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Oakton President Receives Hands of Peace Olive Branch Award

Dr. Margaret B. Lee, president of Oakton Community College, is the recipient of a 2011 Hands of Peace Olive Branch Award. Lee was honored Wednesday, July 27, at a ceremony at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston.

Hands of Peace, based in Glenview, is an interfaith nonprofit that brings together American, Palestinian, and Israeli teens to enhance their peace-building and leadership skills. Palestinian and Israeli teens travel to the area each summer, living with a host family as they participate in a two-week program with their U.S. counterparts.

"I am extremely humbled to be a recipient of this award," said Lee. "Hands of Peace serves as a beacon to the local and international communities by demonstrating that peaceful co-existence begins through the development of personal relationships. I am happy to provide whatever resources possible for such a worthy cause."

Lee has served on the agency's Advisory Board since 2007. The award recognizes her "substantial support of the Hands of Peace program, its interfaith connections, and the idea of peaceful conflict resolution that it fosters," noting in particular:

- * Lee's personal commitment to the ideals of Hands of Peace through her contributions to the Advisory Board
- * The invaluable donation of space and resources to the agency through Oakton's hosting of the summer program, and
- * The support she has shown to the Oakton faculty who play significant roles with Hands of Peace.

"It is a privilege to serve on the Advisory Board with Peg," said State Representative Elaine Nekritz (D-57). "Hands of Peace works to break down the barriers to peace and Peg is truly committed to that goal. She is extremely supportive of our efforts, and contributes much to the agency's success."

"I can't think of a more deserving recipient of this award," notes Oakton Board of Trustees Chairman Ann Tennes. "Peg is a woman of tremendous character. Wherever she goes, she puts people at ease by seeking understanding and common ground – the cornerstones of peace. She's a great ambassador."

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Nearly 700 people filled the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles for Ed Kelly's 37th Annual Giants Awards Dinner. Among the honorees was Joseph Bradtke, a north sider and owner of numerous businesses. Bradtke received the Harry Kempf Business Award. Pictured (left to right) are Peter O'Brien, President of the Ed Kelly Sports Program, Kempf, Bradtke and Ed Kelly.

K'NEX 6-Foot Ferris Wheel on Display at Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), added 6 feet of whirling fun to the 35,000 artifacts it boasts, with the addition of a K'NEX motorized 6-foot Ferris wheel. The Ferris wheel, built using K'NEX rods and connectors and on loan from K'NEX Brands, of Hatfield, PA, America's only building toy company focused on Building Worlds Kids Love™, will be displayed at MSI's Museum Store through the summer.

"The K'NEX 6-Foot Ferris Wheel grabs the attention of kids and parents alike, inspiring them to build and be creative," said Michael Araten, President and CEO of K'NEX, "so we knew it would be a perfect fit for the Museum of Science and Industry, a place known for jaw-dropping exhibits."

"MSI's mission is to inspire inventive genius in our guests, and this Ferris wheel is a fun example of what can be achieved with ingenuity, creativity and engineering," said Peter Papp, MSI Museum Store director. "We are excited to showcase it to our guests."

With 8,550 colorful parts and standing over 6 feet tall, the 6-foot K'NEX Ferris wheel is one of the largest K'NEX building sets of all time. It is displayed in the Museum Store, located in the Entry Hall, with an assortment of K'NEX building sets available for sale.



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers August Health Programs

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, August 2, 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.

A free lecture titled **‘To Tell the Truth’** will be offered Tuesday, August 9, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hospital librarian Beth Robb will discuss how to find trustworthy health information in today’s society. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, August 12, 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. Naprapathic medicine will be discussed. Registration is not required.

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, August 16, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, August 31, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, August 22, 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.

Cholesterol screenings will be conducted Tuesday, August 23, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening requires a 12-hour fast and tests for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL levels. Test results will be mailed. There is a \$15 fee. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, August 24, 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).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, August 25, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

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

Heat Wave Warning: Better Business Bureau Advises Beware of Air Conditioning Scams!

With the heat index reaching over 100 degrees this week, there is no worse time for your air conditioner to go on the fritz. Rushing to find someone to make repairs or replace your air conditioning unit can lead to consumers getting burned. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning consumers to be especially cautious of air conditioning scams.

In the last 12 months, there have been 403 complaints filed against heating and air conditioning companies, compared to 341 in the previous 12 months, an increase of 18%. Inquiries are up as well, there have been 64,407 inquiries for this past 12 month period, compared to the 50,492 for the previous 12 month period, an increase of 27%.

“When searching air conditioning companies, hiring the first company you call or not getting all the details in writing are some common mistakes made by consumers” says Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. “Often scammers will count on offering ‘free’ air conditioner tune-ups or cleanings, but end up recommending much more costly repairs than needed.”

Additionally, consumers should avoid falling victim to high pressure sales tactics, and look for red flags such as why a company would go door to door during a heat wave when they should have more work than they could handle.

The BBB recommends the following tips when searching for an air conditioning company:

- Research company background and licensing. Visit www.bbb.org for the Business Review of any company you are considering. This can provide information on its reputation and history of complaints. Ask if its employees are licensed and insured.

- Compare prices and service packages. Get at least three estimates for any air conditioning replacement, repair or maintenance work. All bids should be in writing and should provide a full description of the services provided and the materials used.

- Review warranty coverage. Find out if the company offers any type of warranty or guarantee, and make certain you understand the terms and conditions of the coverage. Also be sure to check the warranty on your current air conditioning unit to determine whether any repairs or replacements may be covered.

- Ask about energy efficiency. Many new cooling units are made to be significantly more energy efficient than older models. Additionally, some units may be eligible for tax credits. Make sure you get the necessary paperwork to cash in on these savings.

For more information on air conditioning repairs, visit www.bbb.org

Village of Skokie Health Department Reminds Residents of Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus

The Skokie Health Department wishes to alert residents that mosquitoes positive for West Nile Virus have been identified in nearby communities. Humans are infected with West Nile Virus by mosquitoes, and the Health Department urges residents to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

Measures you can take to reduce your risk of being bitten include: staying indoors at dawn, dusk or early evening; wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors; spraying clothes with repellants and wearing protective clothing if spending time in a heavily wooded area; and, applying insect repellents containing DEET very sparingly on exposed skin.

Property owners can eliminate mosquito breeding areas in the following manner:

- Remove standing water where mosquitoes can breed.
- Clean and maintain any catch basins that may be on the property. The North shore Mosquito Abatement District will treat your catch basin for mosquito larvae. For more information, please call them directly at 847/446-9434.
- Change the water in birdbaths and plant pots at least once a week.
- Empty plastic pools at the end of each day and store indoors.
- Keep grass and shrubbery cut short. Adult mosquitoes accumulate in cool, shady areas.
- Keep gutters clean and free-flowing. Eliminate dips and low areas that collect water.
- Don’t let water stand on flat roofs.

Most people infected with the virus will have few or mild symptoms including fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes. Severe infections can include headache, high fever, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis and rarely death. Symptoms generally occur three to 14 days following the bite of an infected mosquito. Anyone can get WNV, however, people over 50 years old or individuals with a weakened immune system have the highest risk of developing severe illness. If you experience any of these symptoms you should contact your personal physician.

If you find a dead bird it is important to contact the Skokie Health Department to collect the bird for testing. Historically, some birds have tested positive for WNV, and results from testing help to determine the extent of WNV activity. To report a dead bird, please call 847/933-8484.

For more information on WNV or to report potential mosquito breeding sites, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8484 or the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District at 847/446-9434.

The Skokie Health Department is one of only eight state-certified municipal health departments in Illinois and provides a wide range of services to Skokie residents. To learn more about the Skokie Health Department, please visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8252.

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Responding to changing customer needs and a business plan that calls for expanding access to Postal Service products, stores including Costco and Office Depot are offering shipping and mailing services.

According to Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe, the Postal Service is changing for the better.

"We're teaming up with hundreds of new stores so customers can do postal business at places where they already shop," Donahoe said. "Americans have more to do and less time to do it. We know simpler is better – online, on your mobile device, on your way, with an expertise that you can count on."

Customers can find dozens of locations to purchase postal services within their neighborhoods by visiting an interactive map at www.uspseverywhere.com and typing in a ZIP Code. Using a simple icon guide designating stamps, shipping and packaging, PO Boxes and other services, customers can easily navigate to retail outlets, grocery stores, Automated Postal Center (APC) kiosks and Post Offices, among other options.

With Post Office hours usually ending by 5 p.m. or earlier, customers can send a Priority Mail Flat Rate Box and buy Forever stamps as long as the alternate sites are open – often as late as 9 p.m. Some sites are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We're creating easier, more convenient access to products and services when and where our customers want them," Donahoe said. "We're everywhere so you can be anywhere."

There are about 32,000 Post Office locations around the country that sell Postal Service products and services. There are more than 50,000 other locations selling postage stamps alone – the top product sold at Post Offices. With the additional shipping provider locations added in, customers have about 100,000 locations and ways to do business with the Postal Service.

Nearly 35 percent of the Postal Service retail revenue comes from expanded access locations such as Costco, Office Depot, grocery stores, drug stores, APCs, ATMs and usps.com, open 24/7.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

An electronic press kit on expanded access, including b-roll, JPEGs and audio soundbites can be found at <http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/expandedaccess/welcome.htm>

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Evanston Volunteer Opportunities Available

Looking for ways to volunteer this summer and help make Evanston a better place to live and work? The City of Evanston Volunteer Program provides many opportunities for you.

The City of Evanston has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available for teens, interns, and seniors. If you are interested in volunteering your time this summer, check out the City's volunteer opportunities at www.cityofevanston.org/volunteer or call 3-1-1 (847/48-4311) for a listing of volunteer opportunities.

Also, check out the community Volunteer Evanston website featuring volunteer opportunities of local organizations in Evanston. Visit www.volunteerevanston.org.

Skokie Heat Advisory

Summer is here, and with this season comes the heat. The Skokie Health Department recommends the following during this week's forecasted heat advisory:

- 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

Those without air conditioning may visit the following public cooling centers 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, Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street Skokie, 847/674-1500 x2700, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 9a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Skokie Park District, Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood Avenue Skokie, 847/674-1500 x2400 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 pm. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Shop Local!

Interested business owners should reach out to Sheila at 773-784-0400 or sheila@ravenswoodcommunity.org to participate in the development of the "shop local" campaign we would like to kick off in late August. It will be followed up by a large weekend event after Thanksgiving. Your voice and opinion is so important, so please join in the discussion.

Ravenswood Community Council Accepting SARFS Applications

RCC is still accepting applications for its 2011 SARFS program, which stands for Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors.

The SARFS program provides free home repairs for eligible seniors and is administered through the City of Chicago's Department of Community Development. Its purpose is to help seniors through repairs which make seniors' homes safer and more livable.

Past projects have included:

1. New flooring
2. Shower Repair
3. Railings/ grab bars
4. Door/ lock installment and repair
5. Drywall replacement

Repairs are absolutely free and are performed by licensed contractors who are chosen by RCC and approved by the city. Work is scheduled to start in the Spring, but applications are accepted year-round.

This program is aimed primarily at low-moderate income seniors, and proof of income level is required as part of the application process. If you are interested in applying contact Chris Shickles at (773) 784-0400 or email chris@ravenswoodcommunity.org.

AMERICAN LEGION EDISON PARK POST #541

On August 20, 2011 American Legion Edison Park Post #541 will be the color guard of the Edison Park parade. Starting at Ebinger school, 7350 W. Pratt, Chicago, we will step off at 11:00AM with numerous other parade participants and end at the Edison Park Field House, 6755 Northwest Hwy., Chicago. Everyone is urged to see the parade and enjoy it. Come and meet our post and its members.

Lira's Concert of Marian Hymns

A Concert of Polish and American Marian Hymns Sunday, August 14, 2011 :: 3 pm at St. Issac Jogues Church, 8101 West Golf Road, Niles, Illinois, Rev. Andrew Luczak, pastor. Admission is \$20 - \$10 for Children. A free reception follows the concert. Plentiful free parking. For Tickets: call 773-508-7040.

Village of Skokie Vehicle Sticker and Pet License Purchase Reminder

Village of Skokie vehicle stickers are available for purchase and must be displayed on windshields by August 31. The stickers may be purchased at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

All vehicles registered with the State of Illinois to an address within the corporate limits of the Village of Skokie must display a valid Village sticker. Even if the vehicle is not physically in Skokie, it must display a Village sticker. The address appearing in the Secretary of State's records for the vehicle is the criterion and the owner of record is responsible for obtaining the sticker.

Passenger vehicle stickers purchased through August 31 cost \$20. After that date, the cost increases to \$30. Other vehicles have different licensing fees. Vehicle sticker renewals may be made online at www.skokie.org through August 31. Payment is accepted from Visa, MasterCard, Discover and debit cards. The Village does not charge an added fee for paying with a credit card.

Pet licenses also 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.

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Village Approves Temporary Sidewalk Sale Permit for Skokie Merchants

The Village of Skokie will allow any interested Skokie merchant the opportunity to participate in a temporary, weekend-long sidewalk sale during the weekend of the 2011 Backlot Bash in Downtown Skokie. The event is scheduled to take place from Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28, 2011. Details on the event can be found at www.backlotbash.com.

The sidewalk sale will allow Skokie merchants temporary approval to display and sell products on the sidewalk in front of their respective establishments as part of the Backlot Bash festival or wherever their business is located in Skokie. Please note that here may be. Specific permits are required if a merchant would like to construct a tent, use an amplifier or other specific equipment. If you are a merchant that may require additional permitting, please first check with the Village of Skokie Licensing Officer at 847/933-8400 for further information or to obtain a permit application. For more details on the sidewalk sale, please contact the Skokie Chamber of Commerce directly at 847/673-0240.

Autism Society and AMC Theatres® to Host Sensory Friendly Films® This August

AMC Theatres (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities and sensory issues a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. Sensory Friendly Films® will continue with a showing of The Smurfs on August 6.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

The Smurfs, Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.

AMC Showplace Galewood 14, 5530 W Homer St, Chicago, IL, 60639

AMC Village Crossing 18, 7000 Carpenter Rd, Skokie, IL, 60077

AMC Showplace Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, IL 60714

A list and map of participating theatres is available at www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms. This nationwide event has 148 theatres in 63 markets in the United States and Canada.

Contact Amanda Glensky, Autism Society Media Specialist, at 301-657-0881 x 9015 or aglensky@autism-society.org.

Evanston Receives Grant from National Endowment for the Arts

The City of Evanston is happy to announce that it will receive an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), one of only 51 grants awarded nationwide. The City of Evanston will receive a \$50,000 grant to develop a concise plan of action to help realize the vision of a performing arts center in the heart of Evanston while providing space for the community at large. Our Town is the NEA's latest investment in creative placemaking, through which partners from both public and private sectors come together to strategically shape the social, physical, and economic character of a neighborhood, town, city, or region around arts and cultural activities.

"This grant validates the creative community whose vision of a performance arts complex in the heart of Evanston is a step closer to reality," said Representative Jan Schakowsky. "The arts are essential to the community and it is important that the contributions from community art organizations are retained and nurtured. As an Evanston resident and its Congresswoman, I congratulate the City of Evanston for its efforts to receive this grant and embracing this important opportunity."

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Chicago Art Magazine visited the Scharpenberg Gallery

<http://chicagoartmagazine.com/2011/07/gallery-spotlight-dank-haus/>

Museum Thursdays

Pop in Thursdays this summer from 5pm - 8pm and view the Lost German Chicago exhibit and Hamburg Emigration Port.

It's the perfect addition to another glorious summer Thursday in Lincoln Square

1. Dinner at Farmer's Market
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Members: \$55, Non-members: \$65 Sunday, August 14, 1:00p - 4:00p
To register: (847) 475-0390 or go to <http://www.openstudioproject.org/>

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Summer 1-day Workshop

Fall 1-day Workshop

Tuesday, August 23

Friday, October 21

10a - 11:30a

1:00p - 2:30p

OSP members: \$50 (siblings \$40); Non-members \$55 (siblings \$45)

To register: (847) 475-0390 or go to <http://www.openstudioproject.org/>

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Local Arts and Entertainment

Catholic Charities 10th Annual Gala of the Arts Fundraiser for Emergency Assistance Programs Presents an Evening of Visual Art and Musical Performance



Photo by Phil Caruso. (L to R) Gala of the Arts chair couple Gloria and Jeff Schwartz of Oak Park, joined the President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Monsignor Michael M. Boland to finalize the 10th annual Gala of the Arts. The September 9, 2011 fundraiser supports the on-going Emergency Assistance programs providing food, shelter, clothing, and supportive services for people in crisis in Cook and Lake counties. Gala of the Arts starts at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011 at Navy Pier. Black tie optional. Tickets \$250 each. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Ashley Owen at 312-655-7912.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host its 10th annual Gala of the Arts Friday, September 9, 2011 in Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom, Chicago. The fundraiser will support the on-going Emergency Assistance programs providing food, shelter, clothing, and supportive services for people in crisis in Cook and Lake counties.

The Fundraiser will feature an encore performance by "UNDER THE STREET-LAMP An intimate Evening with the recent stars of Chicago's Jersey Boys".

The Gala will hold an Art Invitational featuring 15 local and regional visual artists in an art show and sale. A portion of the artists' proceeds will support Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance programs. Artists will offer a wide range of subjects and media and many are available for commission.

Guest will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and an elegant dinner in the spacious and historic Grand Ballroom, as well as the opportunity to win a wide variety of raffle packages.

"We are grateful to the benefactors and artists who join us at this event to help Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance programs fill an essential need in our community, serving people who experience an immediate and unexpected crisis," said Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. "People come to us when they have nowhere to turn, and we're ready to provide comprehensive services."

Last year, Catholic Charities', the largest Midwest social service agencies, provided nearly 200,000 households with emergency assistance through eight service centers located throughout Cook and Lake counties.

Gloria and Jeff Schwartz of Oak Park will serve as the Gala chair couple for the second year.

"Jeff and I are honored to be the chair couple for this year's fundraiser and hope to increase awareness and support for the ongoing emergency services that greatly impact so many lives at a time of unexpected need. Catholic Charities provides supportive services while treating clients with dignity and respect," said Gloria Schwartz.

Fifth Third Bank returns for the sixth year as the event's presenting sponsor.

The Gala will also feature an encore exhibit of photographs by guests of the Catholic Charities' Tuesday Night Suppers, who participate in the "Vision of My Life" photography program. For the past 10 years, the program has provided participants with basic photography instruction and disposable cameras to capture images of the city through their own eyes.

Cocktails and art sale begin at 6 p.m. Dinner and entertainment follow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each. Black Tie optional. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Ashley Owen at 312-655-7912 or contact her via email at aowen@catholiccharities.net. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.galaofthearts.com.

SKOKIE ART GUILD

Skokie Art Guild Live Model Figure Drawing Workshops

Figure Drawing Workshop and meet as follows:

Thursdays - 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Saturdays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

* Devonshire Cultural Center,

4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, IL 60076

www.skokieartguild.org Members: \$12.00 / Non-Members: \$20.00



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER ANNOUNCES EVENTS

SPECIAL EXHIBITION: SPOTS OF LIGHT: TO BE A WOMAN IN THE HOLOCAUST

Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust is the first international exhibition to focus exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust. This large scale video-art based exhibition conveys the strength, initiative, and courage of these remarkable women. This landmark exhibit shows that even in the most difficult of circumstances, human beings can maintain those values which are the foundation of humanity: motherhood, friendship, faith and love. This exhibition is a production of the Museum Division, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem; curator, Yehudit Inbar.

Through September 6, 2011

Tickets: Free with Museum admission. For information on hours and admission prices, please call 847-967-4800 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

BOOK & AUTHOR: HIDING IN THE SPOTLIGHT, A MUSICAL PRODIGY'S STORY OF SURVIVAL 1941-1946

Orlando Sentinel columnist Greg Dawson shares the remarkable story of his mother's survival from certain death in Ukraine during the Holocaust. At ages 12 and 14, she and her sister were piano prodigies whose lives depended on entertaining German officers and troops. The presentation includes a short film by Candy Dawson depicting the family's visit to Ukraine. A book signing follows.

Sunday, August 14, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Tickets: Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended; 847-967-4889. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

2011 MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES

General Admission: \$12

Seniors (65+): \$8

Students (12-22): \$8

Children (5-11): \$6

Ravenswood Community Council "Bells of Ravenswood"

A preliminary meeting was held to plan a community event that features the church bells of Ravenswood and several architectural gems within the neighborhood. Are you interested in helping with this event? Call Sheila at 773-784-0400 or sheila@ravenswoodcommunity.org. All proceeds for the event would benefit the churches capital campaigns.

Noyes Gallery Exhibition Opened in July

The exhibition New Encaustic Explorations, presented by members of the FUSEDChicago, runs from July 14 through August 30 at the Noyes Art Gallery located in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. An opening Artist Reception will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 17 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St. Admission is free.

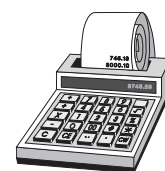
FusedChicago is a growing group of Midwest artists brought together by their passion for encaustic. Explorations with luminescent layers of wax, either alone or in combination with other mediums, can bring meaning, richness and depth to the artist's creative process. The work of FusedChicago artists have taken them in many directions as they extend the boundaries of the ancient art of encaustic. The exhibit is curated by Barbara Goldsmith and Chie Curley.

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ARCHITECT AND DESIGNER AMY REICHERT OF EVANSTON SELECTED AS INSTALLATION ARTIST FOR DONOR WALL AT LIEBERMAN CENTER IN SKOKIE

This September, CJE SeniorLife will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Skokie, which has been home to thousands of older adults over the past three decades. To honor the occasion, CJE commissioned a unique work of art to be sited at the skilled nursing center. After receiving 14 proposals for the project, CJE has selected award-winning architect and exhibit designer Amy Reichert of Evanston, as its installation artist.



A renowned designer of Judaica, Reichert has been creating Jewish ritual objects unique in their interpretive depth and beauty since 1995. Since 1996, when she won second place in the Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Prize for her seder plate that now is in the permanent collection of the Jewish Museum in New York City, she has participated in invited juried exhibitions in museums around the world.

Reichert's inspiration for the Lieberman commission, "Deeds of Giving Are the Very Foundations of the World," comes from the first divinely commanded building project, the tabernacle in the desert.

"I had just finished reading in Exodus 25:1 about the building of the mishkan and what struck me was the generosity and enthusiasm of the original donors," said Reichert.

Built from donations from the entire people of Israel, the mishkan was a project that defined and symbolized the community's coherence. In the same way, the names of those with a heartfelt and enduring connection to CJE SeniorLife will be seamlessly integrated into Reichert's artwork.

The materials Reichert chose—gold, silver, bronze and acacia wood—echo the primary materials of the mishkan as described in the Torah. A panel of translucent cloth recalls the textile donations that were also an essential part of the original mishkan and evokes a tallis, spread out to embrace the community.

"While there is no longer a mishkan," said Reichert, "places like Lieberman Center play that essential role in Jewish life today."

The art installation will include 613 naming opportunities, one for each of the seeds in a pomegranate, which is CJE's logo. According to Jewish tradition, the fruit's 613 seeds represent the number of mitzvot, or good deeds, in each individual.

"We wanted something that was more than just a list of names," said Allyson Marks Greenfield, CJE's Director of Development, who along with a panel of judges that included CJE Board members and leadership, selected Reichert's proposal. "Amy's interpretation deftly captures CJE's spirit of community, its mission of enhancing the lives of older adults and the significance of the Jewish values underlying all that we do."

Reichert holds a B.A. and M.A. from Yale University. She combines her studio work with teaching in college art and art history departments, including as Professor of Arts Administration at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

The project is scheduled to be installed at CJE's Lieberman Center in Skokie in September. For more information on how to include your name, or the name of a loved one by purchasing a "plaque," contact CJE's Development Department at 773/508-1025.

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

Arrington Foundation Donation to Benefit Lagoon Restoration

The City of Evanston anticipates that the lagoon at Dawes Park will be named the Arrington Lakefront Lagoon, pending City Council approval.

The City of Evanston held a donation recognition event on Wednesday, June 29 at Dawes Park to thank The Arrington Foundation for a \$500,000 donation that will be used to renovate the park's lagoon. Evanston's mayor, the honorable Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, was joined by State Senator Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, State Representative Robyn Gabel, and six aldermen in thanking The Arrington Foundation and the Arrington family for their contribution.

The Arrington Foundation was represented by Michael B. Arrington, an Evanston resident and the Foundation's President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as other family members. During the event, it was announced that the City anticipates naming the park's lagoon the Arrington Lakefront Lagoon in memory of Michael Arrington's father, the late W. Russell Arrington. A distinguished member of the Illinois General Assembly from 1945 to 1973, W. Russell Arrington was a member of the Illinois House and leader of the Illinois Senate.

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The Village of Skokie Health Department and Board of Health Co-sponsor the Trail to Fitness

The Village of Skokie Health Department and Skokie Board of Health are co-sponsors of the Trail to Fitness (T2F), which is currently active and runs through to the Backlot Dash, held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 as part of the Backlot Bash weekend.

On July 28, 2011 Bruce Jones, L.E.H.P., Environmental Health Supervisor for the Village of Skokie, will present information on "Savvy Food Safety" at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street at this third annual T2F event at 7 p.m.

Those in attendance will learn how to keep food safe. Having more than 27 years of experience in the field of food safety, Jones will discuss safe food preparation, the items most likely to cause illness, the importance of keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold, and how to handle leftovers.

For more information, please visit the website at www.trailtofitness.com or contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

Evanston Community Foundation to Offer Leadership Class

The Evanston Community Foundation would like to invite members of the Evanston community to participate in the 2011-2012 class of Signature Leadership Evanston, a 10-month experience which encourages and develops leadership potential and community engagement. The 20th Leadership Evanston class will:

- learn more broadly and deeply about our community,
- train in community leadership skills such as conflict resolution, advocacy & community organizing, creative problem solving, consensus building, strategic planning and board training,
- make connections and continue to build a network of engaged community leaders.

Leadership Evanston has graduated over 500 individuals who serve the community on boards and commissions, as elected officials, and in leadership roles in faith communities, social service, education and other organizations. After graduation, participants join an active alumni organization where they continue to meet new people and engage in our community.

Leadership Evanston selects a diverse group of people who are representative of our community, live and/or work in Evanston, and have displayed the capacity for leadership. Deadline for applications is July 15.

For more information and an application, visit www.evanstonforever.org or contact Beth Osterlund at osterlund@evanstonforever.org or at 847.492.0992.

Village of Skokie Home Delivered Meals Drivers Make a Difference

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division offers a Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program for the community's most vulnerable residents. The HDM Program ensures a nutritionally balanced meal Monday through Friday for residents not able to prepare meals for themselves. This program is possible, in part, through the generous contribution of time made by community volunteers.

HDM volunteers help their Skokie neighbors remain independent in their own homes by contributing a small amount of time to deliver meals or to help coordinate on-site at Skokie Hospital. Volunteers determine their own level of commitment. A gift of time large or small makes a difference in the lives of those dependent upon the program.

The Human Services Division is actively recruiting program volunteers.

Please join the HDM program by completing an application. The volunteer application can be found online at www.skokie.org, or you may call the Human Services Division at 837/933-8208 to receive an application by mail or to discuss this volunteer opportunity in more detail.

Evanston Releases Fourth NSP2 Bid Package

The fourth bid package for NSP2 rehabilitation work is scheduled to be released on Friday July 8th at 10 a.m. Bid packages will be available for pick-up through Friday July 15th in Room 3000, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Proposals will be due by noon on Friday August 5th.

Inspections of the properties are scheduled to occur on Wednesday July 13th and July 20th. A detailed schedule will be included in the bid package. Inspections are mandatory for bid consideration.

The presubmission conference will be held Friday, July 15th at 10:00 am in Room 2200 of the Civic Center.

Subcontracts awarded to date from previous bid packages are posted on the City's website <http://www.cityofevanston.org/>

For additional questions, please contact Jolene N. Saul, AICP, Housing Development Specialist - NSP2, at 847/448-8166 or jsaul@cityofevanston.org.

Evanston Still Seeks Community Input on New CTA Yellow Line Station

Currently, the City of Evanston is conducting an engineering feasibility study to identify a preferred alternative for an infill station along the CTA Yellow Line in south Evanston at Dodge, Asbury or Ridge Avenues.

Residents are encouraged to take a simple, brief public online survey regarding the proposed new Evanston Yellow Line station and share with planners their preferred location amongst the three proposed locations. Take the 3 minute survey at <http://www.evanstonyellowlinestation.org/>

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

Skokie Police Explorer Car Wash

The Skokie Police Explorers, Post 300, host their annual car wash fundraiser on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the retired Skokie Police Department parking lot, 8350 Laramie Avenue, at Main Street and Laramie Avenue. The cost is \$5 per regular size vehicles.

The Explorers is a division of the Boy Scouts of America and the carwash proceeds will fund the annual Scouts membership.

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Children Needed for Art Installation

Working with the same artist who helped create the Crown Memorial Fountain in Millennium Park, the Chicago Cultural Alliance, of which DANK is a core member, will create an installation mosaic of scanned textiles and filmed children's faces. We are so excited to have been offered this opportunity to design the main lobby area of the new Children's Memorial Hospital scheduled to open in Streeterville in 2012!

We ask that this summer each organization provide 4-6 children from our community for filming, ages 0-18. To participate, please complete the attached information sheet and parental release and return as soon as possible so we can schedule the children nominated for their preferred date/location. Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

GUERIN PREP NOLAN SCHOLARS SERVE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Guerin Prep Nolan Scholars experienced a trip they will never forget last month. As they hit the road to Merryville, Tennessee, they never thought how life changing their service project could be. The beginning of the trip was spent by getting acquainted with one other outside the walls of Guerin Prep and sight-seeing. Then the students set out to work for Habitat for Humanity.

First the students were welcomed into the community during a dinner at a Methodist church. They discovered that many people were in need of extra support because they were living in poverty. After dinner, the students were introduced to the two houses they were to be able to help build for two different families. The students got to work by putting up siding and helping with the stucco. One Guerin student, Melanie Niepsuj, explained, "I liked putting up the siding the best. We were able to learn so much about things we never would have expected to learn as teenagers." In addition to learning the ins and outs of hard physical labor, the students met many different people while working closely together. Students learned homelessness and poverty are everywhere, but their help went a long way especially in the lives of the two families who were the recipients of the houses.

The students also volunteered their time at the Habitat Resale Shop as another effort to help Habitat for Humanity. Together they sorted through piles and piles of clothes and assembled window displays. All money made from the resale shop goes to funding Habitat.

All the hard work paid off for the Guerin Prep students; especially when they were able to meet the families they built the houses for. One family was a single mom with three kids, and the other family was a Sudanese family who barely spoke English. Even though both families were so different, they shared the same appreciation for their new houses. Guerin Junior Jenna Zacharias said, "I felt like I really helped change someone's life. The great thing about a habitat house is that so many people can help change one person's life, and the person may never even get to meet them. There were people who volunteer almost every day, and that is by far the most selfless thing I have ever seen."

The mission oriented trip was a great success not only in the lives of the recipients of the houses but of the Guerin students. Melissa Cyrwus, Guerin Prep junior, described the trip as, "the opportunity to experience trial by nature, the value of true hard work, and the ability to identify with personal struggle, all with my Nolan family."

AREA STUDENTS WIN SCIENCE AWARDS



The MWRD presented awards for the 2011 Science Fair on June 2, 2011. one of the winners was Samuilo Cvetkovic, at left, a 10th grader at Lane Technical College Prep High School in Chicago, who discussed his project titled "Hydroelectric Efficient Dam Structures" with Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos in the MOB Board Room.

At a recent Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) board meeting, commissioners presented awards to top Cook County students whose science projects explore and highlight various environmental issues.

The students, who range from 7th through 12th grade representing private and public schools throughout the county, won first place in their school's science fair, then went on to win at the regional science fair held at the Museum of Science and Industry. Many of their projects reflect several years of study and data collection, on topics ranging from the use of biosolids in gardening to disinfection of water samples.

During the annual ceremony which precedes a regular board meeting, winners were presented with awards by MWRD Commissioners and given an opportunity to discuss their projects. Many brought their display boards to share with the Commissioners and members of the public who were in attendance. Following the presentation, winners, their parents and teachers were treated to a tour of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan on a tour boat.

While presenting certificates to the winners, Board President Terrance J. O'Brien said that the Board members and staff are honored to host the science fair winners each year on a tour of the Chicago waterways. "We are delighted to have this opportunity to meet and pay tribute to some of the best and brightest students from Cook County's public and private schools. We also commend the parents and teachers for the support they offer these future scientists and engineers, and hope that someday they may consider a career here as well," O'Brien said.

The MWRD has been honoring science fair winners for nearly forty years.

RESURRECTION ANNOUNCES LOU MARRESE AS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Resurrection College Prep High School President/Principal Dr. Lynne Saccaro is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Lou Marrese as the Athletic Director/Associate Principal at Resurrection College Prep High School. Mr. Marrese is a 2000 graduate of Notre Dame College Prep High School and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from De Paul University and Master of Education Degree in Administration and Supervision from National Louis University. He was Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chair in School District 92 1/2 in Westchester, Illinois. In addition to administrative responsibilities, Mr. Marrese's experience includes coaching volleyball, basketball, cross-country, track, softball, football, wrestling, baseball and intramurals.

Mr. Marrese looks forward to bringing his experience and enthusiasm to Resurrection and to working closely with students, parents and staff. As he stated, "I believe in working collaboratively to create an energizing environment that will bring the best results for our young women and will bring out the best in the people around me." Mr. Marrese's sister, mother and aunt are all graduates of Resurrection.

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. Resurrection is a member of the Girls' Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and offers 26 athletic teams in 11 sports. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or www.reshs.org.

Parks, Recreation & Festivals

Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival To Be Held Aug. 6-7

The Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival, one of the longest-running juried art fairs on the North Shore, returns to Dawes Park, Sheridan Rd. at Church St., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7. The 39th annual festival will feature artwork by more than 125 artists. These talented artists met the jury's very high standards in the following categories: photography, jewelry, painting, wood, ceramics, glass, prints/drawings, sculpture, fiber, watercolor, and mixed media.

Visitors may browse and buy original pieces that were created by the artists themselves, not produced on an assembly line! Be sure to place a bid or two at the silent art auction each day, and visit the popular Children's Craft Tent. When you get hungry or thirsty, stop by the food booths on the festival grounds operated by a dozen local restaurateurs. Live music performed on the lagoon stage complements the festive atmosphere.

A complete schedule will be available at www.cityofevanston.org/lakeshore and posted at the festival. Our free shuttle bus will take you from free parking at the N.U. parking lot three blocks north of the festival (signs are posted) and back again. Or, enjoy the stroll between the lot and festival on the Centennial Park walking path. For more info., please visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakeshore or call the Cultural Arts Division at 847-448-8260. The 24-hour special events hotline is 847-448-8058. The festival is presented by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and partially supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Wednesdays on the Green

Enjoy the Wednesdays on the Green in Downtown Skokie this summer. Free, fun, family oriented events are held every Wednesday night, through August 24 at 7 p.m., at the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street.

In addition to family entertainment, all Downtown Skokie restaurants offer a 10% discount (dine-in/carry out) from 4 p.m. to closing when patrons present a Wednesdays on the Green postcard, which is available at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street and is available for download at www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

Wednesdays on the Green participants can also receive 20% off at the Featured Restaurant on designated Wednesday nights by presenting a Wednesdays on the Green postcard. Dine in or carry out from the Featured Restaurant and patrons will also get a raffle ticket for a drawing at the Village Green for a gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie restaurant. Must be at least 18 years of age to win. Refer to the schedule below for event dates and featured restaurants.

20% off Wednesdays at these Featured Restaurants:

Village Inn Pizzeria, 8050 Lincoln Avenue, Aug 3 - Music: Michael Lerich Orchestra

Yolo Mexican Eatery, 5111 Brown Street, Aug 10 - Dancing: '80s Night

To be announced, Aug 17 - Classic & Custom Car Show

All Participating, Downtown Skokie Restaurants! Aug 24 - Movie: Grease Sing-a-long

Visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com for more details.

It's Thursday, Let's Dance! in Downtown Evanston

Come on out to the only outdoor dance floor north of Chicago! Thursdays, July 14 - August 18, 2011, 6pm lesson, 7pm live music!

Now in its twelfth year in 2011, It's Thursday, Let's Dance! will be heating up downtown Evanston on six consecutive Thursday nights: July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11 & August 18. Each week, enjoy dancing to a live band and instruction with a professional dance teacher. Join us at the conveniently located 909 Davis St. Plaza, the intersection of Maple Avenue and Church Street, at the Davis St. Metra stop. Look for the dance party between American Apparel and Chef's Station's patio. Dance instruction begins at 6:00 p.m. and the band plays for your dancing or listening pleasure from 7:00-9:00p.m. Each week features a different dance style: R&B, Latin, Blues, Big Band, and rock/pop classics. This is a free event and all ages are welcome!

Evanston Starlight Concert Series Continues

Come hear some of the most exciting talents from Chicagoland and beyond! We have expanded to 16 free concerts in the park in 2011. Evanston Starlight Concerts are presented by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. All concerts are free and open to the public.

August 2	Tuesday	Dawes Park	Ken Arlen Orchestra
August 9	Tuesday	Dawes Park	Ami Saraiya & the Outcome
August 11	Thursday	Twiggs Park	Akasha
August 16	Tuesday	Dawes Park	Canasta
August 23	Tuesday	Dawes Park	To be announced

Movies in the Parks Featuring Children's Film Festival Shorts

The annual Chicago Park District's "Movies in the Parks" are featuring short films from the Chicago International Children's Film Festival this year. These short films, all official selections from previous seasons of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival, are similar to those that will be featured in this year's upcoming Festival. The films will run at the start of selected "Movies in the Parks" screenings throughout the summer - see <http://www.cicff.org/content/festival-shorts-in-the-parks/117> for a complete schedule.

LIVE DJs AND HOUSE MUSIC COME TO MILLENNIUM PARK

New This Year is "Chicago House" on Fridays and "Electric Picnic" on Saturdays A Part of Lunchbreak at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Noon All Summer Long

Start your weekend on Fridays at noon and dance to the beat of Chicago House music, a part of the Millennium Park concert series, Lunchbreak. The next day, Lunchbreak's Electric Picnic series continues at noon when visitors can groove to the music played over the Park's state-of-the-art sound system as they enjoy their lunch.

Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, Lunchbreak showcases a diverse array of live bands, DJs and open rehearsals in a different genre of music each day through September 3. The Friday and Saturday series, Chicago House and Electric Picnic, are supported by Red Bull Music Academy Radio.

Chicago House is the electronic dance music that had its origins in Chicago in the 80s. It takes its name from an old Chicago nightclub called The Warehouse, where the resident DJ, Frankie Knuckles, mixed old disco classics, new Eurobeat pop and synthesized beats into a frantic high-energy amalgamation of recycled soul. Millennium Park will welcome DJ Frankie Knuckles on Friday, July 1 for a very special afternoon of Chicago House.

Saturday's Electric Picnic series showcases a wide variety of live performers and guest DJs to the Jay Pritzker Pavilion (excluding August 27). Guest artists provide a sonic soundtrack in the relaxed environment of Millennium Park featuring various styles of electronic music throughout the summer, from downtempo, ambient, techno, electro, dubstep, pop, abstract hip hop and more. Highlights of Electric Picnic include Son Lux on August 6 and DJ Replex Records, Wisp and Soundmurderer on September 3.

The line-up for the Chicago House and Electric Picnic series for the rest of the summer includes:

Friday, August 5	Chicago House: DJ Lego
Saturday, August 6	Electric Picnic: Son Lux
Saturday, August 13	Electric Picnic: Casino vs. Japan
Saturday, August 20	Electric Picnic: John Hughes and special guests
Friday, August 26	Chicago House: DJ Lady D
Friday, September 2	Chicago House: DJ Farley Jackmaster Funk
Saturday, September 3	Electric Picnic: Replex Records 20 Year Event featuring DJ Replex Records, Wisp and Soundmurderer

For more information about all of the Lunchbreak programming in Millennium Park, visit www.millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @Millennium_Park.



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by Anastasia E. Weaver

Wherever you turn, newspaper media, periodicals, radio or TV you are reading or hearing about the desperate economy we are in.....with spiraling unemployment numbers, another 20% drop in housing prices and, rising costs across the board. This is probably not a smart time to be planning a trip to the sunny shores of Greece but do not let the economic news fed us each day deter you from spending a wonderful and fun weekend with us. You can enjoy some of the greatest Greek cuisine, first-class musical entertainment and activities for the entire family plus the same warm hospitality that would greet you in Athens. Pricing has remained stable at Chicago's GREEKFEST. 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 not Omonia Square or Syntagma Square in Athens but we can promise a fun weekend at St. Demetrios Church's annual GREEKFEST nestled on a quiet residential street in Chicago's Lincoln Square on August 19, 20, 21.

The Greek Cuisine is a labor of love and although sometimes our recipes may seem very long and time consuming, Greeks look at cooking as an art and love to do it. It is not fast food type cuisine but one that requires time and energy and the best available flavorful ingredients and seasonings. That is exactly what we do in our kitchens right here at 2727 West Winona Street. Just like the French start their meals whether large or small with the words Bon Appetit so the Greeks have always cared about the nutritional value of their food and use the words "Kali Orexi" - Good Appetite, if translated literally. While you probably will never hear the words Good Appetite in America, the Greeks continue to say "Kali Orexi" upon sitting for a meal. We take this opportunity to wish all of you who venture to our Festival on August 19, 20, 21 - Kali Orexi

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 marinated and seasoned with lemon, oregano and wine and served with the fluffiest rice pilaf. Perhaps you will select our popular SOUVLAKI - succulent pork tenderloin shish-kabob that we marinate Greek-style with lemon, garlic and oregano. As you may know, Shish-kabob is a Turkish word. The Greek shepherds in ancient times skewered pieces of meat and vegetables and cooked them over coals in the ground, and remember knives and forks were not always available. Why not try our ROASTED LEG OF LAMB - we marinate to perfection with cloves of garlic, salt and pepper, oregano, thyme, mint, lemons and wine and roast it carefully till it melts in your mouth served with rice and a salad. Our GYROS is delicious and it is carved fresh - it is not packaged but freshly made and served warm throughout the day. We are also serving FRIED CALAMARI this year with rice pilaf and a salad throughout the weekend.

Why not try our GREEK FRIES - sprinkled with Feta. You cannot stop eating them. Perhaps it is PASTITSIO that will hit the spot - layers of macaroni and ground beef seasoned with salt, pepper, cinnamon, red wine, tomato sauce and topped with a rich cream sauce of eggs and milk and baked to perfection. The time spent making Pastitsio is a labor of love but well worth it. Pastitsio is a favorite Greek family recipe for celebrations and holidays. We also have TYROPITA - home made Greek style cheese pie in crispy filo crust and our famous SPANAKOPITA - homemade (not bought) Greek style Spinach Pie, which we prepare with fresh spinach, Feta cheese, scallions, and Greek season-

ings and bake it in a crispy filo crust. Unforgettable food! Since the Mediterranean Cuisine is abundant with fresh vegetables - try our GREEK SALAD if you wish which we prepare with all freshly tossed salad greens season with our Greek dressing of olive oil, wine vinegar sprinkled with oregano and garnished with Feta cheese and Kalamata Olives, and anchovies, of course. You can enjoy this wonderful meal under the Big Tent or in air-conditioned comfort in the Miller Center. It is your choice, depending on our Chicago weather conditions as well, which have been a little turbulent lately..

No Greek meal stops with the food alone. A must have at our Festival are the plethora of home made pastries, which are made right here in our kitchens. 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 did 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.

Following the performance of the Northside we present the ACOUSTIC GUITAR DUET of Paul Switch and Jimmy Stamos.

Sunday night you will enjoy the incomparable JOHN LINARDAKIS BAND with featured guest artist Carol Lo Verde, 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. Fanfare and American Record Guide describe Ms. Lo Verde's voice as "...gorgeous and silvery" "Lo Verde's musicality, intelligence, and artistry cannot be denied." Also performing will be Frank Rhokas, bouzouki; Dino Koulianos, lead vocalist; George Marks, keyboards and John Verros, drums performing both Greek and American dance and listening music.

Our now famous HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE and SOLON GREEK SCHOOL DANCERS will dance Sunday night only at 9:00 p.m. and for the kids besides the Clown, Puppet Show performances we have our popular KID-DIE 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 rides continuously throughout the weekend.

You may also want to stroll through our GREEK MARKETPLACE (AGORA) just like was done in ancient Athens at the foot of the Acropolis (ours is in air-conditioned comfort in the Miller Center) here you will find some interesting hand-crafted soap, jewelry, wood carved items, purses, toys, children's tees, Greek shirts, of course, and a presentation of our Myrovlitis book and Icon store with an assortment of religious items and the presence of the St. John Chrysostomos Monastery from Wisconsin with handcrafted religious Icons and other items.

If greeted with the words KALOS ORISATE (Kalos Orisate) literally translated in English means - good welcome. We welcome you with open arms to our home here at St. Demetrios and hope your weekend with us is memorable. When we raise our glass of water or other beverage and say to you STHN HGIA SAS (estin eyea sas) we mean in English "TO YOUR HEALTH: We thank you for gracing our church home with your presence. See you on August 19, 20, 21. For further information call the church office at 773-561-5992 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or visit our FESTIVAL website at www.stdemetrioschicagogreekfest.com



The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Announces Annual Flag Display in Celebration of Diversity

By proclamation, August is Diversity Month in Lincolnwood. In order to celebrate its ethnic diversity, the Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission (LHRC) announces its Flag Display on Lincoln Avenue. Currently, there are over fifty flags displayed each August that represent the diversity of ethnicities in Lincolnwood. Each country's flag is combined with an American flag to celebrate the unity within the Village of Lincolnwood. A list of flags already being displayed is available at the Lincolnwood Village Hall and on the Village of Lincolnwood website. Please visit www.villageoflincolnwood.org

Donations of \$50 are being accepted to cover the cost of a new flag. Residents may also donate any amount to cover the cost of a worn flag. Please help Lincolnwood demonstrate the cultural diversity and richness reflected in our community. If you are interested in representing your country of origin with a 3'X 5' flag and seeing it bask in the sun and wave in the wind for everyone to appreciate, please contact Sergeant Mark Weidner 847-673-2167.



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Pet Planning – Not Just for the Rich and Eccentric



Chester M. Przybylo

When people think of someone setting up a Trust for their pet, they might imagine Leona Helmsley's pet Maltese named Trouble drinking Perrier from a crystal bowl in a lavish Manhattan penthouse. However, you don't have to be rich and eccentric to set up a Pet Trust to care for your beloved pet(s). Pet Trusts are most commonly set up by caring individuals who just want to make sure that their non-human family member is taken care of in the event of their own death or disability. This article discusses the 3 easy steps necessary to set up a Pet Trust for your

furry and feathered family members. Remember, without you planning for them in advance, they may face the same awful fate that awaits so many other orphaned pets. You will sleep better knowing that they will continue purring or wagging their tail even if you're no longer able to care for them.

Setting up a Pet Trust is as easy as 1-2-3 when you go to a qualified estate planning attorney who has experience with setting up such trusts. First, you need to decide who would be willing and able to provide the love and attention your pet deserves. Who will get your dog's tail wagging or get your cat purring? You should name this person as your pet's caretaker.

Next, you need to consider how much money should be set aside for your pet's future care. While Helmsley left \$12 million to her dog, Trouble, your pet probably does not need to pay \$100,000 a year for security and \$8,000 a year for grooming! In order to calculate your pet's needs, simply estimate the annual expenses for your pet's food, grooming, medical care, and other needs and multiply that by your pet's likely remaining lifespan. You may want to include some money as a reward to the caretaker for taking on the responsibility of providing the love and attention necessary to provide a happy home for your orphaned pet.

Finally, you need to consider who will manage and distribute the money you have set aside for your pet's care. This person is the Trustee of the Pet Trust. The Trustee could be the same person who is providing the care for your pet, it could be another trusted friend or family member or it could be a professional Trustee or charity involved with caring for pets.

You plan for your human family, leaving them money and painstakingly considering Guardians, Trustees, and Executors. Your furry and feathered family members deserve consideration, too! Remember, without you planning for them in advance, they may face the same awful fate that awaits so many other orphaned pets. Contact an estate planning attorney who focuses in this area today to set up a Pet Trust for your special friend. You will sleep better knowing that they will continue purring or wagging their tail even if you're no longer able to care for them.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.



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METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES TO BEGIN CLOSING AT 3:30 PM DAILY

Congressional Budget Cuts Force Reduced Public Hours

Effective August 15, 2011, the Social Security offices in Chicago and surrounding suburbs in the Chicago Metropolitan area will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday.

This will affect the following locations:

All offices within Chicago, IL	Chicago Heights, IL	Palos Hills, IL
North Riverside, IL	Hillside, IL	Bloomington, IL
Prospect Heights, IL	Evanston, IL	Waukegan, IL

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete face-to-face service with the visiting public without incurring the cost of overtime. Congress provided Social Security with nearly \$1 billion less than the President requested for the budget this fiscal year, which makes it impossible for the agency to provide the amount of overtime needed to handle service to the public as we have in the past.

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to an office. For example, anyone wishing to apply for benefits, sign up for direct deposit, replace a Medicare card, obtain a proof of income letter or inform us of a change of address or telephone number may do so at www.socialsecurity.gov or by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.

Andrew Salata
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

We have important information that should be of interest to public employees. If you work for an employer who does not withhold Social Security taxes from your salary, such as a government agency, the pension you get based on that work may reduce your Social Security benefits under the "Windfall Elimination Provision."

This provision affects how the amount of your retirement or disability benefit is calculated if you receive a pension from work where Social Security taxes were not taken out of your pay. We use a modified formula to calculate your benefit amount, resulting in a lower Social Security benefit than you otherwise would receive.

Why a modified formula? The law requires we determine Social Security benefit amounts with a formula that gives proportionately higher benefits to workers with low lifetime earnings. Before 1983, people who worked mainly in a job not covered by Social Security had their Social Security benefits calculated as if they were long-term, low-wage workers. They had the advantage of receiving a Social Security benefit representing a higher percentage of their earnings, plus a pension from a job where they did not pay Social Security taxes. Congress passed the Windfall Elimination Provision to remove that advantage.

In addition to the Windfall Elimination Provision, there is another reduction that could make a difference in benefits a spouse, widow, or widower can receive. If you pay into another pension plan and do not pay into Social Security, any spouse, widow, or widower benefits available through Social Security may be subject to a Government Pension Offset. Generally, if government employment was not covered by Social Security, any Social Security benefits must be reduced by two-thirds of the government pension amount.

Why? Benefits we pay to wives, husbands, widows and widowers are "dependent's" benefits. These benefits were established in the 1930s to compensate spouses who stayed home to raise a family and who were financially dependent on the working spouse. Now it's more common for both spouses in a married couple to work, each earning his or her own Social Security retirement benefit. The law has always required that a person's benefit as a spouse, widow, or widower be offset dollar for dollar by the amount of his or her own retirement benefit.

Similarly, if this government employee's work had instead been subject to Social Security taxes, any Social Security benefit payable as a spouse, widow, or widower would have been reduced by the person's own Social Security retirement benefit.

Even if you do not receive monthly benefits based on your spouse's work, you still can get Medicare at age 65 on your spouse's record if you are not eligible for it on your own record.

To learn more about the Windfall Elimination Provision, please read this fact sheet: www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10045.html

To learn more about the Government Pension Offset, please read this one: www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10007.html.

Peoples Gas Main Replacement Project Underway Upgrades Pipelines in Rogers Park

Residents in Rogers Park may have seen construction underway in their neighborhood as Peoples Gas and its contractor, NPL, have begun the first phase of a major pipeline replacement project as part of the company's ongoing commitment to maintain safety and reliability of its pipeline system.

The Peoples Gas Accelerated Main Replacement Program (AMRP) is a long-term infrastructure improvement project in which Peoples Gas will replace all of the remaining cast and ductile iron natural gas mains in Chicago with polyethylene pipes by 2030. Under the program, Peoples Gas is increasing the pace at which it upgrades the system.

"These improvements will ensure the long-term safety and reliability of the natural gas delivery system that serves Chicago," said Will Evans, president of Peoples Gas. "By being proactive about making improvements, we will avoid more expensive repairs later. In addition, the upgrades will make it possible for customers to take advantage of new, high-efficiency natural gas equipment that requires higher pressure service than is currently available in many neighborhoods."

Over the next 20 years, the natural gas utility that serves 819,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in the City of Chicago will replace nearly 2,000 miles of natural gas main, which represents about half of the utility's natural gas distribution system. Ultimately, improvements will be made in almost every community in Chicago.

In Rogers Park, 11.5 miles of main will be replaced as well as 1,693 services to homes and businesses. The affected area in Rogers Park is bounded by: Estes Avenue on the North, Devon Avenue on the South, Sheridan Road on the East and Ridge Boulevard on the West.

"We want to assure our customers that Peoples Gas has an excellent record of safety and reliability. Each year, we invest millions of dollars to maintain and upgrade our system," said Evans. "But just as you replace the roof on your house or the tires on your car over time, we need to replace the cast iron gas pipes in our natural gas delivery system to ensure long-term safety and reliability."

Peoples Gas will make it their priority to keep the disruptions to customers to a minimum. Customers will be notified in advance. Overnight, trenches and holes will be covered or filled in and most construction equipment will be moved off site. Temporary repairs to streets and sidewalks, parkways and lawns will be made until permanent repairs can be made. This usually occurs within a couple of weeks of construction.

More information about the initial projects planned for this year as well as information about the AMRP can be found on the utility's website at peoples-gasdelivery.com. If you have questions about the project in your neighborhood, call customer service at 866-556-6001.

Evanston Receives AAA Credit Rating, Highest Score from Top Credit Agencies

As a part of the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, the City of Evanston's credit rating is re-examined by recognized ratings agencies. The city is evaluated by Moody's and Fitch Ratings agencies. Prior to the issuance of new bonds, these agencies evaluate the issuer's financial condition through a review of all published financial reports (audits and budgets) and through an interview of city management staff. Based on this review, these agencies affirmed the city's Aaa credit rating for 2011, the highest attainable rating.

In reviewing the city's financial condition both agencies noted continued revenue stability, cost containment measures, and the overall financial stability of Evanston. Having the highest credit rating means direct savings to the city when issuing debt in the form of the lowest possible interest rates for long term bonds. Both agencies' reports include a wealth of information regarding the city's financial condition. View reports at <http://www.cityofevanston.org/city-budget/>

CTA Approves Contract for Purple Line Viaducts

The Chicago Transit Authority Board today approved a \$10.3 million contract to replace the Purple Line viaducts at Grove, Dempster and Greenleaf Streets in Evanston as well as repair the retaining wall along Chicago Avenue from Greenleaf to Hamilton.

"The City of Evanston thanks the CTA Board for its approval of this construction contract which serves as another important step in the critical replacement of these viaducts," said Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl. "The City appreciates the commitment that CTA President Forrest Claypool and members of the Board have demonstrated to the Purple Line and I look forward to working with President Claypool on this and other key Purple Line projects."

One-Way Ravenswood

If you have not noticed already, sections of Ravenswood (on the west side of the Metra) have now been made one-way streets going south.

The new signs are up and changes have taken place for southbound traffic only on Ravenswood (west side of Metra) from Irving Park to Berteau (4000-4200), Montrose to Leland (4400-4700) and from Winnemac to Foster (5000-5200).

Leland has also added in one-way driving east bound from Ravenswood to Clark (1800-1500).

COMMON SENSE

■ A House Divided Will Crumble!! This has been said many times, and will continue to be said until we stop acting like children. The possibility that we might lose our great Nation is very real. Trust in our leaders has been lost with some of them appearing better suited for a sandbox while they throw rubber duckies at each other.

This has to cease if we want to salvage our Country. This will take hard work. The mantra of "my party is better than your party" must be replaced with our Country is the best in the world and we all need to work in unison to make sure it remains that way.

Our leaders are saying that we, the citizens, have to contribute more. We must pick up the tab for the mess they have put all of us in through their misuse of our monies in overwhelming amounts through ill-placed ideas and experiments. With all of their posturing, I have not seen or heard one politician step-up and come forth with the amount of money they are willing to give up themselves either in perks, salaries, benefits or expenses. I don't believe their names show up on any list of possible planned cuts in the budget.

There have been, by some, attacks on worship. If there has ever been a time to pray for God's help and guidance, this is one, indeed.

■ NASA is all but gone after these many years of bringing the future closer in awe inspiring ways. For most of us it was such a source of pride in our Nation by taking us into a bold, new frontier.

The day President John Kennedy declared that "we are going to the moon", we all felt the same pride in being Americans.

Now we are in a position that we have to buy a ticket from Russia or some other forward thinking country in order to access outer space and, perhaps go "back to the moon".

■ We should all be aware that opinion polls can be, and are, steered to give whatever results the polling agency seeks.

We, therefore, thought this might be an interesting question to ask: Who would be the right person to lead us out of this confused mess we're in? The popular response we received was "Hillary Clinton". Our poll shows that she should run for President in 2012 and that she could very well be the one to bring stability back to our Country.

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CJE SENIOR LIFE SUPPORT GROUPS

CJE SeniorLife offers support groups on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances and some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to join a group, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000.

Thursdays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18

Take Charge of Your Diabetes. This series of classes helps those with Type 2 Diabetes to regain control of their life, to do things that matter to them and have more energy with relief from symptoms of pain and fatigue. Participants can share experiences, meet new people, and learn ways to improve their life. RSVP to 847/253-5532. Weekly from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights.

Clerk Mendoza Wraps Up Her Tour of All 50 Wards

City Clerk Susana Mendoza completed a whirlwind tour of all 50 city wards in just 6 weeks, something no other City Clerk has ever done.

When Clerk Mendoza was sworn in on May 16 as the first female City Clerk she pledged to be a strong, independent voice for the citizens of Chicago. And, what better way for her to get to know Chicagoans and their unique needs than touring each of the wards and meeting the residents.

Each year the City Clerk's office hosts a city vehicle sticker sale day in each of the wards. Clerk Mendoza visited every ward on their vehicle sticker sales day, sometimes crisscrossing from one end of the city to the other, and met and listened to thousands of constituents.

"I will not be a cookie cutter City Clerk," said Mendoza. "I will listen to the needs of all the residents and speak out on issues that are of importance to me or my office. Visiting all of the wards has given me the opportunity to meet some of the most incredible people in our city and hear their ideas for improving our office and the City. Many of the suggestions I got on my ward tour will be implemented in the City Clerk's office."

"This isn't a one time visit for me though. My office will be out in the community every day, and many times you'll find me with my staff at ward and neighborhood events. We want to listen to the residents and improve the City Clerk's office and make our services more accessible to all Chicagoans," pledged Clerk Mendoza.

Photos of Clerk Mendoza's Ward Tour can be found at www.facebook.com/chicityclerk in the 2011 City Vehicle Sticker Tour photo album. Clerk Mendoza also took video with constituents and many Aldermen at the ward stops. You can find that at www.youtube.com/chicityclerk.



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- August 6 • 8:00pm Buddy and Beyond
- August 7 • 2:00pm The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground
- August 7 • 7:00pm Happy Talk: A Tribute to Nancy Wilson and Cannonball Adderly
- August 10 • 1:30pm Rob Dorn’s I GOT GERSHWIN
- August 12 • 8:00pm Roxy Bellows
- August 13 • 8:00pm Marianne Murphy Orland - “Petula Clark”
- August 14 • 2:00pm Steve Richards - “MEMORIES AND MOMENTS WITH ELVIS”
- August 14 • 7:00pm Let the Folk Live On!!! “Don’t Lean Back”
Release feat. Jen Reilly
- August 17 • 1:30pm Jack Miuccio
- August 19 • 7:00pm Young Lions: DJO Arrangers’ Showcase!
- August 20 • 8:00pm Messmer and Friends
- August 24 • 1:30pm Jimmy Niteclub’s CHICAGO STYLE DOO WOP
- August 26-28 Backlot Bash
- August 31 • 1:30pm Jack Miuccio’s MY FAVORITE CROONERS

**Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre Presents
Summer Dramatic Reading Series**

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre’s Summer 2011 Dramatic Reading Series will focus on the theme of “Family.” Thought-provoking plays written by three local women will be read weekends, August 6-21, at the Theatre at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Readings will be at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

“Merc’y Rising,” by Gloria Bond Clunie, will be read August 6 and 7.

The piece follows Mercy Angel, a high school basketball star, who gets more than he bargains for after he jumps a fence to steal apples from physicist Dr. Keaton Beckman and his wife, Faith. The three characters are sucked into a vortex of physics, secrets, and personal ghosts as generations collide which could lead to tragedy or triumph. Clunie is an award-winning playwright, founder of Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre and playwright in residence at Victory Gardens Theatre. She is an Evanston resident.

“Selecting Memory,” a narrative by Tania Richard, will be read August 13 and 14.

This is the story of second-generation Haitian sisters faced with the daunting task of packing up the childhood bedroom of their sister who passed away. As they face grief and mourning, emotions clash. Richard is a playwright in residence at Chicago Dramatist. She is an Evanston resident.

The series concludes with “Heat,” by Marsha Estell, on August 20 and 21.

1 front porch, 3 generations of women, 105 degrees. Estell is a playwright in residence at Chicago Dramatist.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre (FJT) is a municipally-supported theatre program. FJT features productions highlighting the Black experience. For more information, please call (847) 448-8254 (ask for the theatre).

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“A Theater Review”

“Ovo”

**Cirque Du Soleil At The Grand Chapiteau
In The United Center Parking Lot at Madison St.
Chicago, Illinois**

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

I’m very grateful that at age five my parents introduced me to the circus, ice shows and sports... and at age eight, to the theatre.

The Cirque Du Soleil production of “Ovo” is now in the Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) Tent that is set up in the parking lot of one run by the United Center. This will be my third “Cirque Du Soleil” show and I wasn’t disappointed. I urge you to see it. In fact it probably will take another two years for another one to be set up again and all I can say is I cannot wait. I haven’t been disappointed with the three I’ve seen to date.

Las Vegas has a total of six or seven but they have a permanent home and will never go on tour and to see them you have to go to Las Vegas.

“Ovo” is Portuguese for egg and the characters in the show are insects.

If you are a person who does not like circuses this is not your cup of tea. I know one person who lacks a sense of humor and while Soleil shows have no animal acts which make Soleil show unique he hates animals as much as people.

The show has some excellent comedy routines that are mixed in with acrobatic acts and that runs a little over two and a half hours with a half hour intermission.

“Ovo” is a major winner for Chicago audiences and it’s an expensive operation. They have a family deal for two adults, two kids for \$150.00.

You’ll see such feats as hand balancing, foot juggling, aerial silks; also performers dressed as crickets in an astounding finale bouncing on a trampoline.

Another interesting act is Spiderman and his slack wire. There also are a few routines with people in the audience that will keep you laughing.

The show is directed and choreographed by Decorah Colker and she has done a marvelous job.

If you know your insects it will even be an addition to your entertainment. It’s hard to explain everything and it’s just something you have to see.

“Ovo” runs through August 21st. For performance days – show times and reservations go to www.cirquedusoleil.com/ovo. Tickets range from \$68.50 to \$208.50. Or you can call 1-800-450-1480.

-Four Stars-

Village Cooking Corner

**BAKED COD FISH ALA KALAMATA
(BAKALIARO PLAKI)**

From Anastasia E. Weaver

This is a recipe that was handed down to me by our mother who came from the area of Kalamata the capital of Messinia in the southern tip of the Peloponnese in Greece. It is a favorite in homes throughout Greece and the United States.

- 4 to 6 filets of fresh cod
- 1 finely sliced onion
- 2 garlic cloves, mashed
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup currants, or raisins soaked in 1 cup of white wine
- 1 (16 oz) can whole tomatoes chopped
- Several whole cloves
- 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

This recipe is better if you are able to purchase (dry cod fish - bakaliaro*) rather than fresh cod. But either will work fine. Assuming you purchase dry cod fish, place in water so that you can get rid of the heavy salt. Keep in water for a full day and change the water frequently. Rinse and saute in hot oil until slightly browned. If you use fresh cod, you will not need to saute, but the flavor of the dry cod fish is really extraordinary.

Place the cod filets in a greased baking pan. Sprinkle each steak with salt and pepper; rub with garlic and pour lemon juice over the fish. Lightly, saute in olive oil the onions, parsley and the tomatoes. Add the currants or raisins, wine, cloves and 1 cup of water. Simmer about 5 minutes. Pour this sauce over the fish and bake at 400 degree F for about 45 minutes to an hour. Baste the fish several times as it is baking. You may have to add just a little more water as it bakes.

This is great served with green vegetables e.g., Dandelion greens or Endive, seasoned with salt extra virgin olive oil and lemon juice and a crusty Greek bread for dunking the delicious sauce.

* May be found in any Greek or Italian market

Suggestion: leftovers, if any, makes a great sandwich the next day. Serves 4

Believe in Angels

By Margaret Gaynor

I recently loss my father this past December. Just the other day, I asked my husband to come with me to visit my dad at the cemetery. Little did I know along the way we would meet an angel. Our stay at my father's resting place was cut short due to the extreme heat we were experiencing on that particular day. However, sometimes things happen for a very good reason.

After saying goodbye to my dad, we got in our car and drove away. All of a sudden a sight caught our eyes, attention, and our hearts.

There appeared before us was a beautiful white dog wandering around in distress. Our gut instinct kicked in and we quickly offered that dog help in any-way possible. We realized that the dog was female and it was evident she recently had puppies. Due to the heat of the day, sun pounding down on her, she didn't have long to go before she would have died. After offering her water, we put her in our car and she immediately showed her appreciation, gratitude, and love the way only a dog can. Looking at this dogs beautiful, sharp green eyes, an overwhelming feeling went through our mind, body and soul. We drove through the cemetery to see if we could find her owner. With no luck, we realized that there is an animal shelter nearby.



Upon entering the animal shelter, the volunteers were shocked. Confused by this, we asked what was going on. It turns out that another good Samaritan brought her earlier that day to this shelter after she was found lost and wandering busy streets in a different part of town. They worked vigorously to find the owner and hours later luck came their way. So they thought. After reaching this person they were thrilled that she would now be claimed to be safe, rescued and off the hot streets to be home where she belongs. That did not happen. Instead, she was discarded in the cemetery to fend for herself on one of the hottest days of summer. No water. food, love or care for this creature with such unconditional love.

We talked of options with the staff, they could not keep her so my husband and I asked where we could take her. The only good option was to take her to the anti-cruelty shelter. All of a sudden out of nowhere I hear, "I'll take her off your hands". No hesitation, just pure concern from a good Samaritan named Kathy. For Kathy, this particular day was the anniversary date of the loss of a pet from many years ago, when at that moment an "Angel" fell into her arms. Kathy decided to appropriately name her "Angel", and upon all of us leaving the shelter the staff said, "Thank you Angel's."

I cannot help but think of my father when I think of that dog. Being a dog lover himself, and providing my family with an abandoned dog he found for thirteen years all seemed too ironic. Or is it a miracle? With her crystal green eyes just like my father's, I know he was with me on that day.

To that individual who decided to take on such a heartless and selfish act by abandoning a precious creature of God, let it be known that there are better options and ways to treat these animals with respect and compassion that they deserve. They heal us in times of distress, why not return that favor. They deserve the same treatment from us. That day we were angels to each other, but "Angel" touched us in her own special way. As I have always said, "Miracles can happen".

START YOUR WEEKEND WITH A MORNING WORKOUT ON THE GREAT LAWN AT MILLENNIUM PARK EVERY SATURDAY JUNE 4—SEPT. 10, 2011

Kick off your weekend on Saturday mornings from June 4 through September 10, 2011 with an energizing workout on the Great Lawn of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. Supported by McDonald's® and presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, these free workout sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Workouts are 45 minutes long with classes in Yoga at 8 a.m., Pilates at 9 a.m. and Zumba®, a Latin-inspired calorie-burning dance fitness 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 are open to people with all levels of experience.

"The Great Lawn in Millennium Park has become a destination on Saturday mornings for Chicagoans and visitors alike," said Katherine LaMantia, Acting Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. "We're proud to offer these free workouts again for the seventh season and offer a fun way to stay in shape right in the heart of downtown Chicago."

Workouts are supported by McDonald's Corp., who committed \$5 million to Millennium Park to provide free fitness activity, as well as the McDonald's Cycle Center, in 2006. Workouts are presented in association with The Mayor's Fitness Council.

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

Twilight Canoe Fundraiser for Clark Park

Come out for an evening of paddling in the quiet twilight; enjoy the finest natural scenery and wildlife of the North Branch of the Chicago River. A riverine tour will be conducted by experienced River paddlers, followed by a delicious catered dinner. (Rain or Shine – If weather is unsafe for canoeing, dinner will be held in the historic main hall of Revere Park – 2509 W. Irving Prk).



What: "Twilight Canoe or Kayak" on the North Branch, includes all canoe equipment and catered dinner.

When: Sunday September 11th, 5:30pm – 9:00 pm

Where: Richard Clark Park- Rockwell and Roscoe (2600 W/3400 N)

Cost: \$50 per person, \$20 for child with an adult family member

**Please RSVP BY September 4th, online or by mail. Either mail check made payable to: Clark Park Advisory Council/Friends of the Parks, Attn: William Donahue, 2334 W Melrose, Chicago, IL 60618

OR

RSVP and pay online at: Twilightcanoe.com

Any questions email: ClarkParkAdvisoryCouncil@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Clark Park Advisory Council, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Chicago Park District, CAMbr West, Friends of the Parks, DeVry University, Strack & Van Til Food Market, and Alderman Ameya Pawar (47th)

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___ Yes, I/we will be attending the twilight canoe on Sunday Sept 11th.

Name _____

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CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT OFFERS VARIETY OF WAYS TO GET ACTIVE THIS SUMMER AT CITYWIDE PARKS

From concerts and theater along the lakefront to movies in your local park, the Chicago Park District offers dozens of opportunities to get out and active this summer. For more information about the Chicago Park District, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY.

Jazz Ambassadors Perform Admission-Free Concerts in the Parks

The Chicago Park District's Jazz Ambassadors perform admission-free concerts at citywide parks Aug. 3, 6, 12, and 18.

Jazz Ambassadors is a paid teen internship summer program run by the Chicago Park District and Jazz Institute of Chicago. Nine young musicians are selected through an interview and audition process. Once selected, they work under the direction of three Jazz Institute mentors for six weeks learning about jazz performance, composition, technique and theory. This year, the jazz ambassadors are working with professional musicians Tito Carrillo, Pat Mallinger, and Willie Pickens.

The performance schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 3 South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Dr., 7 p.m. Performance is followed by an admission-free screening of *Straight No Chaser: Thelonious Monk* as part of the *Movies in the Parks* series. Directed by Pat Mallinger.

Saturday, Aug. 6 South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. S. Shore Dr., 12 p.m. (tentative). The performance is part of the *Jazz Unites Jazz and Heritage Festival*. Directed by Pat Mallinger.

Friday, Aug. 12 Humboldt Park Boat House, 1359 N. Sacramento Ave., 6:30 p.m. Directed by Willie Pickens.

Thursday, Aug. 18 Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, as part of *Made in Chicago*, 6:30 p.m. The Jazz Ambassadors open for *Latin Inspiration: Howard Levy with Chevere, Trio Globo and special guests*. Directed by Willie Pickens.

The Jazz Ambassadors program receives support from the Leo P. Guthman Foundation.

GREAT OUTDOORS

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.

Vote for the Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market as America's Favorite

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market is participating in the American Farmland Trust's America's Favorite Farmers Markets contest; vote to support your local Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market today!

American Farmland Trust holds the annual America's Favorite Farmers Markets™ contest to raise national awareness about the importance of buying fresh food from local farms and saving the farmland where it's grown. Market shoppers will vote to support their favorite farmers market starting June 1 at 12:00 PM until midnight on August 31, 2011. Participants can vote for as many participating farmers markets as they choose, but can only vote for each market once.

At the end of the contest, one small, medium, large, and boutique, farmers market will win the title of "America's Favorite Farmers Market" for 2011. The reward for the winning market in each category will be a shipment of No Farms No Food® totebags, a feature article on the award winning foodsite Epicurious.com, and other prizes from their partners and sponsors. The categories are based on the number of vendors the farmers market has.

To vote for the Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market at action.farmland.org.

Receive 10 Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees By Joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in each member's area, which will fall between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Colorado blue spruce trees provide homeowners with many benefits," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They can be used as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy, as ornamental trees and even as a living Christmas tree out in the yard. They provide beauty year-round to any landscape."

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

To receive the free Colorado blue spruce trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2011, or join online at arborday.org/august.

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 beginning June 26 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.

Enjoy the Bounty of Midwest Farmers at Evanston Four Locations!

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market is held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday through November 5. Fruit, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items are sold by 37 vendors. The Market is located at the intersection of University Place and Oak Avenue. Free parking is available in the adjacent 1800 Maple Avenue Self Park. Reusable and biodegradable bags are sold on site and Illinois Link cards are accepted.

The Downtown Evanston market features many special events. Unique artwork by "Home Grown Artists" will be showcased on six consecutive Saturdays, July 9 through August 13. Healthy food demonstrations featuring market products and recipes by Now We're Cookin' take place twice a month; this month's demos are on July 9 and 23. "Homegrown Artists" display and sell their artwork every Saturday, July 9 through August 13.

The Ridgeville Market is held from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through October 26 at Ridge Ave. at South Blvd. Come purchase fresh local and organic produce, fresh eggs, cool drinks and baked goods. Connect with neighbors, farmers and musicians while you take in the music and park atmosphere.

The West End Market will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays from June 4 through October 29. Its location is the ETHS lot at the intersection of Dodge Ave. and Church St. Illinois Link cards are accepted at the West End Market.

Evanston's newest market, the Central Street Green Market, has all-organic produce from Lake Breeze Organics and bread from Great Harvest Bread. It will be held on from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through October 26, at Independence Park, Central St. at Stewart St.

For more information on all four markets, please call (847) 448-8138 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/market.

Private Elm Tree Injections Available at Discount for Evanston Residents

Evanston residents are now able to pay a lower price to have their private elm trees injected with fungicide to manage Dutch Elm disease. The City of Evanston has a contract with Nels Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. for the 2011 Dutch Elm disease program. The firm has agreed to perform injections on private elm trees in ZIP codes 60201 and 60202 at the City's discounted price. The total fee is \$10.15 per diameter inch of the tree; the treatment is effective for three years. To sign up, call Nels Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. directly at 847/475-1877.

Public Libraries

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

Do you enjoy authors like Elin Hilderbrand, Jennifer Weiner, and Stacey Ballis? Did you enjoy *The Devil Wears Prada* and the *Shopaholic* series? If yes, then this is the book discussion group for you! Jefferson Park is forming a Contemporary Women's Fiction/Chick Lit Book Club. The first meeting is Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.. Call 312-744-1998 and ask for Natalie.

Monday, August 1 at 11 a.m. Join musician and educator Avo Randruut for a musical journey, from Brazilian Samba to Middle Eastern percussion, Korean drum rhythms to African patterns. The Stone Horse is part storytelling, part musical interludes. Ages 7 and up.

Tuesday, August 2 at 6 p.m. Join musician Rick Kelley for a high-energy, interactive program featuring 26 different styles of music and 14 instruments. Ages 4 and up.

Wednesday, August 3 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 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.

Friday, August 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Chicago Public Schools will conduct their ChildFind developmental screening program. No appointment required.

Tuesday, August 9, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Book Beats Summer Reading Program participants are invited to join our Book Beats Celebration. Alderman Arena will open the celebration at 2 p.m. with a story book reading.

Wednesday, August 10 at 2 p.m. The Wednesday afternoon mystery book discussion group will feature *A Question of Belief* by Donna Leon. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Join our t(we)en book discussion as they discuss *Dizzy* by Jonah Winter and *Jazz* by Walter Dean Myers. Ages 10-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Monday, August 15 at 4:15 p.m. Join our family reading club as they discuss *My Name is Celia* by Monica Brown. Ages 6 to 9 (grades 1 to 3) and their parents. Call to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Tuesday evening book discussion group will discuss *The Pianist* by Wladyslaw Szpilman. Call to reserve a copy.

Monday, August 22 at 1:30 p.m. The Illinois Secretary of State's Office will conduct a review of the Rules of the Road drivers' exam. No appointment is necessary.

EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201, (847) 448-8600

Evanston Public Library Book Sale Expands

Attention book lovers and library supporters! The Library Book Sale Volunteers are now holding monthly sales in the third floor Book Sale room. These sales directly benefit the Main Library collection. The inventory will be replenished between sales so there will be new surprises to find each time you visit!

Upcoming sales are scheduled for:

Friday, August 19th through Sunday, August 21st (a big sale weekend)

* On Saturday, July 30th, Science Fiction books will be prominently featured in conjunction with the Library's science fiction event.

Summer Writing Workshop

Short story writing: come share your passion for writing with other like-minded teens in a supportive environment. Each week we will begin with a focused prompt that exercises a specific writing skill. Food will be provided! You may attend one, two or all sessions. For teens in grades 8-12. Fridays, July 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., The Loft, Main Library.

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

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.

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.

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

Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adults can learn to knit or work on knitting projects. All skill levels welcome.

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

The **Mac Users Club** meets the second Thursday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

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. 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.

August Money Smart Programs

How to Raise a Money Smart Child Learn to teach your child or grandchild about financial goal-setting, self discipline and the basics of making smart money choices. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Edward Jones.

Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m., Dunning Branch
7455 W. Cornelia Ave., 312-743-0480

Thursday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m., Mabel Manning Branch
6 S. Hoyne Ave., 312-746-6800

Money Smart: Making Sense of Retirement Join us for this seminar, which covers the importance of preparing for retirement and the tools necessary to be successful. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Edward Jones.

Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m., Whitney Young Branch
7901 S. King Drive, 312-747-0039

Tuesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m., West Belmont Branch
3104 N. Narragansett Ave., 312-746-5142

Paying for Education Get a realistic overview of education costs and discuss the various options for saving for education. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Edward Jones.

Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m., Dunning Branch
7455 W. Cornelia Ave., 312-743-0480

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.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS EXCITING EXHIBITS

The Chicago Public Library's Special Collections and Preservation Division collects, preserves and provides access to rare and unique materials of the Chicago Public Library. Throughout the year, the Special Collections Division features a host of exhibitions at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., in the 9th floor Special Collections Exhibit Hall, the 3rd floor Chicago Gallery and the ground level Congress Corridor.

Additionally, the Division houses the Harold Washington Archives & Collections on the 9th floor, which documents Mayor Harold Washington's political career with artifacts, published material and manuscripts and more than 10,000 photographs, audio and video cassettes. The Special Collections and Preservation Division also owns an interesting selection of historic materials including items relating to the Civil War, Chicago theatre history, Chicago's world's fairs, neighborhood history and rare books and manuscripts from Chicago authors and publishers and relics from Chicago's past.

CONGRESS CORRIDOR—Ground Level

The Chicago River 1999-2010 Current through September 2, 2011

The Chicago River 1999-2010 features 28 black and white photographs taken by Richard Wasserman. The images reveal the historical use of the river, its evolution and its changing beauty. From industrial transportation to contemporary recreation, the Chicago River has defined the region's character, environment and landscape.

HAROLD WASHINGTON EXHIBIT HALL—9th Floor

Called to the Challenge: The Legacy of Harold Washington Ongoing

This exhibit highlights three themes from Washington's personal and political legacy – his life, his image and his work. Harold Washington, 42nd mayor of Chicago, was the city's first African American mayor. He was a reformer who changed Chicago politics and a person who never lost sight of the place from which he came and the influences that inspired him. This exhibition is drawn largely from the Harold Washington Archives & Collections of the Special Collections & Preservation Division of the Chicago Public Library.

Special Collections Exhibit Hall, 9th Floor

One Book Many Interpretations Second Edition August 26 – April 15, 2012

Congress Corridor

The Stories We Share: Twenty Eventful Years at the Harold Washington Library Center September 30, 2011 – April 17, 2012

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