to escape a fire without injury or death.

The Skokie Fire Department recommends checking a smoke detector's battery monthly. Replace detectors according to manufacturer's recommendations or a minimum every 10 years. Maintaining working smoke detectors can reduce the chance of fire injury by over 50%.

If you have any questions on smoke detectors or fire safety, contact the Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5340 or visit www.skokie.org.

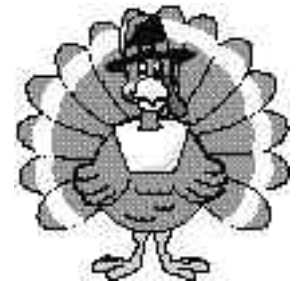
Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle

It's already that time of year. Belmont-Central businesses can sign up to raffle Thanksgiving Turkeys. Turkeys are \$20 each.

Sign up between now and October 21st.

The raffle will take place between November 1st and 14th. The Chamber will provide tickets, raffle buckets and contact the winners.

Contact us at 773-647-1644 or reid@belmontcentral.org



Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce October Membership Meeting

The October Membership Meeting will take place: Thursday, October 27th, 12PM, Mather's More Than A Cafe: 3235 N Central Ave

\$15 for lunch. RSVP: 773-647-1644

Cook County 12th District Commissioner John Fritchey will be our guest speaker. Caitlin Dorsey from Go To Green will present on the Small Business Energy Savings (SBES) program.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA North Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Dr. Anna Kulik-Carlos a Family Medicine Physician with the Swedish Covenant Medical Group – Mayfair Clinic. Her topic is: Osteoarthritis and depression.

All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the building.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880.

For additional information about the PNA Seniors Group and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org and click on "EVENTS".

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Haben Participates in Annual Meeting of Selected Independent Funeral Homes

John Haben was among the many funeral service professionals attending the 93rd Annual Meeting of Selected Independent Funeral Homes in Scottsdale, AZ, September 21 - 24. Haben is President of Haben Funeral Home & Crematory, a family owned and operated business serving Skokie and its neighboring communities since 1923.

"I always value the opportunity to gain new information and insight on how to better serve my client families," said Haben. "Selected's meeting provided valuable opportunities to gather with my fellow members of Selected Independent Funeral Homes from across North America and around the world. We participated in a variety of informative study sessions, discussed insights and shared new ideas that I'm excited to implement."

Meeting sessions focused on important issues concerning the funeral service profession such as innovative service ideas, timely business advice and best practices. Among the many topics covered during the meeting were how best to serve cremation families, building relationships with hospice professionals, helping facilitate grief, being an effective leader and better understanding the different generations.

Founded in 1917 as National Selected Morticians, Selected Independent Funeral Homes (www.selectedfuneralhomes.org) is the world's oldest and largest association of independently owned funeral homes. Members of the association are expected to operate according to specific standards and best practices in order to provide the public with reliable, high-quality funeral services and funeral-related information.

"Our members pledge to uphold the Selected Independent Funeral Homes Code of Good Practice and are committed to the important responsibility they have to the families and communities they serve," said Robert J. Paterkiewicz, Executive Director of Selected Independent Funeral Homes. "It's a tradition of trust that Haben Funeral Home & Crematory has been a part of for fifty-seven membership years."

CHICAGO'S FREE GREETER SERVICE EXPANDS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Back by popular demand and just in time for the holidays, Chicago Greeter will offer free, one-hour walks of N. Michigan Avenue and surrounding areas led by knowledgeable locals – Magnificent Mile InstaGreeter – beginning November 4. The walk-up service is available through December 31 on Fridays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., leaving from the Water Works Visitor Information Center, 163 E. Pearson St. Volunteer greeters will provide information and insights on the Streeterville and Gold Coast neighborhoods; landmarks such as the John Hancock Center and the former Playboy Mansion, historic hotels and cathedrals; and best bets for holiday shopping.

Chicago Greeter is a program of the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture (COTC). Celebrating 10 years in 2012, Chicago Greeter is recognized internationally for its innovation and consistently ranked as one of the most popular programs of its kind in the world.

Year to date, approximately 5,500 visitors have been matched with a local volunteer for an insider's orientation to Chicago, a 26% increase over last year. Demand has increased across the program this summer, with 81% more visits at its no-appointment-needed Loop outpost alone.

"We are thrilled that more and more visitors are enjoying our Chicago Greeter service every year, and the program continues to attract friendly, knowledgeable volunteers," says Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, COTC. "The Greeter service plays an important role in fulfilling our mission, to market Chicago as a premier cultural destination and provide innovative visitor programs and services to leisure travelers."

There were 38.11 million total visitors to Chicago in 2010, 28.03 million of which were leisure travelers. The Chicago visitor industry generates more than \$11 billion in direct spending, \$616 million in tax revenue, and sustains more than 124,000 jobs for the city's economy.

For more information, visit www.ChicagoGreeter.com.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE ADVISORY

As Mayor Emanuel announced this summer, Chicago's Blue Cart Residential Recycling will now be collected by both public and private crews to improve efficiency and lower recycling costs for tax payers. This effort will begin on October 3, 2011 and will only impact households presently receiving Blue Cart service.

Existing Blue Cart residents should not see any changes to materials collected or the frequency of that collection. It is possible that the pick-up week and day could change. No matter who collects your recycling, City crews will continue to collect the garbage. For more information call 311 or visit ChicagoRecycles.org

D219 NURSES VOLUNTEER FOR SKOKIE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

Should a disaster or emergency occur in Skokie, nurses from Niles Township High School District 219 are trained and ready to assist. Niles North nurse Ellen Zagozdon and Niles West nurse Peggy Bassrawi are part of the Skokie Medical Reserve Corps, a unit of licensed health and medical personnel volunteers that will respond to local disasters, set up and maintain shelters as necessary and participate in mass vaccinations/prophylaxis or other major public health needs. The volunteers are trained by the Skokie Health Department and complete coursework to meet federal, state, county and village requirements for certification.

AUSTRIAN MIXED CHORUS CONCERT

AUSTRIAN MIXED CHORUS cordially invites you to "Lieder der Berge" a choral concert under the direction of David L. Crane, Sunday, October 30th to be held at Avalon Banquets, 1905 E. Higgins Rd in Elk Grove Village. The price is \$50 per person (cash bar), which includes a complete dinner, dessert, coffee, concert & dancing to the Walter Flechsig Orchestra. Cocktails begin at 2:30p.m. with a 3:00p.m. concert and dinner being served at 4:30p.m. All seats will be reserved. For information contact Trudy Nika at 630/960-1123 or e-mail Nika7157@comcast.net.

Illinois House Republicans Announce Jobs Creation Package

Last Monday, Illinois House Republican Leader Tom Cross unveiled a proposal to attract and keep good jobs in Illinois. The measure, filed as House Bill 3811 is supported by the Illinois House Republican Caucus including State Representative Mike McAuliffe (R - Chicago).

"The key to turning our economy around is putting people back to work. Unfortunately, higher taxes and an unfriendly business climate are forcing too many businesses to leave Illinois. To create and keep good jobs in our communities, Illinois needs to make job creation a top priority. The package we introduced last week is a good first step to help us level the playing field with neighboring states and keep us competitive," explained Representative McAuliffe.

House Republican Job Package includes measures to:

- Re-instate the Net Operating Loss deduction.

Many businesses are losing money in this tough economy, this proposal allows them to use their net operating loss as a tax deduction extending the corporate carry forwards from 12 years to 20 years, and allowing a two year carry back.

- Re-enact the Illinois Research & Development tax credit.

This tax credit expired in December 2010 and businesses have utilized it over the years. This would allow businesses that are doing legitimate research and development projects as defined in the law to qualify for a tax credit each year. Our proposal would also add ethanol and biodiesel research as qualified R & D activities.

- Extend the life of existing Enterprise Zones by up to 20 years.

Most designated Enterprise Zones in Illinois are set to expire in the next ten years. Our proposal would allow current municipalities around the state to extend the enterprise zones in their communities to ensure tax incentives to businesses that have located or choose to locate in these underdeveloped areas.

- Reduce the administrative costs and burdens involved with setting up and incorporating a Limited Liability Corporation in Illinois.

In Illinois even the cost to set up a business is much higher. We are proposing to reduce that fee from \$750 to \$100. The highest fee that any of our surrounding states currently charges is in Wisconsin at \$130.

- Increase the estate tax exemption to \$5 million.

Under the current law, when family farms are passed from generation to generation the heirs are hit with a huge estate tax if their assets are worth more than \$2 million. Family farm assets are invested in land and equipment leaving limited available cash flow. Our proposal would raise the estate tax exemption to \$5 million—which mirrors the federal tax code.

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) who represents Norridge, Harwood Heights and portions of, Niles and Chicago is a co-sponsor to the proposal laid out by House Republican Leader Cross.



State Rep.
Mike McAuliffe

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

With 77 distinct communities in Chicago, there's no limit to what you can discover, from rich histories to diverse cultural traditions, and hidden treasures to local landmarks. Let the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture do all the planning and lead you on guided excursions that make getting around town easy and fun! Affordable and convenient, these half-day motor coach trips offer fully-planned itineraries and an expert local guide to lead the way. Upcoming tour highlights include:

Chinatown & Greektown: Saturday, October 29

Experience two different worlds without ever leaving Chicago! This pair of near-South Side neighborhoods is home to vibrant ethnic dining and shopping enclaves, and museums that preserve the heritage of each respective culture. See the history of Chicago's thriving Chinese American community come alive in Chinatown with stops that include the Chinese American Museum. Hear the story of the nearly 30,000 Greek Americans that once lived in Greek Town and visit the Hellenic National Museum. Spend some time exploring the diverse shops and eateries of both neighborhoods on your own as well.

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GREAT OUTDOORS

CALLING ALL AMATEUR & PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

"Nature in Chicago" Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition Returns!
Chicago Park District's "Nature in Chicago" Digital Photography Contest and Exhibition returns in 2011!

Amateur or professional photographers and nature enthusiasts are welcome to take their best shot! Ages 18 and up. Within the City of Chicago in natural area settings. Submissions accepted online starting October 1 to October 31.

The Chicago Park District's nature areas program is hosting a photography contest of nature in Chicago to illustrate the natural beauty and biological diversity that exists within our own city.

The contest is open to all skill levels and judging will be based on nature photos taken within the City of Chicago in the following categories: · People in Nature · Native Flora (plants) · Native Fauna (animals) · Chicago Waterfront

Winners of the photography contest will have the opportunity to exhibit their work at Chicago Park District cultural centers. All photos must be taken within the City of Chicago. Please upload and submit photos by joining the "Chicago Park District Nature Photo Contest" group on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cpdnaturephotocontest2011/>. When adding photos to the group, photographers are asked to tag their photo with the category they are submitting the photo under. As an example, the photo should be tagged with "CPD Nature_Native Flora". For rules and submission requirements, please go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Enjoy the Majesty of Fall! Join the Arbor Day

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by giving you 10 free autumn classics trees when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 free autumn classics: Two sugar maples, two red maples, a scarlet oak, a sweetgum, northern red oak, silver maple, white flowering dogwood, and Washington hawthorn.

"You'll especially enjoy these trees for years to come during the autumn months because they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive 10 free autumn classics, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classics Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2011, or join online at arborday.org/october.



Anti-Cruelty Society

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

Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month

It's that time of year again—changing leaves and chilly weather. It's a great time to consider adding a dog to your family before those icicles form and snowflakes fall. October is Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month and The Anti-Cruelty Society has many wonderful dogs waiting for their new forever homes. To help us in our efforts, the Comptroller's Critters program is hosting an adoption event on Friday, October 28 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Daley Plaza. Stop by and meet some of our dogs and cats looking for new homes. Bring your family and make this your adopt-a-pet month! If you can't join us, visit our Adoption Center soon. We are open seven days a week for your convenience with free (validated) parking. Our staff and volunteers will help you make the best match.

Sincerely, Robyn Barbiers, D.V.M.

It's Raining Cats and Dogs!

Friday, October 21 from 7 p.m.–11 p.m., The Palmer House Hilton
It's Raining Cats and Dogs! is The Anti-Cruelty Society's second largest annual fundraiser. For information and tickets call the events office (312) 645-8006 or visit www.itsrainingcatsanddogs.org.

We always have a variety of ways for you to support us.

Here are few for this month:

- Check out the Virtual Art Fair from October 1–15 to purchase original art, handmade jewelry, custom collars and more directly from the artists. Shop at www.virtualartfairs.net
- MIDAS Grand Opening at 158 W. Grand Avenue, October 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. to benefit The Anti-Cruelty Society. Enjoy a cookout and great car deals!

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20th Annual Harvest Festival at North Park Village Nature Center

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Celebrate the new autumn season at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th at the 20th Annual Harvest Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free fall celebration will have a scarecrow building contest, storytelling, live music, a farmer's market, tours throughout the Nature Center's preserve, and seasonal food and refreshments available for sale. There is no registration required for this family friendly event open to all ages.

The nature center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For a list of great nature-inspired events and programs at North Park Village Nature Center go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact (312) 744-5472 or TTY/TDD (312) 744-3586.

2011 Fall Gardening Workshops at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse

Discover the wonderful world of nature! Spark your curiosity and explore the fun & educational 2011 Fall offerings at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., the Chicago Park District's only park with a teaching organic greenhouse. Register in-person at the park.

Growing Organic Vegetables in Your Own Backyard Jeanne Pinsof Nolan, The Organic Gardener, Saturday, October 22, 10 am - Noon, Class fee: \$20

Are you interested in the satisfaction of growing your own food? Come learn the basic principles of organic gardening with Jeanne Pinsof Nolan. If you are a novice, this class will provide a start at giving yourself and your kids the very real and rewarding experience of growing your own food. For the more experienced gardener, get advice on organic gardening techniques and soil improvement. We'll talk about what to grow, when to plant, proper garden maintenance, Fall harvesting and clean-up and how to ensure that your vegetable garden flourishes all season long!

Herbal Blends Workshop Bonnie Tawse Saturday, December 3 from 1 pm - 3 pm, Class fee: \$20 Making your own natural body care is fun, easy and it's better for you and the planet. In this hands-on workshop we will make an all-purpose herbal salve, a bees-wax based honey lip balm and a soothing bath salt.

Kilbourn Park is located at 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., just west of Milwaukee Ave., and Addison St. in Chicago. For more information about the programs offered at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, call Kirsten Akre at 773.685.3359 or kirsten.akre@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

CHICAGOLAND FARMERS' MARKETS

The following are a few of our local Chicagoland Neighborhood Farmers' Markets. For a complete list go to <http://www.explorechicago.org>.

Eli's / Wright College Farmers Markets

Eli's/Wright College Farmers Market will have a variety of vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and more. Eli's Cheesecake Co. Parking Lot, 6701 W. Forest Preserve Dr., Chicago, IL 60641 Thursdays: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 16, 2011 to Oct 27, 2011. For additional information please visit, www.elicheesecake.com/eventscalender.aspx

Lincoln Square Farmers Market

Vendors will offer a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables and other goods at the Lincoln Square Farmers Market. Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce hosts two markets. One is on Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other is Thursday nights (through Oct. 2) from 4 to 8 p.m. Both are in the Municipal Parking Lot (Lincoln and Leland) and will be held rain or shine. City Parking Lot adjacent to Brown Line Station, 4700 N. Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60625 Thursdays: 7-1 p.m. June 7, 2011 to Oct 25, 2011

Logan Square Farmers Markets

Logan Square Farmers Market is run independently by the Logan Square Chamber of Commerce. A wide variety of fresh goods are available every Sunday. Logan Square, 3107 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago, IL 60647 Sundays: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Jun 5, 2011 to Oct 30, 2011 For additional information please visit, www.logansquarefarmersmarket.org

Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held every Sunday through Sunday, October 30. The market is open from 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 selection of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Baked goods, cheeses and various other vendors are an integral part of what makes the Skokie Farmers' Market so unique. 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.

Local Arts and Entertainment

“A Theater Review”

DANK-HAUS GERMAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

4740 North Western Avenue, 5th floor, Chicago, IL 60625
773.561.9181 www.dankhaus.com

Bach and Beyond Ensemble to Perform at DANK Haus on Sunday October 16th at 3 p.m.

“Fall Concert” in the Marunde Ballroom. Mozart’s Missa Brevis No. 10 in C major, K220 “Spatzenmesse” with the Bach and Beyond chorus, soloists and orchestra.

Featuring: Jorie Butler-Geyer-Violin as 2011 Young Artist in Mozart’s Concerto for Violin K219 and unaccompanied violin music of Bach.

Also, featuring a Sonata by Czerny for Piano 4 Hands.

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This program is partially supported by a City Arts Program III Grant from the City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

“Starting Here – Starting Now”

The Ubique Cabaret Theatre
At The No Exit Café

6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

“Starting Here – Starting Now” is opening the 2011-2012 theatre season at The No Exit Café in Rogers Park for the Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, in their 60-seat space.

The show is a revue that seldom gets a production in Chicago and this production is a show I can say is a ‘do-not-miss show’ under the direction of Fred Anzevino that is being choreographed by Maggie Portman with musical direction by Eugene Dizon, who leads a three-piece orchestra.

Mr. Anzevino founded the theatre in 1997 and every production of this non-equity theatre rarely disappoints.

The music for the show is by David Shire with lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr. The show features twenty-five songs sung by three talented performers who are Hillary Patingre, Stephanie Herman and newcomer Teddy Boone who is no relation to Daniel. All have big voices and it would be difficult to find fault with their singing.

You may not be familiar with the songs but don’t let that turn you off in seeing the show.

You’ll hear such songs as “I Am In Love,” the title song, “Beautiful,” “I Don’t Remember Christmas,” “Barbara,” “A Girl You Should Know,” “Watching the Big Parade Go By” and “New Life Coming.”

The cast have no names except for Woman 1 played by Patingre, Woman 2 by Herman and Man played by Boone.

There is no dialog as the story is told in song. You could say it is a story of young people who are coming of age. You find that the characters find love, then they lose it only to find it again.

All three performers have the talent to go equity. Boone is from New Orleans – he is tall and good-looking and the girls could be models as a daytime job.

Also the food is excellent and is \$20.00 for the meal and is well worth it.

Discover this theatre. Past shows have been major sell-outs. The show runs two hours with intermission. “Starting Here, Starting Now” runs until November 6th. For show days, show times and reservations call 800-595-4849 or 773-347-1109. Tickets are \$25-\$30.

-Four Stars-

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce Passion for Style Shopping Extravaganza

The Chamber is hosting the 2nd annual “Passion for Style: A Unique Arts & Crafts Fair for You and Your Home” on Sunday, November 20, 2011 from 10am - 3pm at the Holiday Inn North Shore 5300 W. Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL. Admission is \$5 at the door. Discounted tickets are available until November 1 at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/174075. Free parking and an ATM is on-site.

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SKOKIE ART GUILD

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NORWOOD CROSSING SEEKS SUBMISSIONS FROM AREA ARTISTS FOR ANNUAL FALL ART SHOW

The Expressive Arts and Life Enrichment Departments at Norwood Crossing are calling for artists in the community to participate in their Annual Fall Art Show that will begin on Nov. 5 at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Art work can be submitted in any size or medium, must be ready to hang, and needs to be received and delivered by Oct. 21 to the Front Desk of Norwood Crossing, where submission forms are available for the artist to complete. Artwork will be available for viewing from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. through December at Norwood Crossing.

A reception and resident fashion show will be held in conjunction with the Nov. 5 show opening, giving attendees the opportunity to interact with artists about their work, while also building awareness and understanding of the innovative Expressive Arts Program and Life Enrichment Department at Norwood Crossing, coordinators of the event.

Norwood Crossing, a not-for-profit senior retirement community since 1896, is located on Chicago’s far northwest side. For more information about the Annual Fall Art Show and Fashion Show, call Kaye Shaddock at (773) 577-5326.

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October 5 • 1:30pm Jimmy Niteclub’s THE COOL GENTS (Dean Martin/Tony Bennett)

October 7 • 8:30pm Edge Comedy Club

October 8 • 8:00pm The Heisenberg Uncertainty Players

October 9 • 2:00pm and 7:00pm Motown and More featuring High Performance Vocal Group

October 12 • 1:30pm Jack Miuccio’s That’s Amore

October 14 • 8:00pm Doyle Dykes

October 15 • 8:00pm Hilary Feldman in I Get a Kick Out of New

October 16 • 2:00pm Catherine O’Connell

October 16 • 7:00pm Mind vs. Magic: Mind Reading and Beyond...

October 19 • 1:30pm Tony Bernard’s ALWAYS ON MY MIND: TRIBUTE TO THE KING (Elvis)

October 20 • 7:30pm LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

October 21 • 8:00pm Lou Maningas

October 22 • 12:00pm Piano Lessons In Your Home. Fall Master Class and Concert Series

October 22 • 7:30pm Bounding Main

October 23 • 2:00pm Northshore Opera Hour Presents: Diva’s to Divo’s and Back

October 23 • 7:00pm Vagabond Opera

October 26 at 1:30pm Bucky Halker’s FOLKSONGS OF ILLINOIS

October 28 • 8:00pm Sons of the Never Wrong

October 29 • 8:00pm Ava Logan

October 30 • 2:00pm The Junior Klezmer Orchestra led by Member of Maxwell Street Klezmer Band (a benefit for the Klezmer Music Foundation, Inc.)

October 30 • 7:00pm World Music Days Event: Harmony for Humanity - Letters from my friends

October 31 • 7:00pm Halloween Feature - Nosferatu

Local Arts and Entertainment

JAMES DOWNING THEATRE SEASON OPENS WITH "REHEARSAL FOR MURDER"

As the curtain opens for the new season at the James Downing Theatre, the stage is set for drama and mystery in a modern whodunit, "Rehearsal for Murder." Performances will run three weekends, from Oct. 15 through Oct. 30, 2011 at the theatre, located in the lower level John Waldron Arts Center of Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., on Chicago's Far Northwest Side.

"Rehearsal for Murder" will open Saturday, Oct. 15. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings, and at 1:30 p.m., Sunday afternoons. Individual tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens and students. Pre-reserved groups of 10 or more pay \$13 per person. For reservations, call 224-725-3696 or email to jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com; tickets can be ordered online with a credit card at jamesdowningtheatre.touchpad.com.

Chicago's Edgewater Neighborhood to Host October Festival of Music & Theatre

Chicago's Edgewater community will be abuzz with music and theatre October 22 - 29, 2011 as the Edgewater Development Corporation and its committee, the Edgewater Community Arts Advisors, presents a week long performing arts festival "Spotlight on Edgewater: Performing Arts Showcase."

The festival, now in its 2nd year, is designed to attract performing arts enthusiasts. "Edgewater is an exciting community with a lot of opportunities for enjoyment of the performing arts. This festival will highlight Edgewater's people and its place as a mecca for the arts," said Jodi Kurtze, a member of the Edgewater Community Arts Advisors. Ms. Kurtze is organizing one of the performances at the festival to be performed by student musicians in Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts.

According to Executive Director, Trinette Britt-Johnson, "The Edgewater Development Corporation continues to welcome and grow the arts in Edgewater." Edgewater Development Corporation (EDC) is a local non-profit, community-based organization with the mission to redevelop the commercial resources of Edgewater.

Information on the festival can be found at: <http://www.edgewaterdev.org/spotlight/>. Or call Trinette Britt Johnson at 773-506-4016.

Watch for performance dates and events in the next issue of Our Village

Halloween Happenings

13 TERRORS AT THEATER ON THE LAKE BEGINNING OCT. 14

By same creative team that brought you Trail of Terror

The Chicago Park District presents 13 Terrors at Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr., beginning Oct. 14-30. The popular summertime theater is located along Chicago's beautiful lakefront and revisits its original use as a sanitarium in the 1920s and '30s.

13 Terrors opens Oct. 14-15 and continues Oct. 21-22 and Oct. 27-30. Hours are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The attraction is recommended for ages 8 and older. General admission is \$10. October 14-15, Teen Night, \$5 with student I.D. and Group Discounts Days, [advance tickets sales only - groups of 15 or more \$7] call 773.262.8658 for more information.

Sitting feet away from the water of Lake Michigan, 13 Terrors, takes place in what used to be a sanitarium and today is known as Theatre on the Lake. Terror reigns at the eerie Theater on the Lake as visitors confront evil clowns, a spinning vortex and creepy mausoleum filled with deadly ghouls.

13 Terrors is by same creative team that brought you Trail of Terror at Peterson Park. This year marks the 13th year of Trails and being a little superstitious we've taken the scare on the road.

For more information on 13 Terrors and other Halloween programs presented by the Chicago Park District, call 312-742-PLAY or 312-747-2001 (TTY) or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Spook-tacular Shopping

It's that Spooktacular time of the year when all Halloween Festivities are beginning. It seems that with each coming year more and more people are having a bewitching time celebrating Halloween with gory parties, dressing up, and haunting their homes both inside and out.

At the Antique Resale Shoppe, ghosts and goblins of all ages come in for tricks, treats, and vintage clothes to make their costumes a bit more unique. There are plenty of "dress-up" items from hats, gloves, eyeglasses to beaded sweaters, circle skirts, and army fatigues. And we can't forget the tons and tons of jewelry and accessories that can make a costume bootiful. Suzanna and Jules enjoy looking into their crystal ball for costume advice.

When you ride your broom over don't forget to say, Boo! Suzanne and Jules, The Antique & Resale Shoppe, 7214 N. Harlem, Chicago, IL 773/631-1151.

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Halloween Happenings

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT CHICAGO PARKS Festivities Include Haunted Houses, Pumpkin Patches, Movies & More

The Chicago Park District hosts dozens of Halloween events this fall in the parks. Offerings include several haunted houses, numerous pumpkin patches, movie screenings, a party for dogs and much more. For the full listing of Halloween events call 312-742-PLAY.

Pumpkin Patches & Halloween Parties

Oct. 1-31, Various parks

All ages, entrance fees vary from free to nominal

Nominal fees may apply for on-site activities

Fall pumpkin patches throughout the city features a selection of all shapes and sizes and decorating stations. Some pumpkin patches and Halloween parties include a petting zoo, hayride, games, treats and a chance to take a photo at the harvest photo station. Visit the website for a schedule or call 312-742-PLAY.

13 Terrors at Theater on the Lake

Oct. 14-15, 21-22, & 27-30; 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr., 773.262.8658

Recommended for ages 8 and up; free parking available

Admission \$10

Terror reigns at the eerie Theater on the Lake as visitors confront evil clowns, a spinning vortex and creepy mausoleum filled with deadly ghouls.

Pumpkins in the Park 5K Run and Walk

Saturday, Oct. 15

Lincoln Park South Field House, 1800 N. Stockton Dr.

2:30 p.m. CLIF Kid Spooky Sprints

4 p.m. 5K Run

\$30 prior to Oct. 10; \$35 race week (if available); \$15 CLIF Kid Spooky Sprints

The 12th annual Pumpkins in the Park 5K is presented by Chicago Park District and Fleet Feet Sports. Participants of all ages come dressed in costume. To register, visit www.fleetfeetchicago.com. All registered participants will receive a t-shirt and goody bag. Post-race activities include a kid's costume parade, adult costume contest, pumpkin decorating, refreshments, and live music.

Night Time Creatures Features at Garfield Park Conservatory

Wednesdays Oct. 19 & 26; 3 – 6 p.m.

Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. (Sugar from the Sun exhibit or Elizabeth Morse Genius Children's Garden)

\$1 suggested donation for face painting

Enjoy an evening of nocturnal fun with animal friends that “go bump in the night.” Get an up close look and ask questions about these nocturnal creatures. Animal face painting and digging station will also be provided. Featured creatures on Oct. 19 will be reptiles and amphibians and on Oct. 26 will be owls and bats.

Family and Teen Haunted Indoor Drive-In Movie Series

Thursday, Oct. 27, The Ring at 6:30 p.m. (teen, ages 13 - 17)

Friday, Oct. 28, Monster House at 6:30 p.m. (family)

Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr., 312-742-7522

Admission \$5 to each screening

Families can enjoy Monster House (PG) and teens can enjoy The Ring (PG-13). Admission includes a hot dog, beverage and popcorn. Costumes welcome!

Haunted House

Thursday, Oct. 27, 3-8 p.m.

Austin Town Hall, 5610 W. Lake St., 773-287-7658

All ages

Admission \$3

Get your face painted, bounce around in an inflatable and enjoy the party atmosphere.

Nightmare at 63rd St. Beach House

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

63rd St. Beach House, 6300 S. Lake Shore Dr., 773-256-0903

Recommended for ages 12 and up

Admission \$10

Set in the historic beach house, this haunted house features terrifying scenes spanning two floors. Get in the spirit of Halloween and come in costume.

Haunted Indoor Drive-In Movie Series

Friday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.

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Wicker Park, 1425 N. Damen Ave., 312-742-7553

Admission \$2 to each screening

The annual Wicker Park Halloween 3-day mini movie festival featuring the movies the Mummy, the Mummy Returns, Tomb of the Dragon Emperor and Abbott & Costello Meet the Mummy matinee.

Haunted House

Friday and Monday, Oct. 28 & 31, 6-8 p.m.

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

All ages

Admission \$2

Experience several rooms of spooky fun in this neighborhood tradition.

Spooky Skate Party

Friday, Oct. 28, 5:30-8 p.m.

Smith Park, 2526 W. Grand Ave., 312-742-7534

All ages

Admission free

Enjoy spooky fun inside the field house on inline, roller skates or scooters.

Friendly Trail

Saturday, Oct. 29

Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, 1801 S. Indiana Ave., 312.328.0821

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Recommended for ages 2-5

Admission \$10

Meet the characters from a live interactive board game, Candy Land. Characters from the game will talk with the little visitors and hand out sweet treats.

Doggie PUPkin Party

Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – noon

Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414

Admission \$7 per dog

The event will be held rain or shine.

Halloween has gone to the dogs at this event that is open to all size pups. Owners and dogs are encouraged to come dressed up in their favorite costumes. Activities include a doggie parade, photos with the owner and dog that can be purchased from the photographer, doggie/owner look-a-like contest, art project, drawings and give-a-ways. The local pet businesses will set up tables and offer goods and services for dogs.

Haunted House

Monday, Oct. 31, 6-9 p.m.

Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park Ave., 312-747-7138

All ages

Admission \$5

Enjoy spooky fun that's suitable for all ages.

Halloween Pet Tips:

Important Tips to Keep You and Your Pets Safe

Halloween is almost here. The Anti-Cruelty Society offers the following tips to keep your pets healthy and safe while you enjoy this fun-filled holiday.

When the trick or treaters start calling, or your party guests start arriving, make sure your pets are secured in a room where they will be comfortable and safe from slipping out the door or possibly biting or scratching someone. Pets are often stressed by many strangers at their home and will be much happier in their own safe space.

Candy is not appropriate for pets. Give your pets treats that are made especially for them.

Chocolate is not appropriate for pets in any amount and can be potentially poisonous to many animals. Unsweetened baking chocolate contains almost seven times more theobromine (the chemical in chocolate that is hazardous to animals) as milk chocolate.

Candies and some gum contain artificial sweeteners that can be toxic to pets. If ingested, wrappers from candy and gum can cause vomiting or create intestinal blockage.

Pumpkins and other gourds are relatively non-toxic, they could cause gastrointestinal upset or intestinal blockage if large pieces are ingested.

Wires and plugs from electrical lights also pose a threat to your pet. Electrical shock from chewing on cords or injury from plastic or glass bulbs is possible. Make sure they are kept out of your pet's reach.

Glues and other materials used to make decorations and costumes can be toxic to pets. Keep all materials out of your pet's reach.

If your pet is exposed to or ingests any of these or other toxic substance, immediately contact your local veterinarian or the Animal Poison Hotline at 888-232-8870.

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There will be two book discussions of the **Fall 2011 One Book, One Chicago selection**, *The Adventures of Augie March* by Saul Bellow. A discussion of the second half of the book, chapters 13-26, will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please telephone 312.744.8313.

Mother Goose on the Loose is a fun-filled, interactive program featuring simple picture books, nursery rhymes, musical instruments and movement. Children ages 3 months to 2 years old, accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend this series every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. from October 11th to November 15th.

Preschool Story Time is a fun program of stories, rhymes, and games for children ages 3-5 years old, accompanied by an adult. The series is presented every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. from October 13th to November 17th.

JEFFERSON PARK BRANCH 5363 W. Lawrence Ave., (312) 744-1998

Wednesdays in October Join our preschool and toddler story times. Toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) meet from 10:15 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. Preschoolers (ages 3 to 5 years) meet from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for stories and crafts. No pre-registration is required. Contact the children's librarian for more information.

Tuesday, October 11 at 4:15 p.m. Join our family book club as they discuss *Miss Daisy is Crazy!* by Dan Gutman. Ages 6 to 9 (grades 1 to 3) and their parents. Call to reserve a copy.

Wednesday, October 12 at 2 p.m. The Wednesday afternoon mystery book discussion group will feature *Sticks & Scones* by Diane Mott Davidson. Call to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. The Tuesday evening book discussion group will continue to discuss the One Book, One Chicago title *The Adventures of Augie March* by Saul Bellow. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Join our tween book club as they discuss *Well Wished* by Franny Billingsley. Ages 10-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, October 27 at 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a literacy workshop for parents and caregivers of children ages 4 and 5 years old. Learn how to share the joy of books, discover the 6 literacy skills, learn about pre-reading games and activities and much more. Bring your 4 and 5 year old! There will be a "not so scary stories" story time and craft for your child during the workshop. Call to register.

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

Dining for Wellness. October 19, 11:30 a.m. Chef Demonstration by Lincolnwood Place. This month is a pear and spring mix salad with crumbled blue cheese, walnuts, and a berry vinaigrette. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. Oct. 14: "Animal Kingdom"; Oct. 21: "Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives."

Jazmer: Live @ Lincolnwood. October 16, 2 p.m. A mix of instrumental and vocal music from Eastern Europe (klezmer, Yiddish and some gypsy), the Middle East (Israeli) and some Sephardic music (Ladino, Judeoespañol) from Spain. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 13: "Due Date"; Oct. 20 "Country Strong."

Travel Through Time Presentation. Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. Hy Speck presents "Frank: The Life and Loves of America's Greatest Entertainer."

Acting Class. Mondays, 2-3 p.m. Theater games, improv, bit parts, and more for grades 3-5. Directed by Debbi Brodsky. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Afterschool Café. Mondays, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Lincolnwood School students can relax and buy a snack before tackling homework on early release Mondays.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19, 10 a.m. 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.

K-2 Time. Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m. For students Kindergarten-2nd grade. Special stories and activities related to October's theme: Monster Mania. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Kid Flicks. Mondays, 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17: "Finn on the Fly."

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

Playtime. Wednesdays through Oct. 19, 10:30 a.m. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

Stories and More. Tuesdays through Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. 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.

Thursday Club. Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Exclusively for 6-8th grade students. Games and group activities.

Video Production. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. 6-8th grade students can shoot and edit video footage of creative book talks and library events.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, 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, 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.

RODEN BRANCH 6083 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL (312) 744-1478

Author Presentation Join us on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. as author Wesley Adamczyk discusses his book, *When God Looked the Other Way: An Odyssey of War, Exile and Redemption*. It tells of the ten-year odyssey of a Polish boy, whose father was murdered during the Katyn massacre, as the rest of his family was deported to Siberia during World War II. After their escape in 1942, Adamczyk's mother died from starvation and disease. Having lost everything dearest to a child, he continued his journey to America in search of freedom. Chosen by the Chicago Tribune as one of the best books of 2004. Book signing to follow.

Green Science Project Workshop with Mad Science of Chicago Join Mad Science of Chicago for a fun and entertaining Science Fair workshop on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Participants will learn about the scientific method, how to choose an environmentally friendly project, research and conduct the experiment and report results and conclusion. Each child will also get a specially created guide to use in putting together a science fair project. This 45-60 minutes program is for children in grades 4th and up. Registration is required.

Preschool Story Time. Please join us Monday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00 and enjoy stories, songs and crafts. This program is planned for children ages 2-4; younger and older siblings are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Teen Volume Book Discussion. Join a book discussion for teens at your neighborhood library today! On October 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., the book *The Adventures of Augie March* by Saul Bellow will be discussed. Please be sure to call your local branch library to sign up in advance for each discussion; confirm the dates and times; and reserve a copy of the book.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY



For a full list of **One Book, One Chicago** events, pick up a guide at your local library or bookstore, visit onebookonechicago.org or call (312) 747-8191.

Featured events include:

- Staged readings with Chicago theatre ensembles
- Authors Martin Amis, John Green, Stuart Dybek and more
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Toddler Story Time Tuesdays, October 4-November 15, 2011, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Ages 18 months-3 years

Preschool Story Time Thursdays, October 6-November 17, 2011, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 3-5 years. Hope you can join us!

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY Saturday, October 22, 2011, 10:00 A.M. Repeated Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 P.M.

Understanding how Social Security works and how it will work for you during retirement is more important than ever. Please join us for a comprehensive review of the Social Security system and how it will impact you during retirement. This lecture is designed for people who have not yet started taking Social Security benefits and plan to retire one to three years from now. Les Goldstein, a Money Smart partner, and Tom Colarusso, an experienced Social Security Benefits advisor, will be the presenters. Please RSVP to the library at 312-744-6222 if you plan on attending either session.

Polkaholics Saturday, October 29, 2011 2 p.m. Have you seen the Polkaholics? If not, get over to this fun show just in time for Halloween to rock out to their "high-speed collision of polka and rock 'n roll." The Polkaholics use a power rock trio format to put the umph into oompah-POW, blasting polka screaming into the 21st century. This program celebrating Polish American Heritage Month is free and open to all.

Stress Free Home Selling and Moving Tuesday, October 25, 11 a.m. Repeated Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m. If you haven't moved for a long time, or are hesitant to make a change even though you know you should, please join us for this informative talk presented by seniors' real estate specialist and member of the Seniors Well Being Task Force, Dale Tippet. Among the topics to be discussed are: the process of selling a home, the appropriateness of the decision, what to do with all of your possessions, the professionals involved, and a timeline for moving/selling.

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Let's Polka! with Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm Eddie Korosa and his band have been a fixture in the polka music scene for decades. He has appeared in films, television and at festivals throughout the world. Visit the library to experience their infectious, foot tapping music. This free event is part of the Chicago Public Library celebration of Polish Heritage Month.

The Polish Folk Art of Paper Cutting Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00 pm Artist Krystyna Jaroc will lead a workshop on the Polish art of paper cutting. Adults and children will learn to design and create traditional wycinanki and apply these skills in modern crafts such as greeting cards and scrapbook making. Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot. This free event is part of the Chicago Public Library celebration of Polish Heritage Month.

Megitza Quartet Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 pm This quartet offers a blend of Polish Highland folk, gypsy, flamenco, and other types of music that captivates everyone, even those that don't know the language. For more information about Megitza, visit www.megitzaquartet.com. This free event is part of the Chicago Public Library celebration of Polish Heritage Month.

Documentary Films at the Library - Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music. Monday, November 21st at 11:00 am

In this classic 1969 documentary, Robert Elfstrom presents the Man in Black captured in the prime of his career. A discussion will immediately follow the screening. This film is part of the POV award winning series aired on PBS. To find out more about this documentary and others visit www.pbs.org/pov/. This program is free to the public.

Documentary Films at the Library - The Kings of Pastry. Monday, December 19th at 11:00 am Chris Hegedus and D A Pennebaker take us behind the scenes where 16 chefs whip up the most gorgeous, delectable, gravity defying concoctions, along with edge-of-your-seat drama as they deliver their spun-sugar desserts to the display table. A discussion will immediately follow the screening. This film is part of the POV award winning series aired on PBS. To find out more about this documentary and others visit www.pbs.org/pov/. This program is free to the public.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH FREE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Join the Chicago Public Library in celebrating Polish American Heritage Month during October with a variety of programs highlighting the performing arts, culture and traditions of Polish Americans.

The Library's Polish American Heritage Month Opening Program takes place on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Archer Heights Branch, 5055 S. Archer Ave. The free event features the acclaimed Gronik Polish Highlander Children's Ensemble performing traditional songs of the Highlands.

Throughout Polish American Heritage Month, Chicago Public Library will present a variety of entertaining programs for all ages. Celebration highlights include:

Wycinanki Polish folk art paper cutting
Tenor Mark Piekarz with Accompanist Una Stroda
Children's storytelling with Megan Wells
The Polkaholics
Author Wesley Adamczyk

Additionally, a bibliography of books about notable Polish Americans in the Performing Arts is available at all Library branches and on the Library's website throughout the year. For a complete listing of programs, visit one of the many Chicago Public Library locations or the Library's website at chicagopubliclibrary.org.

ILLINOIS SCIENCE COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PRESENT FREE PROGRAMS EXAMINING THE HUMAN BRAIN, BEHAVIOR AND SCIENTIFIC THINKING

The Illinois Science Council and the Chicago Public Library partner to present a series of extraordinary programs that examine the human brain and how comprehension, behavior and scientific thinking will affect our future. The Illinois Science Council is an independent, nonprofit organization that aims to keep alive the great human fascination with science, and is continually developing collaborative relationships with academic institutions, companies and other nonprofits that share and support the goal of enhancing public understanding and appreciation of science and technology. All of the programs will take place in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, Lower Level, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information, visit the Library's website at chicagopubliclibrary.org, or call 312-747-4050.

Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Steven Pinker, one of the world's leading authorities on language and the mind and author of the extraordinarily popular books *The Stuff of Thought*, *The Blank Slate* and *How the Mind Works*, discusses and signs his latest book, *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*. In his book *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, Pinker explores the essence of human nature, mixing psychology and history to provide a remarkable picture of an increasingly nonviolent world. The key, he explains, is to understand our intrinsic motives- the inner demons that incline us toward violence and the better angels that steer us away. Registration is REQUIRED for this free event.

Tuesday, November 1, at 6:00 p.m.

Lisa Randall, renowned Professor of Physics at Harvard University and one of today's most extraordinary, influential and highly cited theoretical physicists, discusses and signs her new book, *Knocking on Heaven's Door: How Physics and Scientific Thinking Illuminate the Universe and the Modern World*. In her book *Knocking on Heaven's Door*, Randall examines how the latest developments in physics have the potential to radically revise our understanding of the world. The book is an exhilarating and accessible overview of these developments and an impassioned argument for the significance of science. Registration is REQUIRED for this free event.

Please go to www.chicagopubliclibraryevents.eventbrite.com to register and for more details. If you do not have access to a computer please call (312) 747-8184 to register.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY & FEDERAL RESERVE CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE FREE MONEY SMART PROGRAMS

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. In addition, 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.

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.

Want Privacy? Use a Trust



Chester M. Przybylo

Do you like your nosy neighbors keeping tabs of your business? Do you want them knowing how much money you left to your kids? Do you want Aunt Fern knowing that you left money to your favorite uncle but not to her? If you leave only a will, it will all be a matter of public record. Your neighbors, your relatives, your co-workers, telemarketers, and even more nefarious individuals can just walk right into your local court house and ask to see your file after you have died. By doing so they can see your will and all the wishes you have expressed in it. In addition, in most states, all the assets controlled

by the will must be inventoried and set forth in the file.

A better alternative is to leave your assets in a trust. The assets in the trust are not technically titled in your individual name and avoid probate and, therefore, the public scrutiny of prying eyes.

Here are some examples of what you can discover just from a trip to the court house, all of it public information:

- Musician Jerry Garcia left his guitars to their maker, Douglas Erwin. He left 10% of his estate to his brother, Clifford. The assets he left to his daughters were in trust until they reached age 21.
- Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger left a short handwritten will that left 1/3 to his daughter and 2/3 to his son.
- Benjamin Franklin left his lands in Nova Scotia to his son and his houses in Philadelphia to his daughter. He gave his picture of the King of France to his daughter, Sarah, asking that she not remove the jewels from the frame. He left money to facilitate the freeing of his son-in-law's slave.
- Marilyn Monroe left her clothing and personal effects and a significant portion of her estate to Lee Strasberg, the founder of the famous acting school in Hollywood.
- President Calvin Coolidge disinherited his son.
- John F. Kennedy, Jr. gave the carved whale ivory scrimshaw set he inherited from his father to his nephew, John Schlossberg.
- David Packard, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard, left almost everything he had left at his death to a charitable foundation.
- President Richard Nixon left his "personal diaries" including tapes, notes, etc., to his daughters. If his daughters did not survive him, he left explicit instructions that everything should be destroyed.

There are many reasons to keep your wishes and your affairs private after your death. Information about your wealth and to whom you are leaving it could leave the recipients vulnerable to unscrupulous people, from benign salespeople trying to sell a product to con artists trying to prey on the grieving. Revelations of whom you have chosen to benefit may offend others who were not preferred.

Your wishes do not have to become common knowledge. An estate planning attorney can help you keep your private life just that: private.

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. (See schedule on page 1)

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By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Plan to start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits in January of 2012? We recommend you apply this October if you'd like your benefits to begin in January.

If the prospect of traveling to an office does not appeal to you, then save yourself a trip and consider the advantages of applying online for Social Security retirement benefits. The Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov makes the process easy and convenient.

In most cases, once you submit your online application electronically, that's it. There are no additional forms to sign or paperwork to complete. In rare cases where we need additional information, a representative will contact you.

You can complete your application for retirement benefits from the comfort of your home or office in as little as 15 minutes. Then you can celebrate 2012 by receiving your first Social Security payment on time.

If you are not quite ready to retire but are thinking about doing so in the near future, you may want to visit Social Security's website to use our convenient and informative retirement planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2. Here you can find out just how close you are to meeting your financial goals and then "bookmark" the website to file for retirement benefits whenever you are ready.

We encourage people at any stage in their working career to use the Retirement Estimator for a instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits. Find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Remember that you're always first in line when you go online, to www.socialsecurity.gov.

Logan Square Chamber of the Arts Presents the Curators' Showcase

Arts Center, Logan Square-Avondale, launched by the Logan Square Chamber of the Arts and located in the newly renovated Hair Pin Lofts Building, 2800 North Milwaukee Avenue, has scheduled its second exhibit of fine art for October. The exhibit, titled "Curators' Showcase Exhibit" is a part of Chicago Artist's Month and will show the work of community based arts leaders; artists who are also curators. This exhibit is a way to thank the curators for their involvement the local arts community and to draw attention to their talents. Featured Artists include: Flash ABC, Jennifer Hines, Jenn Grossman, Tracy Kostenbader, Laura Kurtenbach, Beth LeFauve, Jane Michalski, Lucy Mueller, Emily Rutledge, Ryan Scheidt, and Brett Swinney. Media include Video, Sound and Light Installation as well as photography and painting. The Arts Community in Logan Square has come to life in recent years because of the work of local artists. Volunteer curators are instrumental in the success of the Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival and other exhibition as well as local pop up, window galleries and coffee houses. Most of the curators are artists themselves and have given unselfishly of their time and creative energy. The grass roots nature of these artists' involvement is one of the key factors in the growing excitement around the visual arts in this neighborhood. Artists have come together to plan events, creating new networks and working collaboratively to produce them. The Curator's Showcase is a way to celebrate their accomplishments. The Reception will feature "Light on Lines" a live Light and Sound installation produced by Ryan Scheidt with audio collaborator, Wes Immel.

The exhibit will take place October 8, 2011 - November 20, 2011

Arts Center, Logan Square - Avondale, 2800 N. Milwaukee Avenue, 2nd floor, Chicago, Illinois 60618

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

RESURRECTION H.S. HOSTS CLASSY & FABULOUS FASHION SHOW

Resurrection College Prep High School continues the celebration of its 90th year of educating young women with a look back at fashion throughout the ages. On Thursday, October 27, 2011 Resurrection will host the Classy & Fabulous Fashion Show at Beau Jolie by Victoria, 9950 Lawrence Avenue in Schiller Park. Cocktails, raffles and games will begin at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7:15 pm, and entertainment and fashion show at 8:15 pm. Fashions will be modeled by Resurrection students, staff, parents and alumnae. Reservations are \$50 each (or \$45 if purchased by October 20th) and may be made by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 112 or by visiting the Resurrection College Prep High School website at www.reshs.org. Price includes dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. Alumnae, parents, neighbors and all women in the community are invited to attend this fun evening event.

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

NILES WEST STUDENTS TAKE PART IN LIVE NASA WEBCAST

Students in Niles West teacher Ami LeFevre's Honors Chemistry class and members of the Chemistry Club represented one of only three high schools in the country that participated in a live webcast on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Digital Learning Network. The students took part in the Sept. 22 webcast with scientists from NASA and the American Chemical Society (ACS) as part of the International Year of Chemistry's Global Water Experiment.

The webinar originated at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Niles West students took part in the session via a live hook-up in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lab. Schools across the country were able to participate by logging on to the NASA website, watching and typing in questions. Niles West students were seen in the broadcast and were able to speak directly to the scientists.

In the global experiment, called "Water: A Chemical Solution," students worldwide are testing local water sources and posting their analysis to an Internet data map where they will be able to view their results and compare them to others. During the webcast, ACS and NASA scientists performed a filtration and purification experiment and discussed how it relates to water purification on earth and on NASA's International Space Station.

The American Chemical Society is a nonprofit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress. With more than 163,000 members, ACS is the world's largest scientific society and a global leader in providing access to chemistry-related research through its multiple databases, peer-reviewed journals and scientific conferences. Its main offices are in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

237 FILMS FROM 42 COUNTRIES SHINE IN 28TH ANNUAL CHICAGO INT'L. CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Over two hundred of the very best films for kids from 42 countries will be shown in the ten-day Chicago International Children's Film Festival from Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Facets Multi-Media (1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago) and seven other Chicago-area locations. The 237 films in the program were selected from over 1,000 submissions. The Chicago International Children's Film Festival celebrates its 28th year in 2011 as the oldest and largest festival of films for children in North America.

Feature films from Denmark, France, Canada, Germany, Norway, Mexico, Croatia, Finland, India, and the Netherlands are featured along with programs of animated and live-action short films from around the world. A special series of programs focuses on films made by kids. Four separate programs of short films for the youngest viewers are featured in the My First Movies series for children ages 2-5.

Workshops in acting, beginning animation, computer animation, and stop motion are featured in special weekend Take One! Workshops.

Some of the Festival highlights include A Tribute to French Animation (with the Chicago premiere of a new feature-length animated film, A Cat in Paris), a Flick or Treat event at the Music Box Theatre (3733 N. Southport Ave., Chicago) just prior to the "Trick or Treat on Southport," and the North American premiere of The Great Bear, a huge prize-winner at this year's Berlin Film Festival.

All children attending the Festival are asked to vote for the "Best of the Fest" award, which will be presented at the concluding ceremony of the Festival. Over 100 filmmakers are expected to attend the Festival from around the world.

Admission is \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. For further information call 773-281-9075 ext. 3011. The complete Festival schedule is available at www.facets.org/kids or by calling 773-281-9075.

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is presented, in part, with the support of American Airlines, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council, the Alphawood Foundation, The Polk Bros. Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, Kirkland & Ellis Foundation, The Academy Foundation and individual contributions.

FAMILIES INVITED TO A DAY OF KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES AT THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center invites families to celebrate the re-launch of the newly enhanced and expanded Make a Difference! The Miller Family Youth Exhibition with an afternoon of family fun.

This kid-focused space provides a variety of hands-on activities that teach children ages 8-12 to respect differences, address bullying and take a stand on issues that matter to them. Interactive games and high-tech activities invite them to speak up, take action, and make a difference by choosing to be Upstanders instead of bystanders. The event's activities will include:

- Painting a mural with Chicago artist James Jankowiak that will be permanently displayed in the exhibit
- Storytelling by Nancy-Shapiro-Pikelny, reading tales of friendship, respect and community
- Theater Games with Adventure Stage Chicago

Sunday, October 16 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Free with Museum admission. To register, please call 847-967-4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

BEING AN AMERICAN ESSAY CONTEST FOCUSES ON CONSTITUTION

U.S. high school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual Being an American Essay Contest.

The largest contest of its kind in the country, the Being an American Essay Contest explores the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding principles. The 2011-2012 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

"This contest is unique in that it gives students the opportunity to think about the important Founding principles communicated in our Constitution," said Dr. Jason Ross, Bill of Rights Institute Vice President of Education Programs. "This contest is vital to helping students see their Founding principles as a meaningful part of the American experiment of self-government."

Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place). Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100.

"The contest not only honors and awards sponsoring teachers, but also equips them with free lesson plans and other supplemental materials that meet state and national academic standards so they can easily incorporate the essay contest into their classrooms. The Contest is really a tribute to the excellent work teachers do in the important task of civic education," said Ross.

Over 80,000 students have participated in the essay contest since it began in 2006. "We are pleased to support the Bill of Rights Institute's Being an American Essay Contest," said Dr. Libby O'Connell, SVP, Corporate Outreach and Chief Historian, History Channel. "The contest encourages students to think critically and truly makes the past relevant in their lives today."

Complete contest details can be found below. Further information, including submission criteria, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Founders and the Founding principles are available at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.

JLI Teens: Life on the Line

Please join Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie for our first Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) Teens course of the New Year, Life on the Line: You Make the Call. How do we balance our rights vs. the rights of others? Is one life worth more than another? What does Judaism say about our lives, our possessions, and our purpose in the world? In this powerful series students will examine real-life news stories and make tough critical decisions.

This course is specifically designed to challenge high school students with activities, mock debates, and driving questions about real life topics. Throughout this six week course there is a continuing goal to charge high school students to become more involved in their communities and hone their leadership skills. "It is an investment in your children's future, guiding them to become responsible, capable, and moral people," says Rabbi Chaim Telsner, director of the Jewish Youth House. JLI provides teenagers with a safe space to grapple with life's true challenges. The lives of thousands of high school students in 70 cities worldwide are enriched by JIL courses; don't let your teen miss out on this incredible, life changing course.

Life on the Line takes place in The Mooz at 4049 Dempster St, Skokie, Illinois every Monday, November 7th through December 12th from 7:30pm-9:00pm. The cost for this program is \$50 (including dinner and text book). For more information please contact Rabbi Chaim Telsner at 847-677-1770 ex 303 or email at Rabbichaim@jewishyouthhouse.org.

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