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Statement from Mayor Emanuel on John Mahoney

John Mahoney was a fixture on the Chicago stage for over 30 years through countless award-winning performances. Even as his fame grew through his fantastic work in movies and television, John stayed connected to his artistic home here in Chicago in theaters and as a member of the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. Though he will be missed, his work and impact will endure for generations to come.



LENT BEGINS FEB. 14TH

Pick Up The Next Few Editions Of Our Village
For Delicious Lenten Recipe Ideas.



PACZKI DAY!

Every year, the Polish American Association (PAA) leverages its love of paczki with our compassion for those, who because of poverty or illness, are not able to share in the sweetness of life. This year there are two ways you can feast on fresh, delectable paczki and support the PAA's efforts to serve our community's most vulnerable members.



PRE-ORDER YOUR PACZKI ONLINE at www.polish.org/paczki2018 and pick up them up at any of Oak Mill Bakery's five (5) locations, or a PAA office, on Fat Thursday, February 8, 2018, and/or Fat Tuesday, February 13. A portion of each sale of one dozen paczki will be donated to the PAA!
Polish American Association (PAA), 3834 N. Cicero, Chicago



Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY 19, 2018
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NORTHWESTSIDE IRISH PARADE

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

SAVE THE DATE!



The 15th annual Northwest Irish Parade is a celebration of faith, family, & heritage on the Northwest side of Chicago in Norwood Park.

For more information, go to our website:
www.northwestsideirish.org

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Happy Valentine's Day

February 14th

See Pages 4 & 5 For More.

Polar Adventure Days

February 24, 12 Noon-4pm

Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Dr.



It's winter in Chicago - come out and enjoy it! Have fun while enjoying all the wonders of nature at the 13th annual Polar Adventure Days at Northerly Island. Explore Northerly Island and come face-to-face with live animals, engage in winter activities, and create nature-inspired crafts. See the full list of activities on the website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

2018



CHINESE FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Chinese New Year Kickoff Celebration

Friday, February 16, 12-1pm
Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall, 3rd Floor South

Celebrating its 34th year, the Chinese Fine Arts Society kicks off the Year of the Dog with a festive display of Chinese dance, music and martial arts. In addition to featuring some of Chicago's finest artists, the Chongqing Chuanju Theater Troupe, here from China, will give a special sneak peak of their upcoming performance at Symphony Center. The mystical art of mask changing will be featured, in addition to dramatic acts and acrobatic feats. Don't forget to wear red for good fortune! Presented in partnership with Choose Chicago.

Beer Tasting & Trivia Fundraiser

To benefit Community Animal Rescue Effort




TICKETS INCLUDE: TEN NINETY BREWS, GREAT FOOD, TRIVIA & GREAT PRIZES!

Sunday, February 25
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Ten Ninety Brewery
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SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE
Tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Trivia Teams consist of no more than 6 players. Must be 21.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Gladstone Park Holiday Coloring Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Holiday coloring contest.

Pictured from left to right:

Top row: Dr. Kristin Werner (Gladstone Chiropractic Group) and Jim Oehler (Ambassador-Weichert Realtors).

2nd row: Rosie A., Abigail H. and Andrea C.
3rd row: Mekaiylah-Mae G., Elijah C., Nalin T. and Lilyin T.



“Reducing Salt And Fat Without Sacrificing Flavor” Will Be Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On Feb. 21

Salt and fat add flavor to foods. This, of course, often means adding salt and leaving fat on the meat to enrich the flavor and tenderness. But how much salt and fat is acceptable for daily use? To hear more about preparing flavorful and tender dishes, come to Norwood Crossing’s Timely Talk, “Reducing Salt and Fat without Sacrificing Flavor,” at 2:00 p.m., on February 21, at Norwood Crossing Assisted Living, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Brian Goecking, a registered dietician with Presence Resurrection Medical Center, will make the presentation. He will explain the differences in fats, identify food choices low in saturated fat and cholesterol, show comparisons of saturated fats in foods, and suggest various dishes that are low in salt and fat.

A question and answer session, light refreshments and a raffle will take place after the event. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Community First Medical Center February Health Events



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

Friday, February 9

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

This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guest’s lectures. Registration not required.

Friday, February 9

Grief Support Group – 1:15 – 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.

Friday, February 9, 16 and 23

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

Silent mediation, 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, February 11, 18 and 25

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.

Tuesday, February 13

Senior Suites Belmont Cragin – 6045 W.
Grand Ave., Chicago – 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Chaplain Willy will give a lecture on grief. Gain an understanding of the causes and stages of grief.

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Thursday, February 15, and 22

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.

Monday, February 19

MontClare Senior Residents – 6650 W.
Belden Ave., Chicago – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Chaplain Willy will give a lecture on grief. Gain an understanding of the causes and stages of grief.

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Monday, February 19

To Mark American Heart Month – 11:30
a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Mather’s Café on Central,
3235 N. Central Ave., Chicago

Dr. David Fishman, Cardiologist, Community First Medical Center will discuss heart health, signs of cardiac disease and what you can do to keep your heart healthy. To register, please call 773-205-3300.

Thursday, February 22

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.

Saturday, February 24

Community First Medical Center Heart
Fest-8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., conference room A&B

Offerings at this event will include, EKG, Lipid Panel (fasting is required 8-10 hours), A1C screening, Osteoporosis screening, BMI, 2-week pass fitness center, smoking sensation information, talks with a dietician, a pharmacist and cardiologist, Dr. David Fishman. The cost to participate will be \$40. To register please call 773-282-7000.

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Career Fair

Thursday, February 22, 2018 — 10AM - 2PM

Community First Medical Center

5645 W. Addison - 7th Floor, Chicago, IL 60634

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Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Washington's Birthday is a United States federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first President of the United States. Colloquially, it is widely known as Presidents Day and is often an occasion to remember all the presidents, not just George Washington or Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is also in February. The term "Presidents Day" was coined in a deliberate attempt to change the holiday into one honoring multiple presidents.

The day is also a state holiday in most states with official names including Presidents' Day, President's Day and Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday. Depending upon the specific law, the state holiday might celebrate officially Washington alone, Washington and Lincoln, or some other combination of U.S. presidents. Some states celebrate Washington and the third president Thomas Jefferson but not Lincoln.

History

The federal holiday honoring George Washington was originally implemented by an Act of Congress in 1879 for gov-

ernment offices in Washington (20 Stat. 277) and expanded in 1885 to include all federal offices (23 Stat. 516). As the first federal holiday to honor an American president, the holiday was celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, February 22. On January 1, 1971, the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This date places it between February 15 and 21, which makes the name "Washington's Birthday" in some sense a misnomer, since it never occurs on Washington's actual birthday, February 22.

The first attempt to create a Presidents Day occurred in 1951 when the "President's Day National Committee" was formed by Harold Stone Bridge Fischer of Compton, California, who became its National Executive Director for the next two decades. The purpose was not to honor any particular President but to honor the office of the Presidency. It was first thought that March 4, the original inauguration day, should be deemed Presidents Day. However, the bill recognizing the March 4

date was stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee (which had authority over federal holidays). That committee felt that, because of its proximity to Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, three holidays so close together would be unduly burdensome. During this time, however, the Governors of a majority of the individual states issued proclamations declaring March 4 to be Presidents' Day in their respective jurisdictions.

An early draft of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act would have renamed the holiday to "Presidents' Day" to honor the birthdays of both Washington and Lincoln, which would explain why the chosen date falls between the two, but this proposal failed in committee, and the bill was voted on and signed into law on June 28, 1968, keeping the name as Washington's Birthday.

By the mid-1980s, with a push from advertisers, the term "Presidents' Day" began its public appearance.

In Washington's adopted hometown of Alexandria, Virginia, celebrations are held throughout the month of February.

Trivia Competition + Craft Beer Tasting For C.A.R.E.

By Janice Cha
C.A.R.E. volunteer

Enjoy Ten Ninety brews, great food, trivia and prizes at a fundraiser for C.A.R.E. This fun "bring-your-smarts" event will take place Sunday, Feb. 25, from 3 pm to 7 pm at Glenview's popular Ten Ninety Brewing Co., located at 1025 N. Waukegan Rd., Glenview, Ill.



Photo credit: The Bird Machine, Ten Ninety Brewing Co.

The ticket price includes pizza, snacks and desserts. Beer aficionados will enjoy all-you-can-taste Ten Ninety brews from 3 pm to 6 pm, followed by a cash bar for the final hour.

Trivia fans will get to test their mettle during an intense two-hour Trivia Game starting at 4 pm. The game, hosted by Pub Trivia USA, will be general-knowledge format. The team with the top score will win a Grand Prize of six tickets to a Chicago White Sox game plus a surprise gift from Ten Ninety Brewing.

In addition to craft brews and trivia gaming, participants can enjoy bidding on items from a Silent Auction or taking a chance on a 50-50 Raffle. At press time, Silent Auction donations include:

- Brew Master For a Day: Brew beer with the Ten Ninety team!
- DogBrew Box - donated by Winedog Winery
- The Bird Machine "In The Morning" Framed Print - signed by the artist Jay Ryan
- The Bird Machine "Cat Installer" Framed Print - signed by the artist Jay Ryan
- 3-Day Soul Cycle Pass - donated by Soul Cycle North Shore
- Custom Painted Tile Box - by artist Nina Lyman
- Hackney's Gift Card
- Heinen's Fine Foods Gift Card
- Georgia Nut Company Gift Basket

To take part in the event, participants will need to pre-register online. No tickets will be sold at the door. And because of the alcoholic element of this event, attendees must be 21 or older on 2/25/18.

For individuals, the fee is \$60. Should you want to be seated with other players, please include your Team Name and/or Team Captain's name when prompted. If this field is left blank, you may be seated with fellow animal-loving trivia players.

A better bargain is the Team Table, which runs \$300 for six people. Team Table tickets are discounted and allows you to form your own team with five other players.

Many thanks our sponsors who are making this event possible. Sponsors include, in addition to Ten Ninety Brewing Co. and Village Inn Pizzeria Sports Bar & Grill, the following companies: Georgia Nut Company, Hackney's, Heinen's Fine Foods, Maximum Independent Brokerage, Nina Lyman, Soul Cycle North Shore, The Bird Machine, Vinic Wine and Wine Dog Winery.

To register or to find more details go to: carenorthshore.org/trivia.



Community Animal
Rescue Effort

Matching Pets With People Since 1987

Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) is a Skokie-based, volunteer-operated, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization founded in 1987. C.A.R.E.'s mission is to rehome companion pets into safe forever homes; to serve as an educational and counseling resource; and to work to reduce pet overpopulation. C.A.R.E. plans to open an animal rescue facility at 4927 Main St., Skokie, in Spring 2018. Learn more about C.A.R.E. by visiting online at CAREnorthshore.org, or at [Facebook.com/CAREevanston](https://www.facebook.com/CAREevanston).

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service hosts Call-A-Lawyer on the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will give free legal advice over the phone to Chicagoland residents who call (312) 554-2001.

Attorneys will be available to answer general questions on a variety of legal issues including (but not limited to) bankruptcy, domestic relations, immigration, personal injury and Social Security. Callers can explain their situations to attorneys who will suggest self-help strategies to resolve their legal issues. If callers need further legal services, they will be advised to see their attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

The CBA Lawyer Referral Service is one of few bar associations in the country to meet the American Bar Association Standards for lawyer referral and approved to use its logo and slogan, "The Right Call for the Right Lawyer™." For referral to an experienced attorney, the public can contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service at 312-554-2001 during business hours or through the Web site at www.chicagobar.org.

Statement from Mayor Emanuel on Brian Urlacher's Election to the Hall of Fame

Brian Urlacher's toughness, his never quit attitude and his hard working style embodied what it means to be a Chicago Bear and what it means to be a Chicagoan. He was a Monster of the Midway who left his personal stamp on the proud tradition of Bears linebackers, and his number 54 struck fear in the hearts of opposing offenses. With today's vote, Urlacher will forever be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, but he earned his place in the hearts of Bears fans long ago. I join all Bears fans in congratulating Brian on his election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



Treasurer Summers Announces 2018 Black History Month Essay Competition

At the beginning of Black History Month, Chicago City Treasurer Kurt Summers was proud to announce the 11th Annual Black History Month Essay Competition. Each year, the City Treasurer's Office sponsors the essay competition in partnership with BMO Harris Bank.

"For me, Black History Month is a time to reflect not only on our community's past but also on our collective future," Treasurer Summers said. "That's why I'm so excited to be once again partnering with BMO Harris Bank to host this essay competition—and to learn more about how our youth think about the social, racial, and economic challenges and opportunities in our neighborhoods."

"BMO's commitment to diversity and inclusion extends beyond our workplace to include the communities we serve," added Diane Whatton, Head of U.S. Community Affairs for BMO Harris Bank. "Sponsoring the Black History Month Essay Competition is a meaningful way we can demonstrate our commitment to education while celebrating the achievements and contributions of African Americans."

The annual scholarship contest is open to all CPS seniors and requires no minimum grade point average. Students must plan on attending college this fall and are required to write an essay on a topic related to Black History Month.

This year's essay topic is: "What is a key issue that people in your community face that often goes unnoticed? What role can public and private investments in your community play in addressing that issue? How can you play a positive role in shaping those investments?"


The \$2,500 scholarship will be used to support the award winner's first year of college tuition. To apply, CPS seniors should visit: <http://www.chicagocitytreasurer.com/city-treasurers-black-history-month-essay-contest>.

Chicago Celebrates Black History Month

The City of Chicago today begins a month-long celebration of Black History Month. City departments are hosting a myriad of family friendly events in neighborhoods across the city for residents to gather, learn and reflect on the accomplishments, history, culture and contributions of black Americans in Chicago and throughout our nation's history.

"From our city's founding by Jean Baptiste Point du Sable to today, black history has been inseparable from Chicago's history. The lasting contributions of Chicago's African American community have defined our past and continue to shape Chicago's future," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "This month is an opportunity to reflect on the ways African Americans strengthened our nation and sacrificed for it, to share those stories with our children and to celebrate a spirit of unity and equality as one city."

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Crossing Delancey performs Feb 2 to Feb 18

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director
 At some point in our lives, we all have to make a choice. Do we follow the path laid out for us by others or do we break from tradition and go our own way? This is the choice that Isabella faces in *Crossing Delancey*, a sly romantic comedy by Susan Sandler.

Crossing Delancey has charmed audiences for decades as it explores the bonds of family and tradition; the culture clash of old East Side and new West Side; and the romantic benefits of a new hat. Isabelle Grossman is a young Jewish girl who is living the dream. She has a rent-controlled apartment in New York's upper West Side, a job at a prestigious independent bookstore, plenty of friends, and a handsome local author to dream about. None of this matters to her Bubbie, however, a strong-minded, fiercely loving, traditional Jewish grandmother, who worries about single Isabelle, living alone in a room, like a dog! Unbeknownst to Isabelle, Bubbie hires a marriage broker to save the day -- and she is introduced to pleasant and unassuming Sam, who runs his own pickle stand on the Lower East Side. Isabelle does not believe she could have anything in common with a pickle man, but just as she seems to be getting the attention of Tyler Moss -- the highbrow writer after whom she has been hankering -- Isabelle is blindsided by Sam's subtle wit and wisdom. Can Sam persuade Isabelle to change her style, after all? Will Bubbie cleverly maneuver them together?



Crossing Delancey was written by Susan Sandler. It was first produced in 1985. In 1998, Sandler turned her play into a critically-acclaimed movie that starred Amy Irving and David Hyde Pierce. Jewish stage actress Reizl Bozyk made her only film appearance as Bubbie, recreating the role she played on Broadway.

Crossing Delancey stars Chicago actress Daniella Rukin as Isabelle. With Kevin Costello, Nat Kier, Debra Rodkin, and Anita Silvert in the role of Bubbie. It is directed by Joseph Jefferson Award-winner Stephen M. Genovese.

Crossing Delancey runs February 2 to February 18, 2018. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, with a matinee on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students and can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by calling 847-677-7761. And if you mention Our Village, we'll give you another \$5 off your ticket.

What better way is there to spend Valentine's Day than watching a young couple fall in love? Note for the musically inclined: Skokie Idol 2018 is off and running. This year's contestants are Neil Arora, Michelle Bandura, Justyna Biala, Becca Blatt, Jamie Kimmel-Choldin, Charlie Duggan, James Earl Jones II, Jordan Lancaster, Jessica Lenhardt, Rebecca Lorenz, Isabel Loza, Molly McDonagh, Athena Maliekkal, Isabella Reyes, Maya Roman, Matthew Schufreider, Barbara Smith, Talia Spector, Jaden Torres, Kristopher Valentin, Ella Walker, and Bob Weaver. Come vote for your favorites when the first weekly sing-off starts on Feb. 3 at noon. Admission is only \$5 at the door.

Statement From Mayor Emanuel On Chicago Being The "World's Best City For Having It All"

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today released the following statement regarding Time Out rating Chicago the "World's Best City for Having it All" for the second year in a row.

"For the second consecutive year, Chicago has been recognized as the "World's Best City for Having it All." Chicagoans already know we live in the world's greatest city, so it was no surprise we were awarded the top spot for the affordability and quality of life in our neighborhoods, our world-class culture and restaurants, and the accessibility and reliability of our transit. Chicago continually comes out on top, whether as Bon Appétit's "Restaurant City of the Year," Condé Nast's "Best Big City in the U.S." or as the top city on Redfin's recent ranking of cities with the best neighborhoods. At the end of the day, no place in the world beats Chicago because no one can compete with the work ethic and character of Chicagoans."

The full list can be found here: <https://www.timeout.com/chicago/news/chicago-named-the-worlds-best-city-for-having-it-all-012918>

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Now Accepting Submissions For The 35th Chicago International Children's Film Festival

Facets' 35th Chicago International Children's Film Festival (November 1 - 9, 2018) will start accepting submissions on Monday, February 5, 2018. Regular submission deadline is May 1, 2018 and the late deadline is May 31, 2018. Festival rules and regulations must be read before submitting, more information can be found at facets.org/festival/submit.

The 35th Chicago International Children's Film Festival seeks the best, most innovative international films for kids and teens that both entertain audiences and challenge them to widen their perspectives. But more importantly, the Festival seeks films that are made for kids, not simply about them.

Students Kick Off Lunar New Year At Governor's Office

In The Year Of The Dog, We Celebrate Loyalty, Bravery And Responsibility

Students from one of the Midwest's largest Chinese schools decorated the Governor's Office in preparation for the Lunar New Year.

For the second year in a row, the students from the Ray Chinese School, located in the Naperville/Lisle community, hung ornaments and artwork at the entrance to the governor's office as part of a Lunar New Year cultural exhibition. The 50 students, ranging from kindergarten through junior high, also proudly sang a Lunar New Year song and recited a poem for the governor and staff. They then hung the poem at the office's front entrance to bring the governor's office and the State of Illinois good luck and success in the new year.

The governor, joined by Consul General Hong Lei, praised the students, parents, teachers and community leaders for helping celebrate the Year of the Dog and continuing to celebrate the rich heritage of the Chinese people.

"I'd like to extend a special thank you to the students for sharing such a special tradition at the governor's office to help spread the excitement of the Lunar New Year," Gov. Bruce Rauner said. "This will surely bring good luck to the entire State of Illinois."

"I am very happy to join Governor Rauner and teachers and students from Ray Chinese School for the Chinese New Year celebration," said Consul General Lei. "Two thousand eighteen is the Year of the Dog. I wish everyone a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year of the Dog, and a more stable and closer friendship and partnership between China and the State of Illinois!"

The Lunar New Year is celebrated during the second new moon after the winter solstice and falls on Feb. 16 this year. According to Chinese legend, Buddha asked all the animals to meet him on New Year's Day. He named the months in order of the 12 animals that arrived. During the Lunar New Year, families would travel near and far to gather and lavishly celebrate the end of the year and welcome in a new year. This will be the Year of the Dog, celebrating traits of the dog including loyalty, bravery and responsibility.

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.



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while classes are in session.
DANK Haus Library, 4th Floor

Stammtisch - Starkbierfest

Feb 16 | 7:30pm | 6th Floor

Join us for our regular open house night! Get to know the organization, and enjoy a new theme each month!

On the third Friday of every month, the DANK Haus hosts a Stammtisch on the 6th floor in the beautiful Skyline Lounge. We invite everyone to the Haus to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. Each night has a theme to get the conversations started from trivia and game nights to Elvis and German bands. It's a great night for dancing, drinking, eating, and taking in the gorgeous view of the city from the terrace. Alle sind willkommen!

DANK Haus Hosts 5th Annual Culture Bridge International Art Festival

The DANK Haus German American Cultural Center is proud to host the 5th annual Culture Bridge/Kulturbrücke International Art Festival. This month-long cross-cultural event will feature over 60 artists in an exhibition of art, dance, film screenings, and presentations.

This year's theme is Masterful Moxie: The Power of Art curated by Laura Engel. Over 60 visual artists submitted work that will be on display in the Scharpenberg Art Gallery of the DANK Haus. Scheduled events include multiple film and video screenings from local and German producers, presentations by the Working Women's History Project, original plays, fashion shows, and dance performances.

The Opening Reception will be held February 10th from 6pm - 10pm in the Scharpenberg Gallery located on the fourth floor of the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center at 4740 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. The center is located just a half block from the Brown Line Western station. Free parking is available in the MB Financial Bank parking lot on weekends and after 5pm on weekdays.

The Scharpenberg Gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 1 - 5pm. Additional events featured every weekend throughout the festival can be found on the website <https://dankhaus.com/Art-Gallery>.

All events will be in English and German. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Art works and prints will be available for sale on-site for the duration of the festival.

DANK Haus — 4740 N. Western Ave. | Chicago, IL 60625
(773) 561-9181 • dankhaus.com

Celebrate Valentine's Day In The Parks With Dances And Parties



The Chicago Park District celebrates Valentine's Day in February with numerous dances and parties throughout the city including the traditional daddy-daughter/mommy-son dances. Most events feature music, refreshments, photo opportunities, games and an arts and crafts station.

Many programs are free or have nominal entrance fees. The following are upcoming events. Register here.

Family Valentine Dance at Blackhawk Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 7pm – 9pm
- Blackhawk Park, 2318 N. Laverne Ave., (312) 746-5014
- Free, Family Friendly

Come out to our annual FREE Family Valentine dance!

Valentine's Day Dance at Sheil Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6 pm – 8 pm
- Sheil Park, 3505 N. Southport Ave., (312) 742-7826
- Admission \$10 per person, Family Friendly

Come dance the night away with your sweetheart. This family friendly social will for sure become an annual event for your family! Get your tickets early. We have limited space.

Daddy Daughter Dance Partnership at Loyola Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
- Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave., (773) 262-8605
- Admission \$7, all ages

This event brings daddy and daughters together for an unforgettable night of dinner and dancing. This activity is presented

by the Loyola Park Advisory Council.

Family Valentine Dance Partnership at Gompers Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 7 pm – 8:30 pm
- Gompers Park, 4222 W. Foster Ave., (773) 685-3270
- Admission \$5, all ages

Put on your dancin' shoes and join us for our annual Family Valentine's Day Dance. This event is presented by the Gompers Park Advisory Council.

Mom/Son & Dad/Daughter Valentine's Dance at Brands Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6 pm – 7 pm
- Brands Park, 3259 N Elston Ave., (773) 478-2414
- Admission \$5, at least 3 but less than 6 | Ticket covers parent and child.

Join us for our annual Mommy/Son, Daddy/Daughter Dance! We will play musical hearts, chicken dance, hockey pokey, and light refreshments will be served. Don't miss the party of the year!

Mom/Son & Dad/Daughter Valentine's Dance at Haas Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6 pm – 7 pm
- Haas Park, 2402 N. Washtenaw Ave., (312) 742-7552
- Admission \$10, 12 & under

Join us for our annual Mommy/Son, Daddy/Daughter Dance! Don't miss the party of the year!

Valentine's Dance - Family at Mayfair Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., (773) 685-3361
- Admission \$5, all ages

Put on your dancin' shoes and join us for our annual Family Valentine's Day Dance. Concessions and photo op (separate fee) are provided by the Mayfair Park Advisory Council (MPAC).

Valentine Dance at Horner Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., (773) 478-3499
- Admission \$5, all ages

Bring the family for a fabulous Valentine Dance. The Horner Park Jazz Band will provide live music for this family evening. Photo opportunity and light refreshments.

Valentine Dinner & a Movie at Indian Boundary Park

- Friday, Feb. 9, 6 pm – 8:30 pm
- Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Ave., (773) 764-0338
- Admission \$5, all ages | Doors open at 6 pm, Movie starts at 6:30 pm

What says "I love you" better than a dinner & a movie in the park? Spend the evening at our family friendly event. Come dressed to impress as you spend an evening out on the town. Enjoy dinner, dessert, and the Disney classic "Cinderella."

Adler Planetarium Announces the Return of Award-Winning Temporary Exhibition What Is a Planet? Opening February 16

Twelve years after its reclassification to dwarf planet, Pluto is still plagued by its lack of true planet status. If Pluto isn't a planet, then what is? What made the International Astronomical Union reclassify Pluto in 2006? On February 16, Adler's award-winning temporary exhibition, What is a Planet? will be returning to continue the conversation.

The accepted definition of a planet has changed quite a bit over the past 500 years. At various times, the term has been used to describe the Sun, the Moon, and asteroids. And would you believe that Earth—the most familiar planet of all—hasn't always been considered a planet?!

So how do you define a planet? As scientists learn more about how the Universe works, they make discoveries that don't fit neatly into old ways of thinking. In What is a Planet?, guests will discover that new approaches and perspectives in science can change how we define worlds near and far.

The exhibition addresses the most compelling questions in astronomy, like why Pluto is no longer a planet, in a fun, dynamic way, and demonstrates how new approaches and perspectives in science can help change our view of the Universe. In the exhibit, guests explore artifacts from the Adler's collections that show how "planets" aren't what they used to be, witness how astronomers and the media reacted to Pluto's reclassification in 2006, and discover what it requires to be a planet today.

What to Expect:

- Witness how astronomers and the media reacted to Pluto's demotion in 2006.
- Learn what the current definition of a planet is and hear what Adler astronomers think of this current definition.
- Voice your opinion about Pluto alongside skeptics and space enthusiasts through an interactive voting poll in real-time.
- Explore artifacts from the Adler collections that illustrate the ever-evolving definition of a planet.

What is a Planet?, which had its first run at the Adler Planetarium from March 19, 2016-January 8, 2017, was awarded first prize in the 2016 British Society for the History of Science (BSHS) Great Exhibitions competition in November 2016. Qualifying exhibits needed to address the history of science, technology, or medicine, and were judged on audience experience including originality, clarity, design, and learning.

This temporary exhibition, which is included with general admission, will be open to the public February 16, 2018 through October 21, 2018.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/what-is-a-planet>.

Adler Planetarium — 1300 South Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605
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Celebrate Mardi Gras With Us!



Join the the Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce & the Northwest Connection Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 at Paradise Club @ 6:00 p.m.
7068 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634

Event includes casual business networking, music, beads, food & prizes.
\$15 for members; \$25 for non-members.

To reserve your space, call the Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce.
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Adult Enrichment Course At Resurrection College Prep High School

Jesus Christ: The Face of the Father's Mercy
An Adult Lenten Spirituality Course

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm ~ February 6 & 20 and March 6 & 20, 2018 ~ Course Fee \$50

All community members are welcome to participate in an Adult Lenten Spirituality course entitled Jesus Christ: The Face of the Father's Mercy. Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: February 6 & 20 and March 6 & 20, 2018. The cost is \$50 - to register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org.

The title for this course is taken from the new book by Pope Francis, The Works of Mercy. The title is a summary of the theology expressed in Pope Francis' book, expressing that God has shown mercy and unconditional love for us and that we are called to extend that mercy and love to our brothers and sisters.

Participants will explore Catholic social teaching on the corporal works of mercy as we live out these works we bring healing to ourselves and to our world. The books for the course include the following: The Works of Mercy by Pope Francis, The Works of Mercy: The Heart of Catholicism by James F. Keenan, S.J., Discovering the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition: A Life-Giving Vision by John Kruse, and The Road to Character by David Brooks.

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo, Religious Studies teacher and Chamber Orchestra director, who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University.

Annual Young Women's Math Olympics At Resurrection College Prep

Resurrection College Prep provides academic and athletic opportunities for current and prospective students. As an all-girls school, Resurrection is proud to cite the advantages to learning in an all-girl environment from the National Coalition of Girls' Schools. Advantages include greater individual attention, higher academic achievement, greater success in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, reduced gender stereotypes and greater leadership opportunities. Resurrection provides a learning environment that prepares young women for success, in part because the culture of a single-gender school allows girls to display their intelligence, take risks and develop confidence in their own areas of strength.

On Friday, February 16, 2018, Resurrection College Prep High School's Mathematics Department, together with the Resurrection Math Club, will sponsor the Young Women's Math Olympics. This academic competition is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th-grade girls. Admission is free of charge and participants will receive refreshments and prizes, play games, and use their math skills in a fun and friendly competition. Check-in begins at 3:30 pm and the contest and awards will conclude at approximately 5:30 pm. Participants should bring a calculator and #2 pencils. Students will compete individually and top scorers will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Algebra and Geometry. Fourth and Fifth place participants will receive certificates.

Parents, teacher and school administrators from participating schools are welcome to attend. Resurrection students will be available to provide tours to visitors during the time when participants are competing. Registration for the Young Women's Math Olympics, as well as additional information about events and programs that nurture the full potential of young women, can be found online on www.reshs.org.



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



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It's a Mystery! — Tues., Feb. 13 at 6:30 pm

Do you enjoy reading mysteries? Would you like to share your favorite books and authors with other readers? Then attend our program and come prepared to talk about 2-3 mystery books or authors that you really loved. Register online at chipublib.org or call 312-744-1478.

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Do you know that Edgebrook Library offers FREE homework help to children two days per week? Teacher in the Library Jessica Gallanis is available on Monday evenings from 4:00-7:00 p.m., and Homework Helper Rachel Kaiser is available from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Please call the branch at 312-744-8313 for more info. No appointments are necessary.

LEGO Challenges at the Library — Saturday, Feb. 10th @ 3:30 p.m.

Use your imagination and creativity to complete a LEGO® challenge. For ages 5-10 yrs.

Read the Book! Watch the Movie! Valentine's Day Edition — Wednesday, February 14th @ 1:00 p.m.

For Valentine's Day, we will be reading and watching *Nights in Rodanthe* by Nicholas Sparks. Visit the reference desk for a copy of the book and for a copy of the film on DVD, which stars Diane Lane and Richard Gere. Then read the book and watch the movie at home, and we'll get together on February 14th to discuss both. Refreshments will be provided.

Chicago Chess Kids — Saturday, February 17th @ 9:30 a.m.

This club is committed to nurturing chess skills and fostering an appreciation for the game. Each session begins with an instructor giving a lesson on chess strategy/tactics, and the remainder of the session is reserved for practice games. For ages 6 yrs. and up.

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Early Reader Book Club — Tues., Feb. 13 at 4:30 pm

Join other new readers in grades K-2 as we read a story aloud together and then do other fun activities! Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. This month's story is *Mouse and Mole, Secret Valentine* by Wong Herbert Yee. Copies of the book will be available in the program.

After School Science — Weds., Feb. 14 at 4:30 pm

Drop in for a fun afternoon doing science experiments and hanging out with friends.

Kids Book Club — Tues., Feb. 20 at 4:30 pm

For February, we will be reading: *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey. Copies of the books are available for checkout at the Reference Desk. This program is recommended for elementary school children, grades 3-5. We meet in the 1st floor meeting room for a book discussion, followed by a light snack and simple craft project or activity.

Austin-Irving Branch, 6100 W. Irving Park Road, 312-744-6222
Hours: Mon. & Wed. 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed Sunday)

The Adoption Process From A To Z

An adult continuing education class offers an in-depth look at "The Adoption Process from A to Z". Offered through the New Trier Extension Community Education Program, one session will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, from 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. at the New Trier High School, 7 Happ Rd., Northfield, Illinois, 60093. This program is open to the public.

How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

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Baby Boomer Children Working with Parents Who Have Hearing Loss

It's never easy when a parent has hearing loss. There are a number of challenges standing in your way, and many families tend to live with the issue longer than they should before getting their loved one the treatment he or she needs.

Some of the challenges children of aging parents face include:

1. The gradual progression of hearing loss — frequently, hearing loss happens slowly over time, which makes it harder for the person it's happening to become aware of the problem. A person may begin to unknowingly do things to compensate for the hearing loss, such as standing closer to those who are speaking, or turning up the TV louder (which is why a loud TV is one of the clear signs of hearing loss).

2. A desire for independence — it's perfectly natural for parents to want to maintain some level of personal independence. That may mean that they don't want to admit they are experiencing hearing loss and they may be hesitant to agree to go in for a test and treatment. They may also think that some amount of hearing loss is normal as they age and just want to live with it.

3. Worries about cost of treatment — parents may think that hearing aids would cost a significant amount of money and be worried that they can't afford the costs of treatment. That may lead them to ignore or minimize the importance

of their hearing loss.

4. Lack of familiarity with advances in the field — parents may remember the bulky hearing aids of days gone by and be hesitant to commit to wearing such a device. Of course, they may not know that modern hearing aids are a fraction of the size of the old ones and are made to fit into a patient's life much more seamlessly and conveniently.

One thing we do know is that again and again we've interacted with patients whose children have brought them in for a hearing test after having to do some convincing. In nearly every case, after the patient gets comfortable, reviews his or her options, and gets set up with a hearing device, they've reported dramatically improved quality of life. Their independence can be maintained as children know their parent is hearing optimally when at home or out.

Wondering how to approach the subject?

• Start By Simply Asking

Ask your parent if they have had any problems hearing (in a non-threatening manner). Example: "When we were at dinner last night, I noticed you couldn't understand the waitress, is that correct?"

• Express Urgency for Treatment

Express urgency in getting hearing loss treated. Hearing loss can cause people to become isolated, depressed, and also have cognitive decline.



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.

Foster Harlem Property Owners Association Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 7:00 PM

St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5115 North Mont Clare Avenue (Mont Clare & Carmen Ave)

Guest Speakers:

Mark Grishaber Principal, Taft High School

News from our local high school including information about the new proposed satellite campus at Irving Park and Oak Park Avenues.

Office of the 41st Ward

Information regarding the upcoming Participatory Budget.

Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition

An update of what is being done to curb the increased noise and air pollution from O'Hare air traffic.

New Families Anonymous Group

The Families Anonymous support group will hold free weekly meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays beginning Jan. 30, at New Hope Methodist Church Church, 7115 W. Hood Street.

The 12-step program supports families whose lives are affected by the use of drugs or alcohol and the related behavioral problems of a relative.

For more information about F. A. visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

For more information about this local meeting call 773-315-0548/Lloyd Williams.

Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On February 27 & March 1

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 Feb. 27 and Mar. 1, 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.

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.

Feb. 13th Networking Event w/ Harwood Heights Chamber!

All members must pay in advance* Must RSVP by 2/6

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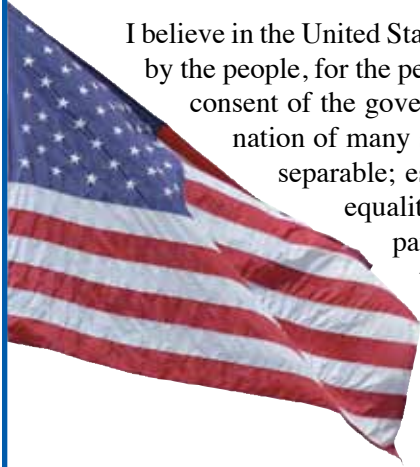
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Chaplains Remembrance

American Legion Post 541 and Post 806 held a joint remembrance ceremony of the 75th Anniversary of the Four Chaplains. It commemorated

the sinking of the USS Dorchester on February 3, 1943 when it was torpedoed by a German U-Boat off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic.

The four Chaplains, (Alexander D. Goode (rabbi), George L. Fox (Methodist), Clark V. Poling (Baptist) and John P. Washington (Catholic)) were among the 904 men aboard the Dorchester as part of a three-ship convoy. The torpedo hit the ship's electrical system causing complete darkness. As the men evacuated the rapidly sinking ship, the four chaplains offered calming counsel and gave life jackets to each person. When no life jackets remained, each Chaplain gave away their own life jackets.

Norwood Crossing in Norwood Park (Nina & Northwest Highway) 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago conducted a memorial in the Pedersen Chapel, on Sunday, Feb. 4. The service was conducted by Norwood Crossing Chaplain Dale Tippett, Chaplain of American Legion Billy Caldwell Post 806. Also participating were Pastor Paul Pfeffer, Chaplain of American Legion Edison Park Post 541 & District 9 Chaplain.



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.

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 or visit (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.



Spring Planting Is Near: Join The Arbor Day Foundation In February And Receive 10 Free Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2018 will receive 10 free Norway spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE NORWAY SPRUCE TREES or TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2018, or visit arborday.org/february.



We Celebrate The Ethnic Diversity Of Chicago's Heritage Village Cooking Corner

HUNGARIAN CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

On Easter Sunday last year our family was gathered at my younger brother's house to celebrate and share a great meal and desserts. I was surprised when two of my nieces asked me for the recipe for Hungarian Chicken Paprikash. I assured them that I would give it to them. Sometime later I looked in three Hungarian cook books which I have in English, as well as in two more in German, and each one was different! It was very frustrating, and that is why I didn't give the recipe to the young ladies until Thanksgiving, along with a container of authentic "Szeged" Hungarian Paprika. Here is how I learned it from my mother:



Ingredients: Whole chicken, cut up; or chicken legs, or chicken tenders available at Aldi & other stores. Sweet Hungarian paprika (Szeged) or sharp if you so desire. Onion, garlic, sour cream, flour, water, and salt to taste.

Procedure: If you have a whole chicken, cut it up into pieces or use chicken legs, cut in half. Remove excess fatty skin, but leave on some of the less fatty skin. Anytime you use meat with bones in it, it will give you a more hearty flavor. Use a bit of olive or vegetable oil and brown the chicken on both sides, then set aside. Chop the onion & brown in same pan. When nicely browned, add the chopped garlic and paprika and stir constantly for about a minute. Use about 1-1/2 tsp. paprika. I suggest you measure it & then record how it turned out. If you're not sure, use less rather than more because you can always add some. Add about one cup of water (or enough to cover the meat) and stir. You can always add more if needed. Add the chicken pieces and salt lightly. Cover the pot and simmer until the chicken is tender, turning the meat over at least once. To finish the dish, use about 2 tablespoons of sour cream, which you have taken out of refrigerator so that it at room temperature, and stir in about the same amount of flour with only enough water so it is the consistency of gravy. Use your judgment, depending on how much gravy you need for the amount of chicken you have. When chicken is done, push pieces to one side & slowly add the sour cream mixture, stirring constantly. Keep the heat low and allow to thicken. Mix together with the chicken and keep stirring and then taste the sauce. Serve with homemade or bought spaetzle or pasta of your choice, cooked "al dente." Or, you can add peeled potatoes when the chicken is simmering. Test for doneness. Serve with a vegetable or salad of your choice. Good luck & enjoy!

Maria P. Bappert

P.S. There's an old German saying which goes like this: "Love goes through the stomach."

Nominate An Older Adult In Evanston For The 2018 Aging Well Award

Evanston community members and organizations are encouraged to nominate an older adult in Evanston who has made an impact in the local community through his or her interest in aging for the 2018 Aging Well Award. Nominations should be submitted by Thursday, March 1.

The nomination form can be completed online at cityofevanston.org/agingwell. Printed nomination forms are also available at the Morton Civic Center, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, Room 1100, 2100 Ridge Ave., and at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

All nominees will be critiqued on both outstanding personal acts and/or community impact. The nominee may have impacted the community and improved the quality of the lives of older adults through outstanding leadership as well as the application of time, resources or advocacy.

The winner of the 2018 Aging Well Award will be honored at the 20th annual Evanston Aging Well Conference on Friday, May 4 at the Levy Center. The free half-day conference provides strategies for healthy aging for older adults, their families, caregivers and professionals. Registration for the event will open in March 2018.

Previous winners of the Aging Well Award include Mayor Lorraine H. Morton, Father Robert Oldershaw, William Logan, Julia Hagwood, Gerri Sizemore, Ellen Butkus and Ellen Browne.

For more information regarding the Evanston Aging Well award or conference, please contact Ann Searles at 847-679-2372 or searlesil@yahoo.com.

Backyard Bird Watch

The Audubon Society Announces The Great Backyard Bird Count Begins on February 16th. For more information visit our website at: www.audubon.org



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.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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