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Let The Festivals Begin!

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Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township with help from numerous officials and business leaders, cuts the ceremonial ribbon rededicating the recently expanded Niles Township Food Pantry building in Skokie.
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Wrigley Field Plaza Ordinance Through City Council License Committee

This is a significant step forward on a reasonable agreement that will allow the Cubs to offer new opportunities to their fans, while maintaining a high quality of life for those who live in the neighborhood. This is further proof of the progress that is possible when you choose compromise over combat and the City of Chicago will be better off as a result of all sides coming together.

Slots Are Still Available For Chicago Park District Day Camp

Thousands of spaces are still available for the Chicago Park District's day camp program, which began Tuesday, July 5.

"Park District day camp is an affordable option that gives children the opportunity to learn, participate in recreation and make lasting memories that define their childhood," Mayor Emanuel said. "From field trips to reading at least 30 minutes per day, it's the best deal in town when it comes to summer activities for youth. I encourage everyone to take advantage of what the Chicago Park District has to offer your child this summer."

Standard day camps run six weeks, from July 5 - August 12, typically from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Many parks offer early morning and late-day sessions as well. Fees vary depending on location, offerings and hours. No child will be turned away for inability to pay.

As part of the summer camp curriculum, campers will embark on an enriching journey through Chicago's 77 neighborhoods. The camp

theme, Explore the Spirit of Chicago - My Neighborhood, Our City, will offer new and unique ways for campers to enjoy their summer experience at their local parks, and explore our city through a series of exciting indoor and outdoor activities.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance and family discounts are available. Applicants that do not qualify for financial assistance may inquire about the payment plan option at their local park.

Summer Food Service Program

In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) federal regulations, the Chicago Park District will participate in the Summer Food Service Program in conjunction with summer day camp. Lunches and/or snacks will be provided for enrolled children at most camps.

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



It was a "friendly" Fourth of July between the City of Chicago and the Village of Skokie as Karen Hand-Harper (at left above) and Catherine Johns (at right above) - radio friends and former Sauganash business partners - each had the spotlight in two different parades. Karen was the MC for the Sauganash parade, while Catherine was a special guest in the Skokie parade. (Catherine's with her husband, Frank.) Catherine joked about her status: "The sign on the side of my car says Chicago Radio Legend."

Prayer For An End To Crime And Violence

Although we are a peace-loving nation, Lord, crime and violence affect the lives of many of our people. Help us to develop a genuine love, concern and respect for ourselves and for all people. May our desire for freedom, greater resources or material possessions never be an excuse for unjust aggression or an infringement on the freedom, dignity and rights of another. Guide us, Lord, as we strive to follow your example towards lawful and nonviolent solutions to the problems we face as individuals and as a nation. Amen.

Submitted by Maria Bappert



Lincolnwood Fest 2016

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Community First Medical Center June & July Health Events



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

Tuesday, July 19, and July 26: Community First Medical Center Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. Portage Park (Meet at the Senior Center). This is a supervised program for independent seniors looking to improve their overall fitness, which includes educational and walking sessions.

Tuesday, July 19, and July 26: 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.

Thursday, July 14 and July 28 Thinking about Joint Replacement – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with

staff from rehabilitation services. Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. Registration is not required.

Friday, July 15: Occupational Therapy for Arthritis – Mather’s Café on Higgins, 7134 W. Higgins Avenue, Chicago – 1:00 p.m.

Presented by Douglas Fosco, MOT, OTR/L. This program will focus on the aging process in relation to osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Specifics will include signs/symptoms, conservative treatment approaches and introduction to adaptive equipment/universal design. Registration is not required.

Thursday, July 28: Arthritis Support Group – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor.

This free support group aims to provide ways to manage your arthritis. Registration is not required.

Books for ALL Children

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Niles Township's Summer 2016 Children's Book Collection Drive
Our Goal: **10,000 Books** by August 12, 2016

Bernie's Book Bank facilitates collecting of new and gently used children's books to significantly increase book ownership among at-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children throughout Chicagoland.

It is no secret that readers become leaders. Please help children acquire a love for reading by donating your unwanted books at our partner collection sites throughout Niles Township:

- Village of Skokie
Niles Township Government
5255 Main St.
- Skokie Public Library
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SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Morton Grove Park District
Prairie View Community Center
6034 W. Dempster St.
Morton Grove Park District
- Village of Niles
Niles Park District
Howard Leisure Center
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- Niles Park District
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- Niles Public Library
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NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
- Village of Glenview
Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook
3090 West Lake Ave.
Youth Services
- Village of Lincolnwood
Lincolnwood Community Center
6090 N. Lincoln Ave.
Prospect Park Family Aquatic Center
7030 N. Lincoln Ave.
- The Village Hall
Parks and Recreation
6990 N. Lincoln Ave.
Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation

Resurrection Wall Of Honor Inductees – Blessed Celine Awards & Athletic Hall Of Fame



Blessed Celine Award Recipients
Dr. Maureen Mascha '73, Alane Repa '69, Sr. Carolyn Sniogowski, C.R. '62 and Tina Larson '06



Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
Andrea Mendyk '98 (volleyball & basketball), Brooke Dahm '10 (bowling) and the Resurrection Gymnastics teams of 1984-1985, 1985-1986, 1988-1989, 1989-1990, 1990-1991 and 1991-1992



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“Getting the Most Out of Your Car” is Timely Talk at Norwood Crossing on July 20

How long will your car be drivable? Much depends on the care you give it and your maintenance regimen. Steve Ek, owner of Ek Automotive in Edison Park, will attempt to answer that question and many more in his Timely Talk, “Getting the Most Out of Your Car.” The event will be held at 2:00 p.m., on July 20, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Many car owners often hear noises, squeaks and sense that something needs attention. Steve will discuss how to recognize potential problems, the importance of properly maintaining your vehicle and preparing it for different driving seasons.

Ek, who opened his business in 1991 in nearby Edison Park, will discuss the basics of understanding auto repair and service, knowing your mechanic, and asking the right questions. A question and answer session, raffle and light refreshments will follow the talk.

Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or emailing info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event

The Village of Lincolnwood is hosting an electronics recycling and document destruction event on July 23, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Lincolnwood Public Works Department parking lot, located at 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue, near the intersection of Lunt and Lawndale Avenues.

This event is provided in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Residents that live in a SWANCC member community are able to take part in this collection event. IDs will be checked for proof of residency. Unfortunately, no electronics or documents will be accepted from businesses or schools. Per state law, electronics cannot be disposed of with the weekly trash collection, so this event is a good opportunity to get rid of old televisions, computers, and other items.

A full list of items that will be accepted is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org. For additional recycling events, please visit www.swancc.org. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Skokie Community Fund Announces 2016 Grant Progress Update

The Skokie Community Fund announces a public event that will showcase the work of the Fund’s second collaborative grant cycle in Skokie and the organizations that are doing this important work.

The Skokie Community Fund’s grantees will share the positive impact of the Fund’s second grant cycle. This event will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 17 at the Skokie Public Library in the Business Resource Center.

In November 2015, the Fund awarded six collaborative grants totaling \$25,000. Each grant was awarded to two organizations that partnered to provide services to Skokie residents. Throughout 2016, each of the six collaborative projects has addressed aspects of community such as community art, education, community-building, and more.

The Fund’s two grant cycles have increased services in Skokie and fostered collaboration in many exciting ways.

About the Skokie Community Fund

The Skokie Community Fund (skokiecommunityfund.org) was established in 2010 by a small group of Skokie residents to foster a supportive, engaged, and dynamic community in Skokie through meaningful giving, collaboration, and community programming. Current steering committee members include Maria Franks, Gene Griffin, Jim Szczepaniak, and Brian Williams.

The Fund is a proud affiliate of the Evanston Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization that is in compliance with national standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Please contact the Fund’s Executive Director, P. Scott Holtz, for more information: 847-951-7635; scott@skokiecommunityfund.org

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Questions?

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info@westridgechamber.org
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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.

ONGOING SERVICE PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB ARE:

- Aluminum pull tabs;
- Plastic bagel bags, old towels and any “decent rags” for our four-legged friends;
- Plastic shopping bags for the Women’s Ministry at Luther Memorial Church who weave mats for homeless people;
- Outdated prescription eyeglasses; and last, but not least,
- Box Tops for Education” for the Queen of Angels School.

Inspired Youth sponsors a Tutoring Program, a Youth Choir, and a Summer Piano Program. The programs depend on volunteer tutors and volunteer piano tutors. On weekdays the Tutoring Program is held at the Bezazian Library on Ainslie just west of Broadway. On weekends the program is held at the Margate Park Field House, with 8th graders from Wilmette Junior High School tutoring the children. The Youth Choir practices in people’s homes and at the Epworth Church on Kenmore & Berwyn. The Summer Piano Program is held at the Edgewater Presbyterian Church on Kenmore & Bryn Mawr. This year, just over 100 students and 100 volunteers participated in the Tutoring Program. Around 50 children sang in one or more concerts during the year. The Summer Piano Program begins next week. We are lining up students, and if you know of anyone with any musical background who could help, let us know.”

JULY, 2016 DATES – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 14 - Regular Meeting followed by a Board Meeting

July 28 - Regular Meeting

New Fire Department Promotions, including Highest Ranking African-American Woman

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Fire Department Commissioner Jose Santiago commemorated the promotion and appointment of 121 firefighters during a ceremony at Navy Pier today.

The promotions announced today include Rosalind A. Jones to District Chief of District 5. She is the first woman in the history of the department to achieve the rank of District Chief. CFD 5th District covers a large section of the city’s South Side.

“Where there is danger and confusion, the Chicago Fire Department brings care and compassion – but also command and courage,” said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. “Today, we recognize the outstanding work of those who serve the department and thank them for their selfless dedication to our city.”

Under the Emanuel Administration, nearly 800 firefighters have graduated from the Fire Academy, and 120 candidates are

being trained at the Academy today. The appointments announced today include deputy fire commissioners, assistant deputy fire commissioner, district chief, and deputy district chief.

Also at today’s ceremony, the Fire Commissioner presented Lieutenant Harold Turrentine with the Commissioner’s Award of Excellence for his leadership in commanding the CFD elite Honor Guard for the past 15 years. Lieutenant Turrentine is retiring from the department.

“The brave men and women who serve in the Chicago Fire Department put duty above danger. And by doing so, they represent the very highest values of the city of Chicago,” said Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago. “With the promotion of several outstanding firefighters, I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure every resident feels safe knowing that CFD is always ready to serve and protect them.”

Save The Park Trees From Hot Coals

The Park District would like to remind park patrons to not dump hot coals at the base of the trees. Each year, countless numbers of trees are damaged in our parks when patrons unknowingly dump hot coals at their bases.

“Red metal cans are provided to protect park patrons as well as the trees from the damage that can be caused from coals that are incorrectly disposed of in the park,” said Mike Kelly, Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO. “Hot coals burn the base of trees, killing the roots and eventually killing the tree. We have lost countless numbers of trees because of this.”

The Chicago Park District is reminding

park patrons this busy holiday weekend and the remainder of the summer season to follow a few simple safety precautions when grilling in a park:

- Only grill in designated grilling areas that have red, metal “hot coal cans”.
- Please stay away from playgrounds or trees. Only grill in open grassy areas.
- When finished grilling, please dispose of hot coals in the provided red, metal “hot coal cans”. DO NOT dump the hot coals at the base of tree trunks or near any playgrounds.
- Please dispose of trash and recyclables in appropriate blue recycling containers or green trash containers located in every park in the District.

City Marks July 1 Change in Smoking Age to Protect Health of Chicago Youth

July 1, 2016 will mark an early Independence Day for thousands of Chicago youth, due to changes in Chicago’s tobacco laws that will allow them to face a future with less addiction, illness, and early death. Beginning on July 1, the minimum age to purchase tobacco products in Chicago will increase from 18 to age 21.

“Thanks to our ongoing efforts to shield our children from the harms of tobacco products, youth smoking in Chicago is on the decline, helping people to lead healthier lives and live longer” said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. “We have consistently fought to protect our youth from being targeted by Big Tobacco so they can become Chicago’s first tobacco-free generation.”

Recognizing that 90 percent of smokers start the habit before the age of 21, and that the 18-20 age range is a critical time for new smokers, these reforms seek to protect young people who are more vulnerable to nicotine addiction, and are also targeted by the tobacco industry with marketing and products designed to lure youth.

“Because their brains are still developing, adolescents are especially vulnerable to addiction to tobacco and related products. By delaying the age that youth are exposed to these products until that critical development has taken place, we increase the chance they are able to resist addiction to tobacco,” said Dr. Julie Morita, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). “Keeping our youth away from tobacco until they are 21 is likely to extend their lives and boost the overall quality of their health.”

The City Council approved the Mayor’s most recent set of tobacco reforms in mid-March, and since then City agencies and aldermen have been working with licensed tobacco retailers to educate them about the new laws, including the requirement that all those who purchase tobacco products be at least 21 years of age.

To read more about the health benefits of raising the tobacco purchase age to 21, please visit the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids website.

BELMONT-CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CAPS 25th District Business Meeting

All businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about new and ongoing efforts to eliminate crime in your area. This meeting will also provide the opportunity to share your crime concerns with Police Officers from the 25th District.

Complimentary lite lunch is provided.

Thursday, July 21st, 2016 a 1:30 p.m., 5555 W. Grand, Chicago, IL

Belmont Central Small Business Improvement Fund Application Deadline

Small Business Improvement Fund
Wanting to remodel the exterior and interior of your business?
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"SBIF" IT UP!

City of Chicago Department of Planning & Development, and the 30th, 31st, and 36th ward Aldermen are pleased to announce of Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) Grants for the Belmont-Central District.

The deadline to apply is: July 15th 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

President Preckwinkle Launches New Cook County Website Focused on Services

A major update to Cook County's main website, unveiled today, will enable visitors to www.cookcountyil.gov to more easily connect with the County services they need, said County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

"Government websites have a reputation for not being very user friendly," Preckwinkle said. "With our new website we put the user first."

The old school way of designing government websites was to build an online copy of what existed in the physical world - a page for each office, agency and elected official. The new County website still has these pages, but its focus is on the services the County provides. With sections focused on residents, businesses and numerous subcategories, Cook County aims to simplify the process and connect residents as quickly and easily as possible.

The new website is based on the open-sourced Drupal platform, which is used extensively in the federal and state websites. It is designed to scale for any sized screen, which means it works just as well on a smartphone as it does on a desktop computer.

Cook County used Smart Chicago's Civic User Testing Group (CUT Group) to test different ways of organizing the site during the design phase. The results should reduce the amount of searching visitors need to do to find what they want.

The content management system that County employees use to populate the site is also designed to be user friendly, which lets the employees of each department maintain their own areas and make quick updates.

FAiR Responds to the Fly Quiet Rotation test period: The FAA has confirmed what we've known all along

With noise complaints approaching half a million per month and membership growing daily, the FAiR Allocation in Runways Coalition (FAiR) is watching closely as the new Fly Quiet nighttime rotation program is unrolled and applauds all of the parties who have worked hard to get this underway. As FAiR has long contended, all the runways at O'Hare can and should be used within their capacity constraints and this includes the diagonal 14/32 runways. Once labeled as "fatally flawed" and "a safety threat to airline passengers" by CDA Commissioner Ginger Evans, one of these runways is now an essential part of the FAA approved rotation plan, proving the inaccuracy of her claims. FAiR has long pointed out that the FAA, not the CDA, controls the airspace, and is the final word for which runway configuration can be safely utilized. The final word in this case is that the 14/32 diagonal runways are safe to operate, and should remain operational both now and in the future.

"We're grateful for the FAA approval of what FAiR has contended all along that the 14/32s are safe and essential to balanced, effective noise abatement. At this point we have serious questions about how the feedback process will engage citizens," said Dan Dwyer, of the FAiR leadership team. "FAiR has a healthy email list of people very interested in this program who reside under the flight paths, but the city has never been proactive about partnering with us. What geographic areas will they target? Should communities and residents rely on ONCC reps to communicate what's going on? Will they use the email addresses and/or mailing addresses of everyone who has complained on the city's website?"

"This is a start but needs to go much, much further," added FAiR member, Helen Rosenberg. "We hear daily from people who are selling their houses because the city won't fix this noise and pollution crisis in any meaningful way that asks the CDA and airlines to compromise as much as they have demanded from residents. Remember, when this conversation began, the city had no intention of even talking to us. It was ONLY because of FAiR and its members who demanded it. A year ago it took citizen pressure and action in the Illinois General Assembly to even begin the conversation. The CDA, ONCC, and Mayor Emanuel weren't the proactive parties they now profess to be."

While FAiR looks forward to the results of the night rotation much more is expected to be done to make the communities impacted by O'Hare livable. Without continued and aggressive noise mitigation strategies both day and night, the disproportionate burden carried by the city and suburbs around the airport will only increase and drive more citizens out of unlivable communities.

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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.

Property Tax Bills Have August 1 Due Date Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas says

Cook County's Second Installment property tax bills for tax year 2015 are being mailed to nearly 1.8 million owners of homes, businesses and land with a due date of August 1, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Pappas said owners of taxable property should pay before the due date to avoid interest of 1.5 percent per month for late payment. On-time payments can be made:

- Online at cookcountytreasurer.com
 - At some 400 Chase Bank locations in Illinois
 - From a checking or savings account at more than 200 participating community banks
 - By mail with a U.S. postmark no later than August 1, 2016
- Second Installment bills include any property tax reassessments and exemptions calculated by the County Assessor and tax rates calculated by the County Clerk. Further information is available at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Statement from Mayor Emanuel on Red Line Modernization Bill Passage

Today marks the next chapter in the work we started shortly after I took office, to modernize the Red Line from 95th to Howard, and continue the process of extending it further south. With this bill, in just a few years we will have done what once seemed impossible, and we will improve the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of people that rely on the Red Line as part of their daily life.

Mayor Emanuel Announces Tree Trimming Backlog Reduced By 80 Percent, On Track To Eliminate By Year's End

Efforts to Protect the City's Urban Canopy are in full swing with continued tree trimming; EAB inoculations and residential tree planting

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced that the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) has reduced the City's tree trimming request backlog by nearly 80 percent with crews on pace to completely eliminate the backlog by the end of 2016. The Bureau of Forestry has been tackling the backlog utilizing new management efficiencies including grid routing. In addition, DSS has begun seasonal Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) inoculation and residential tree planting programs.

"Being more efficient allows the City to provide more effective services across the board," said Mayor Emanuel. "By ensuring tree trim requests are answered as quickly as possible, we are saving money for our taxpayers, improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods and protecting the health and vibrancy of the urban canopy for years to come."

Today, there are approximately 6,000 open residential tree trimming requests, all of which were submitted within the 2016 calendar year. In 2014, DSS had 28,000 open requests dating back to 2012.

"To help us in our efforts, the Mayor has provided the Bureau of Forestry with additional annual resources that has supported more forestry crews, the first-ever Emerald Ash Borer seasonal workforce, and resources to plant thousands of new trees in communities throughout the City—all of which allow us to beautify neighborhoods and invest in communities," added Williams.

The Mayor also made budget investments in both 2015 and 2016 for weekend forestry work, which has also helped reduce the tree trimming request backlog.

As previously announced, later this year 10 additional crews will be redirected to the Bureau of Forestry thanks to operational savings realized in the Department's grid refuse collection system. The crews will address ongoing tree trimming requests and help completely eliminate the backlog by the end of 2016.

DSS has also begun inoculations on viable Ash trees to help fight against Emerald Ash Borer, (EAB) an exotic beetle that has obliterated tens of thousands of Ash trees across the country.

The City first kicked-off its multi-year plan to protect viable trees against the EAB in 2013. Over the past three years, the Bureau of Forestry has treated more than 61,000 trees. Crews began assessing those trees for retreatment in June, and will continue working through September when treatment is believed to be most effective.

Roughly 30,000 Ash trees will be treated this year, with an additional 30,000 anticipated for 2017.

Trees being treated will be tagged with purple markers to track the treatment cycle and create awareness in the community.

More than 26,000 new trees have been planted by the City and the Park District since Mayor Emanuel took office.

This year, the Bureau of Forestry will plant an additional 3,000 new trees. The Chicago Department of Transportation will also plant nearly 1,000 trees through its Green Streets and other infrastructure projects.

The City is focusing tree planting in neighborhoods and community areas that have seen significant tree removals over the years and are utilizing a diverse set of tree species to help reduce the chances of Chicago being impacted by another invasive insect in the future.

For more information on the DSS Bureau of Forestry or to request a tree trim, call 311 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/streetsandsanitation.

Festivals & Fun Around Town!



July Is Parks & Recreation Month

Lincolnwood Fest Schedule of Events

Celebrate this summer with friends and family at Lincolnwood Fest from July 21 through July 24! The Fest is located at Proesel Park, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue in Lincolnwood.

Back and bigger than ever, Lincolnwood Fest has something for everyone including: live entertainment, carnival rides, games, beer garden, great food, bingo, family fun/kid friendly activities, a fabulous classic car show and so much more!

Our featured headliners include Think Floyd USA, Tributosaurus becomes Led Zeppelin, Rose Hill Revival - an Allman Brothers Tribute and the Neverly Brothers.

*Proceeds from the Fest benefit Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation.



<p>Thursday July 21 - 5:00-10:00 p.m. 5 PM - 10 PM Carnival Rides Festival Food Beer & Wine Garden Celebrate Lincolnwood Night 5:15 PM Opening Ceremony 5:30 PM Saturday June Band 8:00 PM Neverly Brothers</p> <p>Friday July 22 - 5:00 -11:00 p.m. 5 PM - 11 PM Carnival Rides Festival Food Beer & Wine Garden 5:30 PM Terry White 6 PM - 9 PM</p>	<p>Bingo 8:00 PM Tributosaurus as Led Zep- pelin</p> <p>Saturday July 23 - 1:00 - 11 p.m. 12 PM - 2 PM or 2 PM - 4 PM Quidditch 101 Proesel Park Outfield #1, 7055 N. Kostner Ave. Registration Required. 1 PM - 11 PM Carnival Rides Festival Food Beer & Wine Garden 1 PM - 4 PM Family Fun Kids' Activities 5:30 PM Simply Sound 6 PM - 10 PM</p>	<p>Bingo 8:00 PM Think Floyd USA</p> <p>Sunday July 24 - 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 AM - 2PM Car Show 1 PM - 9 PM Carnival Rides Festival Food Beer & Wine Garden 1 PM - 2 PM Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra 1 PM - 4 PM Business Expo Family Fun Kids' Activities 4:00 PM Band X 6 PM - 9 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Rose Hill Revival</p>
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For Complete Details and More Information, Visit www.lincolnwoodfest.com.

Wicker Park Fest 2016

Wicker Park Fest organizers today announced the full weekend lineup of bands for its lucky 13th season. The festival that has been called one of the best of the summer by the Chicago Tribune and Chicago magazine returns July 23 and 24 to the exciting Milwaukee Avenue corridor in the heart of Wicker Park (www.wickerparkfest.com). What began as a small community street fest has grown into one of the biggest neighborhood showcases of the year, with some of the most highly anticipated live music and art spectacle of the summer. At its core, Wicker Park Fest is a reflection of the vibrant Wicker Park area...historic and hip, diverse and eclectic.

Presented by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, Wicker Park Fest typically draws over 70,000. This year's colossal street party presents three stages of continuous live music, a dedicated children's fun area, an arts section with installation and performance acts, dozens of the most popular local boutiques and restaurants, and environmentally-friendly production efforts. To top it off, the \$10 donation for admittance (up from \$5 previously) still continues to make Wicker Park Fest one of the true steals of the summer season.

Again, this year's Festival includes Live Music/ Wicker Park Fest Arts/Wicker Park Fest Kids Wicker Park Fest is held on Milwaukee Avenue between North Avenue and Paulina, easily accessible by the Blue Line and just minutes from downtown Chicago. Event hours are 12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m. on July 23 and 24 and the gate donation is \$10. Donations are put towards yearly festival production by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, a local nonprofit which works to increase the neighborhood's visibility & viability with great events & programming that promote the local business community. The Chamber also partners with Burr Elementary, which receives 100% of ticket sales from activities in the Kids Fest area. Free bike parking will be available at both the North and Paulina gates. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are permitted. The Wicker Park Fest Facebook page is facebook.com/wickerparkfestchicago. The website is wickerparkfest.com. The phone number is 773.384.2672.

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Edison Park Fest Sponsorships

There are still a few remaining sponsorships left for Edison Park Fest, our biggest neighborhood fundraiser of the year. Your support allows us to continue to produce this fest. Each year, our overhead increases due to the fact that Edison Park Fest continues to grow. There is an estimated 25,000 people who attend which adds to our local economy as well as allows our chamber to offer our services to the members and our community!

For questions or to secure your sponsorship, please contact melissa@edisonpark.com or 773.631.0063. Be sure to visit our new Edison Park Fest website: www.edisonparkfest.org

Lincolnwood Fest Business Expo Participants and Beer Tent Volunteers Wanted

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3 Hour Shifts Available: Saturday, July 23; 1pm-11pm

Sunday, July 24; 1pm-9pm

Contact info@lincolnwoodchamber.org for more information

BUSINESS EXPO ~ Sunday, July 24; 1pm - 4pm

During Lincolnwood Fest, the Chamber hosts its annual Business Expo on Sunday afternoon July 24 - it's the perfect place to get your business in front of the Lincolnwood community and greater Chicago area attendees. Hand out promos, giveaways, marketing information or host an interactive game... whatever you choose, it's sure to be worth your while! Visit our website for more information: <http://lincolnwoodchamber.org>

Teens in the Park Festival

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Park District today announced this year's lineup for the free Teens in the Park Festival (T.I.P. Fest) to be held Saturday, July 9 at Northerly Island. The lineup features a combination of local and established artists.

"The Teens in the Park Festival not only serves as the largest platform for Chicago's young artists to showcase their work, but a place for all artists to connect and celebrate with one another," Mayor Emanuel said. "This lineup does more than exhibit the great talent the City of Chicago has to offer, it represents the passion, ambition and energy that Chicago's youth has for music, art and dance."

T.I.P. Fest, once again, will have no shortage of Chicago artists. Headliners include Chicago natives Sir the Baptist, who is performing at this year's Lollapalooza, Boy Illinois, Mark Hood, who was on season nine of NBC's The Voice, Spenco, and Jamila Woods, among others. Woods recently released an album and is most notably known for her collaboration with Chance The Rapper, currently one of Chicago's most popular artists. Also performing at the festival are a variety of young Chicago artists looking to share their talent on a larger stage.

Earlier this year, the Chicago Park District held auditions at parks throughout the city to see who would perform at this year's T.I.P. Fest.

"Featuring Chicago artists who are looking to break into the industry and who have already made a name for themselves, is important to us" said Chicago Park District Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly. "This festival is meant to provide teens with a safe place to express themselves and enjoy good music. Artists who grew up in Chicago know how important it is to have that kind of space."

Apart from musical performances, T.I.P. Fest will host activities for teens that include a graffiti wall, a digital design lab and games and merchandise booths. This year's MC will be King Ron The Poet and DJ Mike P will DJ the event. Tickets for T.I.P. Fest were made available earlier this month and can still be found here. Only persons 14-24 years old will be admitted to the festival.

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Celebrate The Ecology Center's New Classroom Extension At Ribbon Cutting July 19

Community members are invited to attend a ribbon cutting to celebrate the Evanston Ecology Center's new classroom extension on Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m., at the Ecology Center, located at 2024 McCormick Blvd. Refreshments will be served and the public can enjoy tours of the room and visit the Center's resident critters.

Thanks in part to the Evanston Environmental Association's generous donation of \$43,000 to complete funding for the project, the City broke ground on construction of the former greenhouse in August of 2015. The project transformed

the greenhouse into an accessible extension of the classroom, allowing room for new educational displays and open space for families to enjoy.

The new space features a tree exhibit that will highlight Illinois native habitats and wildlife. Ecology Center staff has worked to expand and update the enclosures of the critters that call the Ecology Center home as well as expand the educational programming opportunities offered in the space.

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

Public Transportation Offers Best Travel Option for Summer Events

Summer fun is just a short ride away and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is reminding riders that public transportation offers a fast and convenient way to get around the region. Take a bus or train to avoid sitting in traffic and paying for parking to meet friends and family or just enjoy our region.

Riders can use the RTA's Trip Planner to plan travel and select routes with ADA accessible services, when necessary. It is the only online site in the region that provides a variety of options for getting around by using transit, walking, bicycling and driving. For more information about how the RTA Trip Planner can help you plan your next trip, visit www.RTACHicago.org.

Enjoy some of these featured weekend events:

- Chicago Summer Dance - Kick off the City of Chicago's 20th Annual Chicago Summer dance with more than 40 live bands at Grant Park beginning June 24. Dancers can enjoy more than 4,900 square feet of open dance floor to Swing, Salsa, and Waltz, among other fun dances every weekend until September 11. Learn more about the Chicago Summer Dance.

The Return Of Anna Fermin & Trigger Gospel

After a recording hiatus of eight years the critically-acclaimed "Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel" is busy recording a new album right now.

They're also trying something new for this album: crowdfunding. The group says: "Our goal is to pre-sell enough CD's to fund this recording project. We're working to raise at least \$20,000."

Trigger Gospel keyboardist Alton Smith says: "In many ways it's

easier than ever to make a record, but it's harder than ever, no matter how good a record is, to cut through and reach the people who would want to hear it. That's why it's so important, whether you're a fan of Anna or Trigger Gospel or any independent artist, to support their work." Anna says: "We've only got a few days left on the Trigger Gospel Indiegogo Campaign!"

Please consider supporting today. Go to www.triggergospel.net for all the info. Thank you!" Trigger Gospel is Anna with Paul Bivans, Andon Davis, Michael Krayniak, & Alton Smith, and their new album will be released this fall.



(Photo by Michael Jewel Haley)

CBP Announces Global Entry Enrollment Event At Oshkosh 2016

Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO) announced today that a Global Entry enrollment event will be held at this year's EAA AIRVENTURE Oshkosh 2016 Air Show. During this enrollment event, CBP will conduct interviews for conditionally approved Global Entry applicants.

Global Entry is a voluntary expedited clearance initiative for pre-approved low risk international travelers, who are processed by biometric identification using a designated kiosk, rather than waiting in line for entry processing by a CBP officer when entering the U. S. at a participating CBP airport. The kiosks facilitate entry by reducing wait and processing times.

To become a conditionally approved Global Entry applicant, individuals must apply online, undergo a background investigation and complete an in-person interview with a CBP officer. If no disqualifying information is found, travelers receive the benefit of expedited processing. The \$100 application fee allows for five years of membership and travelers can use the Global Entry kiosks located at 47 U.S. airports and 13 pre-clearance locations around the world.

"The goal of this enrollment event is to provide a convenient, easy-access, local venue for the thousands of aviation enthusiasts and travelers that will be at

this year's EAA," said Director of Field Operations William Ferrara. "This is an amazing event and great opportunity for those flying in from around the country to complete their Global Entry interviews with CBP."

During the enrollment event, the temporary Enrollment Center will open on Monday, July 25, 2016 and close on Sunday, July 31, 2016 with daily Enrollment Center hours from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., CT. The temporary enrollment center is located inside the Federal Pavilion.

Travelers interested in applying for Global Entry need to apply online utilizing the Global Online Enrollment System GOES. With the enrollment event quickly approaching, any applicant wishing to take advantage of this opportunity, needs to start the application process immediately. CBP strongly suggest that applications are submitted no later than June 15, as the application vetting process typically takes two weeks for conditional approval.

Global Entry also provides access to the TSA Pre✓™ initiative which offers expedited screening through domestic airport security checkpoints. Benefits of TSA Pre✓™ include being able to leave shoes, light outerwear and belts on, and not having to remove laptops from carrying cases.

More information on CBP's Global Entry Program can be found at Global Entry or visit the CBP homepage.

Program On Frank Sinatra At Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Cong. Men's Club In Skokie

"The Life and Loves of Frank Sinatra" will be presented at a Men's Club program at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Cong., 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Wednesday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Presenter Hy Speck, professor, historian and lecturer, will trace Sinatra's career from the streets of Hoboken, New Jersey, to Hollywood and the show places of Las Vegas. He will include film clips of his most memorable stage and screen performances.

Sinatra is considered one of the great-

est entertainers of the 20th century, appearing in more than 60 movies, winning two Academy Awards, recording more than 1,800 records and 80 albums. He won 12 Grammys and starred in his own radio and TV shows. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Freedom and a Kennedy Center honor.

This program is open to the public. Cost is \$10 with reservations by July 10 and \$12 at the door.

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

Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Park District Begin Lakefront Trail Improvements

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Park District joined members of the Active Transportation Alliance and the Chicago Area Runners Association today to kick off a series of improvements along the Chicago Lakefront Trail. Resurfacing and paving the trail is a major investment under Mayor Emanuel's Building on Burnham plan, a comprehensive vision to invest in Chicago's parks and open spaces.

"We are working towards making the lakefront safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable for more Chicagoans," Mayor Emanuel said. "This is the first step before we begin trail separation, which is another piece of Building on Burnham."

Resurfacing the Lakefront Trail will remove cracks and replace the faded striping with new striping and trail markings.

"Our park trails are heavily utilized and it is crucial to maintain these areas because they are not only used for recreation, but as transit options for many," said Jesse Ruiz, Chicago Park District Board President.

This summer, the Park District will resurface seven (7) miles of the Chicago

Lakefront Trail starting at Ardmore Avenue and moving south to Diversey Avenue. The next segment will go to south to Oak Street Beach from Diversey Avenue. As the project progresses, portions of the trail will be closed briefly to lay asphalt and allow it to properly settle. Trail separation work on the south side will begin in the coming months.

Improving the lakefront trail is a key component in Building on Burnham, the Mayor's comprehensive plan to invest in the Lakefront, the Chicago River, natural areas and recreational opportunities in neighborhoods across the city. This plan follows the Mayor's successful expansion of Chicago's park system in his first mayoral term, which has already added 750 acres of new parkland, 256 new playgrounds and more than \$800 million in capital investment from neighborhoods and private sources.

The Chicago Park District currently manages more than 65 protected natural areas, encompassing more than 1,400 acres. Building on Burnham will underscore the expansion of natural areas, setting a goal of 2,020 acres of protected natural areas in the City of Chicago by 2020.

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.

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Mayor Emanuel Announces Mark Kelly To Serve As Commissioner Of The Department Of Cultural Affairs And Special Events

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today named Mark Kelly as the new Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) and will submit his nomination for City Council approval. Kelly will replace Michelle T. Boone, who has served as Commissioner since 2011 and is stepping down to pursue other professional endeavors. Kelly will bring a lifelong career in arts education and more than 30-year career in arts development in Chicago to the role, helping advance Chicago's place as a cultural destination for artists and visitors around the world.

"I'm excited to welcome Mark aboard a ship that's steaming full-speed ahead, delivering more cultural opportunities with more benefits for Chicagoans than ever before. His deep experience in the arts and academics will allow us to continue building on our work to make Chicago a global destination for the arts and a great place to call home," said Mayor Emanuel. "For five years Michelle has worked tirelessly to expand and innovate the arts across the city. She has successfully reimagined our most revered cultural traditions—including the Taste of Chicago and Blues Fest—and brought new experiences like the Architecture Biennial to our city. I can't say enough about the work Michelle has done for Chicago, and while she's pursuing another great opportunity, I think she knows she'll still be hearing from me regularly."

"Mark's passion for promoting the creative community and connecting individuals, educational institutions, cultural

organizations and businesses has been a hallmark to his work," said Dr. Kwang-Wu Kim, President and CEO of Columbia College Chicago. "This passion helped our students grow and engage with the city in numerous ways, and Columbia is grateful for his many contributions over the years. The City of Chicago will have a tireless and strong advocate for the arts community, and we look forward to seeing him thrive as he advances Chicago's global influence in the arts, culture and innovation."

Kelly has amassed more than 40 years of experience working as an academic administrator, with prior positions at Wayne State University and City Colleges of Chicago. Kelly is founder and chair of the Columbia's Wabash Arts Corridor (WAC) initiative, framing the South Loop as a hub for street art, installations, and spectacle, and is the artistic director of the Halloween Gathering, an annual parade and festival celebrating Chicago's cultural communities. Throughout his career, Kelly has served on many arts and cultural-centric boards, with active roles on the following: Arts Alliance Illinois Board; the Chicago Loop Alliance Board; and America's Urban Campus Committee. Kelly holds a master of arts in counseling from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor of arts in sociology from John Carroll University.

Kelly's appointment is subject to City Council approval. He will begin in an interim capacity on August 15.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Celebrates National Parks and Recreation Month with Programs that Celebrate Our Parks

July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and the Village Board recently proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month in the Village of Lincolnwood.

To celebrate, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce programs that will help residents "unplug" and enjoy the summer at Lincolnwood parks.

Each Thursday night, our Summer Concert Series transforms Proesel Park into a community celebration, featuring Latin rhythms on July 7, pop hits on July 14, and rhythm and blues on July 28. In addition to the live music, each evening also features free family friendly activities, including bingo, face painting and an inflatable for the kids.

Highlighting a different park each week, our popular Community Park Play Dates provide a free hour of games and activities for children to enjoy each Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. In July, Kenneth, Rossi, Goebelt, and Kildare Parks will be featured.

Our new Park Passport program rewards park explorers of all ages for getting out and enjoying each of our thirteen Lincolnwood Parks. Starting in July, participants will receive a stamp in their Park Passport for each park visited, and when complete, receive a prize.

The popular sport of Nordic Walking is coming to Lincolnwood's Centennial Park beginning on July 7. Performed with specially designed walking poles, this low-stress workout is a great way to stay active and fit while enjoying the outdoors. Registration is required and is available online or at our office.

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing enjoyable, quality programs and attractive, safe facilities to promote the health, welfare and pleasure of all the residents of Lincolnwood. For more information, please visit our website at www.recreation.lwd.org or call (847) 677-9740.

Millennium Park Presents...

May 26-September 9, 2016

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For complete schedule & information, visit www.millenniumpark.org or call 312/742-2963 or www.dcase@cityofchicago.org, 312/742-1168.

Family Fun Festival

June 20-August 21, 2016 • FREE

Join the fun all summer long with activities for kids of all ages, including music and arts & crafts.

Millennium Park Summer Workouts

June 4-September 3, 2016 • FREE

Jump start your weekend with the Summer Workouts in Millennium Park on Saturdays, June 4-September 3, beginning at 7am. Guests are invited to stretch, kick and dance the summer away each Saturday as instructors take them through Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates and Zumba® classes accompanied by live music, DJs and drumming.

Millennium Park Summer Music Series

Mondays & Thursdays, June 6-August 25, 2016 • FREE

The 2016 Millennium Park Summer Music Series will offer an exciting line-up of 18 FREE outdoor concerts every Monday and Thursday June 6 – August 25, 2016 (except where noted) at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.

Millennium Park Summer Film Series

Tuesdays, June 21-August 30, 2016 • FREE

Chicagoans and visitors alike are invited to enjoy outdoor movies downtown as the popular Summer Film Series returns to Millennium Park, Tuesdays, June 21 – August 30, at 6:30pm. Guests may take a seat at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion or lounge on the Great Lawn as crowd-pleasing movies are presented on a state-of-the-art, 40-foot LED screen.

2016 Starlight Concert Series Returns with Eight Free Shows June 7 through July 26

Evanston's 2016 Starlight Concert Series kicks off tonight, Tuesday, June 7 at James Park with "classic soul meets rock & roll" band, The Congregation. The City's summer Starlight Concert series runs from June 7 through July 26, and will feature eight free outdoor concerts at park locations throughout Evanston, as well as two Starlight Junior concerts geared towards families with young children. Concerts are presented by the City of Evanston Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

All Starlight concerts will take place on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In the event of rain, concerts will take place at the Levy Center, located at 300 Dodge Ave.

The June 21 concert at Twigg's Park will celebrate Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the abolishment of slavery. The July 12 concert at Brummel Park will include a Food Truck Festival, with nine food trucks featuring a variety of food and dessert options. Food trucks will be on site at 5:30 p.m.

Starlight Junior concerts will take place on Wednesdays, June 15 and July 20, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information and a concert schedule, visit cityofevanston.org/starlight or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.



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By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

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"Your website is great!"

Well, thank you. We keep SkokieTheatre.org updated with all of our upcoming events and there's a place where you can leave your email address and receive weekly updates of what's happening. You can also call our box office and talk to someone who will tell you all about what's coming. The number is 847-677-7761.

So visit the Skokie Theatre and remember the lesson we all learned from Dorothy, if you're looking for your heart's desire, don't look any further than your own backyard.



Chicago Park District Summer Activities

Celebrating another summer of free music in the parks, Tuesdays at the Gazebo concert series is back at Welles Park 6601 W. Sunnyside, with a variety of live musical performances through August 23. Musical styles range from jazz to pop and Latin, offer something exciting for all ages on Tuesdays beginning at 6:30pm, rain or shine.

The annual concert series is a great opportunity for families to grab a picnic basket and blanket and head to the park to enjoy more of their summertime outdoors

- July 19 | Laura Doherty & The Heartbeats | Children's Concert
- July 26 | Yves Francois y Rocambu Jazz | Jazz, Rumba, & Calypso
- August 2 | Movie in the Park at Dusk (approx 8:30pm) | Grease
- August 9 | Muscovy Ducks | Cajun Harmonica
- August 16 | Wendy and DB | Children's Concert
- August 23 | School of Rock | Live concert starring 12-18 year old students

This free 2016 concerts in the park series is brought to your local Lincoln Square neighborhood through a partnership of organizations. Funded in part by Old Town School of Folk Music and WPPA Baseball. Produced by the Chicago Park District and Welles Park Advisory Council. Event information is subject to change.

For more information on any Night Out in the Parks events, visit www.nightoutintheparks.com or call 312.742.PLAY.

"A Theater Review"

"Company"

Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

"Company" is a musical that is concluding the 2015-2016 season for Writers Theatre. The show is being directed by William Brown and has a book by George Furth. Music and lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim.

Thom Miller plays Bobby who is a thirty-five year old bachelor who is still single and who is still trying to hae a serious relationship without having a serious commitment. Mr. Miller's strong singing voice is perfect for the Sondheim songs.

Bobby's friends are all couples who are in serious stages of their marriages. Mr. Miller has a demanding role and does a superb job.

Cast members making up the other couples include the amazing Lia Mortensen, one of Chicago's finest actresses and one from whom you'll be hearing a lot - playing Joanne, Chelsea Morgan as Kathy, Blair Robertson as Jenny, Alexis J. Rogers as Sarah, Gabriel Ruiz as Peter/Larry, along with Patrick Sarb, Tiffany Scott, Jacquelyne Jones, James Earl Jones II, and Jess Godwin. The show has a cast of fourteen and the musical runs well over two hours and twenty minutes.

While the songs are memorable there is one you might have heard many times which is "Side By Side By Side." Other Sondheim songs are "You Could Drive a Person Crazy," "Bobby, Bobby," "Marry Me a Little," "Being Alive," and the title tune.

You'll find the show is witty and very sophisticated and has taken a deeply honest look at contemporary relationships.

I had a perfect seat in the eighth row and while I have vertigo it was worth the climb. The show was nominated for 13 Tony Awards. I'm not sure of the seating capacity of the new Writers Theatre but every seat is perfect.

While Bobby is celebrating his 35th birthday, you have to see the show to find out if he gets his girls.

"Company" runs through July 31st. For reservations, show days and show times call 847-242-6000 or visit the website at www.writerstheatre.org. Tickets are \$35 - \$80.

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Archbishop Cupich Ordained Thirteen Men As Permanent Deacons At Holy Name Cathedral

The newly ordained deacons completed a comprehensive four-year program through the Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary that included the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dimensions of formation, field education experiences in service to charity and evangelization and a year-long parish pastoral ministry internship. Typically, newly-ordained deacons are assigned to their home parishes, which this year include parishes in: Chicago, Beach Park/Zion, Lemont, Mount Prospect, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Park Ridge, Tinley Park, Wadsworth and Wauconda.

More than 93 percent of deacons are married with families and most are also employed in outside occupations. They are clergy, along with priests and bishops. The ministries that Deacons perform include the teaching mission of the Church, caring for the poor, performing baptisms and marriages, conducting funeral liturgies, presiding at wake services and assisting the priest at Mass by proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, leading intercessions, preparing the altar, distributing Holy Communion and intoning the dismissal. The Archdiocese of Chicago has the largest diaconate in the entire Catholic Church with more than 500 active deacons.

New Deacons and their Home Parishes

David F. Babczak - St. Raymond de Penafort Parish, Elmhurst Street and Lincoln Avenue, Mount Prospect

Kevin Joseph Blindauer - Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish, 920 West Granville Avenue, Park Ridge

Robert Francis Conlin - St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Parish, 17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park

Robert Edward Cyran - Transfiguration Parish, 348 West Mill Street, Wauconda

Michael Joseph Fekete - St. Gerald Parish, 9310 South 55th Court, Oak Lawn

Richard M. Holevoet - St. Patrick Parish, 15000 West Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth

Herbert Darrell Johnson - St. Ailbe Parish, 9015 South Harper Avenue, Chicago

Joseph Gregory Krame - Our Lady of Humility Parish, 10655 West Wadsworth Road, Beach Park/Zion



Congrats to the 13 newly ordained permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Chicago. They join the 5 others ordained last week per <http://archchicago.org/>

John Francis Mutnansky - St. Christina Parish, 11005 South Homan Avenue, Chicago

Neil Scott Rogers - SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont

Thomas J. Ruzevich - St. Damian Parish, 5300 West 115th Street, Oak Forest

Thomas Dale Schutzius - St. George Parish, 6707 West 175th Street, Tinley Park

Douglas Peter Szarzynski - St. James at Sag Bridge Parish, 10600 South Archer Avenue, Lemont

More information about the Archdiocese of Chicago's Institute for Diaconal Studies can be found at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary's website, www.usml.edu.

Niles Township Helps Residents Toward a Brighter Future

Unquestionably, we are living through some very challenging times as a nation and also right here in Illinois. Historically Americans have joined together, faced challenges head-on and looked to the future with optimism. The spirit of community we experience here in Niles Township continues to grow and thrive with neighbors helping neighbors in need.

Serving people is the premise that Township government was founded upon over 150 years ago. As times change and events like the State budget impasse present obstacles, your Township officials and staff dig deeper to strengthen our emphasis on maintaining a stable and thriving environment, one that offers support and hope.

The increasing need we see for human services and food pantry relief is being addressed. In 2015 your Township Board approved an addition to the Niles Township Food Pantry that included walk-in freezers and refrigeration units. This upgrade permits us to serve more fresh produce, dairy and meat options to clients. On May 19th, we hosted a multi-chamber networking event that brought many political and business leaders to the Township for the very first time. This diverse group of enthusiastic people brought food and/or monetary donations as their admission to the event. They toured the pantry, asked questions and learned first-hand about the services we offer to strengthen our communities. Many were astounded to learn that our Pantry now serves over 3,600 individuals each month.

Through our general assistance program, each day we help clients in need of emotional and financial support. We're able to deliver a helping hand because of your taxpayer dollars and generous donations to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation. We help a families make ends meet with groceries, shelter and utility assistance, provide access to health services, counseling, employment assistance, or perhaps just serve as someone to talk with in troubling times. This work we do is a continuation of the vision the men and women of the mid nineteenth century had for Township government. It is this spirit that makes Niles Township a unique place to live and work.

It is easy for some to talk about cutting this, or eliminating that, but when you witness the positive outcomes our programs deliver it emphasizes the importance of our work. Our goal is to continue serving constituents through these tough times and lead the way to a much brighter future.

City's Newest Lifeguards at Chicago Park District Graduation Ceremony

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Park District General Superintendent Michael P. Kelly today congratulated 353 new recruits that will guard the city's beaches and pools at a graduation ceremony held at Curie High School. The lifeguard program is part of the City's One Summer Chicago program, which recently expanded to provide 30,000 youth jobs this summer.

To be admitted into the training program, applicants must pass an initial qualifying test that includes successful execution of: a 200 yard swim against time; a 25 yard underwater swim to retrieve an object at the bottom of a 14 ft. pool, front and rear strangle holds and 20 yard chest carry.

To participate in the qualifying test for admission into the Academy, applicants must meet the following criteria: be a Chicago resident; be 16 years or older by July 1; have proper I-9 Form to verify identity and employment eligibility and demonstrate satisfactory visual, hearing and verbal skills. In addition, each candidate must hold a current American Red Cross and Chicago Park District certification for lifeguarding and first aid. Certification for these credentials is available through the Chicago Park District Lifeguard training class.

This summer, the Chicago Park District will employ over 1,000 lifeguards to promote water safety at Chicago's 26 beaches and 75 park pools.

Outdoor park pools open June 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Chicago beaches, which opened on Memorial Day, have hours of 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily.

City Colleges of Chicago Announce Transfer Partnership with Arizona State University

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) Chancellor Cheryl Hyman today announced a new transfer partnership with Arizona State University (ASU) that will provide students another viable opportunity to transition to a four-year university.

The Guaranteed Program for Admission, available to all CCC students, maps community college coursework that puts students on track and prepares them to enroll at ASU. The program is designed for college students who plan to pursue an online or in-person undergraduate degree from ASU.

The program accepts either a completed associate degree or completed Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum, which satisfies ASU's lower-division general studies requirements. CCC students will receive course guidance while attending community college, ensuring students are taking transferable and applicable courses for their majors.

The new Guaranteed Program for Admission with ASU ensures that City Colleges students seeking to further their educational journey to ASU are prepared for success as they transition. With this partnership, ASU—one of the top 100 research universities in the nation—becomes City Colleges' second out-of-state guaranteed admissions program, along with Fisk University, and joins the guaranteed admissions programs that City Colleges has established with the following six Illinois four-year colleges and universities: DePaul University, Dominican University, Governors State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Roosevelt University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

Starting next year in collaboration with CCC, students can transition to ASU, obtaining access to more than 300 undergraduate programs and multiple student support programs that will ensure students have the tools necessary to succeed through graduation.

This partnership builds on a series of investments by Mayor Emanuel and Chancellor Hyman to ensure programs and facilities across the seven CCC locations will prepare students for careers in the fastest-growing fields – including new state-of-the-art healthcare, manufacturing, transportation, distribution and logistics, and early childhood development pathways and facilities. Since the launch of its Reinvention, CCC has more than doubled its graduation rate and now graduates more students each year than ever before.

For more information on the Guaranteed Program for Admission at ASU visit, <http://transfer.asu.edu/illinois>

Chicago Park District Announce Nike Investment to Provide Specialized Training for 1,500 Park District Recreation Leaders this Summer

Mayor Emanuel and the Chicago Park District today announced that camp recreation leaders will begin the summer season with fresh perspective and new skills to bring to their roles, thanks to Nike. Today, Nike launches the Swoosh Summer Academy in Chicago providing more than 1,500 recreation leaders with customized training that will allow them to deliver positive sport and physical activity coaching to the 40,000 children ages 6-12 participating in camps across the Chicago Park District locations this summer.

"This summer, our camp counselors will not only earn a paycheck through One Summer Chicago, but they will lead by example for the more than 40,000 children participating in our park district summer day camps around the city," Mayor Emanuel said. "I want to thank Nike for bringing the Swoosh Summer Academy to our city to help our One Summer Chicago participants give campers the best experience possible this summer. Programs like these strengthen our city by investing in youth as they grow and develop into the leaders of tomorrow."

Swoosh Summer Academy will provide recreation leaders, who are employed through the Mayor's One Summer Chicago program, with specialized training on how to deliver positive youth development through sports. The training will take traditional coach and leadership training to the next level with Nike's partner, Up2Us Sports. Additionally, the recreation leaders will be outfitted in Nike apparel and footwear that will enable them to move, lead and inspire with the activities that they will be trained to deliver to the campers.

Chicago Park District's recreation leader positions are part of the Mayor's One Summer Chicago youth employment initiative. Each year the program brings together public and private organizations to provide thousands of employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24. Since Mayor Emanuel took office, the program has more than doubled, serving more than 30,000 youths this summer. "Our recreation leaders are a vital part of the Chicago Park District's summer camp experience" said Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly. "This is a first job for many, and they are truly role models to the children they serve. We see Nike's contribution as a value-add, both to the employees and to the campers."

The Summer Swoosh Academy will build on the Chicago Park District's training on skill development, building community and reframing conflict.

The entire program is being provided to the Chicago Park District at no cost.

Chicago Park District summer camps allow children to remain active and engaged throughout the summer. Campers play sports, participate in art and cultural activities, attend field trips and more. Spaces are still available. For information, visit your local parks or the website at www.chicagopark-district.com.

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AGE WELL-AGE SMART — Thursday, July 28@1:00pm

Join seniors' real estate specialist Dale Tippet and Elderwerks senior care specialist Gail Niksic for a discussion of the cost effective benefit and alternatives to nursing homes.

FROM CLUTTER TO CASH — Saturday, August 13 @ 2pm

Money Smart partner and "down-to-earth thriftster" Laura Bruzas will offer tips on the best sources for valuing, selling and recycling your possessions. The true cost to your wallet and well-being of having too much stuff will be explored.

HOME SWEET HOME: MONEY SAVING TIPS FOR HOMEBUYERS AND HOMEOWNERS — Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30pm

Kelly J. Malitz, Sr. Mortgage Loan Officer with MB Financial Bank, will discuss the benefits of homeownership, loan options, and why it is a good time to buy/sell.

JOIN US ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M. FOR THE ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION.

Below are the selections for July through December 2016.

5/18/16 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

6/15/16 All the President's Men by Woodward and Bernstein

7/20/16 Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury

8/17/16 Macbeth by Shakespeare* (special performance by Theatre Y in conjunction with the Shakespeare 400 Festival)

9/21/16 Thirteen Stories by Eudora Welty

10/19/16 "One Book One Chicago" selection

11/16/16 The Guns of August by Barbara Tuchman(WWI commemorative discussion)

12/21/16 Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

Do You Know Who Your Designated Beneficiaries Are?



Chester M. Przybylo

It's likely you already have a comprehensive estate plan in place and probably spent hours contemplating the decisions you made in your plan. You also placed a great deal of thought towards the distribution of your estate assets, your choice for executor of your Will, Trustee of your Trust, and guardian for your minor children. You covered everything right? Well maybe not. All too often, people forget one important aspect of estate planning – beneficiary designations.

What Are Beneficiary Designations?

Although you may not realize it, beneficiary designations govern many of your most valuable assets. Life insurance policies, retirement plans, and investment and bank accounts, as well as mutual funds and brokerage accounts all may have beneficiary designations. In some states, even personal property, such as your vehicle, may carry a beneficiary designation. These designations dictate who will inherit the asset in the

event of your death notwithstanding a provision to the contrary in your last Will and testament or a Trust agreement.

The Forgotten Beneficiary

The problem with beneficiary designations is that we often forget about them. Frequently, a beneficiary designation is filled out as an afterthought without giving any consideration to how the designation fits into an overall estate plan. For example, when you opened your bank account you likely filled in a designated beneficiary; but do you even remember doing so? Do you remember who you designated? Or, when you filled out that stack of paperwork you were handed after being hired for your current job, you likely designated a beneficiary for your employer-sponsored retirement plan and life insurance policy. Again, do you remember designating a beneficiary? The answer is probably "no." People fill out beneficiary designations all the time without giving the choice of beneficiary much thought. Unfortunately, the consequences can wreak havoc with your overall estate plan in two important ways:

- **Failing to change your beneficiary designations** – just as your comprehensive estate plan should be updated when certain events in your life occur, your beneficiary designations should be as updated well. For example, if you filled out your retirement plan and life insurance beneficiaries ten years ago and named your boyfriend/girlfriend as your beneficiary, it could be a problem if you are now with someone else. Conversely, you might have named your mother as a beneficiary on your mutual fund account but have now married. Either way, someone you would not want to inherit your assets stands to do so in the event of your death because you failed to change your beneficiary designations upon the occurrence of a life event that should have triggered a review of your beneficiaries.
- **Missing beneficiary designations** – missing beneficiary designations are also problematic. Maybe you never got around to filling out the beneficiary designations for your retirement account or maybe your original beneficiary has since died and you failed to designate a successor or contingent beneficiary. Either way, if there is no living named beneficiary, the assets controlled by the beneficiary designation will not go as intended. The assets will go as laid out in the underlying contract. For example, the life insurance policy, custodial agreement, or other contract might provide that the assets go to the surviving spouse, to blood relatives, or to the estate of the deceased. Someone you did not intend might receive the assets instead of people you would have preferred. Additionally, traditional IRA and retirement plan assets are tax-deferred, meaning they are taxed when distributed. If there is no designated beneficiary, the assets must be distributed more quickly than otherwise, and, therefore, taxed more quickly.

Don't Let This Happen to You!

As you can see, beneficiary designations play an important, yet often forgotten, role in any comprehensive estate plan. With that in mind, take some time to review who your designated beneficiaries are. Then, make a point to review those designations periodically and every time a life event calls for a review of your estate plan. If you have questions or concerns regarding your beneficiary designations, be sure to consult with an experienced estate planning attorney in your area to make sure the plan you've carefully put in place will always reflect your planning goals.

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.

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 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.



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:

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Norwood Park Seniors Club

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It's when things go wrong that you must not quit!

(Author Unknown – Submitted by Maria Bappert)

Village Cooking Corner

ROCK CORNISH HENS ALA PINEAPPLE

4 Cornish Hens
2 Slices bread, toasted lightly
1 tsp. salt (or to taste)
1 tsp. coarse ground pepper
1/4 stick unsalted butter

1 tsp. mint, chopped if fresh or crushed if dried
2 cans Dole Pineapple-orange juice (or just plain pineapple juice)
6 celery stalks (whole)

Wash Cornish hens and pat dry. Mix toasted cubed slices of bread with 1 stick of melted butter. Combine salt, pepper, mint and one of the cans of pineapple-orange juice. Add to bread mixture. Chop one of the celery stalks finely and add to bread mixture. Stuff the Cornish hens with the bread mixture. Tie the legs of the Cornish hens. Grease a baking casserole dish and line the baking pan with the rest of the celery stalks. Place the Cornish Hens on the celery stalks. Combine the 2nd 6 oz. can of pineapple orange juice with 1 cup of water and pour over the hens. Seal the baking pan with foil wrap and bake in a preheated oven of 350 degrees. Remove foil wrap the last 15 minutes to brown the hens. Hens are baked when you are able to easily move the leg away from the Cornish hen's body. Serve the Cornish hens on a bed of rice surrounded with mandarin orange slices and fresh pineapple. Serve a baby greens salad with a light vinaigrette dressing on the salad. Bon Appetit! This meal will delight your guests.

Recipe from Anastasia E. Weaver

Snowballs in July?

By Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

The popular perennial flowering shrub, known as the Hydrangea, begins blooming at the start of July. The blooms are either shaped like a large snowball, technically known as a mophead, or like a cone. White is the most popular color. This is why hydrangea flowers are sometimes called "snowballs"... they are white in color and shaped like a ball. However, there are some blue, pink, and red varieties available now which will survive our cold Chicagoland winters.

There are a few reasons why white is the most popular color. First, most of the old fashion varieties that are hardy in Chicago only came in white. Second, the new colorful hydrangeas often require an acidic soil, something we don't have in Chicago because our soil is quite alkaline. In some of the newer varieties like "Endless Summer" and "all Summer Beauty" acid in the soil changes the color of the flower from pink to blue. In the Chicagoland area, one must add sulfur to the soil to make it more acidic to produce more vibrant colors. These varieties seem to do best in the southeastern part of America where the soil is naturally more acidic.

Hydrangeas can be divided into three size categories. First there are the 3' tall varieties. This size is the most popular. Second, there are the tall varieties that can easily grow to 6'. Third, there are the climbing hydrangeas which they say will grow to 85' tall. Personally, the climbing hydrangeas make a nice climbing plant, but I have never seen one anywhere near to 75' tall.

Hydrangeas prefer growing conditions which range from full sun to part shade. If the plant is in too much shade, then it will not bloom. In my experience, hydrangeas need at least half a day of sun to really bloom well. People might argue with me, but that has been my experience. Some even promote hydrangeas as shade plants and I just do not agree.

The flowers of hydrangeas can be picked in bloom and put in a vase with water. The flower heads can also be picked and allowed to dry out, and then used in dried flower arrangements. When fall approaches, some people leave the dried flower heads on the plant for interest in the garden during winter.

If you want to grow a hydrangea your best chance for success will be to grow one of the old fashion white varieties. I recommend the variety "Annabelle." This is a white, mophead or snowball type flowering variety which grows about 3' tall and 4' wide. "Annabelle" is very hardy during cold Chicagoland winters, and is very easy to grow. Unless you really want to exert a lot of time and effort growing a hydrangea, I do not recommend any of the newer blue and pink varieties. From talking to many gardeners, I have not heard many success stories. So, give yourself the best chance for success by growing an "Annabelle" hydrangea.

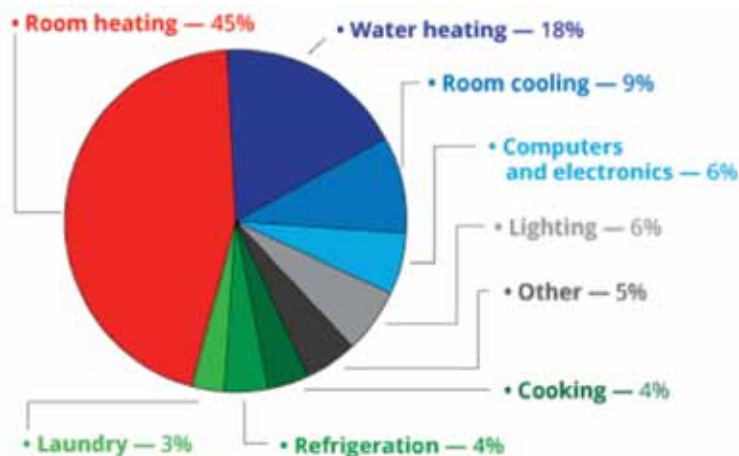
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