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### Outstanding Fall Athletes At Resurrection College Prep



Pictured left to right - Meredith Nowotarski '17 (tennis), Brittany Welch '18 (volleyball) and Analisa Martorano '17 (tennis) were awarded the GCAC All-Conference Athletic Award. (See Page 9 For Story)



*We Honor  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
on the Anniversary of his  
Birth, January 15  
(Observed on January 18, 2016)*

## WINTER, CHICAGO STYLE

### HAS ARRIVED

BE CAREFUL - BE AWARE - HELP OTHERS



### Office of the Governor Bruce Rauner

#### State Emergency Operations Center Activated to Support Local Responses to Flooding, Other Weather Issues

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Springfield was activated this morning to ensure state personnel and equipment are ready to be deployed quickly if needed to help local emergency responders as they deal with flooding and winter weather.

Representatives from several state agencies are in the SEOC and state officials are assessing the storm's impact and communicating with local response officials to determine if state resources are needed to ensure citizen safety. The SEOC will remain activated as long as necessary.

State resources processed to date include water pumps and hoses to Calhoun County; barricades for road closures in the Metro East area; sandbags and plastic for the Big Muddy Levee in Jackson County; and pumps and hoses for Schuyler County. These resources were provided and delivered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

IEMA Director James K. Joseph urges residents to avoid travel if possible Monday due to icy roadways in much of northern Illinois and flooded roadways in central and southern Illinois.

"Road conditions are hazardous in many areas of the state, so if you can postpone travel plans today that would be best," said Joseph. "If you must travel, be sure to check on road conditions along your route. And as always, if you encounter water over a roadway, please remember, 'Turn Around, Don't Drown.'"

For updates on the current situation, including links to guides on winter weather and flood safety, visit the Ready Illinois website at [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov).

#### Illinois National Guard Soldiers Positioned in Southern Illinois for Flood Response

Governor Bruce Rauner has ordered Illinois National Guard Soldiers to state active duty to augment local efforts to save lives and mitigate flood damage in southern Illinois.

Approximately 20 Soldiers from the 2-130th Infantry Battalion, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team were ordered to report to the Illinois Army National Guard's Marion Readiness Center early on New Year's Day. In addition, an Illinois Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter with hoist capability has been placed on standby. The helicopter and crew is part of B Co., 1-106th Aviation Battalion based out of the Illinois Army National Guard flight facility at Midway Airport in Chicago.

"Local communities continue to battle rising flood waters and the state stands ready to assist as needed," Governor Rauner said. "Activating these Illinois National Guard Soldiers is a prudent step should they be needed at a moment's notice by local communities as flood waters are expected to continue to rise in some areas through the weekend."

The Infantry Soldiers will stand ready to assist local authorities in securing flooded areas and in checking on the health and welfare of local citizens. The helicopter and its four-Soldier crew will help with evacuation efforts, if needed.

"Although this activation is precautionary at this point, I'm proud of the Illinois National Guard service members and their families who are so willing to assist their fellow citizens at any time," said Maj. Gen. Richard J. Hayes Jr., The Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. "These troops and their families live the National Guard motto of being Always Ready, Always There."

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

## Fat Tuesday Crazy Hat Night Mardi Gras Party



with  
**Russ Phillips**  
and His  
"Windy City Jazz Ensemble"



Featuring  
Vocalist  
**Jeannie Lambert**

Tuesday, February 9th — 8:00 P.M.



Special Mardi Gras Menu  
Catfish — BBQ Ribs  
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## Community First Medical Center Jan. Health Events For Area Residents

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

A free grief support group for adult's, ages 18 and over who are dealing with the loss of a loved one will meet Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19 from

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Enrollment is limited. Call 773-282-7000, Extension 3200 to reserve your space.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, January 8, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Kristen Debits, R.N., will discuss stroke, signs, symptoms and risk factors. Registration is not required.

Are you feeling dizzy and/or off balance? Community First Medical Center will host a free lecture Thursday, January 14, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mark Greco, a physical therapist who specializes in treating dizziness and balance disorders will discuss how balance disorders are diagnosed and treatment options available to prevent falls and increase independence. Refreshments will be served. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Thursday, January 21, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, January 28, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

There will be a thyroid screening, a blood draw for TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone), Thursday, January 28, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. There is a \$10 fee. Neither fasting nor preparations are needed. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362). Results will be mailed.



## Resurrection "Vino Valentino" Wine Glass Painting Party

Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting a wine glass painting party, "Vino Valentino," on Friday, January 29, 2016 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at Resurrection, 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. All adults in the community (21 and over) are invited to enjoy an evening of painting, wine and music. Group instruction will be provided by Lisa O'Reilly, owner of Krafts & Koozies, and Resurrection art teacher Jen Salerno will be assisting with projects while music sets the mood for participants to sip and paint.

Each participant will receive a wine glass to paint, materials, instruction and a drink ticket.

will offer soft drinks, puccino and late. Partic-welcome to own snacks. raffles and pot chances available.

# Vino Valentino



A cash bar wine, beer, coffee, cap-hot choco-pants are bring their B a s k e t split-the-will also be

Doors open

at 6:00 pm, painting will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and the bar will close at 10:00 pm. Space is limited and reservations are available at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 112. The cost is \$35 per person.

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 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).

## 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 Unites 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 Ameri-

can 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>



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

# FREE FITNESS WEEK!

## January 2-10, 2016

### Work out for FREE January 2-10

Visit any Chicago Park District fitness center, drop into a fitness class (*Adult & Teen fitness classes are free only during Free Fitness Week*) or pool during lap swim (*adults only; hours and times vary by park*).

\*FREE Glow in the Dark Water Bottle with a fitness center membership purchase! While supplies last.



### Registration required.

All activities are first come, first served based on availability.

For more information about your Chicago Park District visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com), or call 312.742.7529 or 312.747.2001 (TTY).



MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL  
Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners  
Chicago Park District, Michael P. Kelly,  
General Superintendent and CEO





# Chicago Park District Offers Free Admission To Citywide Fitness Centers & Classes During Free Fitness Week

**WHAT:** Chicago Park District's Free Fitness Week  
**WHEN:** January 2-10, 2016  
**WHERE:** There are 70+ Chicago Park District fitness center located across the city <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/facilities/fitness-centers/?pn=1>.  
**MORE:** Registration is required. All activities are first come, first served based on availability.

The Chicago Park District's fitness centers feature state-of-the-art equipment including: computerized treadmills, cross trainers, upright and recumbent bicycles, free weights, cable cross-overs, multi-station weight machines and core-focused weight equipment.

The Chicago Park District also offers a wide array of fitness classes for a range of ages and abilities, including aquatic aerobics, cycling, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing, and

strength training, to name a few. Fitness classes vary per location.

Patrons who purchase a fitness center membership during Free Fitness Week will receive a GLOW IN THE DARK WATER BOTTLE provided by Coca-Cola. Offer valid while supplies last only.

NOTE: Spokespersons are also available to discuss healthy eating and/or learning to swim as a New Year's resolution options.

## Sign Up For Alternate Side Parking E-Blast And CodeRED Text Messages

Did you know that you can receive email alerts and text messages notifying you that alternate-side parking is in effect after a significant snowfall? By subscribing to SkokieNews and CodeRED alerts, you can avoid being ticketed for violating alternate-side parking regulations due to snow.

To subscribe for SkokieNews email alerts, visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and click on the "Subscribe to SkokieNews" link in the top right-hand corner for email alerts. To receive text message alerts, click on the CodeRED icon that also is near the top of the home page.

- Call the Snow Hotline at 847/675-7669;
- Listen to 1660 AM Skokie Radio;
- Tune to SkokieVision cable and look for the crawl message at the bottom of the screen (Channel 25 on RCN systems, Channel 17 on Comcast systems); or
- Listen for the emergency siren that sounds at 7 a.m. to signal that the program is in effect from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day.

For more information on the alternate-side parking program, please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On January 19 & 21

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 half-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older. Classes will be held on Jan. 19 and Jan. 21, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Many who have attended the classes remarked how much they learned about safe driving practices and changes to traffic laws. Completion of the course may qualify participants for a multi-year discount on their liability insurance, an aggregate savings that could exceed \$100. 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 them at [info@npseniorcenter.org](mailto:info@npseniorcenter.org).

The Norwood Park Senior Center is managed by Norwood Seniors Network, a community outreach program, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District.

## Early Voting In Skokie

Early voting for the 2016 Presidential Primary Election begins on Monday, February 29 and runs through Monday, March 14, 2016. However, the last day to early vote at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, is Saturday, March 12, 2016. Any registered voter in suburban Cook County may vote early at this location or any other designated early voting location.

### Early Voting Hours at Village Hall are:

**Monday through Saturday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Any person who will be 18 years old by November 8, 2016, is a US citizen and a resident of this precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election may register to vote. Persons who have moved or changed their names must re-register. There will be Grace Period registration at all early voting locations.

Please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847-933-8203 to request an application for an absentee ballot. Visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) for additional voter information.

## Skokie Christmas Tree Pickup And Holiday Light Recycling Program

Weather permitting, Village of Skokie Public Works crews will pick up Christmas trees during the first two weeks in January. The trees are then chipped and prepared for mulch which is available to Village residents after the New Year's holiday.

After these initial collections, Village refuse crews will collect trees during normal garbage collections. The mulch pick-up area is located on the south side of Church St in the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way property which is just east of Terminal Ave.

Additionally, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Elgin Recycling and the Village of Skokie are offering a free Holiday Light Recycling Program. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, now through January 29, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Exterior holiday decorative lighting is a festive way to enjoy the holiday season, but please remember to remove holiday decorations and lighting early in the New Year. In accordance with the Village of Skokie adopted 2008 National Electric Code section 590.3 (B), temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. For more information, please contact the Property Standards Division at

847/933-8224.

For more information on recycling, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

## Chicago Winter Parking Ban Now In Effect, 3AM to 7AM, Until April 1, 2016

Chicago's Winter Overnight Parking Ban for 107 miles of the city's most critical arterial streets resumed December 1 at 3AM. This seasonal ban in effect every year between December 1st and April 1st, and between the hours of 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. Yet in spite of permanent signage with posted calendar dates along the impacted streets, two related press conferences and heavy media coverage for the past two weeks warning of the resumption of the ban and the leafleting last weekend of vehicles parked along the ban route, some 215 vehicles still parked in violation of this seasonal ban and were ticketed, towed and impounded.

When motorists violate this ban and leave their cars parked on these routes they prevent the street from getting fully plowed and salted when it snows. This reduces the streets capacity during a storm to handle critical traffic. As heavy snow falls it gets pushed against these vehicles by passing plows causing a buildup that further restricts the street lanes.

The permanent signage that marks the 107 miles of the Winter Overnight Parking Ban is often posted next to signs for the 2-inch snow parking ban which can be activated along 500 miles of arterial streets. Both posted restrictions mark Chicago's "Snow Route System," which was created as a result of response to massive snow storms, including the Great Blizzard of '67, which halted traffic citywide."

Ignoring the Winter Overnight Parking Ban can result in a \$150 towing fee (minimum), a ticket and a daily storage fee that increases over time.

The other pertinent ban that can be activated during a heavy snow at any time of the year is the 2" Inch Snow Ban. This restriction is technically in effect all year round, but realistically only a factor in the winter months. The 2" Inch Snow Ban is not activated often, but motorists that violate it when it is active face ticketing and relocation to a nearby site. Motorists need to watch for and obey both restrictions.

# Happy, Healthy New Year!



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Commissioner

Metropolitan

Water Reclamation District



# Cook County Board Approves New Technology Modernizing Data Systems Used By Justice Agencies

Cook County's justice agencies will soon be getting a new "bus" – not the kind with four wheels, but a system to allow the various agencies to cross the digital divide with long-needed modernization.

The Cook County Board today approved the \$2.3 million purchase of an Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) to facilitate communications between the different software applications used by each of the County's justice agencies: Chief Judge, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Public Defender, Sheriff, State's Attorney and the Bureau of Technology, which operates under the Office of County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

"The benefits of having a way to seamlessly translate and transfer data between all of Cook County's justice agencies are enormous," Preckwinkle said. "The ESB creates the potential for more rapid identification of suspected offenders, significantly reduces our dependence on expensive and inefficient data entry and helps prevent situations where detainees are released too soon or too late due to miscommunication."

Preckwinkle cautioned, however, that the potential benefits of the new system will depend on process improvements and buy-in from the justice agencies who use it.

"Improving communication between software systems is a key step in improving the justice system in Cook County, but once the system is implemented it will be up to the justice agencies to take advantage of the opportunity," Preckwinkle said.

She added, "The bus can significantly improve key processes in the justice

system, and I am committed to doing all I can to facilitate progress."

## History

This bus has been a long time coming. On April 23, 2002, the Cook County Board adopted Resolution 02-R-216, establishing the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems ("CCICJIS") Committee, whose purpose was to develop an integrated criminal justice enterprise for Cook County.

The CCICJIS Committee subsequently published a strategic plan detailing issues directly affecting the integration of the County's criminal justice enterprise. In response, the Board adopted Resolutions 04-R-255 and 06-R-233 requesting a Detailed Plan of Action from the CCICJIS Committee.

The resulting 2006 Detailed Plan of Action contained various recommendations, including the recommendation that the County establish an Enterprise Service Bus ("ESB") to facilitate the communication of data among disparate systems operated by each of the criminal justice agencies.

On October 23, 2013, the Cook County Board adopted Resolution 13-1945 asking the Cook County Chief Information Officer to convene the CCICJIS Technology Workgroup and discuss data exchange needs among the County's criminal justice agencies.

Today the Cook County Bureau of Technology, under President Preckwinkle, was given approval by the Board for the implementation of ESB software and hardware, as well as development and managed services for data exchanges among County criminal justice agencies.

## MWRD President Spyropoulos Addresses City Club of Chicago

"Thank you to the City Club of Chicago and sponsors for hosting the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and allowing us the forum to share our important message," said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos. "We have an obligation to serve our residents and taxpayers



Pictured are, left to right, Jay Doherty, President of the City Club of Chicago; MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos and former Governor Pat Quinn.

and tell our story of how we strive each day to protect our water environment and serve as global leaders in improving our planet. Over the last year, we have made excellent strides in improving district finances, upgrading water treatment, addressing stormwater management and initiating resource recovery projects, and we are delighted to share our progress."

President Spyropoulos' speech touched on MWRD's history, beginning with the reversal of the Chicago River, followed by a century of growth and ambitious engineering feats, including the latest MWRD marvel—the Thornton Composite Reservoir—which is the largest of its kind in the world, preventing flooding and pollution in area waterways.

The President invited all participants and the public to tour the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, the largest wastewater treatment facility in the world. Please contact 312-751-6633 to schedule a tour.

## Sickweather Alert:

### Chicago Illnesses Going Around 12/30/15 – 1/6/16

December 30, 2015 – Sickweather is prepared to help Chicagoans stay healthy this Winter. This is your local Sickweather forecast:

**Common Cold, Fever, and Cough** are going around in The Windy City.

Here's the link to the Animated 5-Day Chicago map: <http://sick.io/n1fj>

Tracking for additional illnesses are available via our free apps here:

Apple App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sickweather/id741036885?mt=8>

Google Play Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sickweather.sickweather>

*About Sickweather:* Sickweather, a Baltimore-based company, qualifies over 6 million reports of illness each month in real-time from social media and 3rd party partners, providing the earliest outbreak warnings available. In 2012, they were recognized among "100 Brilliant Companies" by Entrepreneur Magazine and featured on the Today Show for successfully identifying the early start of flu season 6 weeks before the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). For more information, please visit: <http://www.sickweather.com>

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If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at:

**1-800-273-TALK • 1-800-273-8255**

## The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Your Local Legal Network

### The Importance of Intellectual Property Protection

by Scott A. Andresen, Andresen & Associates, P.C. and Chair of The Chicago Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service Committee

While many small business owners wouldn't think of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a new house and then leaving the front door unlocked while they are out of town, that is essentially what they do when it comes to their valuable intangible business assets. The names, logos, slogans, taglines, publications, artistic creations, etcetera of any business should all be protected to the greatest extent possible via federal trademark and/or copyright registrations. However, this important business necessity is often forgotten or ignored (or, more recently, put to the side because of financial limitations) and businesses often inadvertently leave their valuable intellectual property "unlocked" and open to use or theft by third parties by their failure to acquire adequate protection.

While the new house example in the previous paragraph is presented tongue-in-cheek, it serves to illustrate the importance of protecting the intellectual property associated with one's business. The statement is often made, "I was always told that I didn't need federal registrations in order to protect my intellectual property." While it is true that a trademark owner can establish some rights based on legitimate use in commerce, owning a federal trademark registration on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office provides several advantages, including: (1) constructive notice to the public of the registrant's claim of ownership of the mark; (2) a legal presumption of the registrant's ownership of the mark and the registrant's exclusive right to use the mark nationwide on or in connection with the goods and/or services listed in the

registration; (3) the ability to bring an action concerning the mark in federal court; (4) the use of the U.S. registration as a basis to obtain registration in foreign countries; and (5) the ability to file the U.S. registration with the U.S. Customs Service to prevent importation of infringing foreign goods. Similarly, federal copyright registrations (as opposed to common law or "poor man's" rights) provide for a number of benefits in addition to having one's rights a matter of public record—especially in the event of a third party infringement. In particular, registered copyrighted works may be eligible for statutory damages (e.g., plaintiffs who can show willful infringement may be entitled to damages up to \$150,000 per work) and attorney's fees in successful litigation—and I promise you that attorney's fees are a big deal in a federal litigation under even the best of circumstances.

Finally, it is important to remember that registered trademarks and copyrights are identifiable and quantifiable assets that increase the overall valuation (and potential revenue-generating opportunities) of a business.

*About the Lawyer Referral Service:* The Chicago Bar Association has been making referrals to local attorneys for more than 70 years. Our lawyers are screened and have an average of 20 years of experience. We can help YOU find the right lawyer! Call 312-554-2001 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) or visit [www.chicagobar.org/LRS](http://www.chicagobar.org/LRS) for referral to a private attorney in the Chicagoland area. Evening/weekend help available for criminal, domestic relations and personal injury matters.





## Local Holiday Cheer and Greetings



The Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce wishes you a Happy New Year!

*Have A Safe,  
Happy and  
Prosperous  
New Year*

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### Calumet City Fraternal Order Of Police Annual Santa Run Helps 77 Kids In The Community

The Calumet City Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge # 1 made the holidays brighter for 77 children in 19 families during their annual Santa Run event on Saturday, December 19.

"The response from local businesses and the community was heartwarming," said Jeff Newberg of FOP Lodge # 1. "Because of their generosity, many kids will have a happier holiday in Calumet City this year."

### A Happier Holiday For Chicago Seniors Living In Solitude

December 25, 2015, CHICAGO. It was a Christmas Day celebration with a twist – partygoers were Chicagoans aged 70 and older. Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly hosted three Christmas dinners around the city for seniors living without the help of family and friends. It's a mission that alleviates isolation and loneliness among 1,200 Chicagoans each year.

"Spending Christmas Day alone can take the joy out of the holiday," says Simone Mitchell-Peterson, chief executive officer of Little Brothers. "Every day of the year, we make sure seniors feel cared for and remembered. During the holiday, we're especially aware of how important it is to care for our elderly." With the help of nearly 200 volunteers, the organization hosted three dinner celebrations for hundreds of elders, one of which was for Spanish-speaking senior citizens. For homebound seniors and those living in nursing homes, a fleet of volunteers delivered meals as well as a holiday treat to their doors.

In addition to Christmas Day festivities, Little Brothers conducts an elder holiday gift drive that generates 1,000 presents each year. The gifts are delivered throughout December by volunteers. "Elders are like family, many of them have been with our program for years. It's a joy to be able to provide a gift to each one of them," says Mitchell-Peterson. "They truly appreciate the gesture, and we appreciate them."

### Norwood Crossing Residents Welcome 2016 With Afternoon Party

Residents of Norwood Crossing revel in welcoming 2016 with noisemakers, kazoos and balloons at their afternoon New Year's Eve Bash, perhaps thinking of earlier days when they kicked up their heels on the town.



From left are: Virginia Rinozzi, Dennis Duffy, Hazel Fabian, Jean Duffy, Joanna Danilovics, Walter Zengulis, and Greta Webster.

Many of them resolved to laugh more and be happy in 2016. The gathering of revelers were treated to Rat Pack style jazz from Chicago Jazz Entertainment, as well as appetizers, desserts and a countdown to "midnight", featuring a balloon drop, confetti pop and decked out photo booth. Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, is a not-for-profit long-term care community, serving Chicago's far northwest side and nearby areas since 1896. For more information, visit [www.norwoodcrossing.org](http://www.norwoodcrossing.org).

### Elk Grove Village Cops And Kids Holiday Shopping Event Saturday, December 19

Twenty-two school-age children went holiday shopping with a police officer on Saturday, December 19 as part of the first Cops and Kids shopping event sponsored by Elk Grove Village Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 35.

Seventeen members of FOP Lodge 35 accompanied the 22 children as they used \$100 gift cards to do their holiday shopping. The lodge held a fund raiser this fall to help purchase the gift cards for local needy children, who were identified with the assistance of Elk Grove School District 59 and the local Walmart.

"Santa Claus is wearing a badge this year in Elk Grove Village," said Illinois FOP President Chris Southwood. "What Lodge 35 is doing represents the true spirit of the holidays and is a way to give back to the community for their support of the work that law enforcement officers do."

### A Helpful Hand

Hi Kari! A quick but very heartfelt "thank you!" to the staff at Home Comfort!! Over the holiday weekend, the evening of Thanksgiving, my dear friend, Simone, realized that her basement was flooding. Her husband was recently and unexpectedly deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months ... seemingly nothing has gone right for her and her two young kids since he left. Josh ran over to help, thinking it was her sump pump, but soon released there was nothing he could do, that she'd have to wait til the morning to call someone. She was a mess, terrified and exhausted and so very worried. She called your office and had Ryan come out on Friday and, despite the broken sewer pipe, she has had nothing but amazing things to say about the kindness and care from Home Comfort. We knew Home Comfort would take care of her ... thank you for employing the gentlemen who make that statement perfectly true!!! Happy holidays to you and your beautiful family!! ~ Diana



We look forward to helping you, your family and friends throughout 2016. May you have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

6881 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714  
• Visit our NEW Showroom!

### 4th Graders Build Giant Menorah Of Winter Gear For Needy

Talk about holiday traditions that make you feel warm and fuzzy.

Worried that many of the Chicago's least fortunate residents are ill equipped to face the blustery winds that give the city its name, a group of inspired fourth graders are determined to make a difference.

Every year, Rabbi Avraham Varnai's 4th graders at the Seymour J Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School in Skokie build a giant menorah, often choosing to build it out of items that can then be donated to charity.

This year, they have collected over 1,500 new scarves, hats, gloves, and other items of winter gear and are now constructing a 7-foot Chanukah menorah structure that will be lit on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 12:45 p.m., before being dismantled and distributed to people in need.

The menorah lighting is the primary element of the Jewish holiday of Chanukah, an 8-day festival marking the victory of a small band of ragtag Jewish warriors who repelled the mighty Seleucid Greek army from Judea over 2,000 years ago. "It was more than just a stunning military feat," Varnai explains. "It was a victory for religious freedom and the right for minorities to express their unique culture and worship God as they saw fit."

To commemorate the miraculous turn of events, Jewish people all over the world light candles for the 8 nights of Chanukah (this year celebrated from Dec. 6-14), adding an additional candle every night.





## City Wide Ice Rinks

The Chicago Blackhawks sponsor the Chicago Park District's ice rinks which remain open through February 23rd (weather permitting). All rinks will be closed on December 25th for Christmas Day.

New this year, most rinks will feature programming, including pick-up hockey games. Please contact the individual Northside parks listed below for lists of schedules and fees or call the Chicago Park District at 312/742-7529. you may also visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

**\*Indoor Rink\*** McFetridge Sports Center at California Park: 3843 N. California Avenue, 773/478-2609

**\*Outdoor Rinks\*** Riis Park: 6100 W. Fullerton Avenue, 312/746-5735  
Warren Park: 6601 N. Western Avenue, 773/761-8663



## Skokie Idol Begins January 16

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

It all starts on January 16. MadKap Productions is thrilled to begin the SKOKIE IDOL 2016 competition. With all of the considerable local talent we're surrounded by, we're sure it's going to be an exciting contest.

Contestants will compete in one of three divisions based on age: Grades 4 – 8, High School Students, and Adults. People with bring in their very best songs and can be accompanied by a karaoke tracks on a CD, the piano at the theatre, another musical instrument they bring in, or they may even sing a Capella.

On January 16, the top eleven contestants in each division will be selected to return for weekly sing-offs.

Weekly sing-offs will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 on Saturday afternoons in February and March and will be open to the public. Each week, the audience will help the judges select the contestants in each category that move on to the next week. The last three contestants in each division will move on to the finals.

The final round for the Junior Division will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 7:30 pm. The final round for the High School and Adult divisions will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 pm. The finals will consist of 3 songs to be sung by each contestant with a special guest accompanist. The winner of the finals from each category will win the GRAND PRIZE, and the prizes are outstanding.

First up, each of the grand prize winners will team up for an All-star solo concert at Wednesdays On The Green on July 6, 2016 in Downtown Skokie. They will also receive a three song studio recording session from Top Note Music Academy, and a \$100 cash prize provided by MadKap Productions.

The contest will be held at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave in Downtown Skokie. There is a \$35 registration fee, with a \$10 discount for residents of Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles and Lincolnwood.

Judges include MadKap Executive Director Wendy Kaplan, Myrna Petlicki from the Skokie Review, Carla Gordon from the Chicago Cabaret Professionals, and local musicians and performers including Charlene Brooks and Daryl Nitz.

For complete contest rules and registration, please visit [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org) or call the Skokie Idol Hotline at 847-677-7761 ext. 4.



High School student Hannah Willams performing at Skokie Idol 2015.

## Celebrate The Start Of The Winter Season At North Park Village Nature Center

For a list of great nature-inspired events and programs at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., go to [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or contact (312) 744-5472 or TTY/TDD (312) 744-3586.

## Millennium Park's Ice Rink Is Now Open

The McCormick-Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park opened on Friday, November 14, and will remain open through Saturday, March 7, 2015, weather permitting. For more than a decade, the rink has drawn over 100,000 skaters annually and is free and open to the public. The rink, located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets, offers skate rentals.

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink will operate under the following hours:

- Monday-Thursday: Noon-8pm
- Friday: Noon-10pm
- Saturday (Through Jan. 3): 10am-10pm
- Saturday (Beginning Jan. 10): 10am-9pm
- Sunday: 10am-9pm



For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, visit [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org) or call 312.744-3316. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @Millennium\_Park.

## Juicebox Kids Series - 2016 Winter/Spring Schedule


The popular Juicebox family music and performance series hosted by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will once again entertain and educate young children and their families this Winter and Spring at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) and the Garfield Park Conservatory (300 N. Central Park Ave.) beginning Friday, January 15, 2016, at 11 a.m.

With its engaging music, dance and theater performances in a kid-friendly setting, the FREE admission Juicebox programs are geared toward the "stroller set" and enjoyable for the whole family. Children will experience a diverse range of artistic and educational presentations, with hosts regularly inviting youngsters to move, dance and otherwise interact with performers.

Except where otherwise noted, the series is scheduled for 11-11:45 a.m. on the first and third Friday and Saturday of each month with Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center and Saturday at the Garfield Park Conservatory through May. Below is the complete list of dates, times, locations and performing talent for the 2016 Winter/Spring Juicebox series.

Juicebox is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). Admission is FREE. For more information on FREE arts programming presented year-round at the Chicago Cultural Center and other venues, visit [chicagoculturalcenter.org](http://chicagoculturalcenter.org) and [cityofchicago.org/dccase](http://cityofchicago.org/dccase), call 312.744.3316 or join the conversation on Facebook (Chicago Cultural Center, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events) and on Twitter and Instagram, @ChiCulturCenter @ChicagoDCASE (#Juicebox).

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is dedicated to enriching Chicago's artistic vitality and cultural vibrancy. This includes fostering the development of Chicago's non-profit arts sector, independent working artists and for-profit arts businesses; providing a framework to guide the City's future cultural and economic growth, via the 2012 Chicago Cultural Plan; marketing the City's cultural assets to a worldwide audience; and presenting high-quality, free and affordable cultural programs for residents and visitors.




**Class of 2020 Entrance Exam**  
Saturday, January 9, 2016 ~ 7:45 am to noon

Testers bring two #2 pencils and \$25 exam fee; calculators are not permitted.  
*Parents are welcome to attend an optional Parent Info Session at 8 am to learn about the curriculum and programs, technology, athletics, fine arts, scholarships, private transportation, and more.*

**Shadow Days**  
8<sup>th</sup> grade girls ~ Shadow Day on Thursday, **January 7, 2016.**  
7<sup>th</sup> grade girls ~ "Experience Res" Day on Friday, **February 12, 2016.**

Entrance Exam details, more information or to register for a shadow experience, visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or call 773-775-6616 Ext 129.

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## Museum Campus Offers Free General Admission On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHAT: This Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, spend the day at three of Chicago's top cultural attractions – the Adler Planetarium, Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium – for FREE! On Monday, January 18, all three museums will offer Illinois residents FREE general admission.

For more information, please visit: [adlerplanetarium.org](http://adlerplanetarium.org), [fieldmuseum.org](http://fieldmuseum.org), [sheddquarium.org](http://sheddquarium.org)

WHEN: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 18, 2016

HOURS: Adler Planetarium	The Field Museum	Shedd Aquarium
9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.*

\*Extended museum hours

PRICES: The Adler, Field and Shedd are all offering FREE general admission for Illinois residents with proof of residency. Illinois residents can also purchase discounted admission packages to enhance their visits. Package prices are below:

- Adler: All Access Pass with discount: \$17.95 for adults; \$16.95 for children
- Field: All Access Pass with discount: \$20 for adults; \$17 for seniors and students; \$14 for children
- Shedd: Total Experience Pass with discount: \$31.95 for adults; \$24.95 for children

WHERE: Museum Campus – Chicago

- Adler Planetarium  
1300 S. Lake Shore Dr.
- The Field Museum  
1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.
- Shedd Aquarium  
1200 S. Lake Shore Dr.

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Evanston, Tennessee Whiskeys On The Line In 'Battle Of Spirits' As  
Mayors Tisdahl And Rogero Make Outback Bowl Wager

Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and Knoxville, Tennessee Mayor Madeline Rogero have placed a friendly wager on the outcome of the 30th Anniversary Outback Bowl to be played on Friday, January 1, 2016 in Tampa, Florida. The game will pit the Big Ten's Northwestern University Wildcats from Evanston against the SEC's University of Tennessee Volunteers from Knoxville. The two mayors met via conference call on Friday, December 18 to place the

wager.

In a "Battle of Spirits," Mayor Tisdahl wagered a bottle of FEW Spirits Bourbon Whiskey if Tennessee wins, while Mayor Rogero wagered a bottle of Old City Heirloom Corn Whiskey from Knox Whiskey Works if Northwestern is victorious.

"I appreciate Mayor Rogero's good sportsmanship in putting up authentic Tennessee whiskey against the world's best bourbon. It will be my pleasure to toast

the Wildcats with some of Tennessee's finest after Northwestern hands it to the Volunteers," said Mayor Tisdahl. "The silver lining for Mayor Rogero is that she won't have to travel too far to pick up a bottle of our city's hand-crafted, award-winning spirit, as it's now distributed throughout the country and the world, including Knoxville. One thing is for sure, the Outback Bowl has picked two excellent football teams to compete in Tampa this year."

The Adler Planetarium Offers Illinois Resident Discount Days This Winter

WHAT: Countless galaxies, unfathomable distances, exploding stars, diamond planets, black holes, there's no way around it, space is freaking awesome! Come learn more at the Adler Planetarium this winter during our Illinois Resident Discount Days! Whether you are looking for free activities for kids, want to learn more about space or take in the amazing view of the Chicago skyline from the Adler, free days are a great time to stop by! We are pleased to announce that Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day are included in our discount days this year!

Illinois residents can use their discount to apply toward other admission packages that include sky shows and the Atwood Sphere Experience. Illinois residents will be asked to present valid identification at time of admission.

WHERE: Adler Planetarium - 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago - Museum Campus  
DATES\*: January 4-8,11,12,15,18-22, 25-29; February 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29

\*Subject to change. Check adlerplanetarium.org for the latest information.

HOURS: Monday through Friday: 9:30am - 4:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 9:30am - 4:30pm

COST: Illinois Residents:

General Admission Pass: FREE with proof of residency

Basic Pass: \$12.95 for adults with proof of residency; \$11.95 for children with proof of residency

All Access Pass: \$17.95 for adults with proof of residency; \$16.95 for children with proof of residency

Non-Illinois Residents:

General Admission Pass: \$12 for adults; \$8 for children

Basic Pass: \$24.95 for adults; \$19.95 for children

All Access Pass: \$29.95 for adults; \$24.95 for children

Chicago Park District 2015-16 Chicago  
Blackhawks Hockey Clinics

The Chicago Blackhawks are giving kids the opportunity to participate in a FREE Learn to Play ice hockey clinic! Use of skates and equipment will be provided at no cost. Some prior ice skating experience is required. All participants will receive a jersey to keep.

For more information or to register for this activity, please visit: [chicagoblackhawks.formstack.com/forms/cpd\\_clinic\\_selection](http://chicagoblackhawks.formstack.com/forms/cpd_clinic_selection).

RIIS PARK 6100 W. Fullerton Ave., 312-746-5735 (rink)

January 9, 2016: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (ages 5-8); 12-1 p.m. (ages 9-12)

WARREN PARK 6601 N. Western Ave., 773-761-8663

January 20, 2016: 4-5 p.m. (ages 5-8); 5-6 p.m. (ages 9-12)

January 23, 2016: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (ages 5-8); 12-1 p.m. (ages 9-12)

"A Theater Review"

"Treasure Island"

Lookingglass Theatre at the Water Tower Water Works  
821 N. Michigan Avenue

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

Robert Louis Stevenson's book has been adapted and directed by Mary Zimmerman for the holidays and it is a winner for the theatre. The Berkeley Repertory Theatre is a co-producer of the show.

A new actor, the young John Francis Babbo, has the role of Jim Hawkins and you'll be hearing a lot from this young man.

Lawrence E. DiStasi has the role of the pirate Long John Silver with Christopher Donahue as Billy Bones, Matt DeCarlo as Squire Trelawney and Kasey Foster as Mrs. Hawkins. The show runs two and a half hours and is made up of fourteen performers, some of whom are also musicians.

I read the book in my younger years and it will always be a classic and should be read by young people.

The story is an adventure novel that was written in 1881. Ms. Zimmerman has it between narration and action on the Lookingglass stage. Blair Thomas is the puppet designer. I was not able to find the choreographer of the washbuckling scenes in the Stagebill. Boys age 10 and over will find it well worth seeing.

Is there treasure to be found? You have to see the show to find out.

"Treasure Island" runs through January 31st, 2016. For show days, performance times and reservations call 312-337-0665. Tickets are \$55 - \$85.

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## Local Schools, Libraries And Organizations

### VFW Selects 85 Student Veterans To Receive ‘Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarships’ Over \$360,000 Awarded For 2015 Fall Semester

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) is proud to announce that 85 service members and veterans have been named 2015 fall semester scholarship recipients courtesy of VFW’s “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” program. These student veterans will receive over \$360,000 in combined aid.

Enacted in 2013 through the VFW’s long-standing relationship with Sport Clips Haircuts, the Help A Hero Scholarship program provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance needed to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt.

The successful Help A Hero Scholarship program has awarded over \$1.2 million dollars in financial aid and has provided scholarships to more than 300 service members and veterans to date.

Military educational benefits often run out or fall short of covering the full costs of a college education leaving many student veterans without a degree.

The Help A Hero Scholarship program helps fill those gaps and provides student veterans the chance to achieve their academic and career goals.

Scholarship recipient Alfonso Rodriguez writes, “When a veteran comes home from war there are many obstacles we face. At the top of our list are how to support our families and how to finish our education. Many do not complete their education due to finances. I am very thankful to know there are people who sincerely appreciate the sacrifices [made by] the military men and women who serve this great nation.”

Help A Hero scholarships are awarded twice throughout the year exclusively to service members and veterans and help cover the cost of tuition and fees. Scholarship applications are currently being accepted for the 2016 spring semester. For more information on the Help A Hero Scholarship program or to apply, contact Terry Vance at [vfwil@vfwil.org](mailto:vfwil@vfwil.org)

### “Winter Words” Promotes Reading/Talking To Kids From Birth

Beginning January 2, the Library promotes reading to very young children through a winter reading program, “Winter Words: Reading and Talking.” The program encourages talking and reading with children from birth to 3 years of age.

Parents are invited to come to any location of the Evanston Public Library to register, then read and converse for 14 days in January with their child, keep track in a reading log with stickers, and choose a free, brand-new, high-quality board book for their home library at the end of the 14 days.

Registration is on-going between January 2 through January 18. The program must be completed by January 31. The Library will expand the program, started last year, to also include more small home daycare facilities in the community.

Early exposure to words, language and reading is a key component of future success in school and beyond. Studies show that children who are talked to frequently from birth are significantly better prepared for school success.

“We can all give our youngest children a big advantage through the simple act of reading and talking. This program provides motivation and tools to support all parents and caregivers in reading and developing vocabulary in their babies whose minds are hungry to learn, right from the start,” said Karen Danczak Lyons, Director, Evanston Public Library.

### Resurrection Math Club Encourages Excitement At The Young Women’s Math Olympics



On Saturday, November 21, 2015, Resurrection College Prep High School’s Mathematics Department and the Resurrection Math Club sponsored the Young Women’s Math Olympics. The competition allowed 7th and 8th grade girls to compete in the area of algebra and geometry and participate in math related games and activities. Awards were given to the top scoring 7th and 8th grade students in algebra and geometry. 1st place winners received a gold medal, 2nd place a silver medal, 3rd place a bronze medal, and 4th & 5th place winners a certificate.

8th grade algebra competition winners were as follows: 1st Place – Marie Tagliavia, St. Paul of the Cross School; 2nd Place – Ruba Memon, Sauganash Elementary; 3rd Place – Kathleen Littau, St. Tarcissus School; 4th Place – Dominique Serrano, Oriole Park School; and 5th Place – Isabel Sobalewski, Oriole Park School.

8th grade geometry competition winners were as follows: 1st Place – Marie Tagliavia, St. Paul of the Cross School; 2nd Place – Lylajeane Bariso, O.A. Thorpe Scholastic Academy; 3rd Place – Isabel Sobalewski, Oriole Park School; 4th Place – Milina Miulli, St Paul of the Cross School; and 5th Place – Kathleen Littau, St Tarcissus School.

7th grade algebra competition winners were as follows: 1st Place – Laura Jamrozik, St. Paul of the Cross School; 2nd Place – Emily Nowak, St. Paul of the Cross School; 3rd Place – Elizabeth Kolesnik, Culver School; 4th Place – Gianna O’Neill, St Tarcissus School; and 5th Place – Sara Decker, O.A. Thorpe Scholastic Academy.

7th grade geometry competition winners were as follows: 1st Place – Laura Jamrozik, St. Paul of the Cross; 2nd Place – Emily Nowak, St. Paul of the Cross School; Annette Krol, Oriole Park School; 4th Place – Antonia Ovalle, St. Pascal School; and 5th Place – Gianna O’Neill, St. Tarcissus School.

“The Young Women’s Math Olympics is a wonderful outlet for grade school girls to test their skills in a fun environment,” said Resurrection senior and Math Club President Brianna Ortega. She said that her favorite part of the competition was “watching girls cheer for each other and smile” and she wants girls “to be proud of their skills and walk with pride because of their abilities.”

Another Math Club officer, senior Alana Fligelman, plans to study chemistry in college and she said “girls who are excited about math and science are more likely to pursue a career in math or science, which is something everyone, male or female, will benefit from.” Resurrection prides itself as an all-girls’ school that promotes challenging young women in all academic areas and encourages students to explore math, science and technology related fields.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls’ Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).

### January Programs And Events At Eisenhower Public Library District

We also wanted to let you know, and ask that you please spread the word, about some of our new special collections. We have added a new collection called “Eisenhower Exclusives” where we have extra copies of popular materials available for residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights on a first-come, first-serve basis. These items cannot be placed on hold, and allow for the serendipity of finding a popular item when you stop in at the Library that may have a long waitlist otherwise. We have added some slightly less traditional items to our collection too including Museum Passes, Rokus, Cricut machines, Memory Boxes (to digitize photos), binoculars, and calculators. We are also in the process of adding umbrellas to be available for checkout in case it starts to pour while you are at the Library. Stop by and check out the Special Collections Display in the Library Services area. If you would like more information on any of these, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Outstanding Fall Athletes At Resurrection College Prep

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The Resurrection College Prep High School Bandits celebrated the success of the fall sports season at the 2015-16 Fall Athletic Banquet on November 18, 2015 at White Eagle Banquets. Individual teams and players in the Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball programs at Resurrection were recognized for their athletic and academic accomplishments. Student athletes listed below were acknowledged by their individual teams.

Varsity Cross Country – MVP: Maureen Gillespie '16; Coach's Award: Bridget McKenna '17; Sportsmanship Award: Alexandra Figueroa '16 and Spirit Award: Devin Winkler '16.

Junior Varsity Cross Country – MVP: Lauren Hartford '17; Coach's Award: Mary Schafer '18; Sportsmanship Award: Mairead Dunne '19; Spirit Award: Anna Klaw '17

Varsity Golf – MVP: Kelsey Janesku '16; Coach's Award: Michelene Janesku '16; Sportsmanship Award: Nicole Arnold '16 and Spirit Award: Olivia Canova '16

Junior Varsity Golf – MVP: Melissa Lara '19; Coach's Award: Samara Perkinson '18; Sportsmanship Award: Hailey Staunton '18 and Spirit Award: Samara Perkinson '18

Varsity Swimming – MVP: Ruth Gleason '18; Coach's Award: Sarah Betzolt '16; Sportsmanship Award: Noelle Dragon '16 and Spirit Award: Christina Simi '16

Junior Varsity Swimming – MVP: Kirsten Lengfelder '19; Coach's Award: Emma Fitzgerald '19; Sportsmanship

Award: Allison Nickeas '19 and Spirit Award: Erin Callahan '16

Varsity Tennis – MVP: Analisa Martorano '17; Coach's Award: Meredith Nowotarski '17; Sportsmanship Award: Ellyse Kealy '17 and Spirit Award: Lillian Goworowski '17

Junior Varsity Tennis – MVP: Sophia Acevedo '17; Coach's Award: Laura Talley '16; Sportsmanship Award: Samantha Dahlstrom '19 and Spirit Award: Tierney McNamara '16

Varsity Volleyball – MVP: Brittany Welch '18; Coach's Award: Christina Breen '16; Sportsmanship Award: Sarah Ranallo '16 and Spirit Award: Brenda Halter '16

Junior Varsity Volleyball – MVP: Alexandria Kalamaris '18; Coach's Award: Natalie McDermott '18; Sportsmanship Award: Maddie McEnaney '18; Spirit Award: Jordyn Sprunk '18

Freshmen A Volleyball – MVP: Carlie Serritella '19; Coach's Award: Samantha Arce '19; Sportsmanship Award: Gabriella O'Hehir '19 and Spirit Award: Emily Nytko '19

Freshmen B Volleyball – MVP: Brigid Early '19; Coach's Award: Claire Anderson '19; Sportsmanship Award: Sarah Erickson '19 and Spirit Award: Bridget Zegler '19

Tennis players Analisa Martorano '17 and Meredith Nowotarski '17 and volleyball player Brittany Welch '18 were recognized and chosen by the coaches of the GCAC for their exemplary athletic ability at the Varsity level and were awarded the GCAC All-Conference Athletic Award. And student athletes who maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher at the Varsity level of competition received the

GCAC/MCAC All-Conference Academic Award, including the following: Cross Country – Margaret Buzzo '16, Sarah Calkins '17, Julia DeMovic '16, Samantha Dunleavy '16, Alex Figueroa '16, Cristina Gamboa '16, Jaqueline Gerlach '16, Maureen Gillespie '16, Alexandria Ippolito '16, Samantha McDermott '18, Bridget McKenna '17, Mary Quinn '18, Nicole Suvanto '17, and Devin Winkler '16. Golf – Nicole Arnold '16, Meghan Barrett '17, Olivia Canova '16, Kelsey Janesku '16, Michelene Janesku '16 and Natalie Markech '17. Swimming – Esmeralda Arroyo '17, Sarah Betzolt '16, Allison Carleton '16, Meghan Crump '19, Noelle Dragon '16, Mary Pat French '16, Ruth Gleason '18, Christina Simi '16 and Nicole Tomasik '16. Tennis – Kathryn Agosta '16, Samantha Crump '17, Lillian Goworowski '17, Clare Hobson '17, Ellyse Kealy '17, Nicole Le Boeuf '17, Analisa Martorano '17, Noelle McGlenn '17, Meredith Nowotarski '17 and Emma Sudie '17. Volleyball – Francesca Adesso '16, Julia Baase '17, Marybeth Barnes '16, Isabella Bottalla '16, Caitlin Flaherty '17, Brenda Halter '16, Kendall Kelly '17, Olivia O'Hehir '17, Emily Pfaller '17, Sarah Ranallo '16, Grace Torres '16 and Brittany Welch '18.

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## Special Service For Tots At Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation

Stories, songs, prayers and games will be part of a special prayer service for children ages two to five at a "Tefila Tots Shabbat," Saturday, January 9, starting at 11:15 a.m., in the Chapel at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie. Playtime and Kiddush luncheon with the whole congregation follows the service. This is free and open to any Jewish

family with small children. Older siblings are welcome, as well.

"We are delighted with our Tefila Tots Shabbat and are very excited to see it grow," says Rebbetzin Julie Weill who will lead the program with two other Jewish educators, Laura Brody and Sara Chupack.

For further information, please call the synagogue at 847-675-4141.

## Applications Now Open For Chicago High School Teens Seeking Paid Apprenticeship Programs And Internships With After School Matters®

After School Matters is now accepting teen applications for its Spring program session. More than 300 programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of February 22 at more than 70 Chicago public high schools, as well as Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community organization locations throughout the city, and downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. Teens can search and apply for Spring programs online at [afterschoolmatters.org](http://afterschoolmatters.org).

In total, more than 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities will be available to Chicago high school teens this spring through After School Matters. Spring programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 12 weeks. Participating teens will be eligible to

earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level), and interns can earn \$10.00 per hour.

After School Matters' unique programs offer teens an opportunity to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for their futures. Multiple independent studies and recent data have confirmed that teens who participate in After School Matters programs have higher Freshmen On-Track rates, improved school-day attendance and higher high school graduation rates than their peers.

## Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets at Noon every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side.

To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127. Thank you.

JANUARY 28 PROGRAM – A representative from the Tattler Post #973 of the American Legion at 4355 N. Western Avenue will be our guest speaker to talk about the functions of their TOM RYAN YOUTH FUND, which marked its 55th year on October 24, 2015. We look forward to hearing exactly how the Youth Fund supports children and young adults in our community. Please mark your calendar and save the date to attend this regularly scheduled Kiwanis Club Meeting.

*Inspirational Message from Father Flanagan: "When you help a child today, you write the history of tomorrow."*

## Tattler Post Burger Night

Enjoy a GOURMET BURGER with a choice of (with or without) cheese, onions (grilled or raw), lettuce, tomato, potato salad or baked beans on Friday, January 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. This also includes salad with assorted dressings and an appetizer. The cost is only \$7.00 per person. A group of dedicated female supporters prepares a plate of cookies and cakes for each table for those of us who have a sweet tooth. The Tattler Post has Burger Nights every last Friday of the month unless otherwise announced, so you can mark your calendar. Soft drinks and other choices are available at reasonable prices. COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETS. Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

## Resurrection Entrance Exam And Shadow Days Entrance Exam - Saturday, January 9, 2016

Resurrection College Prep High School invites eighth grade girls to take the Class of 2020 Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 7:45 am to noon. No pre-registration is necessary – students should bring #2 pencils and a \$25 testing fee. Water and snacks will be provided to testers. Calculators are not permitted. Students must test at Resurrection to be eligible for the Block Scholarship for Top Testers and other scholarships opportunities at Resurrection College Prep. Information regarding limited accommodations on the Entrance Exam may be requested by Tuesday, January 5 by contacting Registrar Mary Kaye Ulczak at [mulczak@reshs.org](mailto:mulczak@reshs.org) or 773.775.6616.

Parents are welcome to attend an optional Parent Information Session at Resurrection at 8 am on the day of the Entrance Exam. Parents can learn about the curriculum and programs at Resurrection, including AP and college credit classes, technology initiatives, the advantages of single gender education and the unique Resurrection Practicum Job Shadowing Program. Information will also be presented about athletics, tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities. Shadow Days are available for girls to spend the day at Resurrection to experience the school first-hand. Select days remain for eighth grade girls to spend the day at Resurrection to shadow a current student.

## Do You Know About the Skokie TeenLink Program?

The Skokie TeenLink program is a database collection of Skokie teens who are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request. Many residents who request the TeenLink list are unable to do physical work themselves, unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor on a regular basis or only need assistance during one season. The TeenLink list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name and address of the teen, days of availability, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

This program becomes very popular and sought after during the snow season. It's always best to receive the TeenLink list early in the year and contact the teen before needing assistance.

The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

Do you know a Skokie resident who may benefit from the TeenLink list? Please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 for more information. Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to download an application.



## To Do List For The Winter Doldrums



Chester M. Przybylo

Now that the holiday decorations are put away and the weather in Chicago can go from freezing cold to almost spring like, the winter doldrums can set in. Instead of just waiting around for spring to come, why not use this time to get a few things out of the way that you have been avoiding...so that when spring comes you can greet it with some items checked off your to-do list.

While you are still in the spirit of the New Year, it might be a good time to review any changes that took place in 2014 that may have affected your estate plans. Have there been any marriages, divorces, births, deaths or adoptions in your family over the year? If so, do you need to contact your estate planning attorney to update your plan? Oftentimes people don't think about these matters until they are ready to go on an extended vacation and need it done in a hurry. Better to do it now than to wait until you may be in a crisis mode.

A lot of people are getting ready for Tax Day on April 15th. While collecting various financial information this is a good time to make sure that, if you have done your estate planning with a trust, all of the assets that should be in the trust have been funded. Funding a trust should not be a difficult task, the estate planning law firm that you used to create your trust can easily guide you on how this is done, if you have forgotten how since you signed your trust.

An often forgotten task is letting your heirs know where you keep your trust or will. While this may seem very elementary, over the years our office has received many calls from a decedent's heirs asking us where their parents kept their trust or will. There is seemingly no end to the creative places people have stored these extremely important documents--garages, ovens and freezers. This is why our office supplies an extra copy of the trust when it is signed along with the advice to keep the copy in a safe deposit box. So take the time to contact your heirs to let them know exactly where you have these documents stored.

With so many children moving away from their home state, it is also important to let all of your heirs, and especially those who live far away, know the name of your estate planning law firm. Make sure that they have a card from the firm so that in the event that they need to contact the firm, they can do this swiftly. When you select a full-service estate planning law firm for your estate planning needs, if heirs live far away they can have the firm help with any estate administration that may be necessary after one's passing.

Lastly, make sure that your adult heirs have done their own estate planning. Many times heirs have come to our firm after their parents' passing without any estate plan of their own. If parents have done a good job in their estate planning the heirs realize what a favor their parents did for them.

After taking advantage of this slow time of the year, it may be time to break out the seed catalogs for the spring.

*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](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*

## Honor Flight Chicago – “Operation Locate A Hero” - 2016 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 2016 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

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

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

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

## Don't Throw Them Under The Bus!

America, the richest Country in the world, has many people in poverty. The problem is huge. We need to remember that people who are recipients of the Social Security benefits into which they paid through their years of hard work are our friends, our neighbors and many, if not most of whom, are Veterans who served our Nation willingly and with dignity. To be treated with dignity and to be allowed to maintain their dignity is all they want in return. This comes in the way of self sufficiency and independence.

Social Security recipients receive their payments once a month. These funds are generally put back into our economy immediately. There are, for the most part, no funds left to save since these monies are dedicated to survival, i.e., housing, food, medical and all other living expenses. We have not had an increase this year, or two years prior, even though prices have risen across the board while the recipients' buying and spending potential is stagnant.

Our neighborhoods, as we all know, are the building block of our society and contribute to the success of our Nation. Where ever and whenever we can help, we need to do so. Remember that when Social Security is run properly and efficiently, it will give dignity to those among us who were the builders of our great Country. As the expression goes – “Don't Throw Them Under The Bus”. You may be one of them someday. Failure is NOT an option!!

*The Editor*

## Tim Clarke, Community Development Director, To Retire After 21 Years Serving The Village

On January 29, 2016, Community Development Director Timothy Clarke will retire from the Village of Lincolnwood after 21 years of serving the community. Tim came to the Village in 1995 to serve as the Village's first Economic Development Director after serving in planning positions with Cook County and the City of Evanston. The Department was reconstituted into the Community Development Department in 2000 and his title was changed to Community Development Director at that time.

During his tenure Tim was involved in the creation of four Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) Districts These TIFs have led to new developments such as the Lowe's on Touhy and the anticipated replacement for the Purple Hotel at the intersection of Touhy and Lincoln Avenues. Tim also spearheaded the Touhy-Crawford Improvement Project. Tim has served as the staff liaison to the Economic Development Commission since he started with the Village along with providing support to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. As part of Tim's role with the Village he also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry and sought ways to develop economic opportunities for the community.

Upon hearing of Tim's retirement, Mayor Turry said, “Tim Clarke was hired during Madeline Grant's term. I was a Village Trustee at the time. We are indebted to him for his service to our Village over the past 21 years. His understanding of the TIF procedures and processes helped the Village greatly, and allowed us to use this tool to effectively mold the future of what Lincolnwood would look like. Personally, I will miss him.”

Village Manager Tim Wiberg said of Tim, “Tim has been a valued asset to the Village for 21 years. He has brought a high level of planning expertise and experience to the Village. His presence and professionalism will be sorely missed.”

Tim's last meeting with the Village before his retirement will be January 19, 2016. The Village has begun the process of searching for the Village's next Community Development Director. The Village will be accepting applications through January 19, 2016.

## Expanded Property Tax Exemptions Available For Disabled Veterans

The City of Evanston encourages residents to contact its Property Tax Assessment Review Office with any questions related to a new Illinois law that expands property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. Residents should call Mitzi Gibbs, Tax Assessment Reviewer, at 847-448-8168.

Under the new law, veterans with a 30-49 percent disability (as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) will receive a \$2,500 annual property tax exemption; veterans with disabilities of 50-69 percent will qualify for a \$5,000 yearly exemption; and veterans with a service-connected disability of 70 percent and greater are exempted from all property tax payments.

The new property tax exemption forms will be available on January 1, 2016 on the Cook County Assessor's website, [cookcountyassessor.com](http://cookcountyassessor.com). Applications for the property tax exemptions will be due March 1, 2016, and the exemptions would first appear on property owners' second installment 2015 property tax bills mailed out late next year.

The City of Evanston's Property Tax Assessment Review Office acts as a taxpayer advocate for Evanston residents. The Office does not assess property, but answers residents' questions and aids in exemption and appeal applications. Property assessment is done by the Cook County Assessor's Office for all of Cook County.

For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents in Evanston may simply dial 3-1-1.

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## RTA Welcomes Passage Of The Path Act

### Legislation Restores Equal Tax Benefit To Transit Commuters

The RTA applauds the passage of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 today, which restores parity between employer-provided public transportation benefits and parking benefits.

The RTA is a founding member of Getting America to Work (GATW), a national coalition of transit agencies, business groups and commuter advocacy organizations, which was integral to PATH's passage as well as FAST Act passage last week. GATW's members have been leading advocates for a change in the federal commuter benefits policy, which recently has provided greater benefits to those who drive to work. This change is expected to lead to increased use of mass transit, which reduces traffic congestion, commute times and pollution nationally.

"Passage of the permanent mass transit benefits parity provision is a big win for regional commuters and our economy," said Leanne Redden, RTA Executive Director. "For too long, the system encouraged commuters to drive to work rather than use our robust public transportation system. Now that the benefits have reached parity on a permanent basis, I encourage regional transit riders to sign up for the tax benefit and more frequently use our public transit system to save time and money."

The parking benefit and transit benefit have historically been on uneven footing. Last year, the monthly transit benefit cap was cut nearly in half to \$130 while the monthly parking benefit cap increased to \$250 and in December, the cap was retroactively increased to \$250 for a limited number of commuters whose employers allowed post-tax deductions during 2014 that exceeded the \$130 cap. The PATH Act permanently increases the mass transit benefit for those with employer-provided benefits to \$250, putting it on par with parking benefits.

"As a downtown employer, a lifelong user of our public transportation system and the Chairman of the RTA, I fully understand the importance of this law," says Kirk Dillard, Chairman of the RTA Board of Directors. "I'd like to thank the region's Congressional delegation and Senators for heeding the call and supporting this legislation."

To learn more about the RTA Transit Benefit Fare Program visit [www.mytransitbenefit.com](http://www.mytransitbenefit.com).

## "Antiques And Collectibles" Is Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On Jan. 20

Are older items considered antique, highly collectible or none of the above? How do you find out if your items should be tossed or saved, donated or given away? If you face this dilemma, please consider attending the Timely Talk, "Antiques and Collectibles," at 2:00 p.m., on Jan. 20, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Reno DelRosario, an antiques' dealer for the past 13 years, will make the presentation and evaluate a limited number of items that are brought to the event.

He will share some fascinating information about antiques and finds, show how to conduct research, point out identifying marks, and explain caring, protecting and preservation. In addition to being an antique dealer, he conducts estate sales, sells on Ebay and has helped people identify and sell items of considerable value.

Evaluations of items will be limited to one per person and no more than 10 items will be evaluated by Reno during the afternoon of the talk. The first 10 people to respond with an item will have it evaluated. To have your item evaluated at no cost, you must RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or emailing [info@norwoodcrossing.org](mailto:info@norwoodcrossing.org). There will be no exceptions. Norwood Crossing and its employees are not responsible for any items that you bring to the event.

Watch the Food Network's upcoming episodes of Coast-To-Coast Chow featuring Harry Kempf, owner, operator and chef of the Chicago Brauhaus.



## Niles Township's Glazer Honored

Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township Government, was recognized by the North Shore Barrington Association of Realtors® who dedicated its boardroom to Glazer, the recipient of the Association's 2015 Distinguished Service Award. Marilyn's family, friends and colleagues were on hand for the dedication event.

"An extremely well deserved award for an amazing woman," said NSBAR's President of the Board Keith Hancock. "It is long overdue and we can't

thank Marilyn enough for all her contributions to our North Shore Barrington Association of REALTORS® and the Real Estate Industry as a whole."

Marilyn Glazer's realty career has spanned over 40-years. A Skokie resident, Glazer is the owner of Marilyn D. Glazer, REALTOR® and Glazer Enterprises, Inc. She has also served as the President of the North Shore Board of REALTORS and has received numerous industry awards for her work in real estate education.

Marilyn Glazer had served as a Niles Township Trustee since 2005 before being appointed Supervisor in 2014.

Since 1850, Niles Township Government has been dedicated to improving life for its residents. Niles Township is located in the northeast corner of Cook County. With a population of over 105,000 the Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf, and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview.



Pictured Keith Hancock, President North Shore Barrington Association of Realtors®, Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor, of Niles Township

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