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ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 20th



Armed Forces Day honors all branches of the armed forces of the United States. It is celebrated on the third Saturday of May with military exercises on land, at sea, and in the air. Military installations are usually open to the public on Armed Forces Day.

President Harry S. Truman proclaimed Armed Forces Day, and it was first celebrated in May, 1950. It replaced three separate celebrations for the Air Force, Army, and Navy. James V. Forrestal, the first secretary of defense, helped unite the armed services under the Department of Defense after World War II ended in 1945. (Taken from World

Book, 1999 Edition)

We honor all of our men and women of the military everyday of the year for their selfless patriotism and service to all of us.

They keep us safe and watch over us not only at home but in the far corners of the earth where they are assigned. We can never express deeply enough our unwavering support and pride in these exceptional people, past, present and future.

Respect. Honor. Remember.

The City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events are honored to announce the Grand Marshal for Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, May 27. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. on Daley Plaza (Dearborn and Washington Streets). The parade will then step off at noon and proceed south on State Street from Lake Street to Van Buren Street. Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, will serve as the parade's Grand Marshal.

During the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade, the City of Chicago honors fallen heroes and Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the United States Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty. Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, Gold Star Lapel Pins and the Next of Kin Lapel Pins are presented to families not as an award, but as symbols of honor worn by family members in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and their ultimate sacrifice.

Parade Grand Marshal

United States Marine Corps, Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, will serve as the Grand Marshal. Lieutenant General Walsh attended the U.S. Naval Academy and went on to become a Naval Aviator in 1981. After attending the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School and serving on two deployments, he assumed the duties as a flight instructor at TOPGUN in 1987. In 2002, he graduated from the National War College in Washington D.C. with a Masters in Science in National Security Strategy. He has served in countless command posts to include as the Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing deploying the wing to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009. He assumed his current command in August 2015. For the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade, he will join Mayor Rahm Emanuel along with service members, veterans and Gold Star families in remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Major General John A. Logan Patriot Award

John Schwan is this year's recipient of the Major General John A. Logan Patriot Award for his leadership, patriotism and selfless devotion to serving veterans and active duty military through Operation Support Our Troops America, a foundation dedicated to improving the lives of soldiers currently serving and aiding returning veterans in finding employment and other services. Mr. Schwan is active in the Sheridan First Cavalry Chapter, and serves as a board member for Leave No Veteran Behind as well as for the Pritzker Military Museum and Library. He is also the chairman of the Armed Forces Council at the Union League Club of Chicago. Mr. Schwan is a Vietnam era veteran, having served 1966-1971 and was in country during parts of 1967 and 1968. He attended OCS at Fort Benning with active duty in the First Air Cavalry Division. He is a service-related disabled veteran; awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal, two Bronze Stars with V for Valor device and a Purple Heart. He has been an entrepreneur for over 40 years and is currently the CEO of CTI Industries in Barrington, IL.

Cadets of the Year Award

The mission of the JROTC is to motivate young people to be better citizens. Each year the City of Chicago acknowledges the outstanding contributions of our cadets to our community by honoring JROTC students with the Cadet of the Year Award. Cadet Brigadier General Cinthia Estrada, a student at Lane Tech College Prep, and Cadet Colonel Samuel Ferguson, a student at the Phoenix Military Academy, have been chosen this year for their commitment to excellence and as role models to their peers. Both students have stellar academic records and are deserving of this award. Each cadet will receive a scholarship for future academic endeavors awarded by Tom Day and his organization Bugles Across America.

Memorial Day has a rich history. It began shortly after the Civil War ended when General John Logan proclaimed that the 30th day of May be designated for the purpose of decorating the graves of soldiers who died. The day, first observed on May 30, 1868, was called Decoration Day. The modern day event is similar, but the original idea has been expanded and now honors all fallen soldiers.

The Chicago parade is considered one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the nation. Participants in the parade include area high school marching bands, drum and bugle corps as well as many veterans' groups, 6,000 JROTC cadets and the military. Parade participants will also include the singing of the National Anthem by Aleece Baker on behalf of the USO of Illinois as well as a procession of antique military vehicles provided by the USO.

The Chicago Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony are presented by the City of Chicago. For more information about the Illinois Gold Star, visit goldstarpins.org. For more information regarding the ceremony and the parade, please visit cityofchicago.org/dcace.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is one of our most patriotic holidays in the United States of America. It is the day we have set aside to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and for all of us.

These fallen heroes, recent and past, fought for the United States to create and preserve the freedoms and liberties with which we are blessed, that go far beyond those that any other nation on earth has ever had.

One day, reserved for so many, is very little time taken out of 365 days in the entire year to remember and to thank our heroes. This is also a time when we should ask the question of ourselves how to best contribute our efforts to insure that all the world knows how very special we are as a Country.

Although America is having difficult times right now, we are fortunate to still have those who are still giving their all in defending our amazing American way of life.

We are forever grateful for their service and we pray that God blesses them in their mission.



(See Pages 6 & 7 for Local Tributes and Parades)

**We Celebrate Our Law Enforcement Officers
This Week, And Every Day Of The Year.
We Thank You For Your Brave Service And For
Keeping Our World A Safer Place**



Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade

**Grand Marshall,
Lucille Janssens Leads
This Year's Parade**

(Turn To Page 3 For Her Story And
Page 7 For Parade Details)



We will never forget

This Memorial Day, we join our community and the nation in honoring all service men and women who sacrificed their lives to preserve our freedom.

Their patriotism and sacrifice have given us a legacy of freedom and hope.



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Community First Medical Center May Health Events



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

Sunday, May 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.

Sunday, May 21

Friends of Vaughn Occupational High School Vendor Fair - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 4355 N. Linder Avenue, Chicago.

Amy Loria, RD, Community First Medical

Center will provide Nutritional Information, answer questions and provide BMI.

Monday, May 22

Montclare Senior Resident – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., 6650 W. Belden Avenue, Chicago.

Amy Loria, RD, Community First Medical Center will do a presentation on Healthy Eating For Seniors.

Tuesday, May 23

May is Melanoma Skin Cancer Prevention Month – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison, Chicago, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Dr. Belmina Michael, Dermatologist will be providing free skin screens. To register, please call 773-282-7000.

Tuesday, May 23 and 30

Learning Interventions Family Education (LIFE) – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Café Conference Room, Ground Floor.

A Compassionate Recovery Education curriculum specializing in “Helping Family and Individuals Navigate the Recovery System”. This free training will provide education to family members to help them improve their personal understanding of the recovery process. To register, please call 708-536-8775.

Wednesday, May 24

Courage to Quit Smoking - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Faisal Master, RRT, Advanced Respiratory Care Practitioner will provide sessions on how to have enough courage to quit smoking.

Thursday, May 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.

Resurrection Honors Alumnae At Wall Of Honor Inductions

Resurrection alumnae were inducted into the Resurrection Wall of Honor on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Notable alumnae were honored with the Blessed Celine Award, which is awarded to Resurrection alumnae who exemplify the life values of Blessed Celine, the foundress of the Sisters of the Resurrection. The recipients are accomplished in their fields of endeavor and, like Blessed Celine, work toward the advancement of women in society and act as positive Christian role models for young women. The 2017 Blessed Celine recipients were Resurrection alumnae Gina Lavorata O’Hehir ‘86, Kathleen Walsh Hopkinson ‘83, Ramina Orah ‘03, and Barbara Gembala Nakaniski ‘72.

Gina Lavorata O’Hehir is an alumna from the Class of 1986 and is an attorney in private practice who attended law school at IIT-Kent College of Law. Since graduating from Marquette University as an Evans Scholar, Gina has been actively involved in the Evans Scholar Foundation. She has mentored young Evans scholars, on various fundraising committees and has become a director of the Western Golf Association. Gina is also an active volunteer in her parish community and at Resurrection. As an alumna she has participated in numerous events. While her three daughters have been students at Resurrection Gina has been a dedicated parent volunteer, including initiating and chairing the Athletic Booster Club Trivia Night fundraiser, and chairing the 2016 Resurrection Charity and Truth Gala with her husband.

Kathleen Walsh Hopkinson is an alumna from the Class of 1983 and is working in finance for

the Kane County Transportation Department. She earned a BS in Commerce from DePaul University Strobel Scholars Honors Accounting Program and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Kathleen worked as an auditor with the Cook County Auditor’s Office and for KPMG, as the Chief Financial Officer of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights and then Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago. As an alumna, she served as a Board Member of Resurrection’s Corporate Board, as well as Chair of its Finance Committee and Audit Committee.

Ramina Orah is an alumna from the Class of 2003 and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. She was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD and deployed to Iraq. At the age of 23, Ramina suffered a stroke which affected her speech and mobility. In 2014 she participated in a Veterans Day program at Resurrection and has been a volunteer at the school since that time. In 2015 she was named Grand Marshall of the Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade. She comes back to Resurrection from time to time, and she shared a special message of hope with the students of Resurrection. She lives with her family, and continues to have a positive attitude on life.

Barbara Gembala Nakaniski is an alumna from the Class of 1972 and is licensed architect in Illinois and also in the State of Hawaii. Since graduating from the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Barbara worked for the City of Chicago doing airport work

for 25 years. Following those years, she segued into residential design and started her own private practice. She has been on the Board of Trustees of the Niles Public Library for 13 years, and has also been a Commissioner on the Village of Niles Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for 7 years. As an alumna, she has been a member of the Resurrection Development Committee and each year has returned to Resurrection on Career Day to talk to the girls about her career.

The 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were Resurrection alumnae Carolynn Connors Lindberg ‘77, Kelly Monaco ‘06, and Katie McGrath Guinane ‘97. The Athletic Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals from the Resurrection athletic community who have participated in sports or contributed to the Resurrection College Prep athletic program.

Carolynn Connors Lindberg is an alumna from the Class of 1977 and has been actively involved at Immaculate Conception Elementary School, where she has served as the Athletic Director and coach for basketball and volleyball. While at Resurrection, she played basketball and volleyball and was a four-year starter in each sport. She then went on to attend DePaul University, where she was Doug Bruno’s first first female full-scholarship recruit to play basketball and earned a BS in Commerce. For the past 18 years, she has been the Business Manager for Unforgettable Edibles Catering. She is also the director of the Edison Park Turkey Trot that takes place every Thanksgiving to raise funds for charity.

Kelly Monaco is an alumna from the Class of 2006 and is currently a police officer for the Chicago Police Department. She was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in basketball. Kelly was GCAC All-Conference, Dundee Crown All-Conference, Niles North All-Conference in the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 seasons. In 2005-2006, she was the Most Valuable Player and was in the Chicago Sun Times Top 50 players. Kelly played four years of NCAA Divi-



sion II basketball at Lewis University where she received a BS in Sports Management with a minor in Physical Education/Coaching.

Katie McGrath Guinane is an alumna from the Class of 1997 and has spent several years as a Registered Fixed Income Sales Assistant at the RBC Capital Markets and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. Katie was a four-year two-sport athlete, playing basketball and softball at Resurrection. In both her junior and senior years, the Bandits won Regional Championships. In her senior year while playing on the softball team, she was named to the GCAC’s All-Conference Team. Katie went on to play one year of Division III college basketball at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota where she earned a BA in Marketing with a Spanish minor. After college, she returned to Resurrection to coach basketball, serving as the Varsity assistant coach under Coach Kerry Durham from 2002-2004. Katie was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for her contributions to the Resurrection athletic program.

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.

Fall into Fitness

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Sunday,
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Start and Finish at Portage Park
5K Run/Walk starttime: 8:30 a.m.

Participants	Pre-Race	Race Day
Adults (18+)	\$20	\$30
Youth (ages 6-17)	\$10	\$20
Seniors (ages 60+)	\$10	\$20
Family Rate (up to 5 members)	\$45	\$55
Children 5 and under	Free	Free

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For more information, call 773-794-7648
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ASK THE EXPERT

Dear Dr. Vetter:

My family has started complaining that I am not hearing well. At times, I also am curious if I also have trouble hearing. What are some signs of hearing loss? When do I know if I should make an appointment?

Sincerely, George Curious

Dear Mr. Curious,

Because hearing loss usually occurs gradually and over time, it’s difficult for many people affected by it to realize that their hearing has changed and that they may benefit from using a hearing aid. However, knowing some of the common signs can help to diagnose hearing loss in yourself or in loved ones.

If you’ve experienced any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from hearing loss and may benefit from an evaluation and hearing device:

The volume of your TV is higher than usual — if you find that others are surprised by the volume at which you watch TV, it may be the case that you’ve experienced hearing loss and are trying to compensate with a higher TV volume.

You’re talking louder — if anyone has told you you’re talking louder than necessary, it’s important to consider why, as the cause may actually be your hearing. Those with hearing loss frequently have trouble gauging the volume of their own voice, so they tend to speak louder, which, to them, sounds right.

Have trouble hearing the soft, high voices of small children — if you’re having trouble hear-

ing children, this could point to a possible loss of high frequencies in your hearing range. You may also notice that people sound like they are mumbling. This is because those high frequency sounds may be missing.

You avoid talking on the phone because you find it challenging to hear others — it may not just be your particular device, but instead your hearing that’s the problem.

You have trouble hearing people in restaurants or hearing at church — if you find that it’s becoming harder for you to hear others when there’s other background noise (within reason) or in large venues, this could point to hearing loss as well.

Your spouse or family complains you often miss information — if you’re regularly missing parts of conversations (aside from voluntary selective hearing), it may be the case that you’re suffering from hearing loss.

Frequent ringing in the ears — if it happens regularly, ringing in the ears could be a sign of hearing loss.

Hearing loss in most cases is insidious. Getting hearing help and undergoing a hearing evaluation is a good idea for the health of your hearing as well as for your overall wellness. If getting a second opinion is needed to get the answers you are looking for, now is the time.

May is Better Hearing Month! Call us today (773-685-9202) to schedule your hearing consultation so you can be on your way to better hearing!



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.

Neighborhood Farmers Markets Will Open in May

Pick Up Our Next Edition For More Market Openings

Residents are encouraged to visit their neighborhood market this season to shop local and shop fresh. A complete list of city-run markets, along with dates and times are listed below and at chicagofarmersmarkets.us and maxwellstreet-market.us.

"Chicago City Markets are farmers markets and much more," said Mark Kelly, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. "With markets like Daley Plaza and Maxwell Street, the city provides residents with access to fresh and healthy produce, unique Chicago-made products, eclectic street food, unique finds and cultural experiences that bring communities together, many offering live music and other cultural activities."

Chicago City Markets Open on Daley Plaza

– Thursday, May 11 Among the activities starting at 11:30 a.m., COUNTRY Financial® will announce the winner of the 10th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest and then provide free, reusable bags to shoppers. This year's winning design will be based on the theme "Give, Grow and Be Green" and will be featured on thousands of reusable bags distributed throughout the season. The 2017 finalists are: Iveth Crisoforo, a junior at Mather High School; Lizbeth Garcia, a senior at Mather High School, and Wajeeta Gulzar, a freshman at Mather High School. The winning artist will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the first and second runners up will each receive a \$500 scholarship as a financial start to their future. "COUNTRY Financial is thrilled to be sponsoring our 10th annual bag design

contest," said Mike Fisher, Agency Vice President of Community Business Development at COUNTRY Financial. "It's the best time of the year when our vendors and friends are back at the market with farm-fresh products, and we can fill up our newly designed reusable bag. It's a special feeling."

For additional information on Chicago City Markets' downtown and community farmers markets, visit chicagofarmersmarkets.us. Join the conversation on Facebook at Chicago Farmers Markets, Chicago City markets on Instagram @ChicagoCityMarkets and on Twitter @ChicagoDCASE (#ChicagoCityMarkets).

The following local markets will begin in May. Pick up the Our Village next time for complete list for those that begin in June and July.

WEDNESDAYS

Andersonville Farmers Market (Link)
1500 W. Berwyn Ave.
May 10–October 18, 3–8 p.m. (3–7 p.m. September & October dates)

SATURDAYS

Cyrano's Riverwalk Farmer's Market
233 E. South Riverwalk
May 6–October 28, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Logan Square Farmers Market (Link)
3107 W. Logan Blvd.
May 14–October 29, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Beginning Next Edition, Village Cooking Corner Will Offer Recipes Featuring Fresh, Local Products All Season Long

The Chicago Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service Launches First Flat Fee Service for Uncontested Divorces, Paving the Way for Consumer Friendly Priced Legal Services

In an effort to bridge the access to justice gap and take the guesswork out of legal fees, The Chicago Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) launched its first flat fee referral panel this month. Consumers who qualify will pay just \$899, plus costs, for an uncontested divorce.

We are delighted to offer a flat fee service, one of the first of its kind, linking consumers with experienced attorneys to represent

them. Eligibility requirements for the flat fee rate include: no children, able to locate spouse, no real estate, no pension/retirement plans, no alimony/support requested, no lawsuits pending, and in agreement re: personal property and financial accounts. After initial screening by the LRS, the client will then discuss their case with the referred attorney, who will make the final eligibility decision.

The attorneys participating on the flat fee panel undergo the same rigorous vetting procedures as all attorneys in the LRS and must demonstrate the following: numerous years of practice experience, proof of malpractice insurance, letters of recommendation, and good standing with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. For more information about the flat fee service, contact the Lawyer Referral Service at 312-554-2001.

Lucille Janssens Named 2017 Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall

Sargent Lucille Janssens served in the United States Marines Corp during WWII in Washington DC. Lucille has been a member of the American Legion for 69 years serving as Norwood Park Post Commander and then as an Illinois 9th District Commander, being a mentor to many veterans. Mrs. Janssens worked as a Secretary; a "dictation specialist" she likes to call herself, who processed officer promotions in the 1940's. Lucille joined the Marine Corps along with her friends who were looking forward to serving their country.

Lucille met her husband, Albert, in High School, who enlisted with the National Guard. Together Lucille and Albert have three children Helen, Carol and Alice; Helen is a math teacher in Chicago, Carol is serving in the U.S. Navy and Alice is a Mechanical Engineer.

Lucille knows how challenging it is to run a parade, she remembers the very first parades that began in Norwood Park years ago. She was an active American Legion member helping with the paperwork involved with organizing the parade event, such as obtaining permits from the Chicago Police Department to use the city streets, contacting the Chicago Fire Department to be on alert during the event, and sending thank you notes to all the participants in the parade. Lucille now keeps her secretarial skills sharp as the new secretary of Norwood Crossings Residents Council where she now lives.

Lucille is happy she was able to serve our country. Her many friends from the American Legion Post 541 feel she is the perfect candidate to represent the parade this year. Past Commander Tom Bensen said, Lucille is well deserving of this honor and a pillar of the American Legion locally and throughout the 9th District. Within Norwood Post 740 numerous activities and events would never gotten off the ground without Lucille. She was a great organizer and never hesitated to "crack the whip" if needed.

Commander Dale Smith of Post 541 said, "Lucille Janssens served our Country and this community her entire life and is an excellent choice for Grand Marshall. Chaplain Rev. Paul Pfeffer said, "It would be a great honor for her & her long time commitment to the neighborhood and to the Legion."

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD is now meeting at the Barba Gianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Avenue, 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.

ONGOING SERVICE PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB ARE: *Lift tabs from aluminum cans; *Plastic bread & bagel bags for our four-legged friends; *Plastic shopping bags for the Women's Ministry at Luther Memorial Church who weave mats for homeless people; Paper shopping bags for area food pantries; *Outdated prescription eyeglasses; and last, but not least, *Box Tops for Education" for the Queen of Angels School.

Thu., May 25 – Regularly scheduled Luncheon and Board Meeting at Barba Gianni
Mon., May 29 – Memorial Day. Let us honor all of our deceased Veterans.
The May Birthstone is the Emerald, and the flower is the Lily of the Valley.



Save the Date for Summer Festivals & Events

- June 2 & 3 - 32nd Chicago Gospel Music Festival
- June 9-11 - 34th Annual Chicago Blues Festival
- June 12 - Aug. 21 - Millennium Park Music Series
- June 13 - Sept. 5 - Millennium Park Film Series
- June 23 - Sept. 10 - 21st Annual Chicago SummerDance
- July 5-9 - Taste of Chicago

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Inaugural Ride

Meet on the North Branch Trail at Forest Glen Woods (5498 N Forest Glen Ave)

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Norwood Park Dance Studio Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Spotlight Dance Academy and founder, Christina Hesslau, on its grand opening held on April 29th. Dance and Fitness classes will be offered for all ages at its new location at 7036 W Higgins Ave. For information on class and schedules call Christina at 773-775-7509 or visit her website at spotlightdancechicago.com

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.

Chicago Riverwalk Celebration

On Saturday, May 20, 9am-9pm, the newly-completed Chicago Riverwalk will host a free celebration for the entire family. Activities include a traveling music cruise/concert, a marching band, parades with puppets, fishing at the Jetty led by the Chicago Park District, the "Dance of the Bridges," and a grand finale pyrotechnic display. Visit chicagoriverwalk.us for the entire summer schedule.



Visit Chicago Brauhaus During the Summer Concert Series in Lincoln Square

The annual Summer Concert Series, Lincoln Square's favorite free summer event, will begin soon!

The series will occur every Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 9:00pm in Kempf Plaza (across from Chicago Brauhaus) through August 29th.

**Join us for brats, beer, music and fun!
4732 North Lincoln Avenue**



"A Theater Review"

"Cabaret"

Theatre at the Center
1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

"Cabaret" is the second production to open this season at Theatre at the Center.

What a show and what a cast Linda Fortunato has assembled for this classic musical.

The show is set in the Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin. The mischievous emcee is played by Sean Fortunato, a role that Joel Gray played on Broadway in the original. The role of Sally Bowles is being played by Danni Smith and her performance is fantastic. Patrick Tierney plays Cliff. Craig Spidle is Herr Schultz and the outstanding, talented Iris Lieberman is Frauline Schneider.

The show features such songs as "Cabaret," "Willkommen," and "Maybe This Time" to name a few. Other numbers are "Two Ladies," "I Don't Care Much," and "If You Could See Her." Bradshaw is a visiting American writer who falls in love with Sally when he first meets her. The other love story is Schultz and Schneider.

You'll find it to be a serious musical.

The show will break your heart and lift your spirits more wildly than anything else you can see in any city.

Linda Fortunato has directed and choreographed it. It runs well over two hours.

"Cabaret" runs through June 4th. For show days, times and reservations call 219-836-3255 or 800-511-1552. Tickets are \$20 - \$44. There is free parking.

-- Four Stars --

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2017 Evanston Beach Tokens Now Available for Purchase

Evanston beach tokens are now available for purchase for the 2017 season. The City's five public swimming beaches open on Saturday, May 27.

Beach tokens are available for purchase at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services office in the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., and at Evanston recreation community centers during their office hours. Most centers offer extended evening or weekend office hours; call 311 for details.

Starting Saturday, May 20, tokens will also be available for purchase daily at the Dempster Street Beach office between 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cash, personal checks and credit cards are accepted.

Community members can also purchase beach tokens at the Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market, located at University Place and Oak Avenue, on Saturdays, May 6 through June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Only cash and checks are accepted at the market.

A beach token, also known as a season pass, is valid from the time of purchase through Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017. Tokens will be sold at a discounted rate of \$26 for Evanston and Skokie residents and \$42 for nonresidents through Friday, June 9. On Saturday, June 10, the price for a beach token will increase to \$34 for Evanston and Skokie residents and \$58 for nonresidents.

Daily beach admission is also available and may be purchased at beach entrances. Daily admission is \$8 for those 12 years and older, \$6 for children ages 1 to 11 years, and free for children under age 1.

Evanston residents who meet the income requirement are eligible to participate in beach token fee assistance and the free beach token program. To learn more, visit cityofevanston.org/recreationscholarship or call 847-448-8237.

Free beach days for Evanston residents will be held at Clark Street Beach on Mondays from July 3 through August 28.

Skokie Pool Pass Discounts

The City of Evanston and the Skokie Park District have a reciprocal arrangement that allows Skokie residents to buy season beach tokens at Evanston resident rates and allows Evanston residents to buy Skokie season pool passes at Skokie resident rates. Pool passes are valid at both the Skokie Water Playground and Devonshire Aquatic Center. For more information, visit skokieparks.org or call 847-674-1500.

For more information about Evanston beaches, please visit cityofevanston.org/beaches or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents can simply dial 3-1-1 while in Evan

The Adler Planetarium's Newest Sky Show Planet Nine Winner of 2017 People's Choice Vizzie Award

The Adler Planetarium is pleased to announce that its newest sky show, Planet Nine, and its creators Patrick McPike and Mark SubbaRao from the Adler and Michael Brown from CalTech, have won a Vizzie award for People's Choice in the Video Category at the 15th Annual Vizzies Challenge presented by Popular Science magazine and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The Vizzies, formerly known as the International Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge, honor the most illustrative and impactful visualizations from the worlds of science and engineering. Celebrating their 15th anniversary, the Vizzies blur the line between science and art, and recognize visualizations of scientific phenomena in the form of photography, illustration, posters and graphics, video, and interactive.

A team of experts at NSF and Popular Science pared hundreds of submissions down to 50 finalists. From those 50, a panel of outside experts picked five Expert's Choice winners, and Popular Science readers chose five People's Choice winners.

"Planet Nine had all the elements of a great story, and had already captured the public's imagination," said Mark SubbaRao, Adler Planetarium Space Visualization Laboratory Director. "Because the data behind the potential discovery of a new planet is so complex, Planet Nine lent itself very well to data visualization-driven storytelling."

Planet Nine opened at the Adler Planetarium in May 2016, and explores the largest of Pluto's neighbors in the Kuiper belt, inviting visitors to join in the search for a new ninth planet. Viewers follow "Pluto Killer" Dr. Michael Brown and his team of scientists at CalTech as they hunt for a planet that may be hiding deep in the outer Solar System. If you have been to the Adler Planetarium and have seen this spectacular sky show, you know that it is the breathtaking visualizations that help tell this fascinating story.

"Visual representations are a crucial way to communicate scientific ideas to the public," said Popular Science online director Amy Schellenbaum. "They are a great way to help a larger group of people understand the amazing occurrences taking place right under our noses every day."

For more information on all of the 2017 Vizzie winners, go to <http://www.popsoci.com/vizzies-winners-2017>.

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Saturday: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM (Live Music & Entertainment)
Sunday: 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Maypole Dance, Ethnic Program)

Brought to you by the May Fest Committee, President Joe Matuschka
 Special thanks to 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar

For more information visit www.mayfestchicago.com

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Maifest Chicago



Mayfest (Maifest in German) is the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring. Maifest is still celebrated throughout Germany with the maypole (maibaum) decorated to show off the history and crafts of the local village or town.

Mayfest, like Oktoberfest, has now become a popular celebration throughout the world. Chicago's German community welcomes all to their Mayfest in Lincoln Square; the heart of Chicago's German Community.

This 18th annual German festival features German foods, live music, maypole dance and other traditional German presentations.

German – American Ethnic Program for Sunday, June 4, 2017

1:30 National Hymne- Katrina Giannoni	Jugendleiterin Renee Stein, Asst. Mark Goecke
1:45 Begrüßungsworte – Maifest President Joe Matuschka	Tanzleiter Mark Goecke, Renee Stein
2:00 Deutsch-Amerikanischer Kinderchor Presidentin Anita Escobar Held Dirigentin Miss Carol Himmel Pianist Michael Fergus	3:15 Noch Einmal Tanzgruppe American Aid Society Tanzleiterin Karen Geist, Asst. Steve Huy, Ingrid Wissmann
2:15 Vereinigung der Donauschwaben Kindergruppe Presidentin – Marianne Strumberger Tanzleiterinnen – Nicole Herion, Karin Welch, Lynn Politski	3:30 Donauschwaben Donau Dancers Chicago Tanzleiterinnen- Elisabeth and Erica Hauer
2:30 American Aid Society of German Decendants Kindergruppe President - Robert Lengfelder Tanzleiterinnen- Erika Cwan, Linda Byron, Jeanette Goecke & Michelle Heidric	3:45 Egerlaender Volkstanzgruppe Presidentin- Hildegard Lorenz
2:45 Vereinigung der Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe Presidentin- Marianne Strumberger Jugendleiterinnen Jennifer Klem, Monica Gianonni	4:00 Schuhplattler Verein Edelweiss Chicago President- Jim Troxell, Vorplattler John Zimo, Vordirndl Steff Troxell
3:00 American Aid Society of German Decendants Jugendgruppe President Robert Lengfelder	4:15 D'Lustigen Holzackerer Buam Chicago President – Jakob Stutz Vordirndl – Irma Wevang
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EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 1st • 5:00pm-9:30pm

Main Tent Entertainment

6:00pm: Flattop
7:00pm: Weekend Crush

Friday, June 2nd • 5:00pm-11:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment

5:00pm: Phenix
8:00pm: Official Opening Ceremony, Traditional Keg Tapping and May Queen Crowning

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment

6:00pm: The Polkaholics

Saturday, June 3rd • 12:00pm-11:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment

1:00pm: Phenix
6:00pm: Paloma
Auxiliary Tent Entertainment
1:00pm: Mike Zabrin's Funktastic
4:00pm: Blue Monocle
7:00pm: Blue Sky Blind

Sunday, June 4th • 12:00pm-10:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment

1:00pm: Euro Express
5:00pm: Paloma
Auxiliary Tent Entertainment
1:00pm: German/American Ethnic Program
4:00pm: Uncle Bob and the Bluzers
7:00pm: Country Doctors

Directions to Chicago's Maifest 2017: Maifest is located at Lincoln Square (4700 N. Lincoln Avenue). It is easily reached by train. Take the CTA Brown line and exit at at the Western Avenue stop. Lincoln Square may also be reached by CTA bus using the #49 Western Avenue bus or the #81 Lawrence Avenue bus.

Maifest 2017 is brought to you by the May Fest Committee, President Joe Matuschka, Vice President Matt Lodge. Special thanks go to 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar (chicago47.org). Mayfest Chicago, NFP is a 501(c)(3) to promote Chicago's German heritage. Mayfest Chicago benefits a number of German organizations including the DANK HAUS, the American Aid Society, the Donauschwaben Youth Group, German American Policy, and others.

For further information, please go to mayfestchicago.com



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Four generations of the Haben Family and the staff of Haben Funeral Home in Skokie have been decorating the graves of war veterans buried at the three church-based cemeteries in Skokie for many years. Over 500 flags are placed on the graves of our war veterans each Memorial Day weekend. The flags are provided by Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion. The manpower is provided by John Haben, a third generation funeral director at Haben Funeral Home and Crematory, his family and staff. Veterans' records have been kept by the funeral home for over 85 years. Ray Haben, founder of Haben Funeral Home, began the volunteer project many years ago. He served in the U.S. Army during WWI, was a longtime member of Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion, the Skokie Valley Post No. 3854 Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past member and Past Commander of the Morton Grove Post No. 134 of the American Legion. Bill Haben served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was also a member of the Skokie American Legion Post and Skokie Valley V.F.W.. Gary J. Haben, recently retired U.S. Navy Captain after 29 years of service to his Country, is the third generation of the Haben Family to have served our Country during wartime. "It's an honor to recognize our past military heroes who so selflessly served our Country for the preservation of our freedom. We willingly and gratefully dedicate our time to remember these courageous men and women", says John Haben. Those families who would like a flag to decorate a grave of a veteran that happens to be buried in another cemetery may pick up a flag from Haben Funeral Home at 8057 Niles Center Road in Skokie.

Skokie Memorial Day Observation

Skokie Memorial Day Observance The Village of Skokie 2017 Memorial Day observance ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 29, 2017. The ceremony takes place at Veterans Park at the intersection of Lincoln and Cleveland Avenues. Local Veterans posts will be present at the ceremony and Taps will be performed. Village Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017. For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. (Authorized Version)

The Creed was written in 1918 by William Tyler Page of Friendship Heights, Maryland in the course of a nation wide contest on the subject. Page was a descendent of President Tyler, and Representative John Page, who served in the Congress from 1789-97. William Tyler Page began his government career as a Congressional page in December of 1881. In 1919 he was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, and held that position until December of 1931. A new post, Emeritus Minority Clerk, was then created for him which he occupied until his death on October 20, 1942.

Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"- 2017 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 2017 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.



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The Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade committee wishes to recognize Mr. Ralph Intagliata. He served on the Memorial Day Parade Committee board for many years and he was taken from us much too early, as he passed in December 2016. We miss his kind heart, his warm spirit and his devotion to helping others. Rest in Peace Ralph and thank you for your commitment to the neighborhood.

To register or donate or volunteer, please visit our site:
<https://sites.google.com/site/2017norwoodparkmemorialparade/home>

American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony



American Legion Edison Park Post 541 will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at Monument Park 6679 N. Avondale Ave Chicago, IL 60631 which will start at 9:30 AM. Participants are asked to bring the name of their loved ones who gave their lives serving our country so we may honor them as well as all U.S. Veterans from all wars. After the Memorial Service we will March in the Norwood Park Memorial Parade and we invite All Veterans to join us.

American Legion Post 541 is proud to announce that this year we will once again march in the Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade. The Grand Marshall this year will be our own Lucille Janssens who is a World War II United State Marine Veteran and also a Past Post Commander of Norwood Park Post and Past Illinois 9th District Commander of the American Legion.

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Edison Park Field House, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. and is open to all Veterans who served in any branch of the United States military services during the armed conflicts listed below.

We are also forming a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The requirement for becoming a member is:

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such males descendants of veterans who died in service during WWI - WWII - Korean War - the Vietnam War - Lebanon Grenada - Panama and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article 1 of the National Constitution of the The American Legion or who died subsequent to their Honorable Discharge form such Service shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion.

Visit our website at <http://amerlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541>

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 starting today, May 1, 2015 to May 29, 2015 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.



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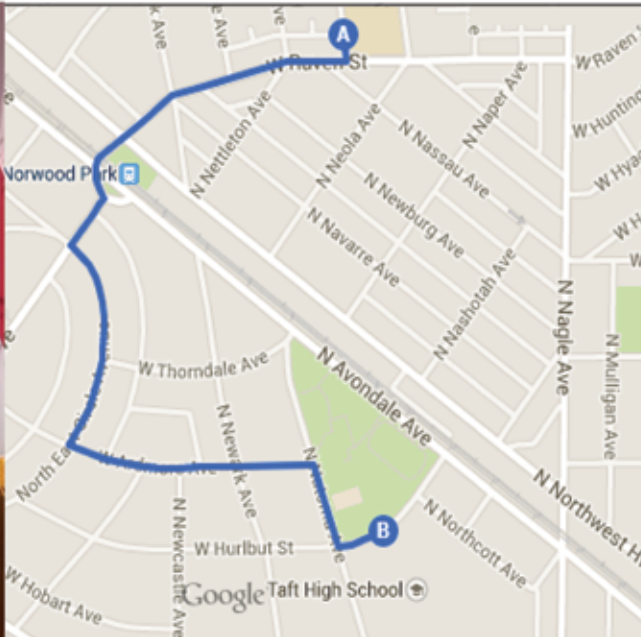
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN NORWOOD PARK

MEET LUCILLE JANSSENS 2017 MEMORIAL DAY GRAND MARSHAL

Join us at the Veteran Tribute Ceremony at Taft High School at 12:15pm on May 29, 2017 (Following the Parade)



Lucille Janssens, 2017 Grand Marshal



NORWOOD PARK'S DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

WINNERS!!

This year the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce proudly recognizes winning scholars Resurrection Senior, Mallory Coakley & Maximilian Daichendt, Onahan School 8th grader. The Scholars will be awarded at the Memorial Day Parade Tribute Ceremony at Taft H.S. on 5/29/17. Mallory will receive a \$500 check payable to North Park University, Maximilian will receive a check for \$500 payable to Lane Tech College Prep High School

Congratulations!

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WHEN

Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 29, 2017
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A Norwood Park favorite, Mather's—More Than a Café has been serving breakfast, lunch, and a lot more for years. Starting this month, the Café has added evening hours to the menu—and will serve up delicious dinners, along with enticing programs and events.

Open till 8:00 p.m. for Dinner and More

Mather's—More Than a Café, located at 7134 W. Higgins, is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. They're offering a full dinner menu of Café favorites and new entrees, with table service and a no-tipping policy.

"Our new extended hours allow us to serve people who aren't able to make it in earlier in the day," explains Nina Kuzniak, director of Café operations. "Now, our neighbors have the opportunity to try us out—whether it's bringing their family in for dinner, or—if they're 50 or better—signing up for an art class like Paint and Sip with Val or an entertaining lecture like a program on early jazz."

Here is a sample of upcoming evening programs:

- a BYOB painting class starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26
- regular fitness classes, including Yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Zumba Gold on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- a lecture and preview of a documentary in the works about radio legend Dick Biondi on Monday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- dinner and a show on Friday, June 9, featuring an unforgettable performance by Sandy Haynes

Program pricing varies and is nominal or free. Preregistration is recommended for all programs. An Evenings at Mather's schedule is available at the Café, or you can download a monthly schedule at matherlifewaysinyourneighborhood.com/evenings.

Creating Ways for Norwood Park to Age Well

These programs and more support the not-for-profit's mission of creating Ways to Age Well.



Mather's—More Than a Café in Norwood Park was recently transformed with a fresh look, more flexible multi-use spaces, a fireplace, and more.

SM "Our programs and events are all based on that mission," says Kuzniak. "That's part of the 'more than' in Mather's—More Than a Café. We try to give people opportunities to learn something new, try out a new skill, or simply get together and have fun right in their neighborhood."

Please note that the other Mather's—More Than a Café location in Portage Park (3235 N. Central) is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information on Mather's—More Than a Café, visit mathermorethanacafe.com.

Spring Fever Raises More Than \$35,000 for Metropolitan Family Services Evanston/Skokie Valley Center

More than \$35,000 was raised at the 2017 Spring Fever fundraiser benefiting families served by Metropolitan Family Services Evanston/Skokie Valley Center!

The fun-filled event, held April 29, 2017 at Evanston Subaru, attracted some 150 attendees, and honored founders and representatives of the Village of Skokie Youth Outreach Program. Honorees included Annmarie Benuzzi, The Honorable Barbara Meyer (who is also a Metropolitan Evanston/Skokie Valley Board Member), Maureen Murphy, and Metropol-

itan Evanston/Skokie Valley therapist Mary Rose.

Spring Fever also featured a trio led by jazz musician and Northwestern University Master of Music graduate Alvin Cobb, as well as a wide variety of raffles, games and a successful program auction.

Metropolitan Family Services thanks its Evanston/Skokie Valley Community Board, staff, volunteers, sponsors and friends for the tremendous support provided to this year's Spring Fever!



Mary Rose, Therapist, Metropolitan Family Services Evanston/Skokie Valley Center; The Honorable Barbara Meyer (also a Metropolitan Family Services Evanston/Skokie board member); Annmarie Benuzzi; Maureen Murphy.

About Metropolitan Family Services Evanston/Skokie Valley Center

Metropolitan Family Services' Evanston/Skokie Valley Center helps families and individuals struggling with relationships, abuse, grief or loss find the help they need, and has been part of the community since 1910. Met-

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Opening May 19th, 2017: Vietnam Transformed: The Art of Richard J. Olsen as Symbolic Reality at the National Veterans Art Museum

The National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) presents its newest exhibition—Vietnam Transformed: The Art of Richard J. Olsen as Symbolic Reality. The exhibition features work spanning the artist's career, and will be on view from May 19th to August 12th, 2017.

In collaboration with curators Andrew and HATHIA Hayes, and with the curatorial assistance of Anthony F. Janssen, the National Veterans Art Museum is proud to feature an exhibition of work from throughout the career of longtime NVAM-artist and veteran, Richard J. Olsen. In his work, Richard Olsen conveys underlying themes such as the tension between good and evil, the experience of war, and his immediate environment—his studio—by embedding images that are symbolic and allegorical without relying on representation. Olsen began using symbolism early in his career, but this approach for conveying meaning came to the forefront during his mature period during which he creating paintings based on his wartime experiences as a transport helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. The exhibition will showcase work spanning the artist's career, but will highlight his "Wall" series, for which he is probably best-known.

During his graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, Olsen's artistic approach was to represent the likeness of people, places and events from his life. After accepting a faculty position at the University of Georgia in 1969, he felt pressure to move toward pure abstraction and leave behind his representations of the Vietnam War. He spent time experimenting

with a variety of painting techniques, and once again began adding abstracted images pulled from his experience in Vietnam.

Despite mastering these methods of painting, Olsen struggled to find his voice and legitimacy and continued to ask himself "What do I paint?" In 1977, he took the advice of an artist's cliché, "If you don't know what to paint, paint your studio wall" and covered the walls of his studio with canvas and let them depict different aspects of his artistic life. These early canvases were the beginning of his "Wall" series.

By the mid-1980s, Olsen's approach to both painting and subject matter became clear. He constructed collages, which he called "Calculations," on grid paper as blueprints for his larger canvases. He depicted his previous works in these collages, and continued this method, adding images of previous paintings and objects in his studio.

Olsen's "Wall" designs are intended to be allegorical by linking the pictorial artifacts of his Vietnam wartime experiences to systems of meaning – the balance of good/evil, and the legends traditions of culture. Olsen's war experiences are made real to viewers by the collection of pictorial symbols within each painting and linking the imagery to higher-level meanings.

Olsen's work aims to surpass an automatic response in viewers by using multiple symbols in compositions that invite, even demand, close inspection and stimulate further thought by providing a context from which the underlying meaning



Wall 122, The Embarkation from Cythera, 1995

can emerge. Olsen links the visual, emotional, psychological, cultural, and social elements of his Vietnam wartime experiences to much larger primary issues concerning the continued tension between good and evil found in all societies. Through his art, Olsen has elevated the Vietnam War to a universal plane to create an allegory of human existence. His paintings are allegories that rely upon historical and philosophical systems, but they also add new layers to the fundamental meanings of war that are essentially without precedent in art and art history.

THIS IS A "MUST SEE"!!

Historical Friction Leads To Hysterical Fiction

Sarah from New York and Molly from Tennessee now live here and they have been fine-tuning their comedy skills since last year. Sarah and Molly say: "Join us on a guided tour through the Museum of Unnatural History as we study some of history's unlikeliest heroes. Just two best friends stumbling through time. It's Laverne and Shirley meets Cloud Atlas. It's Hysterical Fiction." The show is written and performed by Sarah and Molly and directed by Kiley Fitzgerald. So far they've had three great shows this month and you can still catch the final show of this limited engagement on Friday, May 26, at 8:30 p.m.



They're performing in the Second City Training Center and tickets are at www.secondcity.com/shows/chicago/hysterical-fiction.

In a world of "old rags and bones", if you feel like relaxing and getting away from the stress of daily life, we suggest you take in "Sarah & Molly" as they perform their new Comedy Routine.

The Editor

Chicago Is A City Of Immigrants



Whether they came from Detroit, New York, Berlin or Warsaw, they came to make a better life for themselves and their families. They made Chicago the largest Polish city outside of Warsaw. They made Chicago home to more Germans than Hamburg and they helped make the Norwegian-American population of the United States greater than the Norwegian population of Norway.

So it is fitting that in this May 17 publication we recognize the Norwegian Constitution Day, "Syttende Mai", 17th of May, and congratulate the Norwegian immigrants and their descendants on the Norwegian national holiday that marks their constitution signing in 1814.

With the end of the Napoleonic war in 1814, Norway was separated from the control of Denmark and was joined with Sweden until they actually became an independent country in 1905. While they were joined with Sweden in the Kingdom of Norway and Sweden for almost a century, they celebrate the constitution from 1814 which started their declaration of independence.

Since they liked the idea of a constitutional monarchy, they imported a Danish prince to

be their first king. He took the name, King Haakon VII (a good Viking name). His grandson, Harald is still king.

You can't have a good celebration without a parade. While immigration from Norway has all but ceased, due in part to the good life resulting from all that oil in the North Seas, the immigrants after World War II and their descendants still like a good parade.

This year, and for the past 20 years, the parade is held in Park Ridge. This year it is on Sunday, May 21st. It kicks off at 1pm and culminates at the Park Ridge City Hall across from Hodges Park. Leikarringen Heimhug provides the folk dancers and vendors provide Norwegian items, such as sweaters and pewter goblets and books and cards. Delicatessens provide Norwegian delicacies, such as Lefse (potato bread) and Polser (sausage).

You just can't beat Norwegian cuisine. (OK, maybe you can.)



You might try to beat it at the Norwegian Constitution Day Banquet at the Park Ridge Country Club on Saturday, May 20th. There is also a concert at the Norwegian church in Logan Square (Minnekirken).

Contact the Norwegian National League (www.nleague.org) for more information on the banquet and the parade or concert.



No One Can Resist Daryl Nitz

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

We see many members of the Chicago Cabaret Professionals perform here at Skokie Theatre. Many big names like Denise Tomasello, Laura Freeman, and Frieda Lee have crossed our boards, many of them in solo concerts. But before they bring their headline show to town, we are fortunate that they are all recruited as part of the musical reviews presented by Daryl Nitz Entertainment.

Daryl is one of the most popular and prolific performers we have every year, and his reviews are wildly popular. His shows always revolve around a theme, and audiences flock to them. In the past, he's put together evenings honoring Frank Sinatra, Cole Porter, Judy Garland, John Lennon, and others. His tribute to Billie Holiday sold out multiple shows both here and at Davenport's piano bar in the city. A frequent judge for our annual Skokie Idol competition, Daryl is also stars in "The Nitz and Howe" experience, which is the longest running weekly cabaret show in Chicago history.



Daryl has put together a great line-up of entertainment for the warm-weather season to come, and you won't want to miss it.

It starts on Sunday, May 25 at 7:30 pm with "The Artist Must Be Free: Profiles in Musical Courage" This is a centennial birthday concert celebrating the life, legacy, words, and deeds of President John F. Kennedy. President Kennedy was an advocate for The Arts, and founded The National Endowment for the Arts which has helped artists for decades. This concert celebrates his life, career, and legacy featuring music made famous by the artists he promoted, people like Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, Ethel Merman, Julie London, Peggy Lee, Sammy Davis, Jr., Carol Channing, Mahalia Jackson, Barbra Streisand. Songs will be interspersed with actual audio from Kennedy's speeches. Starring Lynne Jordan, Liz Mandeville, Mark Madsen, Heather Moran, Daryl Nitz, Skokie Idol winner Yaz Shawamreh, and the Queen of Chicago Cabaret, Denise Tomasello. Music direction by Andrew Blendermann, with Jim Cox on bass, and Phil Gratteau on drums.

On June 4 at 7:30 pm, in honor of Dean Martin's 100th birthday, Daryl has put together a special 2 act concert that will feature such "Dino" signature song as Memories Are Made of This, That's Amore, Everybody Loves Somebody, You're Nobody till Somebody Loves You, Sway, Volare, Ain't That a Kick in the Head? and many more. This career spanning tribute will feature songs from Dean's early years with Capitol Records through his later recordings with Reprise. Featured in the concert are Antonio Duca, Frieda Lee, Mark Madsen, Daryl Nitz, Tom Olickal, and the Queen of Chicago Cabaret Denise Tomasello. Musical direction and vocals by Andrew Blendermann with Jim Cox on drums and Phil Gratteau on drums.

On July 16, Daryl is planning to honor the Living Legends of popular music. This interactive concert celebrates the singers and entertainer who are at least 75 years old, still with us, and many still performing. Starting with Aretha Franklin and counting up to the oldest living singer will be tributes to Wayne Newton, Shirley Bassey, Keely Smith, Harry Belafonte, Steve Lawrence, Tony Bennett, just to name a few. Featuring Mark Madsen, Liz Mandeville, Jeannie Tanner, Daryl Nitz Jim Cox, and Phil Gratteau, with more cast and musicians to be announced. Come and be part of the fun as we "count-up" to our oldest "Living Legend."

And to end the summer, on August 6, Daryl will re-create Ella Fitzgerald's famous concert when she was recorded live at Mr. Kelly's. The concert features such songs as "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "The Lady Is a Tramp," "Summertime," "Witchcraft," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "Stardust," and many more from the classic American songbook of Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart, Porter, and others. Featuring Liz Mandeville, Daryl Nitz, Jeannie Tanner, Jim Cox, Phil Gratteau with more cast and musicians to be announced.

Tickets for each performance is \$32, but there is a special package deal where you can attend all four shows for only \$99. They sell out fast, so call today for tickets at 847-677-7761 or order online at SkokieTheatre.org.

Combat Pay, Taxes, and Retirement – What Veterans Need to Know



Chester M. Przybylo

If you are a member of the United States military, you likely have more important things on your mind than taxes and retirement planning. You should, however, take a moment to learn how your combat pay is treated by Uncle Sam to ensure you receive the benefits to which you are entitled for your service to your country.

Military Compensation

As a member of the military, your compensation is more complicated than the average civilian. The reason for this is that your pay is composed of several different components, including base pay, a housing and food allowance, bonuses, and special pay, if you qualify. To ensure your taxes are computed correctly, it is important to understand how your compensation is treated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), particularly your combat pay.

Is Combat Pay Taxable?

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces do not pay taxes on all of the compensation they receive, effectively increasing their take-home pay amount. Like most

members of the military, you are probably aware that your food and housing allowance is not taxed. This portion of your pay likely accounts for 20-30 percent of your total compensation, meaning a quarter to a third of your compensation may be tax-free. If you served in a combat zone during the pay period in question, you may be entitled to additional tax-free income of which you may be unaware.

The IRS rules state that if a member of the military served in an area designated by the Department of Defense as a combat zone or served in direct support of military operations in the combat zone, the portion of his/her compensation that was earned while in a combat zone is excluded from income tax. Moreover, the exclusion from taxation applies to the entire month as long as you spent at least one day serving in a combat zone that month.

The amount of income you may exclude for purposes of calculating your taxable income is unlimited for enlisted personnel. If you are an officer, you may still make use of the exclusion. However, an officer's exclusion is capped at the maximum of the corresponding enlisted pay for the time period in question.

Other Potential Exclusions from Your Taxable Income

Along with exclusions for combat pay and your food and clothing allowance, you may also be entitled to a number of other exclusions when calculating your taxable income, including, but not limited to:

- Imminent danger/hostile fire pay
- A reenlistment bonus if the voluntary extension or reenlistment occurs in a month you served in a combat zone
- Pay for accrued leave earned in any month you served in a combat zone
- Pay received for duties as a member of the Armed Forces in clubs, messes, post and station theaters, and other related activities, as long as earned in a month you served in a combat zone
- Awards for suggestions, inventions, or scientific achievements you are entitled to because of a submission you made in a month you served in a combat zone

Combat Pay and Retirement Planning

While it is clearly advantageous to be able to exclude combat pay from your taxable income, you also need to understand how excluding combat pay could impact your retirement planning.

One of the most popular retirement planning tools is an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Contributions to an IRA, however, must be made using "earned income," meaning income from working. Since combat zone pay is excluded from your gross income, it does not qualify as earned income. Without anything further, it would appear as though the combat pay exclusion puts members of the military at a significant disadvantage when it comes to retirement planning.

Fortunately, Congress recognized this unintended consequence of excluding combat pay from taxable income, and passed the Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities ("HEROs") Act to rectify the situation. The HERO Act allows combat-zone pay to be considered part of earned income, for purposes of figuring eligibility for contributing to an IRA (or Roth IRA).

If you have additional questions or concerns relating to combat pay and how it affects your income taxes and retirement planning, be sure to consult with an experienced estate planning attorney near you.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

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Social Security Honors All Who Serve

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Chicago

Every day of the year, Americans across the nation remember friends and family members who have served and sacrificed for their country. Memorial Day is a day when we all come together to honor those who have given their lives in the defense of freedom and the principles we hold dear in this country.

May is also National Military Appreciation Month. As we observe Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month, we would like to let members of our military know how much we value what they do for our nation.

At Social Security, we offer a wide range of services for our service members. Families of fallen military heroes may be eligible for Social Security survivors

benefits. Learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

For service members who return home with injuries, Social Security is here to help. Visit our Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. We use an expedited process for military service members who become disabled while on active military service, regardless of where the disability occurs.

The Wounded Warriors website answers a number of commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. It is important to note that benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they are unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay does not necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

If you've served in the Armed Forces and you're planning your retirement, you'll want to read our publication, Military Service and Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.pdf.

You also may want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm.

At Social Security, we honor all those who served in the military and we remember those who died for their country.

Jefferson Park Meeting

The JPNA, Jeff Park Neighborhood Association, will have Nathan Dall as speaker for its general meeting on

Wed, May 31, 2017 at 7:p.m. He will explain why the Ho Chunk Nation has a local office in this area (and it is not a casino). The meeting is on the lower level of the Congregational Church of Jeff Park, 5320 W. Giddings. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments.

Northtown Garden Society's PLANT SALE

Saturday May 20 from 9:30 - 2:00

Warren Park Fieldhouse, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Last year's plant sale was a grand success. The funds we raised enabled us to fulfill our commitment to our community.

Let's make this year's sale as successful!

For more information contact: evamannaberg@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars for Sunday June 4!

From 11am to 4pm, Indian Boundary Park hosts a craft fair by students of art classes at Lincoln, Greenbriar and Indian Boundary parks. Items on display will be available for sale (cash or check preferred) and will include jewelry, stained glass, fused glass and textile arts. NGS member, Lynda Sanford, will be selling her glass garden art at this event.

Niles Township Annual Paper Shredding Event May 20

Niles Township will sponsor its semi-annual free 'drive up and drop off' paper-shredding event on Saturday, May 20, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Township's parking lot at 5255 Main St. in Skokie.

Due to an overwhelming response at last October's shredding event, participants are respectfully asked to please limit the amount of paper to two bankers boxes or two shopping bags full.

"Spring cleaning is underway in households across the area and our complimentary paper shredding event provides township residents a safe, environmentally responsible way to dispose of old documents, bank statements and other paper clutter," said Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township.

How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

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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.

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.

Volunteers Receive Special Recognition for 2017

Two volunteers, Pam Hanson and Joan McElhatten, received special recognition at the Annual norVOLution Volunteer Appreciation Event held recently at the Iron Horse Ale House, a local restaurant at 6158 Northwest Highway, in Chicago's Norwood Park. norVOLution is Norwood Life Society's volunteer program.

Hanson was presented with the 2017 Betty Ohlgren Volunteer of the Year Award, and McElhatten, who was raised on a farm in downstate Petersburg, received the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Service Award. Both reside in Chicago's Norwood Park community.

Kate Roche, director of norVOLution, expressed her appreciation to the more than 120 volunteers attending the evening event, stating "I am very grateful for the service of each of these terrific volunteers. Their service gives me hope for our world and our community. They really are one big community of caring." The volunteer program directly benefits Norwood Life Society, Norwood Crossing, Norwood Seniors Network, Norwood Park Senior Center, and Norwood Life Care Foundation.

Pam retired as a special services representative and later a member of the sales team for Brit-

ish Airways. Shortly thereafter, she and a friend attended a Norwood Crossing event sponsored by a Norwegian Club. "I mentioned to Jorunn Scheiderich that I was looking for something to do in my spare time and soon I was introduced to Kate Roche [director of volunteers]....The rest is history. I've been holding the Friday morning time slot ever since."

Pam led an exercise class, "Stretch it Out," and then incorporated it into yoga and meditation practices which ultimately became chair exercise sessions. For the "Current Events" program, the focus was "good news" stories with some controversy that led to lively discussions. "I found that the stories came to life more when I included pictures and videos. My current events program evolved into 'News & Nostalgia' at Norwood Crossing, and a second career in News & Nostalgia programs for senior residences in the area.

"I love to see the face of a resident light up when they reminisce about the things they enjoyed from their past; dancing in a Chicago nightclub, prom night, playing drums in a band, talking about their favorite movie star, and growing up in the Great Depression or war



Pam Hanson (center) admires the 2017 Betty Ohlgren Volunteer of the Year Award presented to her by Kate Roche, director of norVOLution, and Mike Toohey, CEO of Norwood Life Society.

time," Pam said. "They are still the 'young at heart' vibrant people they were back then.... engaged in life, still learning, still enjoying new experiences. Together, we are discovering that it's not about age, but about what's inside. We realize that we still have a lot of love to give and receive."

Pam emphasized that "my volunteer experience at Norwood Crossing amply nourishes my 'body, mind and spirit. And I am grateful."

Joan, who retired about seven years ago after 47 years as a secretary/executive assistant with two major corporations, including Price Waterhouse, sought a challenging activity to fill the void.

"Since I worked full time all my life, I needed something to do after I retired, she said. "I always thought I would spend my time in retirement exercising and in some kind of volunteer activity where I could use some of the skills I used at work—something without too much responsibility. I met Kate [Roche, director of volunteers] at the Senior Center when she came for a special lunch that Keith [Chase-Ziolek, Senior Center executive director] was preparing. We discussed volunteering, and she found a job just right for me. And then there's Keith who can always find ways for volunteers to help. I am very

lucky to have both the Norwood Park Senior Center and Norwood Crossing in close proximity to my home."

Joan said she does data entry to keep the volunteer list current and substitutes for the Senior Center receptionist, assists at lunch and helps at the exercise class. She admitted that travel is not her forte, opting for "home is where the heart is" but does enjoy day trips from the Senior Center, movies, lunch and dinner with friends, and tending to flowers in her yard.

Last year, over 409 volunteers provided nearly 23,000 hours (a record) participating in over 50 separate activities. Those interested in volunteering can contact Kate Roche at (773) 577-5329.

Norwood Life Society is a non-profit organization in Chicago and sponsor of Norwood Crossing (Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Post-Hospitalization Rehab, Medicare, and Respite Stays), Norwood Seniors Network (In-Home Senior Caregiving, Care Management, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation Services, and Social Outings) and Norwood Park Senior Center. Norwood Life Society has been Reshaping Aging® in Chicago's Norwood Park community and nearby suburbs since 1896.

Learn more at: www.ReshapingAging.org.



Joan McElhatten (center) receives the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Service Award, from Kate Roche, director of norVOLution, and Mike Toohey, CEO of Norwood Life Society.

Roadside History of Illinois

This is the fifth in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago, nearby suburbs and elsewhere in the state that can be visited by those who seek to learn more about local history. The articles are partial excerpts from the book, *Roadside History of Illinois* (Mountain Press, 2013), by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash.



North Loop Theater District in Chicago

Chicago's main theater district, in the northern part of the Loop, contains four historic theaters—the Cadillac Palace Theatre, the Goodman Theatre, the Ford Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Oriental Theatre), and the world renowned Chicago Theatre. A few blocks south is the Bank of America Theatre, better known by its former name, the Shubert Theatre. The other major historic downtown theater, the Auditorium Theatre, stands in the far south east corner of the Loop. Five of these six structures were restored in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s.

The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State Street, with its iconic vertical lighted sign, is among the best known of Chicago's historic theaters. Opened as a movie house and live theater in 1921, it still contains its original Wurlitzer pipe organ. The building deteriorated over the years and the theater closed briefly in 1985, but volunteers restored it, and it reopened less than a year later. One-hour tours (per person fee is charged) are offered at noon daily.

Just southwest of the Chicago Theatre is the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph Street, named for its Far East design, which opened as a movie house in 1926. The venue also held live shows, including performances by major stars such as Al Jolson, Fanny Brice, Judy Garland, and later, Little Richard and Stevie Wonder. The Oriental was built at the site of the Iroquois Theatre, which burned down on December 30, 1903. This devastating fire occurred during a matinee performance of Mr. Blue Beard, starring Eddie Foy, and claimed 602 lives. The alley behind the theater is believed to be haunted as some patrons attempted to escape via ladders stretched across the

alley to another building. During the late 20th century, the Oriental building fell into disrepair and was threatened with demolition but with public and private funding, it was finally restored in 1998, reopening as the Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

Nearby, the Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn Street, was founded in 1922. The original Goodman, which included a drama school, opened its doors in 1925 at Monroe Street and Columbus Drive. It was moved to its current spot in 2000. Two blocks west is the Cadillac Palace Theatre, which opened as the Palace Theatre in 1926. Elegantly designed and lushly furnished, it was the main venue for the big vaudeville acts, including Jimmy Durante, Mae West and Jack Benny. Renovated in 1999, it reopened as the Cadillac Palace Theatre.

A few blocks south of the main theater district is the oldest of these historic venues, the PrivateBank Theatre, formally known as the Bank of America Theatre, originally called the Majestic Theatre and best known as the Shubert Theatre. The Majestic opened in 1906 as a vaudeville house. At the time, it was the tallest building in the city. Closed down during the Great Depression, it reopened as the Sam Shubert Theatre in 1945. It was restored and became the LaSalle Bank Theatre in 2006. It was renamed for the Bank of America in 2008, after the latter bank bought out the former. In 2015, a partnership between Broadway in Chicago and PrivateBank resulted in the theater being renamed the PrivateBank Theatre.

All four locations are within walking distance

Copies of *Roadside History of Illinois* may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. More information about the author can be found by visiting his website www.stantexbanash.com.

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