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A Century of Daredevils Celebrated in Skies Above Chicago

Lincoln Beachey soared over Lake Michigan in his Curtiss biplane until he reached over eleven thousand feet, when suddenly his propeller lurched to a stop. He was out of gas. His wire-strung crate pitched nose down and began to drop in a lazy spiral, plummeting toward downtown Chicago. The wind whistled through his struts and thousands gaped. The spot in the sky grew larger and larger...

Beachey broke the altitude record in the 1911 Chicago International Aviation Meet, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and will be featured in the upcoming 2011 Chicago Air & Water Show (August 20-21). The Chicago Cultural and Special Events group at City Hall has once again tapped authors, Gerry and Janet Souter to help promote the show. The opening chapter of their book: The Chicago Air and Water Show – History of wings above the waves is dedicated to the World record-breaking 1911 International Aviation competition.

This aviation meet brought together virtually all the famous aviators of that period to the skies above Grant Park for nine days in August. when six million spectators packed the lakefront to view record-breaking, prize winning and breathtaking flights. It was the largest aviation tournament ever held and by 1913, almost all of the most daring pilots had been killed in crashes trying to go faster, higher and for longer distances. One hundred years ago the aviation age burst upon the United States and the Chicago International Aviation Meet helped launch that aerial revolution.

AMERICA'S FINEST BRING HIGH FLYING ACTION TO LAKEFRONT 53RD ANNUAL CHICAGO AIR AND WATER SHOW AUGUST 20 & 21



The Chicago Air and Water Show rocks the lakefront August 20 & 21, 2011 with the largest FREE show of its kind in the United States. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights will headline the show which takes place along the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach as the focal point. Show times are 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day.

The 53rd Annual Chicago Air and Water Show, presented by the City of Chicago and Shell Oil Products U.S., is one of Chicago's longest running events bringing millions to the shores of Lake Michigan annually. Strong in tradition and one of the world's premier aviation events, the show includes a wide array of military and civilian acts thrilling spectators each summer.

Once again, America's military elite will be on display. We are very proud to have the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds back this year. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds have been astounding audiences since 1953 with their commanding presence and precision flying in their F-16 Fighting Falcons.

Also headlining are the brave men and women of the U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights and the U.S. Navy Leap Frogs Parachute Team.

Along with an assortment of military planes; civilian daredevil pilots set to perform aerial stunts include: Sean D. Tucker and Team Oracle in the Oracle Challenger, Aeroshell Aerobatic Team in their WWII North American Advanced Trainer, Lima Lima Flight Team in the BeechT-34 Mentor, The Firebirds in their Walter Extra 300 S and Bill Stein Airshows in his Zivko Edge 540. NEW for 2011 are Dave Dacy Airshows in the Super Stearman and Matt Chapman Airshows in his Mudry CAP 580.

NEW! Be a "Top Gun" and view the Chicago Air and Water Show from a very special area on the beach. Purchase and reserve your spot in the BRAVO ZULU LOUNGE at the Chicago Air and Water Show. The first class seating area features Bud Light and a beach barbecue buffet. Space is limited; you must be 21 to purchase and to attend. Reservations can be made by purchasing tickets on-line at www.chicagoairandwatershow.us and clicking on Bravo Zulu.

Play-by-play coverage of the show will air on WBBM Newsradio 780 and 105.9 FM on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Also, a thirty-minute highlight show, "Chicago's Top Guns", will air on ABC 7 Chicago (WLS-TV) on Sunday, August 21 at 10:35 p.m. with Jerry Taft and Tracy Butler recapping the weekend's events. Back again for his 24th year as "the voice" of the Air and Water Show, show announcer Herb Hunter utilizes his many years of experience as a military pilot and as a captain for one of the major airlines.

The Chicago Air and Water Show is free to the public and made possible by presenting sponsor Shell Oil Products U.S., and these sponsors: ABC 7 Chicago, American Airlines, The Boeing Company, Bud Light, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Tribune, Communications Direct, Cricket, Hinckley Springs, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, LaGrou Distribution System, M*M Graphics, Oracle, Peak Performance Products, Pepsi-Cola, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. and WBBM Newsradio 780 and 105.9FM.

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all lakefront festivals and events. Please call (312) 836-7000/TTY (312) 836-4949 for information on RTA, CTA, PACE, and Metra. For help planning your trip to Chicago, visit www.explorechicago.org.

For more information on the Chicago Air and Water Show, please call the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events at (312) 744-3316, TTY (312) 744-2964 or visit the web at www.chicagoairandwatershow.us. Become a fan of the Chicago Air and Water Show on Facebook and follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ChicagoDCASE.

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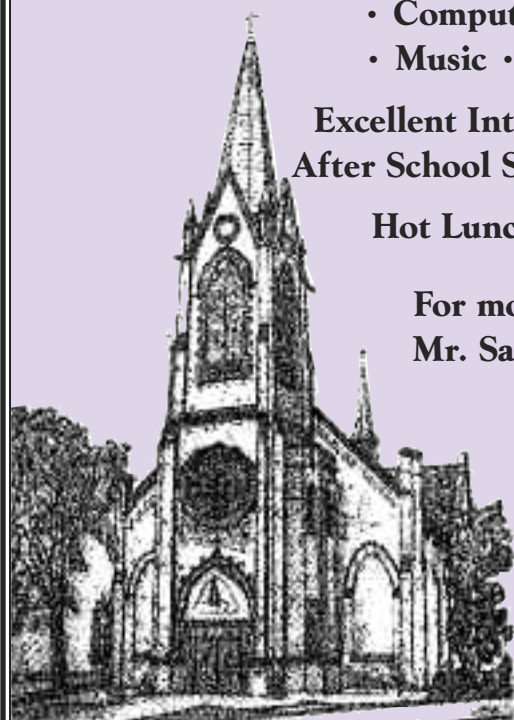
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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers August Health Programs

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

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 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.

Village of Skokie Community Blood Drive Held at the Skokie Farmers' Market

The Skokie Health Department, in partnership with LifeSource, will hold a community blood drive at the August 21, 2011 Skokie Farmers' Markets from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. LifeSource's mobile van will be onsite at the market for donors to easily and conveniently donate blood.

All healthy individuals are encouraged to take a few minutes to donate blood at the LifeSource mobile van. Blood is the gift of life and one donation can help save the lives of up to three people. All individuals who donate blood will be entered in a raffle for a gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie restaurant.

For more information about donating blood, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 or contact LifeSource at 877/543-3768.

AUGUST 2011 SUPPORT GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

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. 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 Navigating Senior Services. A part of CJE's Transition to Wellness series, join CJE's Barbara Rabyne, Director of Community Services, and Sharon Beloff, CJE's J-HELP Resource Specialist, as they talk about local, state and federal programs available to help older adults as well as the Benefits CheckUp program. 7 p.m., Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield.

Monday, Aug. 22 Ask the Geriatricians. Through CJE's Transition to Wellness series, Dr. Jory Natkin, Associate Medical Director at CJE's Weinberg Community and Dr. Herb Sier, CJE's Vice President, Medical Affairs, will host a question and answer session. Learn about a variety of preventative procedures beneficial to older adults, including immunizations, cancer screening, nutrition, vitamins, walking assessments, osteoporosis screening, and blood pressure/diabetes screening. 7 p.m., Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield.

Tuesday, Aug. 30 Organizing Your Personal Records. Do you have financial, health and other personal documents that you don't know to do with? Learn which papers and documents are important to keep and have on hand when you or your family needs critical information. RSVP to 847/253-5532. 10 a.m., Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights.

"HIGH TECH AND HIGH TOUCH: LIVING SAFELY AT HOME" IS TIMELY TALK AT NORWOOD CROSSING FOR AUG. 17

Many seniors can live safely in their homes quite independently by using a variety of products and services that are available to them through local community-service agencies or through medical suppliers. To learn more about available in-home technology and services, attend the Timely Talk presentation, "High Tech and High Touch: Living Safely at Home," by June Ninnemann, executive director of Norwood Seniors Network, a not-for-profit community-based agency serving older adults in far northwest Chicago and nearby suburbs. The talk will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Aug. 17, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago (parking available behind building, entrance off Avondale Avenue).

Using a multi-media presentation and hands-on experience, Ninnemann will explain many available products and services to aid the decision-making process regarding home safety and technology. Some items can be purchased or leased, while others are covered by Medicare. Weighing cost/benefits and other deciding factors can make a difference in quality of life and budget constraints.

A question and answer session will follow. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323.

Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce September Membership Meeting

There is no Chamber meeting for the month of August. Please join us on Tuesday, September 13th at 8AM for a joint meeting with the Portage Park Chamber of Commerce. Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street - 7th Floor

The featured speakers will include Martin Judd, CEO of Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, and John Schumacher of Rainbow Hospice.

A complimentary breakfast will be provided.

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, JPNA, will hold its next meeting on Wed., August 31, at 7:00 p.m., lower level of the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park. There will be a presentation Claremont Press about Zoning in Chicago, with all its complications simplified. There will also be relevant discussions of the zoning changes in this area in the past and future attempts to change zoning. There will be updates on such projects as the Fresh Market on Sundays, the Garden for the Hungry, and preservation of the old historical building next to the park district building at 4830 N. Long. There will be light refreshments. Meeting are free and open to the public. Any questions can be asked by calling 773 282 3879 or emailing jpna@earthlink.net.

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Tax Sale Recovers More Than \$90 Million in Unpaid Taxes from 2009 Property Owners Have Two Years to Redeem Purchased Taxes

Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas today announced more than 20,000 parcels of property were purchased during the Annual Tax Sale, recovering more than \$90 million of delinquent debt. The Annual Tax Sale is an auction of unpaid taxes that the Treasurer's Office is required to conduct by state law.

"The money collected from property taxes is essential for the operating expenses of local municipalities," said Pappas. "At the same time, the downturn in the economy has taken a toll on Cook County families and some are unable to pay. We want to make sure property owners whose taxes have been sold are treated fairly and are aware of every opportunity to pay their taxes so they are able to keep their home."

This year's Annual Tax Sale of delinquent taxes from Tax Year 2009 was held July 19-26. A total of 37,827 Property Index Numbers (PINs) were available for auction, and 20,814 of those PINs were purchased. Most of the money recovered from the Sale will be used by 2,200 taxing agencies and local governments across Cook County to pay for schools, police and fire and other community purposes.

Property owners whose delinquent taxes are sold have up to two years to pay their bill in full, which includes interest, fees and penalties. Once the redemption period expires, the buyer can begin legal action in court to obtain the title to the property.

Taxpayers can visit the Treasurer's website at www.CookCountyTreasurer.com to learn if their taxes were purchased and receive instructions on how to contact the Cook County Clerk's office to redeem their taxes. Questions about redemptions can be answered by the Clerk's Office at www.CookCountyClerk.com or calling 312.603.5656.

Lawrence Avenue Road Diet: Project Update

The Ravenswood Community Council, in partnership with 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar, will be holding a Lawrence Avenue Road Diet: Project Update.

The Project Update will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Chase Park (4701 N. Ashland).

Businesses and community members are invited to attend this special update regarding the Lawrence Avenue Road Diet, which will affect your businesses and neighborhood.

Janet Attarian of the City of Chicago will speak and the Program Manager will also be in attendance. Alderman Ameya Pawar will address how the city's budget struggles may impact this endeavor.

If interested, please RSVP to RCC at 773-784-0400, or email info@ravenswoodcommunity.org.

Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce Alderman's Forum

Local aldermen will be in attendance at our annual Alderman's Forum. Get updates on your ward and ask questions about your community.

Invited: Ariel Reboyras, 30th Ward, Ray Saurez, 31st Ward, Emma Mitts, 37th Ward, Tim Cullerton, 38th Ward

Friday, September 23rd, 12PM

Community Savings Bank, 4801 W Belmont

Lunch will be served compliments of Community Savings Bank

Co-Hosted with the Northwest Connection Chamber of Commerce.

Taylor Street Festa Italiana

The Onesti Taylor Street Festa Italiana (Aug 11-14) located in Chicago's "Little Italy" neighborhood will be held Thursday thru Sunday drawing an anticipated 55,000 guests. The historic "Old Neighborhood" has long been revered for its fabulous variety of amazing restaurants capable of satisfying the most cultured of palates. The streets are lined with food booths representing a combination of generations-old legendary establishments and the new wave of contemporary critically acclaimed eateries recently unveiled.

Four stages of a variety of continuous live entertainment includes fabulous headline acts, a concert with "The Rat Pack" and "The Other Three Tenors," "The Bronx Wanderers' Tribute to the Four Seasons and Dion," a VIP DJ area, a tribute to Bon Jovi and many other to local exciting shows. Outdoor cafes, Cultural exhibits, authentic Italian merchandise, a wine garden, culinary presentations and children's activities make for a classic Chicago festival experience!

Dates: Aug 11, 2011 - Aug 14, 2011

Incredible food and wine from the restaurants of Chicago's Little Italy will be featured with 4 stages of entertainment, cultural exhibits and authentic merchandise. This is Chicago's official celebration of Italian culture and tradition. For more information, please visit

http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en/things_see_do/event_landing/events/mose/taylor_street_festa.html

Location: On Taylor St. at Ashland Ave. "Little Italy"

Ashland & Taylor, Chicago, IL 60606

Admission: FREE; Suggested Donations: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors

For additional information please visit www.oshows.com

Rep. Michael McAuliffe's New Office Location

As of August 1st, 2011, we will be at a new address and have a new phone number! 5515 N. East River Road, Chicago, IL 60656. Phone: 773-444-0611 Fax: 773-444-0711. E-mail: mmcauliffe20@yahoo.com; Website: mcauliffe.ilhousegop.org; Facebook: michael.p.mcauliffe



Quigley to Host Job Resource Fair

On Thursday, August 18, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) will host a free job resource fair to provide 5th district constituents with job seeking assistance by connecting them with employers, social service agencies, and other resources.

WHO: Congressman Quigley, representatives from City and State agencies, local employers, and more

WHEN: Thursday, August 18, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie - Chicago

WHAT: Representatives from City and State agencies, manufacturers, and other industries will be on hand to answer questions and offer useful services. Social service agencies will be available to provide information on public aid, transition assistance, and workforce development. Additionally, there will be break-out sessions to help constituents create attractive resumes, hone interviewing skills, and get the most out of their job searches.

Chicago Area Peace Corps Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Tree Dedication

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Communities across the nation are commemorating the legacy of the more than 200,000 American Peace Corps volunteers who have served around the world since 1961 promoting global peace, friendship and understanding on behalf of the United States through an exchange of skills and culture.



COURTESY OF THE PEACE CORPS

On a local level, the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association (CAPCA) and the Chicago Regional Peace Corps Office are coordinating an outdoor tree and plaque dedication ceremony on Monday, August 29, at 1 p.m. in Federal Plaza, at Dearborn and Adams in Chicago. The chosen event date marks when the first group of Americans departed for Peace Corps service on Aug. 29, 1961. A team of 51 volunteers arrived in Accra, Ghana, on Aug. 30 to begin their teaching assignments as part of this bold new international outreach program.

"Peace Corps volunteers are integrated in all facets of our community, including running our non-profits, teaching in our schools, holding public office, operating our businesses and more - all with the added advantage of understanding the greater world beyond U.S. borders," says Kathy Kacen, who volunteered in Armenia 2002-2005 and is now president of the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association, a non-profit organization of more than 300 returned Peace Corps volunteers who live and work in the Chicago area with a focus on community service, cultural education and exchange, and continued support for overseas Peace Corps volunteer projects. "As Peace Corps volunteers having lived two years in a developing country, we bring a passion for service and humanity back home with us, along with a better understanding of global issues and whole host of new skills."

For more information, visit: www.capca.org and www.peacecorps.gov. In the event of rain, the dedication ceremony will be moved indoors to the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, 3rd floor conference room, 77 W. Jackson St.

Give the Gift of Learning

If you would like to help adults improve their English reading, writing, and speaking skills as a Volunteer in Teaching Adults (VITA) tutor, come to a three-part training program at Oakton Community College in Skokie on Sept. 1 and 6 before you tutor and on Saturday, October 1 after you have tutored a small group. Please call (847) 635-1426.

Go to Oakton's website, www.oakton.edu and click on Continuing Education to learn more about ESL & Literacy classes and about VITA.



LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

REGISTRATION FOR CHICAGO AFTER SCHOOL AND ADDITIONAL FALL PROGRAMS BEGINS ONLINE AUG. 15

Browse Park District Fall Program Selections Online Now

Back-to-school is just around the corner and now is the time to plan after-school activities for the kids. The Chicago Park District makes fall fun for everyone an easy mouse click away with online registration beginning Monday, Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

To save time on the first day of registration, patrons are encouraged to view program offerings in advance and create a wishlist online. Go here for more information on the wishlist feature.

Families who wish to register in-person at the local parks may do so at most locations beginning Saturday, Aug. 20. Online registration ends Monday, Sept. 5. After programs have begun, patrons can still register in-person at the parks if spots are still available. The fall program session runs from Monday, Sept. 19 - Sunday, Dec. 4.

The Chicago Park District offers programs for all ages from children and teens to adults and seniors. In addition to after-school programs, fitness and recreational opportunities are offered as well as arts programs.

For more information, contact your local park, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY.

AUDITIONS FOR RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL FALL THEATRE PRODUCTION

High school aged boys (ages 14-18) are invited to audition for the Resurrection College Prep High School spring theatre production, *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson. This Tony Award winning play, based on the inspiring life of Helen Keller, is a beautiful, profoundly moving story that has become a classic.

Auditions will be Monday and Tuesday, August 29 and 30 from 3 pm to 6pm, with call-backs on Wednesday, August 31 from 3 pm to 6 pm. There will be two to five roles available for young men, and all high school boys are invited to audition. Auditions will take place in the Resurrection College Prep High School Little Theatre at 7500 West Talcott in Chicago. For more details, please contact director Tony Muscarello at 773.775.6616 or tmuscarello@reshs.org.

The fall performances of *The Miracle Worker* will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 3, 4 and 5 at 7 pm and Sunday, November 6 at 2 pm.

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. For more information about Resurrection, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or www.reshs.org.

Ravenswood Community Council School Supply Drive

Ravenswood Community Council is taking part in a School Supply Drive for the 47th Ward Public Schools.

RCC is collecting 24 pack crayola crayons, glue sticks, #2 pencils, scissors of all types, wide and college rule notebooks and 4GB flash drives.

Please feel free to drop these items at Alderman Pawar's office at 4243 N. Lincoln Avenue or at the RCC office at 1756 W. Wilson. Alderman Pawar is creating supply boxes for all ages from PK to 12th Grade.

The RCC office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Alderman's office has evening hours on Wednesdays. Please call 773-784-0400 for larger donations that may need to be picked up.

The deadline for the collection of school supplies is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

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GREAT OUTDOORS

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.

Container Gardening

By Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDISON PARK FEST 2011

Edison Park Fest will be held August 19th, 20th, and 21st.

Parade Information: The Edison Park Fest Parade will take off from Ebinger School (on W. Pratt Ave.) at 11am on Saturday, August 20th. The parade will start at the corner of Pratt Ave. and Oketo Ave, head south on Oketo Ave. to Northwest Hwy. Continue northwest on Northwest Hwy. to Overhill and south on Overhill.

AT & T Family Stage Schedule:

Saturday, August 20th: 12:00pm: Chung's Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do Academy, 1:00pm: Jason Kollum's Rock and Roll Variety Juggling Show, 2:00pm: Brian Wismer's Simon Says Challenge, 3:00pm: Bob James' Comedy and Magic Show

Sunday, August 21st: 12:00pm: Jim Nesci's Cold Blooded Creatures, 1:00pm: Professor Marvel's Amazing Flea Circus and Magic Show, 2:00pm: Brent Allen - Modern Day Daredevil, 3:00pm: Jeanie B.'s Award-winning kid's rock for all ages

Amusements: Amusements will once again be provided by Oak Ridge Ranch Amusements. Wristbands cost \$15 and can be used on Saturday, August 20th from 12pm-2pm and Sunday, August 21st from 12-3pm. Amuse-



ments will include games, inflatables, an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall and more!

Business Expo: The Business Expo will run from 9am - 5pm on Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st. Vendors will primarily be location on N. Olmsted, just north of the METRA station, while some booths will be located adjacent to the Food Vendors. Both product and service vendors will be showcasing their offerings for Edison Park Fest attendees.

Craft Fair: The Craft Fair will run from 10am - 5pm on Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st. Vendors will be located at Monument Park and will be selling only original, hand-crafted items.

Bags Tournament: The Bags Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 21st and check-in is from 11:30 - 12:30pm. Bags will fly at 1pm. This is a doubles recreational tournament for players 21 and older. Please, no professional players. Double-elimination format, guaranteed at least 3 games.

Dog Show: The Dog Show will be held on Sunday, August 21st at Olympia Park (6566 Avondale Ave.) from 2pm - 3pm. Check in begins at 1:30pm. Categories include: Largest Dog, Smallest Dog, Best Vocal Performance, Most Original Costume, Most Glamorous, Terrific Pet Tricks, Most/Least Obedient, Best in Show/People's Choice.

Main Stage Band Information: Go to <http://edisonpark.com/epfest>

Edison Park Model Railroad Club Hosting Open House August 20, 2011

The Northwestern Society of Model Railroaders will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 20th, 2011. The club is located on the second floor of the Edison Park Field house, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago.

The club has been building the layout for over 25 years in this location. Visitors will see an elaborate HO scale layout portraying model trains winding through urban and rural scenes. The club also operates a fully detailed N scale layout.

Admission to the event is free. The club is also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, depending on park availability. Visitors wishing to visit during an evening session are encouraged to call the park beforehand to ensure availability at 773-631-3988

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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.

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By Anastasia Weaver

In spite of the turbulent weather and some of the hottest continuous days and weeks of this year's summer, the Festival Committee of St. Demetrios has been busy planning and organizing our annual summer finale of festivals and a fun filled weekend for our guests. Come join us on August 19, 20, 21 at St. Demetrios Church, 2727 West Winona Street because we are about to open our doors to a weekend of the greatest in authentic Greek cuisine and a sizzling program of entertainment that will not break anyone's bank. We are in the far north section of Chicago's Lincoln Square almost at the far northwest corner of the city as one embarks into the surrounding suburban towns of Lincolnwood, Evanston, Skokie. We are nestled next to Swedish Covenant Hospital on a quiet residential street where St. Demetrios Church got its start in 1927. A small group of parish council members of the Annunciation Cathedral on La Salle Street, who were responsible for directing the affairs and destiny of one of the oldest Greek Orthodox Church communities in Chicago, conceived the idea of a church school and chapel closer to their homes on the far north side of Chicago where the church now stands. This was a dream that took fruition and became a reality with the purchase of a property bounded by Carmen Avenue on the South, Washtenaw on the West and Winona Street on the North. They planned a school and chapel in spite of the difficult economic times and became a reality when they built the building on the property where our church now stands.

History somehow repeats itself every so often, and during all the planning of this great edifice was taking place, the country was in the midst of the Great Depression years of the early 1930's but the spirit of these early founders was undaunted. They worked hard, using their own funds to support their idea of a School and Chapel on this property. At times, they had to sacri-

fice not only their own money but put in a great deal of personal labor carrying coal and doing many other tasks to maintain and support the building they had so lovingly built. They established the Solon Greek School in 1928 followed by Religious Education classes in 1937. We have continued to grow in the service of the Lord and have made many physical improvements to the original structure namely, the Byzantine Iconography that now graces the interior of the church, the enlarged Narthex as one enters the church of St Demetrios, the enclosed front staircase with its beautiful stained glass windows and the addition of an elevator. Since the mid-1990's into this new decade, St. Demetrios Church under the spiritual guidance and leadership of our clergy, Father Apostolos N. Georgiarentis and assistant Father Peter Sarolas, continues to make improvements to the aging structure and



bring more of the Orthodox Iconography and beauty into the interior and establishing many spiritually enriching programs and outreach programs and activities for its parishioners and the children of the community. The Solon School has grown and is now a superlative example of Greek education...as is the growing excellence in our kindergarten programs that prepare our youth for entry into the public school systems, while still giving them the opportunity to become bilingual in being able to learn their ancestral language. The Church continues to serve faithfully the thousands who enter its doors every year and to provide the sacraments to its faithful as part of the Metropolis of Chicago, which comprises six Midwestern states, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois, under the spiritual guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos. We want to welcome you to our 62nd Annual Festival following in the tradition of our parents and grandparents who emigrated to this great country of America. Approaching the Festival grounds you will be greeted with the smells of our Grecian Chicken and Souvlakia -

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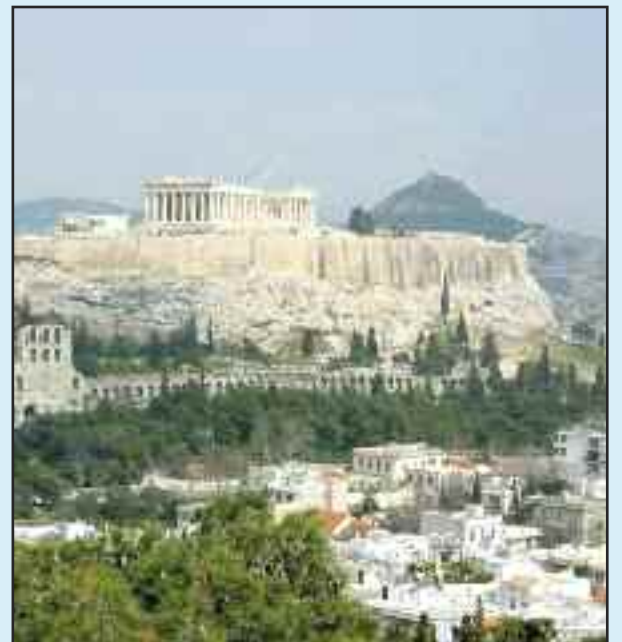
Saturday & Sunday Night Featuring... The John Linardakis Band with featured Soprano, Carol Lo Verde, accomplished musician and associate professor of music at Columbia College, Chicago.

Saturday Night at 9:00 p.m. only... The Hellenic Dance Troupe

Sunday Night at 8:30 p.m. only... The Solon Greek School Dancers

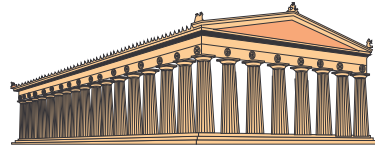
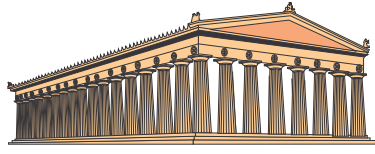
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Being Greek we love to dance and sing so we did not stop at food alone - our guests will find our weekend filled with great entertainment. Friday night at 6:00 till 11:00 we present the exciting and popular music of the **NORTHSIDE** - a five-member Rock 'n Roll group, who grew up at St. Demetrios and have reunited with Rebecca Balluyt on vocals, Bob Spilios 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. This year for the first time, we are also presenting the **ACOUSTIC GUITAR DUET** of Paul Swift and Jimmy Stamos following the performance of the **NORTHSIDE**.

Saturday and Sunday nights enjoy the incomparable **JOHN LINARDAKIS BAND** with featured soloist Soprano Carol Lo Verde. Carol Lo Verde is a specialist in chamber music of many genres. A native of Chicago Her debut performances were a concert of Baroque music with famed organist Michel Chapuis in Paris where she performed songs by Henry Purcell for their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Michael of Kent at Sutton Place, Guildford (London) Ms. Lo Verde has been heard on radio nationwide in a variety of programs including WFMT's "Live From Studio One" and "Studs Terkel Music in Chicago" to name a few. Carol Lo Verde is an associate professor of music at Columbia College, Chicago. Also performing with the Linardakis Band will be Frank Rhokas, bouzouki, Dino Koulianos, vocalist, George Marks, keyboards and John Verros, drums. Performing both Greek and American dance and listening music for your enjoyment and pleasure. Saturday night at 9:00 p.m., you will have the pleasure of seeing the now famous **HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE** performance. Sunday night at 8:30 p.m. we present our own **SOLON GREEK SCHOOL DANCERS** for another great performance opportunity.

The children will find many things to do including a **KIDDIE CRAFT CLASSROOM** Saturday and Sunday 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. where they will have hands-on-learning of various crafts. Clown and puppet show performances Saturday and Sunday continuous from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and rides throughout the weekend.

We are also big on encouraging entrepreneurship so we have gathered a wide range and interesting group of crafters who will give you a great opportunity to see their creations in our **AGORA (MARKETPLACE)** following the tradition of Ancient Athens who held an **AGORA** at the foot of the Acropolis. The products of our crafters are normally available only in specialty markets but will be conveniently offered at the Chicago's **GREEKFEST!** Since St. Demetrios Church works hand-in-hand with the community at large we are also pleased to present medical professionals from **SWEDISH COVENANT HOSPITAL**, our neighbor and caring medical facility who are continually growing in stature to provide the best in medicine to the community with a booth to provide health care information for women and an opportunity to check your blood pressure and receive information on the best preventive care for yourself and family. In addition, we are honored to have with us a staff

member of the **ST IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER**, the superlative facility in Wisconsin of our Metropolis of Chicagocome and learn more about this dream about to come true for our Metropolis for the churches under its jurisdiction. We are pleased to have with us the **AHEPA BONE MARROW** group who provides the Chicago community with needed assistance in times of need as well as the **HELLENIC FOUNDATION** group who will provide information on the services they offer and last but not least visit the **SOLON GREEK SCHOOL** booth to learn more about Greek language and kindergarten classes available at St. Demetrios Church. **SOLON** is our superlative and growing Greek Education program with a staff of dedicated teachers..

Lastly, besides our great cuisine planned to please your palette, the musical entertainment to soothe the spirit, we are planning to offer you our warmest hospitality and greet you to our home with open arms. Come join us and enjoy the weekend with us. For further information you may call the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 773-561-5992 or visit our Festival Website at www.stdemetrioschicagosgreekfest.com

Village Cooking Corner

Most scientific organizations today encourage adults to follow a style of eating that is like the Mediterranean diet which consists of fruits, vegetables, fish and whole grain and a limit on unhealthy fats. If you are looking to modify your eating to that of a heart-healthy eating plan note that many of my recipes are geared to fish and vegetables.

From Anastasia E. Weaver

GARIDES MIKROLIMANO **(SHRIMP WITH TOMATOES AND FETA CHEESE)**

2 lbs of medium shrimp
2 to 3 ripe tomatoes, finely diced or a can
of "no salt added" diced tomatoes
½ cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
2 onions, finely diced
2 cloves of garlic
7 oz. Feta cheese
2 tsp.. Sugar
1 bay leaf (fresh if available)
A dash of salt and pepper to taste

In a large frying pan, saute the onions in the Olive Oil. Add the diced tomatoes, the garlic and the bay leaf, the sugar, salt, pepper and an adequate amount of water. Cook the sauce for about 30 minutes. Drop the cleaned shrimp into the sauce and continue cooking for another 4 minutes. Remove from heat. Place both the shrimp and sauce in a Pyrex dish. Spread slices of Feta cheese over the shrimp and sauce and bake for just 10 minutes. Serve immediately with rice and a mixed Greek Salad using Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Wine Vinegar for dressing. Kali Orexi! Bon Appetit!

Open Auditions at The James Downing Theatre

The James Downing Theatre announces open auditions for Rehearsal for Murder, by Richard Levinson and William Link and Adapted by D.D. Brooks.

A new play is about to start rehearsals and the producer, director and cast discover they've all worked together a year before, with the same playwright. What seems to be a mere coincidence begins to take a sinister tone. The last time, the leading lady, the playwright's fiancée died on opening night. Was it suicide...or was it Murder?

Rehearsal for Murder will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, October 15th thru October 30th, 2011. Open Auditions will be held 7 pm-9 pm on Monday August 29th and Tuesday August 30th, 2011. No appointments are necessary. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Performers should bring a resume and head shot, although not mandatory.

Auditions & Performances will be held at the John Waldron Arts Center, housed at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N Oliphant Ave, Chicago, IL 60631.

There are roles for 7-9 men (with doubling possible), ages 30 - 50, and 6 women, ages 25 - 50. There is no pay. For questions, please contact Director, Dave Downing at 224-725-3696 or e-mail jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com

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After that, take home your own screen printed t-shirt. Or, make some noise and pound out frustrations while sculpting a beautiful jewelry piece in our Repousse workshop.

Take the first steps towards making your own posters or cards with our screen-print on paper workshop.

If you need something to keep you going through the afternoon, stop out front where we will be grilling, or swing by First Slice Cafe for sustenance.

In the afternoon, get your hands dirty on the pottery wheel creating your own cup or bowl or begin to master glass through beginner flameworking.

As the day winds down, increase your skill set with an introductory Photoshop class or learn the importance of lighting for legendary portraits.

Before you leave, be sure to browse our Shop sale to find unique, handcrafted goods!

Local Arts and

Entertainment

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, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

August 16	Tuesday	Dawes Park	Canasta
August 23	Tuesday	Dawes Park	To be announced

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We ask that this summer each organization provide 4-6 children from our community for filming, ages 0-18. To participate, please complete an 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. 3 dates & locations available on information sheet

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Upcoming Events

19 Aug Hawaii Stammtisch mit Elvis	17 Kino Resumes
1 Sep Voices of Heaven	7 Oct Umlaut Art Opening
7 Sep Adult Fall	16 Oct Bach & Beyond
10 Sep Von Steuben Parade	28 Oct Silent Scream
10 Sep Kinderschule Registration	4 Nov Author Event - Stretch by Gunter Nitsch
16 Sep Wine Tasting	
17 Sep Kinderschule	

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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Sunday, August 14, 2011 3:00 pm

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Beijo de Chocolate Brings Home the Gold: Local Chocolatier Only One in Illinois to Place in International Chocolate Competitions

Beijo de Chocolat, a European style chocolate shop in Chicago's North Park neighborhood, was the only chocolatier in Illinois to place in the International Chocolate Salon's "Bridal Chocolate Salon" and "Midwest Chocolate Salon" competitions this month winning gold, silver and bronze medals and beating out established shops Ghirardelli, William Dean and Moonstruck.

The chocolatier and patisserie at 3334 W Foster Avenue took home two gold, four silver and seven bronze medal awards honoring its truffles, caramels, and toffee.

Beijo's signature chocolate, the Brazilian Brigadeiro, won top honors for both its dark and milk chocolate versions of the traditional Brazilian dessert. Chef Laura Case puts her own spin on this hard-to-find treat, surrounding the inner chocolate ganache with Belgian dark chocolate and Belgian milk chocolate.

Judge panels for the competitions included Chicago Magazine, Chicago Sun Times, Chicagoist.com, Daily Herald, Chicago Scene Magazine, Today's Bride Magazine, Manhattan Bride Magazine, Southern Wedding Magazine, Exquisite Weddings Magazine, TheFlirtyGuide.com, and others.

Last year, Mayor Daley and the Chicago City Council passed a resolution honoring Beijo de Chocolat for its excellence in chocolate making.

Other awards Beijo took home at competitions this year include Silver Medals for "Best Caramels", "Top Toffee in Salon", "Best Comfort Chocolate Product" and "Most Luxurious Chocolate Experience". Its Bronze Medal winners include "Best Bridal Gift Set", "Best Flavored Truffle", "Best Traditional Chocolates", "Top Artisan Chocolatier" and "Most Delicious Ingredient Combinations".

Beijo offers chocolates, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, crepes, coffee and tea. They are open Tues. - Fri. 9:30am - 7:30pm, Sat. 8am - 4pm and closed on Sun. and Mon.

15th Annual Chicago SummerDance

July 7 to September 18, Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture are excited to once again present the 15th Annual Chicago SummerDance this season as the Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park blossoms into an urban dance space each Thursday through Sunday from July 7 to September 18. Dance to the unique sounds of over forty engaging live bands and get into step with dance lessons beforehand. See all events

SummerDance crowdHighlights include an evening celebrating Soul Train's 40th Anniversary on July 23; Locos Por Juana on September 9; and events in conjunction with the Latin Street Salsa Congreso on August 17 and 21 and the Colombian Music Festival on July 9 and 22.

In association with the Chicago Park District, dancing will be brought to the City's many neighborhoods on various Wednesdays between July 13 and September 7. The Chicago SummerDance in the Parks series features dance lessons from 6 to 7 pm followed by live music and dancing from 7 to 9 pm.

For two special nights, Wednesday, July 13 and Wednesday, August 24, Chicago SummerDance moves the fun to the Navy Pier Beer Garden for Chicago SummerDance at Navy Pier. Professionals teach dance moves from 6 to 6:45 pm with live music running from 7:30 to 10 pm. Additionally, the evenings are highlighted by Navy Pier's Wednesday night fireworks at 9:30 pm.

Helen Sclair, Our Cemetery Lady Program

Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery will present "Helen Sclair, Our Cemetery Lady" on Sunday, August 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the (cooler) Columbarium entryway at Bohemian National Cemetery, 5255 N. Pulaski, Chicago. Hear her good friend, Rob Plummer, explain Helen's iconic status as the interpreter of cemeteries as well as lecturer at the Newberry Library. She appeared on TV many times and now rests at BNC. No charge - all are welcome - refreshments. More information: www.friendsofbnc.org or call Marge, 847-362-9036.

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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
September 2 • 8:30pm Edge Comedy Club
September 3 • 8:00pm Diva

Jazz Ambassadors Perform Admission-Free Concerts in the Parks

The Chicago Park District's Jazz Ambassadors perform admission-free concerts at citywide parks Aug. 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:

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

Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, as part of Made in Chicago

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.

Mitchell Museum Exhibit Asks, 'Did You Know They're Native?'

A new exhibit at the Mitchell Museum of the American in Evanston spotlights high-achieving Native Americans of the present and past.

Organized by the Mitchell, "Did You Know They're Native?" opened July 23 and will remain on view through January 8, 2012. The Mitchell is located at 3001 Central St. The display consists of photos and biographical information depicting 24 noteworthy people of Native American descent, "celebrities and industry leaders that you may not have known were Native and new faces that have also made major contributions in their field," according to exhibit materials. While individuals featured in this exhibit have varying percentages of Native ancestry, they have all celebrated this important part of their heritage," the museum says.

The roster includes David W. Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's barbecue restaurant chain; Fred Begay, nuclear physicist; Notah Begay III, professional golfer; Chuck Billy, vocalist with the rock band Testament; Mary Katherine Campbell, two-time winner of the Miss America pageant; Lyda Conley, first female Native American attorney; Rita Coolidge, Grammy Award-winning musician; Polly Cooper, who helped Gen. George Washington's army at Valley Forge; Joseph Medicine Crow, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom; Charles Curtis, thirty-first vice president of the United States; Jimi Hendrix, rock musician; and Levi Horn, Chicago Bears offensive tackle.

Also: James Earl Jones, actor; Edmonia Lewis, sculptor; Naomi Lang, Olympic athlete and championship ice dancer; Carlos Montezuma, physician and early advocate for Native rights; Ely S. Parker, adjutant to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War and the first Indian Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Susan La Flesche Piccott, physician; Will Rogers, humorist and actor; Andra M. Rush, founder, president, and CEO of Rush Trucking Corporation; Louis Sockalexis, early major-league baseball player; Taboo (Jaime Luis Gomez), member of the band the Black Eyed Peas; Vickie Wessel, co-founder of Spirit Electronics; and Jim S. Williamson, founder and CEO of New West Technologies, LLC.

Admission to the exhibit is included with Mitchell Museum admission, which is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors, students, teachers (with valid school ID), and children. Maximum admission per family is \$10. Admission is free for Mitchell Museum members and tribal members. Admission is also free for active-duty military personnel and their immediate families as part of the national Blue Star Museums program through September 4. Admission is free to everyone on the first Friday of every month. The independent, nonprofit Mitchell Museum is at 3001 Central St., Evanston. For information, phone (847) 475-1030. On the Net: <http://www.mitchell-museum.org>.

"A Theater Review"

"Theatre Review"

Richard Allen Eisenhardt

During the months of July and August the majority of theatres go on summer hiatus. There are some that remain open such as "Peter Pan," "Ovo," "Pinocchio," "Shout," "The Wiz," "The Last Act of Lilka Kadison," "Chinglish" and "Broadway Bound," which all come highly recommended.

This column will give theatergoers an update of what to see and expect in the 2011-2012 theatre season.

"Bonhoffer's Cost"

Provision Theatre, 1011 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago

If you have never attended one of Provision Theatre's productions I encourage you to support this theatre. You won't be disappointed.

Opening its season is a world premiere play that is based on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The show has a book by Mary Ruth Clarke with Tim Gregory who is the theatre's artistic director. Tim Gregory will direct it.

This play asks the question – "What is a moral person to do in a time of savage immorality?"

That is a question that tormented Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran clergyman of great distinction who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. This man was highly regarded. He could have kept his peace and saved his life on several occasions, but instead paid the ultimate price for his beliefs.

The play opens on September 17th and runs through October 30th. For tickets call 866-811-4111.

"Red"

Goodman Theatre, 170 North Dearborn St., Chicago

Goodman Theatre opens its 2011-2012 season on September 17th with John Logan's Tony-Award winning play, "Red." The production will be directed by the theatre's artistic director, Robert Falls, and runs through October 23rd.

"Red" chronicles Mark Rothko who is an abstract expressionist painter and his tormented two-year struggle to complete a lucrative set of murals for Manhattan's exclusive Four Seasons restaurant and his fraught relationship with a seemingly naïve young assistant who must choose between appeasing his mentor and changing the course of art history. The play is set amid the swiftly-changing cultural tide of the early 1960's.

That brings down the curtain for this issue. In the next issue I will fill you in on two more shows that will be opening and possibly a review of an August opening.

Comedian Couple Deliver Solo Laughs in Stand-Up Revue

Comedians Hollie and Steve Himmelman share their independent comedic voices in, "Memoirs of The Married Meshuganas". The show is Friday September 9, 2011 at 8:00pm, at the Skokie Theatre 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. Skokie, IL. 60077. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets call 847-677-7761.

Hollie likes to share stories about her neurosis along with a twisted perspective on many topics, including her childhood and growing up in Skokie. The seeds were planted for Hollie's comedy career in Kindergarten. During that year she compulsively organized her crayons by height and sharpness and always ventured outside the lines during coloring training.

With his unique point of view, Steve looks at simple and every-day situations including the difference in men and women's thought process. Due to grabbing the attention of his fellow classmates, Steve spent most of his grammar school years with his desk in the hallway. Steve realized a comedic career was launched and owes it all to his childhood experiences.

For more information, please contact Hollie Himmelman at 312-576-8373 or holliehimmelman@gmail.com. For more information on Skokie Theatre contact Al Curtis, 847-677-7761, info@skokietheatre.com

Muse of Fire Theatre Company Presents "As You Like It" August 6-27

In its third summer season, Muse of Fire Theatre Company will once again bring free Shakespeare-in-the-park to the north shore. The company has been playing each August to enthralled outdoor audiences in City of Evanston parks, captivating kids and parents new to the bard and old Shakespeare hands alike.

This summer, Muse of Fire will present As You Like It, a fanciful romp full of cross-dressing lovers, feuding brothers, wrestling, jokes and songs. As You Like It will play in Ingraham Park, behind the Morton Civic Center at 2100 Ridge Ave., in Evanston at 3:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from August 6 through 27.

Muse of Fire's outdoor setting, low-tech approach and extraordinary acting have made Shakespeare's plays accessible to all. The company's aim is to provide audiences with a thrilling and unintimidating experience a lot like Shakespeare's original performances – and nothing like your average high-school English class. This year the company also will introduce an outreach program that will bring fun and Shakespeare to the Evanston Recreation Division's summer camp at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

Muse of Fire's free Shakespeare-in-the-park has been sponsored each summer by the City of Evanston and by donors from the community. This year, partial funding is from a grant from The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. For further info., please visit www.museoffire.webs.com or call (847) 707-8632.

Protecting Your Children from Our Litigious Society



Chester M. Przybylo

While individually we may be kind and caring, Americans as a group are a litigious bunch. According to research published in the July 2005 Economic Journal, Americans spend more on civil litigation than any other industrialized country's inhabitants, and twice as much on civil litigation than they spend on new cars.

While protecting yourself from lawsuits can be a difficult, complicated task, you can easily take steps to protect your children. You can protect your children from lawsuits, including divorce, by not leaving them

anything. But, there is another way to keep the money from ending up in the hands of lawsuit plaintiffs and your children's future ex-spouses. Let's look at an example of three children: Johnny, Mary, and Betty.

- John is not good at managing money and is rather irresponsible in general
- Mary is a physician and a savvy investor
- Betty is a school teacher who sees the best in everyone

A Family Sentry Trust would be ideal for John. Such a trust would be set up for John's lifetime and would have a third party as trustee. If John were to be sued, the discretionary standard of the trust would allow the trustee to refuse payment to John's creditor. The trustee would invest the assets responsibly for John's needs and his future.

A Family Sentry Trust also would be ideal for Mary. As a physician, Mary may have substantial risk of being sued. As in John's situation, a third-party trustee with a discretionary standard for distributions would protect Mary from potential litigants. However, in Mary's case, she could be named as Investment Trustee of her Sentry Trust, giving her control of how the trust assets are invested, but not control over distributions from her trust.

A Family Access Trust would be appropriate for Betty. Betty does not really have substantial risk of being sued. However, her trusting nature may allow her to be blind-sided by a divorce. A Family Access Trust would allow her to be the trustee of her own trust and make distributions as she sees fit. However, the assets would not get commingled with other marital property and would be protected from a divorce.

The Family Sentry Trust and the Family Access Trust are both part of an innovative, values-based approach to estate planning, "Legacy Wealth Planning." Legacy Wealth Planning focuses not just on the transmission of assets, but of values and protections, as well. A qualified estate planning attorney who follows the Legacy Wealth Planning approach can help protect your family from our litigious society.

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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ADULT ENRICHMENT COURSE AT RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering an adult enrichment course entitled "An Autumn Tale." Participants will examine the themes of murder, racism, deception and espionage. The class will explore the shadow side of humanity and will read the following books: The Assassin's Accomplice - Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln by Kate Clifford Larson; The Quiet Game by Greg Iles; and Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie.

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo, who holds a master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University. Classes will meet on the following Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm: September 13, September 27, October 11 and October 25, 2011. The cost is \$50; to register call 773.775.6616 Ext 127 or e-mail sthorpe@reshs.org.

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext. 129 or www.reshs.org.

Oakton College Offers New Courses Oakton's Popular Emeritus Passages

Join local experts for Passages Seminar, a series of potpourri lectures offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton.

The six-week series meets 1 – 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays, starting September 6 and kicks off with Visualizing Our World, which details how maps can add to our understanding of the geographic distribution of population, disease, and climate.

Other lectures include: A Musical Sampling of the '30s, '40s, and '50s (September 13), Eisenhower: An Underrated U.S. President (September 20), Poetry (September 27), The Maghreb: A Look at the History of Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco (October 4), and Film as Visual Art (October 11).

Lectures take place at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. The series-only fee is \$30 for in-district residents age 60 and over, and \$45 for out-of-district residents and those under age 60.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, call 847-635-1414 or 847-982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emmeritus.

Just Chill or Heat Things up at Oakton This Fall Oakton Introduces New Industrial/Commercial Certificate

Seeking a better understanding of routine maintenance and repair of industrial and commercial equipment? Then enroll in Oakton's new Industrial/Commercial Electrical Maintenance Certificate program this fall.

The 13-credit-hour program also allows students to gain a better comprehension of wiring codes for buildings of all sizes. Courses will meet at the Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., and include: Introduction to Electronics; Survey of Electronics; Residential Wiring; Basic Blueprint Reading and Shop Theory; Hydraulics, Pneumatics, and Controls; and Sensors and Vision.

Need another reason to enroll? Demand for trained experts who can maintain building systems is on the rise. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the need for such workers will grow by more than 10 percent before the end of the decade.

"Students will gain a through understanding of equipment diagnostics and how to troubleshoot and problem solve," said Majid Ghadiri, chair and professor of electronics and computer technology and radio frequency identification. "It's a career with a future; in the long run, companies will recognize cost savings by maintaining, rather than replacing, equipment."

Program participants may receive credit for their own real-world experience.

For more information, contact Ghadiri at 847-376-7699 or mghadiri@oakton.edu.

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English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m., through Aug. 16. 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 in May, 7 p.m.

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

EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Evanston Public Library to Host Book Sales

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.

Upcoming sales are scheduled for:

* Tuesday, July 26th from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

* Saturday, July 30th from 10 to 3 p.m.

* 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.

The inventory will be replenished between sales so there will be new surprises to find each time you visit!

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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 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.

EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
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Classic Films continue at Eisenhower: *Psycho* with Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh, directed by Alfred Hitchcock on August 25. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies! All films begin at 1 p.m.

Tired of Knitting Alone? Join our Knitting Circle! We meet the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. August's Knitting Circle will be on the 16th. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

Computer Classes

Internet Tips and Tricks: Monday, August 15, 7-8:45 p.m. Making Fliers with MS Word: Wednesday, August 24, 7-8 p.m. Individual Computer Help: Thursday, August 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Writing Groups

Pen and Ink Adult Writers. Every third Monday of the month. This month's meeting is Monday, August 15, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Anonymous Writers for Teens. Every Thursday from 4-5:30.

Senator Kotowski's One-on-one

Representatives from Senator Kotowski's office will be here to answer all your questions. Wednesday, August 17, 1-3:30.

Silent Summer Silent Film Festival

Join us for silent films this summer. *Show People* with Marion Davies and William Haines, directed by King Vidor on August 16; *The Cameraman* with Buster Keaton and Marceline Day, directed by Edward Sedgwick on August 30. All films are on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30. Films will be shown by and discussed with John Stangland, author of the film bio *Warren William: Magnificent Scoundrel of Pre-code Hollywood*.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Eisenhower Public Library will meet on Wednesday, August 17 from 6-8 p.m.

COMMON SENSE

THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS THAT CAN'T BE SOLVED!

On a personal note, if the people who control my credit rating told me they were dropping my level or my line of credit, I would try to make some effort to discourage them from taking that action. The last thing I would do is shrug my shoulders and go on vacation.

Get used to the idea that until the truth is told and work is done in a team manner, the problems we have will continue to be with us all for a very long time. The new "Super Committee," who will be meeting behind closed doors and with no accountability to the voters, seems only to be a way to bring our legislative process consisting of congressional members we elect to represent us, the citizens, down to a hand-selected 12 out of some 535 of these elected representatives who have become supposedly "Super Smart" in the ways of finance and economics. Aren't they part of the same group that got us here in the first place? It seems to me that this committee is the "Ultimate Patronage Job".

Finally, be careful of scams. We have been noticing an increase in changes of approach by telemarketers. For example, we have more calls lately asking us for our thoughts and opinions by answering a few minutes worth of "survey" questions. The most recent was from a telemarketer who requested to speak with the person in the house who suffered from diabetes. When we informed them that they must have the wrong number because no one here had diabetes, the response was, "well then, do you or anyone else in the household suffer from back pain"? Obviously this was a lead-in to either insurance, a medical product, etc. "Take a survey from you?", I said. "No way, and I would never consider buying a product from a company who began by lying to me". Note: Sometimes the caller will ask for a person they know does not exist, and when you say they have the wrong number, then the process begins, "Well, then, may we ask you a few questions for our survey"?

In short, telemarketing hasn't changed in the number of calls people receive. The folks calling you are just more deceitful than before. If you have any "strange" sales stories to share with our readers, please contact Derf Namlig at Village Publications, P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631 or e-mail mushroom@ourvillagechicago.com.



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If you see animal cruelty or abuse in your community, please don't wait – report it! Call us at (312) 644-8338 ext. 304, send an e-mail to abuse@anticruelty.org, or call 311. All calls are confidential.

For more information go to <http://www.anticruelty.org/reportabuse/>

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International Film Festival. The film looked at the cycle of violence and the link between animal abuse and human cruelty with the emphasis on intervention. Although that film is over 10 years old, it remains very relevant today.

With your generous gift, you can help us prevent animal cruelty.

Currently, we provide rescue services to over 2,100 animals per year and that number usually trends upwards during very hot or cold weather when people see an animal without food, water or shelter. Although they may have seen the animal before they don't think to call until the weather turns extreme. Despite our best efforts, people continue to harm animals, and in many cases it's the staff and volunteers of The Anti-Cruelty Society who help get these animals out of abusive situations and into loving forever homes.

Your ongoing support will help us continue preventing cruelty and educating the community about the importance of respect and compassion for all living beings - hoping to stop the cruelty before it begins.

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