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## HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY, ILLINOIS!

### Gov. Rauner Kicks Off Yearlong Celebration of Illinois Bicentennial at Fifth Third Bank Winter WonderFest at Navy Pier

On December 3rd, Gov. Bruce Rauner and leaders of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission officially kicked off the state's yearlong 200th birthday celebration at Fifth Third Bank Winter WonderFest at Navy Pier. Illinois Bicentennial will pay tribute to the people, places, and things that are being BORN, BUILT & GROWN in the nation's fifth most populous state.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate all that has been great in our first 200 years and lay the foundation for 200 more years of growth and prosperity," Rauner said. "Illinois is home, and the Bicentennial gives us a chance to reflect on how we can continue to make it great for our children and grandchildren."



"Today marks Illinois' 199th birthday," said Lori Healey, co-chairwoman of the commission and chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. "Illinois Bicentennial will be a yearlong celebration between Dec. 3, 2017, and Dec. 3, 2018, which will be our state's 200th birthday."

"The Bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again," said Gloria Castillo, co-chairwoman of the commission and president and CEO of Chicago United. "Throughout the next 365 days, Illinois Bicentennial will pay tribute to the people, places, and things that are being BORN, BUILT & GROWN here every single day."

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#### Niles Library Kicks Off Countdown to Illinois' Bicentennial



The Niles-Maine District Library kicks off the one-year countdown to Illinois' Bicentennial with Mr. Abraham Lincoln, Village of Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and Library Director Susan Dove Lempke.

The Library will continue the celebration in Spring 2018 with more Illinois-themed programs at its branch at 6960 Oakton Street in Niles.

For more information please call 847-663-6404 or visit [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org)

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Niles-Maine District Library



We Honor  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
on the  
Anniversary of his Birth,  
January 15

### WINTER, CHICAGO STYLE

### HAS ARRIVED

### BE CAREFUL - BE AWARE - HELP OTHERS

#### Resurrection Hosted WIP Theatre Training Center After Fire Destroyed Performance Space



In October 2017, Edison Park's WIP Theatre experienced a fire in their performance space. Parents of members of their children's theatre group, the WIP Theatre Training Center, reached out to Resurrection College Prep High School seeking a space to perform their children's production of the musical, Elf Jr. The performances were held Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16, 2017 in Resurrection's Little Theater.

"We are grateful to be able to offer assistance to our community when in need!" said Resurrection Principal Rick Piwowarski. "As a Catholic high school, we are in large part, a member of the community we are called to serve, so we are excited to be able to do so."

Resurrection's Fine Arts Department had just concluded its Christmas performances, which included band, choral, chamber music, dance and drama performances. Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).



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The City of Chicago reminds residents and business owners to keep your sidewalk shoveled this winter: it's neighborly and it's the law. There is no holiday for shoveling.

Readers, Please Watch For Signs For Parking Bans During The Winter Months Along The Designated Snow Routes.

#### Volunteer to be a VITA Literacy/ESL Tutor at Oakton Community College.

Help adults learn to read and/or speak English. Learn about methods and materials especially suited for tutoring individuals new to the U.S. or American-born residents who need help improving their reading and writing skills.

Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:

Thursday, January 11 - 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16 - 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 10 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Call 847.635.1426 for information about Winter/Spring classes.



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# Community First Medical Center January Health Events



Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, will offer the following health events in January

## Friday, January 5, 12, 19 and 26

11th Step Meditation – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor

Silent meditation, a brief positive talk or reading followed by 12 step sharing. Open AA meeting format, everyone is welcome to attend. Coed, non-smoking. This is a fellowship open to learning how the art of listening leads to developing an improved ‘real’ relationship with their higher power and our fellows. For all who seek through prayer and meditation to improve their conscious.

## Sunday, January 7, 14, 21 and 28

Alcoholics Anonymous – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

Alcoholics anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience,

strength and hope with each other that they solve their common problem. If you think you have a drinking problem, please join our free AA Group.

## Thursday, January 11, 18, and 25

Overeaters Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Café Meeting Room

A fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from compulsive eating. If you think you may be a compulsive eater, please feel free to attend our free meetings.

## Thursday, January 11 and 25

Arthritis and Total Joint Replacement – Taking the Right Steps, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with staff from rehabilitation services. Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. To register, please call 773-794-4640.

## Friday, January 12

Free Healthy Aging Program - 12:00 -1:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor.

Registered Dietitian, Karlee Pinto will discuss healthy food habits for the new year. To register, please call 773-282-7000.

## Friday, January 12

Grief Support Group – 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor.

Join Chaplain Willy to reflect on grief. Gain an understanding of the causes and stages of grief.

Do you know grief when you see it? Are grief and depression related? What happens when grief is not identified and resolved?

Together explore the many facets of grief and how to recognize, process, and heal your grief and the grief of those you love.

## Tuesday, January 23

Thyroid Screening - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., - Community First Medical Center, Café Meeting Room

In honor of thyroid awareness month, Community First Medical Center will provide TSH screenings for a fee of \$10.00. No fasting is required. To register, please call 773-282-7000.



## New Year's Day

The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C. A later king, Numa Pompilius, is credited with adding the months of Januarius and Februarius. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern Gregorian calendar that most countries around the world use today.

As part of his reform, Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. Romans celebrated by offering sacrifices to Janus, exchanging gifts with one another, decorating their homes with laurel branches and attending raucous parties. In medieval Europe, Christian leaders temporarily replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation); Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's.

## Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



Edison Park Post 541 of The American Legion invites Veterans and Sons of Veterans on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., to attend our informational meeting. Location is Edison Park Field House 1st floor North at 6755 N. Northwest hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. We are on our way to forming a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron and are looking for more Sons to be named as charter members. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. This is an informational meeting. All Veterans are invited and if you qualify we would love for you to join us. Veterans qualifications are for service during the periods stated above. Contact: Past 9th District Commander Bob Fuggiti 847-921-8738 Edison Park Post 541 — AmerLegion541@aol.com 6755 W. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

## Do You Have the Courage to Quit?

### Village of Skokie Stop Smoking Clinic

The Skokie Health Department is offering ‘‘Courage to Quit’’, a six-week program designed to help you quit smoking. The classes will be held Monday evenings at 7 p.m. on the following dates: Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, and 12.

There is a \$15 fee for the entire session.

This clinic will be held at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Advance registration is required for the ‘‘Courage to Quit’’ clinic.

For more information or to register for the clinic, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

## Need A Lawyer? The Chicago Bar Association Can Help Talk To A Lawyer For Free On Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, January 20th, as part of an ongoing legal public service program offered by the CBA.

Calls will be accepted January 20th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001. Call-A-Lawyer events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month in the morning hours.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service during the week for a referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The CBA's Lawyer Referral Service has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law that offer their services to the public. When contacting the LRS during normal business hours Monday through Friday, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in numerous areas of law including:

- Domestic Relations, including divorce, custody, support and other family law matters);
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- Estate Planning, including will and trust drafting, probate and will contest.
- Real Estate, including buying or selling real estate, foreclosure defense and landlord/tenant issues.
- Employment Law, including wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination.

Additionally, the CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides callers' access to attorneys in three different areas of law at any time after normal business hours. You can reach a lawyer 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling (312) 554-2001.

## Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD is now meeting at the Barba Gianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln A venue, just south of Lawrence.

Arrangements have been made for our Kiwanis Kin for FREE PARKING in the mb Financial parking lot. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 as the restaurant needs to know for how many people to set the table. Thank you.

JANUARY, 2018 DATES - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thu., Jan. 11 - Regularly scheduled meeting followed by board meeting.

Thu., Jan. 25 - Regular meeting with guest speaker Jeffrey Sadowski from NBGC.

Please remember to RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 if you plan to attend so we can notify the Barba Gianni Grecian Taverna.

In view of the frigid temperatures we have experienced lately, we'd like to pass on the following writeup which comes from Maria Bappert's Cub Scout file: Winter is the coldest and darkest season of the year. But just as the holiday season warms us with good cheer if we live by ‘‘The Golden Rule,’’ treating everyone as we wish to be treated, we will have enough light in our hearts to carry us all through the year.

Happy Golden Rule New Year to All!

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## Cash For Kids Benefit Concert

January 20th is the annual "Cash For Kids" benefit concert where you will hear many Johnny Cash songs by many different bands for charity.

Host Stephen Davern says: "Support Gompers Park boys and girls baseball/softball and have another great time at the Johnny Cash Festival at the Irish American Heritage Center. Music by the Waco Brothers, Hayden Thompson, Iron Horse, The Dark Passengers, Hodie Snitch, Flying Buffaloes and Memphis Star." This fun event is a fundraiser and complete details are on the Facebook page "Cash for Kids-Chicago's Only Johnny Cash Festival" and the party starts at 6 p.m.



## Move Your Body/ Use Your Brain: Sample Square Dancing In Glenview In January

New Year/New You! Don't let winter get you down. Add some movement and challenge to your life by sampling square dance at a free Intro to Square Dance Party on Jan. 21, 2018.

Square dancing in 2018 is a lot different than what you may remember from your school days. Gone are the outfits, cowboy shirts and old-timey tunes. These days, we wear what we like and dance to all kinds of music, from the Beatles to pop favorites to show tunes.

Really--all you need to square dance today is the ability to sustain a brisk walking pace and a positive attitude. A quick mind and the love of a good puzzle also help.

This January, you'll have a chance to sample square dancing and see what today's dance is all about. Check out this FREE 'Intro to Square Dance' party in Glenview, co-hosted by the Glenview Park District and the Glenview Square Dance Club, taking place Sunday, Jan. 21, from 6-8 pm, at the Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut, Glenview. For those who want to learn more about square dancing, The Glenview Square Dance Club will host beginning Square Dance Classes starting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 7:30-9:30 pm, at the same location. The lessons are sponsored by the Glenview Park District with support from Glenview Squares members.

*The Glenview Square Dance Club, founded in 1950, has about 80 members from Glenview and surrounding communities. The club hosts square dances twice a month on Friday evenings. Glenview Squares is a member of the Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers.*

Web: [GlenviewSquares.org](http://GlenviewSquares.org) Facebook: [Facebook.com/GlenviewSquares](https://www.facebook.com/GlenviewSquares)

## Year of Creative Youth

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events have designated 2018 as the "Year of Creative Youth." The \$2 million investment by the City of Chicago will include a Creative Youth Festival across the Millennium Park Campus, performance opportunities for teens at city festivals and partner events, cultural grants and convenings for youth arts organizations and a marketing campaign among other events. For information and updates on the Year of Creative Youth, visit [cityofchicago.org/yocy](http://cityofchicago.org/yocy).



## Voter Registration Series Seeks to Ensure All Voices are Heard and Votes Counted

As one of the most culturally diverse communities in the U.S., Skokie is home to people from more than 50 countries, speaking over 100 different languages.

But while many of these residents make up the largest percentage of unregistered voters, Niles Township Government, in partnership with Skokie Public Library and the League of Women Voters, is seeking to change that.

The three will collaborate on 'Your Vote is Your Voice,' a voter registration series in January and February that looks to make the registration process a breeze for residents who hail from all cultural backgrounds.

The program kicks off on Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, when Skokie Public Library hosts voter registration from 1-5 p.m., and then again on Monday, January 15, from 1-8 p.m. During these first three days, Niles Township Government will arrange for interpreters to help those speaking the following languages register to vote: Armenian, Chinese, Korean, Assyrian, Spanish and Urdu. Interpreters speaking additional languages may also be available.

The series will continue on Sundays through February 18 from 1-5 p.m.; and aptly concludes on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19, from 1-8 p.m.

Skokie Public Library is located at 5215 Oakton Street.

"We want to make sure that all Niles Township residents become registered voters and have their voices heard locally as well as on the state and federal levels of government," said Niles Township Government Trustee Bonnie Kahn Ognisanti. "Having interpreters on site January 13, 14 and 15 will help make the process an easy one, no matter what language you speak."

For more information, call Nancy Kim Phillips at the Skokie Public Library at (847) 673-7774.

## "Experience Res Day" at Resurrection H.S.

Seventh-grade girls are invited to a special "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 9, 2018. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org). As seventh graders rotate through the nine academic areas at Resurrection, students meet with teachers, learn about the curriculum, the block schedule, clubs and activities and get a taste of life at Resurrection. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).

Eighth-grade girls and their families who have not had the opportunity to visit at Resurrection are welcome to contact Connie Castellucci at [ccastellucci@reshs.org](mailto:ccastellucci@reshs.org) or 773.775.6616 Ext 129 to learn more about Resurrection. Seventh-grade girls are invited to a special "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 9, 2018. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).



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## Are you a Teen that likes to help out your neighbors? Join the Skokie TeenLink Program!

If you're a teen who likes to assist neighbors and friends in their time of need, then the Skokie TeenLink Program is for you. The program is a database list of Skokie teens that are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request. Teens are paid for their service by the resident they assist and it is a great start to a résumé.

Many residents who request the TeenLink list are unable to do physical outdoor yardwork themselves, are unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor or only need assistance once in a while. The TeenLink list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name, phone number, email address and address of the teen, days of availability, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents receive the list by mail or email.

Skokie teens, sign up for the Skokie TeenLink now! Applications and additional information are available at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or by contacting the Village Manager's office at 847/933-8257.

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January 8-14, 2018

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# Winter Fun, Inside And Out!!



## Skokie Idol Begins Jan. 20, 2018

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

One of the most exciting signs of the New Year is the start of the Skokie Theatre's annual Skokie Idol competition. Since we're surrounded by lots of local talent, we're sure it's going to be an exciting contest.

Contestants will compete in one of three divisions based on age: Junior Division (Grades 4 - 7), Teen Division (Grades 8 - 12), and Adults (Everyone else). People bring in their very best songs and can be accompanied by a karaoke tracks on a CD, the piano at the theatre, another musical instrument they bring in, or they may even sing a Capella.

To help contestants prepare, the Top Note Music Academy at Old Orchard Mall will be offering free workshops and vocal lessons prior to the auditions.

On January 20, the top contestants in each division will be selected to return for weekly sing-offs.

Weekly sing-offs will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 on Saturday afternoons in February and March and are open to the public. In fact, the audience is crucial. Each week, they vote along with the judges and select the contestants in each category that are invited to return the next week. The last three contestants in each division will move on to the finals.

The final round for the Junior Division will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm. The final round for the Teen and Adult divisions will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. The finals will consist of 3 songs to be sung by each contestant with a special guest accompanist. The winner of the finals from each category will win the GRAND PRIZE, a solo program during the winner's concert on July 11 as part of Skokie's Wednesdays on the Green..

The contest will be held at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave in Downtown Skokie and it open to everyone, regardless of where they live or their experience. There is a \$25 registration fee. For complete contest rules and registration, please visit SkokieTheatre.org or call the Skokie Idol Hotline at 847-677-7761 ext. 4.



2017 Skokie Idol winners Yaz Shawamreh, Samantha Ratliff, Charise Pisani, and Maja Todorovic.

## MUSIC THEATER WORKS (Formerly Light Opera Works)

**Musical Theater Summer Workshops give youth a chance to sing, dance and act this summer**

Music Theater Works is now accepting enrollments for the 2018 Musical Theater Summer Workshop. Young people ages 8 to 13 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a free public performance, where family and friends are invited to watch them perform a mini-musical. No experience or audition required, and everyone gets a part.

Five separate one-week workshops will be offered in 2018, each based on a popular musical. Each workshop is Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at the Music Theater Works rehearsal studio, 516 4th Street in Wilmette. On Saturday, students present a free public performance.

This year's workshops are:

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC (age 8-13)** July 9-14, 2018

**OKLAHOMA! (age 8-13)** July 16-21, 2018

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY (age 8-13)** July 23-28, 2018

**ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (age 8-13)** July 30-August 4, 2018

**MARY POPPINS (age 8-13)** August 6-11, 2018

In addition, a teen production of Cole Porter's ANYTHING GOES will be offered for ages 13 to 18, June 11-29. Auditions are required for this program, in which youth rehearse the Broadway classic and present a free public performance with professional costumes, sound and lighting.

The workshop manager is Anya Plotkin, a member of the team that created the Summer Workshop in 2001. She works to create an environment where children develop confidence in a nurturing and fun atmosphere. The workshop director/choreographer is Caryn Ott Hillman. Musical director is Christopher Richard.

Workshop classes are held at the Music Theater Works rehearsal center, 516 4th Street in Wilmette. The fee is \$380 per student per workshop (\$1275 for ANYTHING GOES youth production).

Register online at [www.MusicTheaterWorks.com/summer](http://www.MusicTheaterWorks.com/summer) or call (847) 920-5360.



The Music Theater Works Musical Theater Summer Workshops give kids 8 to 13 the chance to sing, dance and act in a fun, nurturing atmosphere.

## "Finding Lost Valuables" Is Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On Jan. 17

Millions of dollars in cash and valuables are awaiting their rightful owners. And you may be among the thousands on the State of Illinois list of people with unclaimed assets in the State Treasurer's office. If you want to hear more, come to Norwood Crossing's Timely Talk, "Finding Lost Valuables." The event will take place from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., on Jan. 17, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

A community affairs specialist with the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will make the presentation, guide you through the search process on the unclaimed assets website, explain how to complete the necessary application forms, and point out what documents may be needed to prove entitlement.

A question and answer session, light refreshments and a raffle will follow the program. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email [info@norwoodcrossing.org](mailto:info@norwoodcrossing.org).

## McCormick Tribune Ice Rink

Through March 4, 2018  
Millennium Park

The Chicago winter tradition offers free skating lessons and special programming on weekends and during the Chicago Public Schools' winter break. Bring your skates or rent some of ours. Admission to the rink is free.

For more information, visit [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org).



## New Chicago Cultural Center Tours

Learn more about the storied history of the landmark Chicago Cultural Center at one of the building tours offered year round on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1:15pm. Tours are free and led by volunteer docents, starting at the Randolph Lobby on the 1st Floor North.

New in 2018, on 2nd Tuesdays at 1:15pm, the building will offer enhanced tours for visitors:

- January 9: Spanish language tour
- February 13: Tour for visitors who are deaf or hard-of-hearing
- March 13: Tour for visitors who are blind or have low vision



## The DuSable Museum of African American History

740 E. 56th Place

The DuSable Museum of African American History located in the historic Hyde Park area of Chicago in Washington Park unites art, history and culture. Admission is FREE to all on every Tuesday!



## The Field Museum

January 3, 4, 15, 27, 28, 2018, 9am-5pm  
1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.

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# Winter Fun, Inside And Out!!



## **DANK Haus Receives NEH Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions**

The DANK Haus German-American Cultural Center is proud to have received a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This grant is designed for small and mid-sized institutions to improve the preservation and care of their humanities collections.

*(Pick up the next edition of the Our Village News for complete details)*

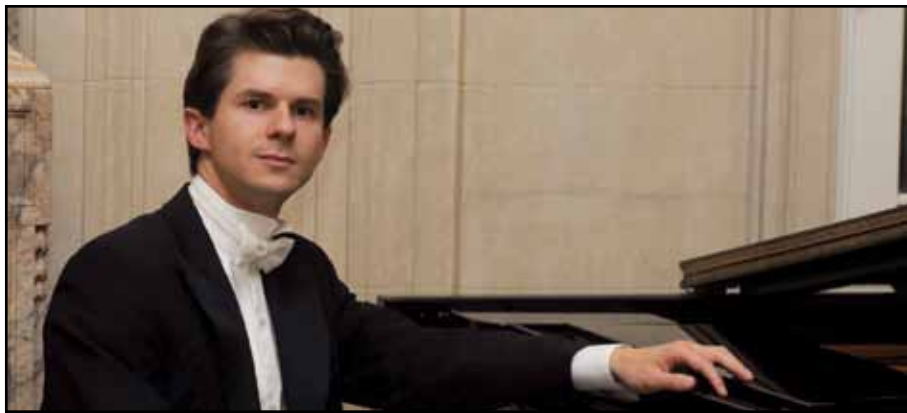
## **Stammtisch - Games Nights**

Fri., Jan. 19 | 7:30pm | 6th Floor

Stammtisch Open House — 6th Floor, Skyline Lounge

Germany is a haven for board games and friendly competition. Come and enjoy an evening of playing games with others and grabbing a beer while relaxing with old and new friends. Wine, beer & food available for purchase.

## **Roman Salyutov - German Concert Pianist**



Sat., Jan. 20th | 7:00pm | 6th Floor

Join us for an evening of music with German concert pianist Roman Salyutov. He has traversed the globe performing in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Israel, the USA, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Since 2013, he has served as Chief Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of Bergisch Gladbach. Admission to this event includes a transcendent performance and a glass of champagne.

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## **Lincoln Square/Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Announcement**

Chicago Brauhaus Closed after 50 Years - It was the end of an era in Lincoln Square when the Chicago Brauhaus closed its doors last month. For 52 years, the Kempf brothers worked hard to bring a little corner of Germany to Lincoln Square. The Brauhaus will be sorely missed in the community, and we wish the Kempf family well in their retirement.



*From the Editor, Please pick up the next Our Village News for a Special Tribute to the Kempf Brothers and all the Staff of Chicago Brauhaus that have served us so well over these many years*

## **Adler Planetarium's REEL Science Film Series Returns Popular Film Series Back for the 2018 Season**

In a world where your spaceship's computer may be trying to kill you, where Earth is a desolate pile of trash inhabited by sensitive robots, where possibly hostile space aliens are freaking everyone out, where the only thing standing between you and certain death on a distant planet is potatoes, one event brings you a panel of scientists who can help you survive. This fall, go deep into the science of artificial intelligence, extraterrestrial agriculture, interspecies communication, and so much more. Starring working scientists, peer-reviewed research, audience questions, the best available evidence, and probably some space puns, the REEL Science Film Series is returning to the Adler Planetarium this fall.

Back for a third season, the popular series combines cinematic favorites with science conversations about the film—providing a unique opportunity to decipher fact versus Hollywood's creative liberties. Designed to appeal to moviegoers, science enthusiasts and families alike.

Held in our S. C. Johnson Family Star Theater, doors for each event open at 5:30 and will include fun, pre-movie trivia and videos, a screening of the film, followed by a post-show, "Reel Science" Q&A with Adler scientists and special guests. Refreshments will be available for purchase at each event.

Series Details:

Friday, January 12, 2018: Arrival (PG-13)

When twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, linguistics professor Louise Banks is tasked with interpreting the language of the apparent alien visitors.

Friday, February 9, 2018: WALL-E (G)

In the distant future, a small waste-collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

Thursday, March 8, 2018: Demolition Man (R)

A police officer is brought out of suspended animation in prison to pursue an old ultra-violent nemesis who is loose in a nonviolent future society.

Note the ratings for each of the movies—parental discretion is advised

Tickets: \$15 General Admission Adult; \$12 Member Adult; \$12 Child (up to age 11)

Ticket prices are the same for advance sales and day-of at the Box Office.

Tickets for the REEL Science Film Series are on sale now. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/whats-here/reel-science/>.

**Adler Planetarium — 1300 South Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605  
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## Why you should get an attorney involved in your real estate transaction from the start?



Izabela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

It is probably true in most cases that when you decide to buy or sell a home or other real estate that you own or control, an attorney is not the first person you contact. You probably focus on finding a good real estate agent first. After all, the process is all about finding the perfect property to suit your needs or getting the best price for the property that you sell. Only after the real estate contract is signed you reach out to an attorney. Often times you decide to go with someone that is recommended to you by your real estate agent or a friend. If this is what you do, it may be time to think differently about your next real estate transaction.

Entering into a real estate sale or purchase contract is just like entering into any other legal transaction. You want to make sure that your interests are protected, that you understand the legal implications of the transaction and that you can save money, if possible. This is important if you are buying or selling a house for yourself or your family but even more important if you are selling real estate on behalf of an estate of a deceased relative or as a trustee of a trust. You want to work with someone who has experience dealing with such situations.

An attorney can review and explain the legal documents, recommend any necessary revisions to the contract that may be more difficult to negotiate further along in the process as well as draft other documents that may be needed in addition to the real estate contract. Real estate professionals who are not attorneys are not legally authorized to provide you with this type of legal services.

In addition, you should get an attorney involved before you enter into a relationship with your real estate agent. Often times the agent (and his or her agency) will require you to sign a listing agreement which gives them exclusive rights to sell your property. An attorney can assist you with evaluating such agreements and ensure there is a way to get out of them if it becomes necessary.

It is important to know that having an attorney from the beginning, not just at closing, is very beneficial. It will provide objectivity about the reasonableness of your transaction. The attorney is not focused on closing the deal or earning a commission. Our job is to make sure that your interests are protected, that your transaction is fair to you and that you save money.

Our law office of Otte & Czajkowska LLC will be happy to address your real estate needs. Call us at 773-631-7100 or [info@oclawyergroup.com](mailto:info@oclawyergroup.com). Our office is located at 5339 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60630. We will be happy to assist you.

## State Rolls Back LLC Fees

### Governor Signs SB 867, Slashing Filing Costs For Small Businesses

Gov. Bruce Rauner today signed legislation that substantially reduces startup, annual filing and other fees for limited liability companies (LLCs), the organizational structure preferred by many of Illinois' 1.2 million small businesses.

The new law will encourage more businesses to form in Illinois rather than go to other states to escape high fees. Effective today, the filing fee for new LLCs drops to \$150 from \$500 and annual report fees drop to \$75 from \$250. Previously, Illinois charged fees that were among the highest in the nation.

"Small businesses are the engines of our economy, our job creators who employ the majority of new workers in our state each year," said Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, who chairs the Governor's Rural Affairs Council. "We need to keep them here and help them grow, and this legislation will reduce their costs and make us more competitive with surrounding states. This is especially important for our small towns because we need more small businesses in rural Illinois to drive their economies and create jobs."

## Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"- 2018 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2018 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

There are approximately (21,000) WWII Veterans remaining in the Chicago area – which HFC is requesting assistance from the public to help locate these WWII Heroes.

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at [jac.charlier@gmail.com](mailto:jac.charlier@gmail.com) or visit ([www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org))

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of flying our World War II veterans to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial built in their honor.



## Is Your New Hearing Device the Right Fit for You? Four Ways to Tell

A hearing aid is an incredibly personalized piece of medical equipment—it's worn every day, on the head (one of the most sensitive parts of the body), it's directly visible to others, and you rely on it for one of the five senses you have for making sense of the world.

When your audiologist first sets you up with a hearing aid, you'll have a few days to wear it and decide if it's indeed the right choice for you. Here are four things to watch for during that crucial trial period.

1. Hearing improvement – the reason you wear your hearing aid is to help you hear better, and that's clearly the most important aspect of the selection process. Do you find a dramatic improvement over not wearing the device (or, if you already wear one, your previous hearing aid)? Do you notice a reduction in listening difficulty? Is it easier to follow conversation? You should test the hearing aid in a variety of situations, from quiet conversation levels to louder environments (if you're likely to encounter these in your day-to-day). Remember, the main reason for the trial period is so you can take the hearing device out of the office and into your day-to-day life, testing it in the types of situations you're likely to encounter.

2. Comfortable fit – you have to wear your hearing aid every day, so comfort is of the utmost importance. The human body can eventually get used to anything, but you'll be much more comfortable if you start out with a well-fitting hearing device. Your audiologist should have already made some adjustments

to ensure proper fit, but you're the only one that can ultimately make the call whether the fit works or not.

3. Technological integration – our modern lives include a variety of technologies we interact with on a daily basis. A key part of the usefulness of your hearing aid will be how easily it integrates with devices such as your mobile phone, your television, or any other pieces of technology you frequently use. The thing to look for is seamless integration that doesn't require you to take too many extra steps to make the hearing aid-to-device connection and doesn't detract from your enjoyment of the activity.

4. Style – you should already have gone through your hearing device options (in-the-ear, behind-the-ear) with your audiologist, and depending on your hearing needs, you may have to stick to a particular type of hearing aid. With that being said, as you wear it around for a few days, you'll have to decide whether this style works. If it does not, you will work with the audiologist to get a style that will work for you.

As you go through the trial period, take notes on any aspects of your hearing device you notice, good or bad, so you can share these with your audiologist during your next consultation.

Have a question about what types of hearing aids would be available for your particular type of hearing loss? We're here to help! Call us at 773-685-9202 for more information!



Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD is the owner and audiologist of Chicago Hearing Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and her Doctorate of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Dr. Vetter-Toalson is involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and Big Shoulders Fund Chairman's Advisory Council. Chicago Hearing Services has served northwest Chicago since 1990.

## Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On January 9 & 11

Are you up-to-date on changes to the "Rules of the Road" in Illinois or want to improve your defensive driving knowledge? If so, consider enrolling in the two-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older who want to refresh their knowledge. Classes will be held on Jan. 9 and Jan. 11, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Completion of the course may qualify participants for a three-year discount on their liability insurance, an aggregate savings that could exceed \$100. Both class sessions must be completed to qualify for a certificate. Cost of the class is \$20 per person (\$15 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Center at (773) 775-6071 or email [info@npseniorcenter.org](mailto:info@npseniorcenter.org).

The Norwood Park Senior Center operates as an affiliate of Norwood Life Society in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District.

## Cell Phones For Soldiers

Representative D'Amico has partnered with Cell Phones For Soldiers, a nonprofit serving troops and veterans, to collect gently used cell phones for members of our military. Donated phones will be used to provide free communication services to military members so they can connect with their loved ones. Donations will be accepted in Representative D'Amico's public service office located at 4404 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Office hours are 9 AM to 4:30 PM.



## St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

St. Thecla Seniors located at 6725 W. Devon meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Queen of Peace room. There is a short meeting followed by sweet rolls and coffee. Bingo and cards are played. We have parties!!! Please join us as you may like us! For information, please call Joanie at 312/608-4092.

## Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope And Opportunity To Families

With your help last year Metropolitan served more than 53,000 individuals and families in the Chicago area, helping them become more self-sufficient and strengthening family bonds. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website, [metrofamily.org](http://metrofamily.org).

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

## How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Illinois Chapter speakers are available to speak for free thanks to the generosity of our walkers, donors, and volunteers. To request a free AFSP Illinois volunteer speaker at your company, organization, club, religious center, meeting or other group complete the simple form at [www.AFSPILSpeaker.org](http://www.AFSPILSpeaker.org). For free AFSP materials and resources thanks to the generosity of Walkers like you go to [www.AFSPMaterials.org](http://www.AFSPMaterials.org). To donate to support AFSP go to [www.Chicagowalk.org](http://www.Chicagowalk.org).

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## Village Cooking Corner

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### HUMMUS

2 (15 oz.) cans garbanzo beans with liquid	1/4 cup lemon juice (fresh or bottled)
5 cloves garlic	1/4 cup olive oil
1/3 cup tahini (sesame paste)*	1/3 cup parsley flakes
	Salt and pepper to taste

In food processor fitted with metal blade, empty garbanzo beans and garlic. Start processor and let run until beans and garlic are pulverized. With motor running, through feed tube add parsley flakes, lemon juice and olive oil. Stop motor after 5 to 10 seconds, and add salt and pepper to taste.

When mixed, pour into container with lid and place in refrigerator until chilled and firm, preferably overnight.

Serve with pita bread wedges or crackers.

Makes 5 cups

\*May be purchased at specialty or Middle East food stores.

*From the Kitchen of K. Tumay*

## Countdown to Illinois Bicentennial

Students across Illinois showcase  
"Something to Learn About Illinois History"

Two hundred years ago, on Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the Union. Since then, the people of Illinois have banded together to transform this once-barren and uninviting land into a remarkable place of awe-inspiring beauty, accomplishment and culture. The Illinois Bicentennial is a yearlong celebration and an invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the celebration by visiting [www.illinois200.com](http://www.illinois200.com) and using the hashtag #IllinoisProud.

One of the first winners of the Something to Learn About Illinois History video contest was Vibyana Sacluti, a student at William Howard Taft High School. Sacluti's video focuses on notable figures, landmarks, inventions and arts and entertainment that are home grown in Illinois. These include Walt Disney, Hostess Twinkie, the Chicago River and spray paint.

"The Bicentennial is all about showcasing the best of what has been born, built and grown in Illinois," said Gov. Bruce Rauner. "The work of the young people who produced these videos is a tremendous display of talent and resourcefulness – Illinois style."

Events leading up to the Illinois Bicentennial Birthday Party on Dec. 3, 2018, will continue throughout the year. Additional information is available at [www.illinois200.com](http://www.illinois200.com).

## University Guild

Programs are held on the Northwestern University campus, Scott Hall (601 University Place, Evanston), in the Guild Lounge. All programs are held on a Monday and begin at 1:30 pm. Tea, coffee and cookies are served after the program. There is an opportunity to ask questions of each speaker at the end of each program and individual questions may be discussed with the speaker during the informal beverage part after the program.

The University Guild is open to all in the community. Annual membership is \$50. Guests are welcome and cost is \$5.00 per program.

The purpose of the University Guild is to bring to the membership the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the University, to work for the collection and exhibition of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts in the University and in Evanston. The University Guild also awards scholarships to students at Northwestern University. For more information, please visit our website, <http://theuniversityguild.org>

### February 5 The Greatest Performers of the American Music Theater

#### Dominic Missimi, Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University, Music Theater

One of our favorite speakers returns to talk about the Greatest Performers of the American Music Theater.

## Jefferson Park Winter Sunday Market

Winter Sunday Market - Jefferson Park, held at the Copernicus Center Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. January 28, 2018, March 18, 2018, April 29, 2018. Produce, canned goods, meats, crafts & more. Brunch available - Cash Bar. Free parking.

## Maxwell Street Market

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## Indoor Farmers' Market Opens Saturday!



Enjoy a taste of summer all winter long at the Evanston Ecology Center's Indoor Winter Farmers' Market! The market will be open every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon, through April 28.

## Friedman Place—A Place for Learning

Friedman Place provides many learning opportunities, not just for residents – we welcome social work interns from several local universities, as well as nursing students on rotations from Resurrection University.



Our last group of students just completed their rotation for the year and we await our next group that starts in January. The students gain a lot from being here and so do our residents!

Don't forget Friedman Place as you consider your year-end charitable giving. Your gifts help maintain the amazing programs and services that make Friedman Place a great PLACE for students and residents!

It's easy. Just call Laura Roth at (773) 409-6129.

## We Make For Good

Carolyn Reiner started Bears of Hope ten years ago to give handmade fabric bears to sick children and adults to hug and give them comfort and hope. Before starting the volunteer organization, Reiner and her friend, Joannie Purvin, tested many brands of poly-fil to decide which brand would be used to stuff the bears. Reiner said, "We chose Fairfield poly-fil because it was non-allergic, separated easily to pull apart and was not lumpy even after being machine washed and dried."



Jane Monzures (middle) with Bears volunteers (left to right) Sandy Taylor, Joannie Purvin, Carolyn Reiner, & Yvonne Sloan

In 2009, Reiner sent a letter to Fairfield Processing Corporation CEO & President, Sam Young, telling him Bears of Hope uses its poly-fil exclusively. Since then, Bears of Hope has received an in-kind donation of Fairfield Poly-fil. Reiner commented, "We are grateful for the poly-fil. We need lots of it each year to stuff our bears."

Fairfield's marketing department gave Reiner's contact information to Jane Monzures, a local TV and radio personality on WGN. Monzures was asked to put together a video about Fairfield's We Make for Good program. The program is about people making handmade crafts, quilts and more, which are donated to people in need. Since Bears of Hope participates in this program, Fairfield wanted the organization to be included in the video. Bears of Hope is listed on Fairfield's website We Made For Good, [www.FairfieldWorld.com](http://www.FairfieldWorld.com).

Reiner was surprised when Monzures called Bears of Hope and wanted to interview her for Fairfield's video We Make for Good program. Monzures and videographer, Cameron Downing, came to Bears of Hope's headquarters on December 5, 2017. Reiner was interviewed and three Bears volunteers, Joannie Purvin, Yvonne Sloan & Sandy Taylor were taped working on bears.

Other people and groups using Fairfield's Poly-fil to make something for others in need were also videotaped. We Make for Good, video will be on [FairfieldWorld.com](http://FairfieldWorld.com) in 2018.

For more information contact Bears of Hope [www.bearssofhope.com](http://www.bearssofhope.com) or [Bearssofhope.com](mailto:Bearssofhope.com)

## Oakton Community College is seeking qualified instructors to teach in the Adult Education Program.

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