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Chicago Honors Metropolitan Iakovos Of Chicago. City Adds Honorary Title Of "Metropolitan Iakovos Way" To Burton Place. See page 3 for story.

Commemorate Veterans' Day, November 11th

We honor our vets every day of the year, but we observe November 11th as a special time to give thanks and prayers for all those who have served, and continue to serve, our great Country.

See pages 3, 5 & 10 for more



November Is Military Families Month

The American's Creed

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

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

(Authorized Version)

Remember to VOTE! on November 8th

Please note the correct date of this year's St. Thecla Women's Council Gift & Craft Show. Our apology for printing the wrong date in the last edition of Our Village News. - The Editor

"GO, CUBS GO!"



YOU'VE MADE US ALL SO PROUD!!
CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON AND "HOLY COW"

Resurrection College Prep High School

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 12th, 2016

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

7500 W. Talcott Avenue • Chicago, IL 60631

See pages 3 & 7 for details on the Resurrection High School Arts & Crafts Fair

St. Thecla Women's Council
HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW
November 19, 2016
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
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Out of the Darkness Chicago Walk Update

The Out of the Darkness Chicagoland Walk took place on Saturday, October 15th and was an inspirational day filled with hope, stories and community. Nearly 5,000 supporters joined together to raise awareness about suicide and mental health conditions and over \$750,000 has been raised so far! Fundraising is open through December 31st so you can still support the walk by asking for donations or making a general donation. Help us reach our goal of raising \$870,000!

So far the Illinois Community Walks have raised over \$1 million and nearly 10,000 supporters have participated in the walks.

Thank you to all the walkers, virtual walkers, volunteers and donors that have supported the Chicagoland Walk and other Illinois Community Walks!



CDPH "I GOT MINE" CAMPAIGN

Family Flu Clinics will provide parents and children the opportunity to get their flu shots together, along with fun, family-oriented activities. Events will be held Saturday, November 5th and Saturday, November 12th at City Colleges around Chicago. The following are the ones in our area:

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Truman College | 1145 W. Wilson Avenue

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wright College | 4300 N. Narragansett Avenue

Family Flu Clinics and other events are part of an annual public awareness campaign created by the Chicago Department of Public Health. The "I Got Mine" campaign directs Chicagoans to locations where they can conveniently get a flu vaccine at no cost to the individual.

"Amplify Hearing, Experience Your Life" Is Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On November 16

Diminished hearing is part of the aging process, but it is treatable. About 33 percent of people aged 65 or older have some degree of hearing loss. If you suffer from hearing loss, please consider attending the Timely Talk, "Amplify Hearing, Experience Your Life," at 2 p.m., on Nov 16, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Dr. Marie Vetter-Toalson, an audiologist and owner of Chicago Hearing Services in Chicago, specializes in amplification, aural rehabilitation and hearing loss prevention. She will discuss causes of hearing loss, associated medical conditions and the effects of hearing loss on communication abilities and quality of life. She has worked in private practice since obtaining a Doctor of Audiology Degree, in 2009, from Ohio State University. She was recently named "Outstanding Clinician of the Year." Additionally, she and her family were awarded "International Family of the Year" by the Knights of Columbus. She is a member of the Gladstone Park and Portage Park Chambers of Commerce.

A question and answer session, door prize raffle and light refreshments will follow the program. To RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Open House

Sunday, November 6
2:00 to 4:00 pm

*Learn about our academics,
athletics, fine arts,
clubs and technology.*

Shadow Days

8th grade girls welcome now on select dates to shadow a current Resurrection student

7th grade girls welcome on February 10
Register at www.reshs.org

Jr. Bandit Events

Young Women's Math Olympics
Thursday, November 17 at 3:30 pm

Jr. Bandit Night
Friday, December 2 at 5:00 pm

Schedules & registration at www.reshs.org



7500 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago 60631 | 773.775.6616

Community First Medical Center November Health Events



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

Tuesday, November 1, November 15, November 22, and November 29

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, November 3

Diabetes Support Group - 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education.

Thursday, November 3 and November 17

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. To register, please call 773-794-4640

Wednesday, November 9

Free Senior Resource Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Liberty Bank, 6210 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago.

Liberty Bank will be providing free information and services just for seniors, including senior housing, flu shots, clubs, park district events, 911 cell phones, Cash Dash and more. There also will be live music and light refreshments. Community First Medical Center Audiologist Marie Vetter, Au.D. will give a presentation on hearing. Free blood pressures will be provided by CFMC. Registration not required.

Friday, November 11

Free Healthy Aging Program - 1:00 -2:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

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

November 14 – 18

Spread the Warmth, Hat/Scarf/Mitten/Glove Drive

Thanksgiving is a time for giving, which is why Community First Medical Center and the Volunteer Steering Committee will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the children at Reinberg School. We are looking for ONLY NEW items for Kindergarten thru 8th grade. You can drop your items off the week of November 14th thru November 18th in the box that will be located in the CFMC lobby.

Wednesday, November 16

Diabetes Awareness Fair – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

In honor of Diabetes Awareness Month CFMC will be hosting a free diabetic awareness fair for the community. Renee Sochacki, RN, MSN, Diabetic Coordinator will be discussing road maps to managing diabetes through the holidays, healthy habits, portion sizes, nutrition & making healthy life style changes that support living with diabetes. The fair will include, a Parfait Bar, along with healthy recipes by nutritionist, Amy Loria, RD, LDN, Blood Pressure Screenings, A1C Blood Screenings, and Foot Exams by Chicagoland Foot Care. Registration is required by calling 844-236-2362

Thursday, November 30

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

Pablo Castillo, RRT, Director, Respiratory will provide sessions on how to have enough courage to quit smoking.

What Cancer Cannot Do – Cancer Is Limited

- It cannot cripple love; it cannot erode faith.**
- It cannot eat away peace; it cannot destroy confidence.**
- It cannot kill friendships; it cannot shut out memories.**
- It cannot silence courage; it cannot invade the soul.**
- It cannot reduce eternal life; it cannot quench the spirit.**
- It cannot lessen the power of resurrection.**

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Remembering the Meaning of Veteran's Day

Red, white, and blue circulars announcing 50% off all mattresses. No school! The gas station's flag flying at half mast. For too many of us, these are our Veteran's Day associations. For those of us not directly impacted by the war in Iraq, for those without friends and family who have served, it is far too easy to forget the meaning of this important day.

Veteran's Day began as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I – optimistically coined “the war to end all wars.” President Woodrow Wilson declared, “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice...”

Though the War did not officially end until June 28, 1919, an informal armistice was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of the preceding year. For this reason, Veteran's Day falls on November 11. This was not always the case. Attempts were made to change the date so it would fall on Monday, making for convenient three-day weekends. Recognizing that this was not a holiday about a get-away to the Dells or shopping sprees at the mattress store, and realizing the significance of this important historic commemoration, President Gerald Ford responded to the American people and returned the holiday to November 11.

Most of us do not like war. But, we must separate those feelings from the gratitude we owe to those who have served. It is important that we take pause from our busy lives and imagine a day in the life of those in service – sleepless nights, grueling work, physical hardship, separation from loved ones, fear, and loss. It is important that we take a moment to thank the men and women who have made supreme sacrifices for our country. Come Wednesday, November 11, bake cookies for your local VFW; ask a veteran to share his or her remembrances of service; send a care package to our troops; gaze at the gas station's flag at half mast and remember exactly what that means.

Governor Rauner Signs Bills Honoring Gold Star Families, Increasing Services to Illinois Veterans

Governor Bruce Rauner today took action on five bills as part of Veterans Day at the 2016 Illinois State Fair. The bills strengthen Illinois' commitment to our veterans and their families by providing needed assistance and honor to those who have sacrificed so much for our country and our state.

“The selflessness of our American heroes can never truly be repaid, but here in Illinois we are making it easier for our men and women to return home and have prosperous futures,” said Governor Rauner. “We are investing in our veterans' futures while never forgetting those we have lost along the way.”

Two of the bills support the families of our Illinois veterans. HB 4389 designates the day after Gold Star Mother's Day as Gold Star Family Day to be observed throughout the Illinois as a day to honor and commemorate the families of men and women who gave their lives while serving with the armed forces of the United States. HB 4432 allows a child in any grades 6 through 12 to be absent from a public school for the purpose of sounding “Taps” at a military honor funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.

“Our Gold Star Families have made the ultimate sacrifice for the people of this country. They have lost their loved ones in service to our nation. That loss and their resilience should be remem-

bered and honored every single year,” Governor Rauner added.

The Governor also signed bills to assist veterans' transition from military life to life as a civilian and increase the level of care within Veterans' Homes.

HB 4627 allows veterans to begin their college education upon discharge regardless of how the calendar year lines up.

“By establishing an admissions process in which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an application for admission to the university as a freshman student enrolling in the spring semester, if the veteran was on active duty during the fall semester, will not force the veteran to put their life on hold just because the calendar does not match up,” said Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Erica Jeffries. “I thank the Governor and the legislature for providing this important benefit to our Illinois Heroes.”

HB5938 amends the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act to expand the scope of the program to include eligible physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses, rather than limiting the act to just nurses. HB 5003 requires, rather than allows, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit to establish a Veterans and Service Members Court program to help those veterans that have fallen on hard times.

Chicago Honors Metropolitan Iakovos Of Chicago City Adds Honorary Title Of “Metropolitan Iakovos Way” To Burton Place

The City Council has passed an ordinance officially adding the honorary title “Metropolitan Iakovos Way” to Burton Place in Downtown Chicago in recognition of Metropolitan Iakovos' years of service to Chicago citizens.

This recognition, a surprise to Metropolitan Iakovos, was unveiled at a private gathering at the Metropolis of Chicago offices at 40 East Burton Place on October 27. Later it was announced during the yearly Metropolitan Iakovos Name DAY Dinner before an audience of clergy and parishioners from throughout the Metropolis of Chicago.

Metropolitan Iakovos has served as the spiritual leader of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago since May, 1979. Under his leadership the Metropolis has increased its efforts to assist the homeless and those in need, as witnessed in

the labors of the Metropolis Philanthropy Committee. He has founded new Youth programs, established various local dialogues with other faith communities, and continues to work with area religious leaders in promoting justice in our society.

Eastern Orthodox Christians are the second largest Christian faith tradition worldwide. The Metropolis of Chicago oversees all Greek Orthodox Parishes within Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, as well as eastern Missouri and northwest Indiana. You can find more information on His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago on our website: www.chicago.goarch.org. You can find the legislative action by the City of Chicago at www.Chicago.councilmatic.org/legislation/o-2016-5625/.

North Boundary Hadassah Hosts Luncheon, Auction And Super Raffle

“Generations of Generosity,” a luncheon, auction, raffle and Super Raffle, will be hosted by North Boundary Hadassah, at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Ave., West, Highland Park, Sunday, November 13, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds of the event will benefit Hadassah Youth Services.

Among Super Raffle items are a \$250 Nordstrom gift card and a \$200 Jewel gift card.

Entertainment will be provided by “4 Strings Attached” - an elite performing group comprised of children between the ages 4 and 18 years old who are studying violin under the direction of accomplished violinist, Martin Lopez. With a large repertoire of music, they perform for a variety of events, from corporate engagements and local community events to private parties and weddings.

“4 Strings Attached” has made quite a name for itself in the Chicagoland area and beyond. Local festival performances include repeat appearances at Fiesta Days in McHenry, The Mozart Festival in Woodstock and The Dickens Festival in Dundee.

Cost of the morning is \$40 before November 5 and \$45 thereafter.

For more information or reservations, please call the offices of Hadassah at 847-205-1900.

Back To The Future? – This Says It All!!



Loyal and Ever Optimistic Cubs Fans Hoist the Banner of Victory as the Chicago Land Area Celebrates with their “Cubbies”.

Statement from President Preckwinkle: Cook County vs. Cuyahoga County in a World Series Challenge

Congratulations to our Chicago Cubs on winning the National League title and advancing to the World Series. In celebration of this occasion, Cook County has entered in the “Taste of World Series” challenge with Cuyahoga County, home county of the Cleveland Indians. Through agreement with Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, the county with the losing team will send food items to help the winning county savor its victory. In addition, the sports gear of the winning team will make a prominent showing in the county of the losing team. Cook County looks forward to tasting some of the delicacies from Cleveland and having Cuyahoga County wear Chicago Cubs gear. Let's Go Cubs!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



Turn Back Time/ Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

It is time to reset your clocks! This year, Daylight Savings Time officially ends on Sunday, November 6, 2016 when clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. The Fire Department also reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and in all emergency accessory kits when they reset their clocks.

Skokie Hosts its first Pumpkin Recycling Event!

Let that ol' jack-o-lantern nourish the soil and not burden the landfill! The Village of Skokie will be collecting pumpkins for composting at the Skokie Farmers' Market on Sunday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. This drive-up, drop-off event will be held at the municipal parking lot at the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Floral Avenue in Downtown Skokie.

Did you know that Illinois farmers grow more ornamental and canning-type pumpkins than any other state in the country? With the Halloween season ending, rather than placing pumpkins with other refuse that will be landfilled, residents are encouraged to drop off their pumpkins for composting. Pumpkins are 90% water, and are full of

nutrients that are good for the soil.

Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins painted with acrylic paint. Any pumpkin decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers or other decorations should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins can be placed in plastic bags for transport. No other drop-off materials will be accepted at this event. Lakeshore Recycling will provide the containers for the pumpkin collection event and will transport the pumpkins to the composting site.

For additional information, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210 and visit www.skokie.org.

See page 7 for details on the Resurrection High School Arts & Crafts Fair



Resurrection College Prep High School

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 12th, 2016

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**7500 W. Talcott Avenue
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**Adult admission – \$5.00
Seniors/Students – \$2.00
Children 10 and under – FREE**

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**Get in the holiday spirit as you walk through the halls of
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Shop at over 170 craft displays and vendors

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tasty treats and more!**

Enjoy lunch in the cafeteria.

We hope to see you then!

Good News is Nearby in Your Community

Like most of us, you are likely seeking a diversion from the negative news and scandal du jour. One needn't look far to find good news in Niles Township. With 105,000 residents split between Lincolnwood, Skokie, and portions of Morton Grove, Niles, Golf and Glenview, the area is a force for philanthropy and civic pride. Even in the most difficult economic times, neighbors, business owners, civic leaders, and clergy all band together to help a multitude of causes squarely focused on the common good.

While mudslinging and negativity ruled the media this election year, community members and leaders worked quietly to feed an average of 4,000 individuals monthly at the Township Food Pantry. Local libraries, parks and Niles Township collaborated on a

children's book collection for Bernie's Book Bank. Community members contributed over 7,000 gently used and new books. The program enabled 583 at-risk children across Illinois own books, many for the very first time. At this writing, employees of many area companies and schools are fielding volunteer teams to collect food and toys for the Township holiday collection drives.

Throughout Niles Township, municipal governments manage health clinics, recycling drives, senior citizen and youth programs, and much more. Students and senior citizens work side-by-side to share experiences and bridge generational gaps.

Despite the darkness of bad news, a bright, positive light called community continues press on, improving lives in the process.

Governor Helps Illinoisans Find Lost Life Insurance Money

Governor Bruce Rauner and Anne Melissa Dowling, Acting Director of the Illinois Dept. of Insurance, today announced two actions taken by the administration to help Illinoisans find lost life insurance money through the launch of the free Life Policy Locator Service and signing House Bill 4633 into law.

The Life Policy Locator Service through the Dept. of Insurance (DOI) helps executors, legal representatives, or members of the deceased person's immediate family find a life insurance policy or annuity contract left by a deceased loved one and serves to bridge the gap between insurance companies and Illinois citizens who think they may be listed as a beneficiary.

"Many times finding life insurance policies can be difficult and time consuming after a loved one's death," said Dowling. "But with this new

free service, consumers can request help from the Illinois Department of Insurance to simplify the process of locating lost life insurance policies. This search service eliminates the confusion of trying to locate missing life insurance policies or annuity contracts and helps get those benefits to the intended beneficiary."

After the necessary information is submitted, DOI will contact all state-licensed life insurance companies asking them to search their records for any life insurance policies or annuity contracts insuring the decedent. If a policy is found, that insurance company will contact the beneficiary to complete the claim.

Illinoisans can learn more about the Lost Life Policy Locator Service, by visiting the DOI website at www.insurance.illinois.gov.

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.

BIG DONATIONS OF ALUMINUM POP TABS AND "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" were received by Maria Bappert from a woman and her son Tony who reside just east of the Humboldt Park area and had read about it in one of the editions of OUR VILLAGE newspaper. Tony brought two large plastic bottles filled with the tabs as well as over 300 "Box Tops for Education" which our Club has been collecting for the Queen of Angels School for several years. Each one is worth 10 cents. Over the years, our school has collected over \$8,000 worth of these and the money was used to upgrade the school library. They were extremely grateful to receive this large donation toward a very good cause ...

NOVEMBER, 2016 DATES : Nov. 6: Daylight Savings Time - "Fall Back" by Turning Your Clocks Back One Hour
Nov. 8: VOTE!!
Nov. 10: Regular Meeting followed by a Board Meeting.
Nov. 11: Veterans' Day - Fly the flag!



Jackson Park's Wooded Island Officially Opened October 22

Jackson Park's Wooded Island officially reopens after a bio-cultural restoration project in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Project 120 Chicago, Heritage Landscapes LLC, Applied Ecological Services, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and Jackson Park Advisory Council.

Chicago Park District staff, partners, and volunteers will be available to give free open house tours of the newly renovated Wooded Island. Tours will meet at the South Parking Lot, 2865 E. Hayes Dr.

The bio-cultural restoration project, which began in January 2015, integrates ecosystem restoration and a cultural landscape preservation. The preservation of the cultural landscape of Jackson Park, designed by the Olmsted firm between 1892, is a significant component of this project.

The ecosystem improvements include the

installation of over 180 trees, 11,000 shrubs, and over 600,000 native plants, that include more than 300 different species of trees, shrubs, ferns, vines, grasses, and flowering plants that will increase the biological diversity of the park and provide critical. The lagoon shoreline has been graded and planted and has new underwater habitat structures that will support the reintroduction of several species of fish, mussels, and amphibians in the next few years. Additionally, nine overlooks along the water's edge, nearly 8,000 linear feet of new, crushed stone pathways, and the reconstruction of almost 4,000 linear feet of existing pathways have been installed on Wooded Island.

Please note, while Wooded Island will be open to the public, restoration activities will continue through September 2019. Other project areas will remain closed.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

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Exploring The Diaconate Archdiocese Of Chicago

THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONSIDER A VOCATION may sometimes be a gentle voice stirring the soul or a personal longing in our hearts. It may be the urging of friends or spouses. It can also find birth in the invitation of pastors, deacons and parish leaders to pursue such an inquiry. No matter the source of our questions, each of us needs to be affirmed and encouraged to bring a call to a vocation to prayerful discernment.

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue.

Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required.

Nov. 9, 2016 St. Pascal, Chicago (Vicariate IV), 7:30 p.m.

Location: Neckerman Room (Rectorry)

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or 847.837.4564 or visit us at www.usml.edu.

Application Deadline for 2017 - 2018 Aspirancy Path is May 1, 2017.

Regretfully, IDS cannot accept late applications for the upcoming formation year.

New! Lincolnwood License Plate Holders Available

Village residents, are you proud of Lincolnwood and want to show it? Now you can show your Lincolnwood pride with the new license plate holder.

The license plate holders say, "I Lincolnwood" on the top, and "Life's Good in the Wood" on the lower portion. A picture of the license plate available for sale is shown below.

The license plate holders are available in

Village Hall for purchase of \$5.00, cash or check only please. The Village Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pick up your license plate holder today and show off your Lincolnwood pride!

To receive more information about Village of Lincolnwood news and events, send an e-mail with the subject line "subscribe" to "mailto:subscribe@lwd.org" subscribe@lwd.org.

Evanston Firewood Sale to Begin November 5

The City of Evanston's annual firewood sale will begin on Saturday, November 5, and will continue through March of 2017 or until supplies are exhausted. Sale hours are Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2310 Oakton St., between the Recycling Center and the Evanston Animal Shelter.

Prices are as follows:

4'x4'x1.5' x 2: \$175

4'x4'x1.5': \$100

2'x4'x1.5': \$65

1'x4'x1.5': \$40

Payment by personal check is preferred, although payment can also be made by cash. Credit cards are not accepted, and delivery is not available. Staff may be able to assist residents with loading firewood into their vehicles.

Free woodchips are also available at the base of the hill in adjacent James Park. Residents are welcome to take as much of this mulch as they would like.

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

Next Bikes, Business and Building Community Next Meeting, Nov 5

Bikes, Business and Building Community: Economic Development for Our Neighborhoods

Next meeting: Saturday, November 5, 3:30PM at Edgebrook Library, 5331 W. Devon

• Want to Grow More Small Businesses in Your Community?

• Want to See Bikes Become Economically Sustainable?

• Want to Have More Bike Paths for Health and Hobby?

• Want to Better Your Neighborhood?

Then the Bikes, Business and Building Community Initiative is for you.

This purpose of this new citizen-led initiative is to grow our local business climate by welcoming the thousands of new and existing cyclists (soon to be) using the expanded

North Branch Bike Trail to get them to know, shop, and recreate in our neighborhoods located along and near the bike path .

The expanded North Branch Bike Trail connects North Mayfair on the East (Foster and Pulaski) to Edgebrook in the middle (Devon and Central), via Mayfair , Forest Glen

and Indian Woods , and going into Glenview through Niles and Morton Grove on the West. Phase I is now open (Edgebrook to Forest Glen) and Phase II will be completed (Forest Glen to North Mayfair) by Spring 2017.

Is Bikes, Business and Building Community for you? We seek...

• Citizens who want to step up to lead

• Folks passionate about growing our neighborhood business climate

• Cyclists who want to enjoy more than the experience of just biking, and

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More Information or questions? Please ask. Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com

Foster-Harlem Property Owners Association

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 7:00 PM

St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5105 North Mont Clare Avenue

(Northeast corner of Mont Clare and Carmen Avenues)

Local Business Expo

A wide variety of businesses from our neighborhood will be present. Come meet them in person. They will have information regarding upcoming events and promotions. They will also have coupons and giveaways.

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Merrimac Park (fieldhouse)
6343 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago 60634

First Midwest Bank (entry lobby)
7181 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago 60634

Presence Resurrection Medical Center (employee health center)
7447 W Talcott Ave, Chicago 60631



Presence Resurrection Nursing Center (reception lobby)
1001 N Greenwood Ave, Park Ridge 60068

Mather's - More Than a Café (reception lobby)
7134 W Higgins Ave, Chicago 60656

Park Ridge Farmers Market (reception tent - seasonal)
15 Prairie Ave, Park Ridge 60068

New Hope Methodist Church (Monday and Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 am)
7115 W Hood Ave, Chicago 60631



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Veterans' Day Celebration

The public is cordially invited to a Veterans' Day Celebration and Luncheon on Friday, November 11, beginning at 11:am at the North Center Satellite Senior Center at 4040 N. Oakley in Chicago (just east of Western and north of Irving Park Road). It begins with a Veterans Procession and Presentation, followed by a luncheon.

Veterans are invited to participate in the procession and are treated to a free lunch. A \$1.50 donation is requested from all other attendees. Entertainment begins at 1:00 pm featuring the Windy City Radio Players Special USO Broadcast. The event is sponsored by the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce and the Northcenter Satellite Senior Auxiliary.

For further information call 312-744-4015.

Special Surprise Homecoming at Niles West Homecoming

During the Friday, September 23 Homecoming assembly at Niles West High School, a Niles West student was surprised by a visit from his brother, a Niles West alum, who is a member of the military. Christopher Erjavac, a senior, was not aware that his brother, Lcpl Jeremy Erjavac, would walk out prior to the National Anthem. Other family members were also surprised by this special homecoming.



Lcpl Jeremy Erjavac of Morton Grove graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on August 29, 2014. Lcpl Erjavac successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 76 recruits in Training Platoon 3263. While in recruit training, Lcpl Erjavac achieved the position of squad leader. He reported to Camp Pendleton for School of Infantry which is his Military Occupation Specialty School. Lcpl Erjavac is stationed at Washington, DC in Security Forces. He graduated Niles West High School in 2014. He participated in baseball, wrestling, and golf rate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

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Norwood Crossing to Commemorate Veterans Day on Nov. 11 with Recognition Program

Veterans, residents, friends, and families are invited to attend and participate in a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program, on Fri., Nov. 11, at 2:00 p.m., at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

The program, "for veterans, about veterans, and by veterans," will include posting of the Colors by American Legion Edison Park Post 541 Color Guard; National Anthem sung by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir; pledge of allegiance led by Norwood Crossing resident Mary Cormack, former First Vice President of VFW Post 1284 Ladies Auxiliary; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); individual recognition of attending veterans; a special performance of patriotic songs by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir, and benediction by Norwood Crossing Chaplain Dale Tippett.

All veterans planning to attend the event are asked to complete a form upon arrival that asks for their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where stationed, and dates of service in order to be properly recognized. Refreshments will be available.

Norwood Crossing is a not-for-profit senior living community, serving Chicago's far northwest side and surrounding suburban communities since 1896. Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324 or email stanbanash@norwoodlifecare.org.

Honor Flight Chicago – "Operation Locate A Hero" - 2017 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2017 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

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

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit (www.honorflightchicago.org)

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



Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion



On November 11, 2016, 11 A.M. American Legion Post 541 will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony at Monument park, 6679 N Avondale Ave, Chicago, IL 60631. We will honor all members of the United State Military of All Wars. All are invited. Coffee will be served immediately after.

At 2 P.M. at, 6016 North Nina Ave, Chicago, IL 60631 we will Join veterans who are residents of Norwood Crossing and other veterans from the community in this special Veterans Day Commemorative Program.

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

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

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

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

Scrapbooking: Create a Memory Page Saturday, November 12th, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind personalized gift for someone special in your life just in time for the holidays, or commemorate a relative, friend or special relationship in this 90-minute workshop. Join scrapbooking enthusiast Joanne Richter to learn how to create a memory page using scrapbook paper, photographs, memorabilia, embellishments, basic adhesives, protective sleeves and more. Be sure to bring in your own photos and memorabilia. Sponsored in part by the Edgebrook Community Association. Registration is recommended. Please call (312) 744-8313 or send an email to edgebrook@chipublib.org to register.

Chicago Public Library, Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Ave, Chicago • (312) 744-8313.

A Prayer For Veterans

Lord, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the men and women, in the thousands, coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor the sacrifices of all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the men and women who have served in non-combatative posts; may their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us, Lord, the vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Taken from the Queen of Angels Church Bulletin (in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood) of November 11, 2012. Let us all honor our veterans on Veterans Day and always ...

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On this Veterans Day and every day, we and the community extend sincere appreciation to the men and women who have served our country so proudly.



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The Holiday Event and Craft Season is Here



Niles Public Library District Hosts First-Ever Maker Fest

On Saturday, November 12 from 12-4pm, the Niles Public Library District hosts its first-ever Maker Fest, a celebration of arts, crafts, engineering, technology, and the DIY movement. It's a free event and open to all ages.

Maker Fest attendees will be able to tinker with hands-on activities and watch demonstrations throughout the Library. Some activities and demonstrations include robots in action, 3D printing, green screen photos, clay modeling, flower arrangements, mosaic instruction, knitting, and much more.

Maker Fest features hobbyists, crafters, local businesses, and other DIYers in the community including The Home Depot, Ridgewood Gardens, Art Station, Seams Sew Precious, and many more.

Niles Public Library District is located at 6960 W. Oakton St, the northeast corner of the Oakton and Waukegan intersection. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 9pm, Friday, 9am to 7pm, Saturday, 9am to 5pm and Sunday, 1 to 5 pm.

For more information call 847-663-6404.

Register Now for the 40th Annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 20, 2016



Lace up your running shoes and join us for the 40th annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot (1976-2016)! This CARA Certified, chip-timed 5K/10K race and 5K fitness walk takes you through scenic Lincolnwood, featuring a flat, fast course perfect for novice as well as experienced runners and walkers. For our youngest athletes (6 years of age and under), the Drumstick Dash is the perfect way to round out this historic running event!

Download your registration form in advance by going to www.lincolnwoodil.org and click on Parks & Recreation Special Events.

We offer four convenient ways to register. Please note the cut-off dates/times for all registration types. Last year's event sold out prior to race day, so please register early to avoid missing this historic event!

1) ONLINE via Active.com Please note, a small convenience fee is added to online registrations. Online registration closes at 5pm on Friday, 11/18, if we have not yet reached our maximum number of runners/walkers.

2) IN PERSON M-F from 9-5pm in the Parks and Recreation Department office (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue in Village Hall). You may pay by cash, check or credit card. Download the Registration form.

3) FAX (847) 673-4413. If registering by fax, please don't forget to include your credit card information. Download the Registration form. Fax-in registration closes Friday 11/11 at 5pm.

4) MAIL (Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712). You may either pay by check and include in the envelope or supply your credit card information. Download the Registration form. We must have received your mailed registration form and payment in our office by Friday 11/11 at 5pm.

"Thanks For The Memories" Fall Fashion Show On Nov. 5 At Norwood Crossing Also Celebrates Art Exhibit Opening

Norwood Crossing residents are inviting those who like to reminisce to attend their Fall Fashion Show that expresses the theme, "Thanks for the Memories," during their presentation of creative attire. Amid a runway, musical accompaniment and glittering lights, the program will begin at 3:00 p.m., on Nov. 5, in the Norwegian Heritage Room, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

The fashion show is coordinated by the Expressive Arts Therapy department which consists of music therapist Jessica Georgi, art therapist Katie Reagan, and dance/movement therapist Joan Lin. The Norwood Life Society Thrift shop is responsible for donating the majority of the outfits and accessories that will be

worn by residents during the show.

Afterward, stroll through the first and lower floors of Norwood Crossing to view the artwork on walls and in cabinets created by residents during their Fall Art Exhibit, which opens following the fashion presentation.

Many of the artists will be present to discuss their works. Refreshments will be served during the reception in the Wellness Center. The artwork, which is an outgrowth of Expressive Art Therapy group sessions and Life Enrichment groups, will be displayed through January 31.

For more information, call (773) 577-5377, email: info@norwoodcrossing.org or visit norwoodcrossing.org/artshow.



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Strength From the Community



With your help our 2015 Holiday Collection provided 500 toys and 1,600 meals to neighbors facing challenging times.

Please join us this season as we work to deliver holiday cheer to over 1,000 local families. Your donation of an unwrapped toy for a child, infant through age 17 will bring a smile to a young face. Hunger is a year round challenge we address. Our current wish list includes a variety of canned and packaged foods including:

- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Cereal, oatmeal, rice
- Juice or juice boxes
- Pasta
- Cake mixes
- Canned soup, chili
- Canned coffee or boxes of tea bags
- Cookies, crackers or granola bars

If you prefer to make a cash donation, please send or drop off a check made payable to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation, 5255 Main Street, Skokie, IL 60077

Drop your donations in the barrels at the Township office.

The Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that uses monetary donations to purchase food that stocks the shelves of the Township Pantry. These supplemental groceries help residents facing food insecurity make ends meet. For more information on the Foundation, visit: <http://ntfpantry.com/>




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The Holiday Event and Craft Season is Here



What Could Be A Better Outing For The Holiday Season

Toddlers Take Over Chicago Children's Museum

Afternoon Programming Offered For Preschool-Aged Naptime Graduates

Each fall, the big kids go back to school and Chicago Children's Museum gives our youngest visitors the run of the museum. Beginning Monday, September 12, Toddler Takeover devotes its weekdays to preschool children ages one- to four-years old filled with brain-building, play-filled programs that guide a child's curiosity, energy and creativity.

Featured programs include:

- **Hammertime!:** Small children love to pound and it's a workout for the muscles and the mind. Join us for a colorful and satisfying building activity.
- **Kids Create: Paint:** Children explore the senses and get to move with paint and non-paintbrushes'.
- **Clean Meets Messy:** Finger paint with shaving cream. It's a tactile experience that may awaken the inner artist or experimenter in every child.



- **Carwash:** Work little ones' motor skills and cooperation as they work together using water, sponges and pails.

NAPTIME GRADUATE PROGRAMS

When naptime becomes a daily battle, a child may need afternoon mental stimulation rather than a couple hours of sleep. Chicago Children's Museum offers programming every weekday afternoon beginning September 12 with

brain-stimulating fun specifically designed for preschool naptime graduates.

Naptime Graduates programs includes:

- **Dinoscape:** Pretend play is important for children's development in language and literacy. This small scale paleo-world will be fun for kids who love dinosaurs and for those who just want to roar.
- **Art a Go-Go:** Shake, rattle and roll to create your own movement art.

All Toddler Takeover and Naptime Graduates programs are included with museum admission.

Chicago Children's Museum will close for annual maintenance September 6-9 and reopen on Saturday, September 10 at 9 am.

Resurrection Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

Resurrection College Prep High School will host its annual Fall Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Each year, more than 2,000 patrons visit the fair to explore the wide variety of handcrafted items at over 180 craft displays. All spaces for crafters and vendors have been filled. The fair's festive atmosphere welcomes patrons as they shop for unique gifts, seasonal items, housewares, jewelry and tasty treats. Admission for this school fundraising event is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children under 10 are free.

Resurrection College Prep High School will also be hosting a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Spaces for the Spring Craft Fair will be available beginning in January – please visit the Resurrection College Prep website at www.reshs.org for more information.

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



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Annual ESO Holiday Concert On Dec. 4 Continues Tradition Of Bringing Together Local Arts Groups, Including Gospel Choir, To Celebrate The Season

The Evanston Symphony will continue its revered tradition of collaborating with arts groups from throughout Evanston and the North Shore to celebrate the holiday season. This year's Holiday Concert returns to Evanston Township High School at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 and features the symphony in collaboration with the North Shore Choral Society, the Evanston Dance Ensemble, the Evanston Children's Choir, plus the very popular Evanston Symphony Holiday Gospel Choir, organized by Rev. Kenneth Cherry.



Even Santa will get into the act, leading the audience in a sing-along of favorite Christmas carols.

"The annual Evanston Holiday Concert is one of the year's most enjoyable and thoroughly inclusive arts events of the year, bringing together hundreds of local instrumentalists, singers and dancers to put on a wonderful show designed to entertain people of all ages," said Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl.

Orchestral numbers will include Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Robert Wendel's This is Chanukah and Mannheim Steamroller's version of Deck the Halls.

The Evanston Dance Ensemble will dance over 20 minutes of selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet, accompanied by the ESO.

The North Shore Choral Society will join the ESO in selections from Rutter's Gloria and Handel's always crowd-pleasing "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah. And the NSCS, the Evanston Children's Choir, and the ESO will then be joined by the gospel choir in the "Hallelujah" from Quincy Jones' "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration", using an orchestration specially commissioned by the. The gospel choir will also sing Timothy Wright's "Pretty Baby" in the first part of the concert.

The Evanston Children's Choir will perform William Mathias' exuberant carol, Sir Christmas as well as joining with the other choirs for the grand finale.

The Evanston Symphony Holiday Concert takes place 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 6 at Evanston Township High School auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave. in Evanston. For more information, and to take advantage of early pricing discounts by ordering tickets in advance, visit www.evanstonsymphony.org or call 847-864-8804.



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The MadKap Play Series continues with a hilarious farce

How far would you go to meet the person of your dreams? Would you let your brother introduce you to a co-worker? Would you let your friends set you up on a blind date? Would you answer a personal ad? This situation is explored in the second show in the MadKap 2016-17 play series, Beyond Therapy.



Beyond Therapy is a hilarious farce that tells the story of Bruce and Prudence, two flailing 30-somethings who are deeply into therapy with doctors who have bigger problems than they do. His therapist interacts with her patients with the help of a stuffed Snoopy doll and hers is a macho pig overly concerned with his own prowess. Bruce and Prudence meet each other several times through multiple personal ads, but when they decide to try and have a serious relationship, both therapists and ex-lovers force their way between them leaving the unlikely lovers to navigate the treacherous waters of maintaining sanity on their own. Beyond Therapy is a hilarious satire on relationships, personal ads, and of course therapy.

Beyond Therapy was written by Christopher Durang, the Tony Award winning American playwright known for works of outrageous and often absurd comedy. His most well-known plays include Sister Mary Ignatious Explains It All For You and Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, which won the Tony Award for Best Play in 2013. It was a star vehicle on Broadway for actors including John Lithgow, Sigourney Weaver, Dianne Weist, and David Hyde Pierce.

The Skokie production stars Ellen Cribbs as Prudence and Jeff Broitman as Bruce. Cribbs was last seen in our 2014 production of Crimes of the Heart. Broitman was on our stage more recently in The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie last spring. Michael Bromberg plays Prudence's psychiatrist, Dr. Framingham. Audiences will remember him from his appearance in Beau Jest last winter. He is joined by Skokie Theatre newcomers Vered Hankin as Dr. Wallace, Josh Pennington as Bob, and Frank Menolascino as Andrew.

Beyond Therapy runs for 10 performances from Nov 4 – Nov 20, 2016. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sunday Nov 6 at 2:30 pm, other Sundays at 2:00 pm, with a matinee on Wednesday, November 9 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students and can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by calling 847-677-7761. Tickets for Beyond Therapy are included in a 3 show subscription package for \$64 which includes upcoming productions of The Seven Year Itch and Equus.

University Guild Event

The Arts in Chicago: Past, Present and Future

Chris Jones, chief theater critic for the Chicago Tribune, shares his experiences and discusses the wonderful Chicago area theater scene. Mr. Jones will answer questions from the audience.

Monday, November 7

1:30 pm, Scott Hall, in the Guild Lounge, Northwestern University, 601 University Place, Evanston

Guests are welcome and the cost is \$5.00 per program.

The University Guild's annual membership fee is \$50. Membership is open to all in the community.

The purpose of University Guild is to bring the membership of the Guild the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the University, to work for the collections and exhibitions of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts.

The University Guild also provides scholarships to students at Northwestern University.

Brush with Nature 2016 Exhibition opens in Skokie

Brush with Nature is a plein air painting program presented by the non-profit arts organization Anatomically Correct where the public is invited to watch professional artists paint plein air style (a French term which means out in the open). Program Director Debra Hatchett explains, "It's almost like live theatre – or performance art. It is so much fun to watch an artist make a painting right in front of your eyes.

The artworks that are displayed in this exhibition were created by local plein air artists who painted outdoors at the nature center from July 2016 through October 2016. Visitors who watched the artists create their paintings are invited to come back and see the finished product inside the gallery. Visitors can also vote for their favorite artworks."

The juried exhibition will be on display in the Emily Oaks Nature Center

Gallery at 4650 Brummel Ave, Skokie, IL 60076 from November 4, 2016 through January 1, 2017. A free public reception

will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Regular viewing hours are

Monday - Friday 8 am- 5 pm; Saturday 8 am- 4 pm; and Sunday 10 am- 4 pm.

Phone (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 for more information.

Brush with Nature is sponsored in part by the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Founded in 1991, Anatomically Correct is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to showcasing works by artists in alternative spaces in a combined effort to educate, diversify, and promote community awareness of the visual and performing arts. www.brushwithnature.org

BRUSH WITH NATURE – ART EXHIBITION

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Ave, Skokie, IL 60076

Free public reception on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

The exhibition runs through Jan. 1, 2017.

Mayor Emanuel Previews Final Section Of Expanded Chicago Riverwalk

Final three block stretch from LaSalle Street to Lake Street set to open this weekend

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined officials from the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Department of Fleet and Facilities Management (2FM) to preview the third and final stretch of the Chicago Riverwalk from LaSalle Street to Lake Street. When construction on Phase 3 is completed later this week, the transformative Chicago Riverwalk project will provide a 1.25 mile promenade through the heart of the City.

The technically challenging project, which involved extending the south bank of the Chicago River out by 25 feet, was constructed by CDOT. The ecologically sensitive design aids in improving water quality, enabling people to interact

with the river as they have never been able to before.

The three new sections, or "rooms," of the Riverwalk to open later this week include:

- The Water Plaza: A water feature for children and families to engage with water at the river's edge. (From LaSalle to Wells.)
- The Jetty: A series of piers and floating wetland gardens with interactive learning about the ecology of the river, including opportunities for fishing and identifying native plants. (From Wells to Franklin.)
- The Riverbank: An accessible walkway and new marine edge creates access to Lake Street and features a public lawn

at the confluence. It provides an accessible route from lower to upper Wacker and Lake Street. The City is continuing to explore possibilities for how the room can be developed. (From Franklin to Lake.)

This section of the Riverwalk was designed by a team of architects including Sasaki and Ross Barney Architects and constructed by Alfred Benesch & Co. Engineers and Walsh Construction. The project is funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) program which provided a loan of \$98 million. The project also received \$10 million in state funding.

Winners Of Young Women's Writing Festival At Resurrection College Prep High School

October 20, 2016 was celebrated as "National Day on Writing" and the Resurrection English Department welcomed 38 eighth grade students from 12 schools to the Young Women's Writing Festival. Congratulations to the following winners: 1st Place: Sydney Schroeder from Culver School; 2nd Place: Hannah Wyatt from St. Matthias; and 3rd Place: Hana Dempsey from St. Emily.

During the writing competition students were asked to develop a story based on a photograph as the writing prompt. Student contestants wrote for 40 minutes and stories were evaluated by 8th grade teachers and the faculty from the Resurrection College Prep

English Department. Participating schools included Culver, Dever, Edison Park, Immaculate Conception, Solomon, St. Celestine, St. Edward, St. Emily, St. Helen, St. Matthias, St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Sylvester.

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.

Skokie Sisterhood To Host Book Club Review Of "The Jazz Palace"

"The Jazz Palace" - a novel about Chicago and the Jazz Age in the 1920's - will be reviewed at a meeting of the Book Club of the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Wednesday, November 9, starting at 10:30 a.m. The program is free and open to the public. "The author, Mary Morris, brilliantly captures the dynamic atmosphere and

dazzling music of this exceptional era," says Skokie resident Judy Frank, President of Sisterhood. "We follow the exciting paths of two spectacular musicians, one white and one black, and watch them navigate tough as well as wonderful times." Refreshments will be served. For further information or for reservations, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141 or go to the web site at EHNT.ORG

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

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

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

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

Chicago River Trail Action Plan

The Active Transportation Alliance is releasing a Chicago River Trail Action Plan, which lays out key steps to create a continuous trail on the north and south branches of the Chicago River within Chicago that connects to existing trails in the suburbs.

While Chicago's lakefront park and trail system is second to none, the Chicago River has not yet reached its full potential as a place for community recreation and alternative transportation. To change that, the Active Trans is embarking on a campaign to create a continuous trail along the Chicago River.

"The public demand for more off-street trails runs deep, as demonstrated by the overwhelming success of existing urban trails like the Lakefront Trail and Bloomingdale Trail," said Ron Burke, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance. "Not only would a complete river trail be a great boost for recreation and tourism while improving access to greenspace in many parts of the city, invariably, it'll serve as a highway for healthy transportation."

While talk of a continuous Chicago River Trail has a long history, recent initiatives, like the recently released Our Great Rivers vision has brought the idea back to forefront.

"Throughout Chicago and the suburbs, the community outreach for Our Great Rivers demonstrated that people and employers want continuous riverfront trails to commute to work, to connect us to park and forest preserves, and for good clean fun," said Josh Ellis, director at the Metropolitan Planning Council, which partnered with Mayor Emanuel and his administration, Friends of the Chicago River and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to develop Our Great Rivers, a vision for the Chicago, Calumet and Des Plaines rivers.

Nearly half of the 27 miles of Chicago's riverfront has existing trail segments, and several more miles are slated for development over the next few years. While there are currently 14.8 miles of the Chicago River

with no trail, 7 miles of river provide "near term opportunities" for creating new trail segments.

Active Trans has been working with community organizations in neighborhoods all along the river to discuss needs for the trail in local communities, how to improve river access, and upcoming development projects that may affect future trail sections.

"I'm glad to be working with Active Trans on creating this important resource for the Greater Chinatown area," Debbie Liu, a representative from Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community. "This action plan will help people fully realize the river's potential while guiding the way for making full use of our river for recreation and transportation beyond Ping Tom Park."

A number of active and planned riverside developments create unique opportunities to reshape the landscape along the river and leverage private resources to complete new river trail segments. The El Paseo Trail project in Little Village and Pilsen, the south extension of the North Branch Trail, the downtown Riverwalk expansion, the Bridgeport rowing center, the Finkl Steel site, the enhancements at Lathrop Homes, and planned developments in the South Loop and on Goose Island are just a few examples of immediate opportunities to move the Chicago River Trail forward.

In some locations where riverbank is not available for a trail, new trail segments may need to float on the river or be built on a deck above the river, such as the planned River-view Bridge between Clark Park and California Park on the North Branch.

Given that nearly 1 million Chicago residents live within one mile of the river, a continuous river trail has the potential to benefit a huge portion of the city, providing them with a new set of options for recreation, access to greenspace and healthy transportation.

To see the executive summary of the action plan, visit: activetrans.org/sites/files/rivertrail.pdf.

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A Time for Thanks and Giving



Chester M. Przybylo

I've decided to re-run the column we did last year for Thanksgiving. This year our daughter, who is now a doctor, will not be at our Thanksgiving table. She is in her internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and will be spending her Thanksgiving taking care of patients in the emergency room. While our daughter won't be able to spend the holiday at home because of her profession, there are so many individuals who will have a day all alone because no one thought to invite them to dinner. If this column motivates someone to bring cheer to just one individual, it will be worth it. Happy Thanksgiving!

It's that time of year when we start thinking about the holidays and the season begins with Thanksgiving. As a country we have been blessed in so many ways. While not everyone is without want, compared to the rest of the world we have much. Do you remember

the famous Norman Rockwell painting "Freedom From Want", or as it is generally called, "Thanksgiving"? It pictures what appears to be a multi-generational family gathered happily around the Thanksgiving table as the roast turkey is presented by the proud host and hostess. One might assume that the table is groaning with food. But on closer inspection the table holds celery, a bowl of fruit, pickles, cranberry sauce and a covered casserole. By today's standards, that might seem sparse. But it was wartime in 1943 when this painting served as a magazine cover and people were happy to share whatever they had and to enjoy family and friends. When we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving perhaps we can have the same feeling of gratitude for what we have, and more importantly all the people in our lives.

If you are hosting Thanksgiving dinner, it might be a good time to think about friends or family members who have lost a spouse recently. One of the saddest conversations I had a few years ago was with a recent widow who came to see me about her husband's estate. During the course of our meeting she broke down in tears and told me that after years of inviting friends over for Thanksgiving no one had thought to invite her to their celebrations. Perhaps her friends felt it was too soon after her loss to be invited to a festive celebration, but a simple invite would have made the widow's Thanksgiving less bleak.

Is there a lonely, elderly neighbor or a newcomer to the area who might be alone on Thanksgiving? Perhaps a simple invite will change what could be a sad holiday into one that will be remembered with fondness. A few years ago our daughter moved to do cancer research at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. She hadn't been in the area for very long and my wife and I had visions of her having Thanksgiving dinner alone at the local Boston Market. As it turned out her co-workers included her in their plans and she ended up attending three celebrations, including one at a Chinese church. She had a wonderful day and my wife and I were so grateful for their thoughtfulness.

The Thanksgiving Weekend is a time when many families have family members who have travelled long distances to be together for the weekend. I've suggested to some of my clients that sometime during the weekend (not while enjoying your turkey dinner) they may want to tell their family about estate plans that they have made. It doesn't have to be dramatic, just a factual conversation about where they keep their trust or will, who their attorney is, and maybe some of the basics of their plan. It can actually come as a relief to the younger generation that their parents or other relatives have been thoughtful enough to complete the task of planning their estates.

Happy Holidays from Chester M. Przybylo and his Staff.

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.

Helpings Of Hope: Franciscan Outreach To Host Premiere Tasting Event To Benefit Those Who Are Homeless In Chicago

Hosted by Franciscan Outreach, the 4th Annual Helpings of Hope is a premiere tasting event featuring specialty food creations made by local chefs/restaurants. The three-hour fundraiser will include live music, signature dishes, specialty wines and craft beer. Participating restaurants include Altiro, First Slice, Hutch, Madison & Rayne, Milts, Signature Plates, and more. It's the perfect opportunity to start the holiday season in a meaningful way.

The annual event raises funds to benefit those who are marginalized and homeless in Chicago, providing people with the critical services they need to make positive changes in their lives.

When:

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 10, 2016

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Tickets:

\$100 per person and may be purchased at www.franoutreach.org/helpings-of-hope or by calling (773) 278-6724, ext. 20. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$125 per person.

Franciscan Outreach:

Franciscan Outreach is a nonprofit organization that, for more than 50 years, has provided thousands of people with meals, shelter, and vital case management services, while offering guidance as they strive to gain stability, security and independence in their lives. It serves the largest number of people who are chronically homeless in the City of Chicago. Last year, Franciscan Outreach served more than 266,000 meals, provided 118,000 nights of shelter and assisted 267 people as they transitioned into permanent supportive housing.

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Support the 2016 Assist-A-Family Program

Please consider participating in the 2016 Skokie Assist-A-Family Program that helps Skokie families struggling with limited financial resources celebrate the winter holidays. Families receive gift cards for area businesses which they use to purchase food, household necessities and other items specific to each family member's needs and wants. Last year nearly 200 families received gift cards through the program.

Those interested in making a donation this year are asked to do so by Friday, December 2, 2016. Please make checks payable to the Village of Skokie, and add Skokie Assist-A-Family Program on the memo line. Send donations to Village of Skokie, Human Services Division, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077. For further information, please contact the Human Services Division at 847-933-8208.

Helping Veterans And Active Duty Military Members

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Chicago

On Veterans Day, the nation honors the men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the respect they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

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

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

Learn more by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

Social Security is proud to support the veterans and active duty members of the military. Let these heroes know they can count on us when they need to take advantage of their earned benefits.

Dynamic Duo Of "Jeff And Janis" To Honor Veterans At Ehntjc Friday Night Service

The dynamic singing team, "Jeff and Janis" will honor all veterans and perform patriotic music as they lead the Friday night service, "Friday Night Live," November 11, starting at 8:00 p.m., at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

"Our Friday night service is wonderful," says Rabbi Jeffrey Weill, spiritual leader of the synagogue. "It is a music-filled evening that is spiritual and enjoyable for everyone. Jeff and Janis will provide an exceptional addition to this popular evening service."

Jeff Winter and Janis Fine use guitar, warm vocal harmonies, autoharp, harmonica, and percussion instruments to bring a fresh interpretation to traditional and contemporary songs alike.

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Chef Ina Pinkney Speaks To North Boundary Hadassah Group In “The Glen”



Miffie Nagorsky, Skokie; Audrey Edidin, Northbrook; Michele Reznick, Deerfield; stand in front of the desserts to be judged by chef Ina Pinkney.

Famed chef, restaurateur and author, Ina Pinkney, spoke to nearly 80 women at a “Taste and Tell” luncheon and program, Tuesday, September 21, hosted by North Boundary Hadassah, at The Book Market in The Glen Town Center, Glenview.

The audience heard Pinkney tell her life story, from her early years suffering from infantile paralysis, to the later years when she famously owned the iconic West Loop breakfast spot “Ina’s,” a spot she had for more than 30 years. Pinkney was also the chef/owner of “The Dessert Kitchen Ltd.” for 10 years after that.

She also autographed her book, “Taste Memories: Recipes for Life And Breakfast,” (Never Better Publications, 2013) with personal comments to each woman who purchased one.

After speaking, Pinkney judged the “Taste and Tell” where 11 different desserts competed for top prize.

Proceeds of the afternoon will benefit Hadassah Youth Services.

For information about any Hadassah programs or events, please call the Hadassah offices at 847-675-6790.

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



Village Cooking Corner

Holiday Baking

from the kitchen of Maria Bappert

One of my favorite cookie recipes is from my sister-in-law Elisabeth. Baking cookies for the Holidays is a great passion with her. She and my brother Mike host the family’s Christmas Eve dinner every year. It’s always a real treat for the old taste buds. For dessert she brings out large platters of assorted cookies, along with freshly brewed coffee and tea. At the end of the evening, we all get a box of the cookies to take home. I like this particular recipe because it’s easy to make, does not require you to use the rolling pin or pastry board, and they keep very well. Also, they look attractive, especially if you fill the centers with different flavors (and colors) of marmalade. you will also note that it calls for only ¾ of a cup of sugar. So many of our cookie and cake recipes are overloaded with sugar. No wonder so many people come down with diabetes. A box of these cookies will make a welcome gift anytime.

Cinnamon Nut Balls

Ingredients:	2 egg yolks (or one whole egg)
¾ lb. butter	4 cups sifted flour
¾ cup sugar	2 tsp. vanilla

Preparation: Cut butter into flour and add the rest of the ingredients. Form the dough into little balls, flatten slightly, and roll in a mixture of ground nuts, sugar and cinnamon. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. With a clean thimble, press a hole in the middle of each cookie. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 15 minutes, or until slightly browned. Remove the cookies from the baking sheet and place on cooling racks. Fill the centers with apricot, raspberry or strawberry marmalade. Allow to cool completely before storing. Enjoy! File: Cookies

Rock Cookies for the Holidays

Raisins, dates, nuts and spices such as cinnamon and cloves are classic ingredients in Holiday baking, along with brown sugar. These drop cookies will become one of your favorites, and with ingredients such as raisins, dates and nuts, they are not just delicious, but healthy as well. you can substitute dried cranberries if you want to.

Ingredients:	1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in a little warm water
1 cup brown sugar	1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
2 cups flour	2/3 cup butter, 2 eggs
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon	1/2 tsp. cloves
8 oz. each raisins and dates	

Method: Cream butter with sugar and eggs until fluffy. Slowly beat in flour which has been sifted with the cinnamon and cloves. Add the dissolved baking soda. Stir in chopped nuts, raisins and diced dates. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 375 degrees.

Coming To You Soon, Winter!



Even the most enthusiastic fans of seasonal changes know it’s a smart thing to prepare for our typical winter season. To have appropriate hats, gloves, boots and scarves ready is just a smart thing to do. Seasoned winter veterans know this. Knowing it’s soon going to get cold outside there good things consider.

Flaky, peeling lips can be uncomfortable and not quite as kissable. The dry winter air sucks the moisture out of your lips and skin.

Dry skin can make for red, irritated hands and even cuticles can crack. You know how it feels when you shake a dry cracked-up

hand, it feels somewhat like grabbing a metal scrubbing pad.

How about all the static electricity. you touch things and get shocked, and your hair, oh my gosh, it sticks to your scarf or hat and it feels like you have bed-head in the middle of the day. When you walk on your floors they make creaking cracking sounds because your whole house is dry.

So what about all this dryness in the air? The dryness certainly can make the winter season far less comfortable. And, with the house closed up to stay warm, the longer the winter lingers, the air we breathe can become less and less healthy, especially with the influences of common colds and flu bugs floating around trapped in your home or office.

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