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Families are invited to the Evanston Public Library celebration of Chinese New Year and Year of the Monkey. The event, held in English and Mandarin Chinese, will take place on Saturday, February 6 at 3 pm in the Main Library Community Meeting Room. This lively program provides a chance for everyone to learn about and enjoy Chinese culture while celebrating the New Year.

Participants will hear a Monkey King story, enjoy making Year of the Monkey crafts, and be invited to march in a monkey-themed Lion Dance parade. Martha Meyer, Library Assistant, will tell the story of the Monkey King in English, while Audrey Guo, an actress and literary scholar originally from China, will tell the story in Mandarin Chinese.

The Monkey King is a superhero revered in many Asian countries. The story was written in the sixteenth century in an epic classic novel called Journey to the West by Ming Dynasty writer Wu Cheng'en. When today's young parents were growing up in China, Monkey King was an animated TV show that enthralled the whole country.

Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201



Museum Campus Offers Free General Admission On Presidents' Day

Illinois Residents Can Visit the Adler Planetarium, Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium and Enjoy Free General Admission, Extended Museum Hours

WHAT: This Presidents' Day spend the day at three of Chicago's top cultural attractions – the Adler Planetarium, Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium – for FREE! On Monday, February 15, all three museums will offer Illinois residents FREE General Admission with proof of residency. For more information, please visit: adlerplanetarium.org, fieldmuseum.org, sheddaquarium.org

WHEN: Presidents' Day – Monday, February 15, 2016

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

*Extended museum hours

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

Adler: All Access Pass with discount: \$17.95 for adults; \$16.95 for children

Field: All Access Pass with discount: \$20 for adults; \$17 for seniors and students; \$14 for children

Shedd: Total Experience Pass with discount: \$31.95 for adults; \$24.95 for children

WHERE: Museum Campus – Chicago

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

VIDEO FOOTAGE: Adler Planetarium b-roll: <https://vimeo.com/149789386>

Field Museum b-roll: <https://vimeo.com/68703446>

Shedd b-roll: <https://personal.filesanywhere.com/fs/v.aspx?v=8d6c648d585f7275ae6d>



Sunday, Feb. 7th

Turn to Village Cooking Corner
on Page 11 for Party Recipes.

Charity & Truth Gala

Saturday, February 20, 2016
6 pm to 11 pm

Join us at Cafe La Cave in Des Plaines for an evening of dinner, auctions, raffles, awards and entertainment.

Reservations at www.reshs.org by Feb 10

AdventuRES in Science

Friday, February 19, 2016
6 pm to 8 pm

Girls and boys in grades 1 to 4 are invited to an evening that will include science experiments, hands on learning and fun.

Reservations at www.reshs.org

Alumnae Games

Saturday, March 5, 2016
noon to 4 pm

All are welcome to cheer on our alumnae at the 4rd annual alumnae volleyball and basketball games. Players register by Feb 19.

Information at www.reshs.org

Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, March 12, 2016
10 am to 4 pm

Shop at over 100 craft displays and vendors as you prepare for springtime. Crafter & vendor applications available.

Information at www.reshs.org



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Community First Medical Center February Health Events For Area Residents

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

In honor of National Wear Red Day,® Friday, February 5, hospital staff will provide free blood pressure screenings and free heart health information outside the cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Show your support for the awareness of heart disease by wearing red.

Thinking about joint replacement? Community First Medical Center will offer free joint replacement information sessions Thursdays, February 11th and 25th, from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Community Education room. 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 not required.

David Fishman, M.D. a cardiologist from Community First Medical Center will discuss heart health, signs car-

diac disease may be present and what you can do to keep your heart healthy. The lecture, being held for American Heart month, will be held Friday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. at Mather's Café located at 7134 W. Higgins Ave. To register call 773-774-4804.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, February 12, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Dorothy Keane, O.T, will discuss how to help arthritis. Registration is not required.

Henry Govekar, M.D., a surgeon from Community First Medical Center, will lecture on hemorrhoids, treatment options, colorectal cancer and screening on Monday, February 15, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Oak Street Health, located at 4848 West Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60641. Advanced registration required by calling 312-733-3374.

The National Institute of Health found that individuals with diabetes are two times more likely to have hearing loss than those who don't have the disease. Audiologist, Marie

Vetter, will be presenting a free lecture at Community First Medical Center, Wednesday, February 17, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. She will discuss the research related to hearing loss and diabetes, signs and symptoms of hearing loss, screenings available and treatment options. Refreshments will be served. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, February 25, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

Come for a cardiac checkup for only \$30. Heartfest 2016, Saturday, February 27, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., will include an electrocardiogram interpreted by a board certified cardiologist, a lipid panel, glucose screening, blood pressure screening, osteoporosis screening, and pulmonary function testing. Fasting strongly recommended 12 hours before these screenings. Health care professionals will be available to answer your questions. Refreshments provided. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

Burn Awareness Week (February 1-7): Fire Safety Group Offers Scald Injury Prevention Tips

As the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) observes Burn Awareness Week, which runs February 1-7, 2016, the nonprofit organization encourages Illinois residents to follow burn prevention guidelines to put an end to costly burn injuries and deaths.

For 2016, the theme for Burn Awareness Week is scald injury prevention. The weeklong national advocacy campaign provides an opportunity for burn, fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in their communities.

"Over 450,000 burn injuries requiring medical attention occur in the United States each year. That's equal to one burn injury every 70 seconds," says Philip Zaleski, Executive Director of the IFSA. "Children and older adults are at a higher risk for burn injuries due to their cognitive and motor skills, dependence on others, and inability to easily escape danger."

"In particular, scald burns account for nearly 34 percent of all burn center admissions. Sixty-two percent of those scald burn admissions were for children five years old and younger."

The American Burn Association's (ABA) National Scald Injury Prevention Campaign website, www.FlashSplash.org, promotes the scald prevention message, "It can happen in a flash with a splash: Liquid and steam burn like fire." Below are a few of ABA's safety tips to prevent scald burns and injuries:

- Set water heater temperatures no higher than 120°F and test temperatures before bathing.
- Do not leave children unattended in bathtubs or allow them to sit near faucet handles.
- Create a "no kid zone" in the kitchen around stoves and ovens; place pots and pans on

back burners with handles turned away from edges.

- Stir, test food in microwave before serving; open heated containers away from you, back to front.
- Use travel mugs with tight-fitting lids for hot drinks; keep hot drinks away from edges of tables and counters.
- Do not allow appliance cords (slow cookers, deep fryers, coffeemakers) to dangle over counters.

The IFSA also stresses the importance of fire safety, cooking safety, and other measures that prevent burns to infants, children and adults.

"The annual cost of burn injuries and deaths in the United States equates to hundreds of millions of dollars. However, we as a society have the tools and resources to make a difference in preventing burn injuries and deaths, as well as the staggering property damage and medical costs associated with them. We must spread the prevention message, use the knowledge, and practice it in our daily lives," adds Zaleski.

Since 1982, the IFSA has promoted programs and distributed information related to fire safety and burn prevention, while also providing free support programs for burn survivors. Some of those annual no-cost programs include "Camp I Am Me" burn camp for Illinois children ages eight to 16, a Young Adult Summit for burn-injured persons between the ages of 18 and 25, and a Family Day event for families with burn-injured children up to 12 years old.

Visit www.IFSA.org to learn more about preventing burn injuries and how the IFSA helps burn survivors.

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Illinois law mandates who will get your assets if you die without a will. Without proper planning, a court will decide who gets your assets and in what proportion. We spend our whole life building a "nest egg" and striving to protect our assets from devastating losses, but then we ignore the absolute necessity of having an estate plan that suits our specific wishes. A properly crafted estate plan goes hand-in-hand with a well-conceived financial plan. Both plans are best served with the help of your financial planner and an attorney.



Pictured left to right: Frank Greenfield Estate & Elder Law Attorney, Tina Walasik Vice President, Aryeh Goldbloom Chief Executive Officer, Simcha Safran Chief Operating Officer, Kevin Mix Tax Attorney & CPA.



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Do You Know About the Skokie TeenLink Program?

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

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

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

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

Debt of Governments Listed on Property Tax Bills, Treasurer Maria Pappas Says

The financial data and pension debt of every local government, school district or other taxing agency that taxes a home or other property in Cook County is listed on nearly 1.8 million bills mailed to property owners, County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

From seven to 20 taxing bodies levy taxes on a given property, and the bill for each property has a section called "Taxing District Debt and Financial Data." In that section are four categories:

- Money Owed by Your Taxing Districts
- Pension and Healthcare Amounts Promised by Your Taxing Districts
- Amount of Pension and Healthcare Shortage
- Percentage of Pension and Healthcare Costs Taxing Districts Can Pay

Owners of taxable homes, businesses and land in the nation's second-largest county can see the information on First Installment bills for Tax Year 2015 mailed by the Treasurer's Office. The bills have a due date of March 1, 2016.

Pappas noted that even more financial information about local governments can

be found by visiting her website, cookcountytreasurer.com, selecting "Want to see your local government debt?" and entering either the 14-digit Property Index Number for a piece of real estate or the name of a taxing district.

"Taxpayers have a right to know about the spending and debt incurred by those who tax them," Pappas said. "We have designed a bill and website that do just that."

The information comes from the county's Debt Disclosure Ordinance (DDO), written by Pappas, which requires all primary local governments across Cook County to report their financial data yearly to the Treasurer's Office.

To avoid late penalties of 1.5 percent monthly, Pappas said, taxpayers can pay on time before March 1 in four ways:

- Online at cookcountytreasurer.com, from checking or savings accounts.
- At 400 Chase Bank installations across Illinois.
- By mail, in enclosed return envelopes postmarked no later than March 1.
- Mortgage escrow (taxpayers should confirm payment with their mortgage-paying firm).

Understanding Property Tax Appeals" Is Timely Talk For February 17 At Norwood Crossing

Are you frustrated about rising real estate taxes and confused about the property tax appeal process, then you might want to attend the Timely Talk presentation on "Understanding Property Tax Appeals." The event will take place, at 2:00 p.m., on Feb. 17, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Tax experts, Roger Wayman, a real estate appraiser and broker, will be joined by Tracey Daniels, an attorney who specializes in estate planning and small claims.

They will discuss the difference be-

tween property taxes and property assessment, how to appeal property taxes through the Cook County assessor's office, board of review and state of Illinois, and will explain what they do as Property Tax Recovery Hotline, Inc. in appealing commercial and residential property.

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

Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance Veteran's Coat Drive!

Veteran's Suit Drive - 'Homeless Veteran'...Two words that should not be said together. Go into your closet and help veterans in need this Christmas and help our in-need veterans dress for success! This Christmas Season, the Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance is partnering with Volunteers of America Illinois to help homeless & disadvantaged Veterans seeking employment get a boost of self-confidence during this South Loop Suit Drive.

In support of Volunteers of America's Illinois various transitional housing & veteran's homeless reintegration programs, the PDNA is hosting & accepting donations of gently used or new suits, and business professional clothes of all sizes, including males and females

Volunteers of America Illinois has built two Veterans transitional and homeless housing facilities in Chicago, Hope Manor Apartments and Hope Manor II. The suits & business clothing will be going to the Veterans that the VOA serves through their True North Project.

<http://www.voaindinois.org/the-true-north-project-for-veterans>.

The True North Project reaches out to Veterans wherever they are in their journey towards healing and stability and offers a full continuum of supportive services and interventions that are individually tailored to meet the unique needs of each Veteran.

Foster-Harlem Property Owners Association Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 PM
St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5105 North Mont Clare Avenue (Mont Clare and Carmen Avenues)

Guest Speakers: Alyssa Triptow Executive Director, Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce will present on the services that this local organization provides to the Norwood Park community.

Candidates for 41st Ward Democratic Committeeman will discuss their platform in a forum setting. Election day is Tuesday March 15, 2015.

Expanded Property Tax Exemptions Available for Disabled Veterans

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

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

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

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

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

Special Service For Tots At Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Cong.

Stories, songs, prayers and games will be part of a special prayer service for children ages two to five at a "Tefila Tots Shabbat," Saturday, February 13, starting at 11:15 a.m., in the Chapel at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

Playtime and Kiddush luncheon with the whole congregation follows the service. This is free and open to any Jewish family with small children. Older siblings are welcome, as well.

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

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

Easter Ham Raffle

Sign up now to raffle Easter Hams. Hams are \$20 each.

The raffle will take place between March 11th to March 21st. The Chamber will provide tickets, raffle buckets and contact the winners for you.

All business participants plus raffle entry forms will be listed in the TV Facts for free.

Over 800 entries were received for the 2015 Ham raffle, 300 being TV Facts entries.

The deadline to sign up is Friday, January 29th.

Contact the BCCC office at 773-647-1644

Early Voting In Skokie

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

Early Voting Hours at Village Hall are:

Monday through Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On February 16 & 18

Are you up-to-date on changes to the "Rules of the Road" in Illinois or want to improve your defensive driving knowledge? If so, consider enrolling in the two half-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older. Classes will be held on Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Many who have attended the classes remarked how much they learned about safe driving practices and changes to

traffic laws.

Completion of the course may qualify participants for a multi-year discount on their liability insurance that could exceed \$100. Cost of the class is \$20 per person (\$15 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Center at (773) 775-6071 or email them at info@npseniorcenter.org.

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

Late Delivery of Lincolnwood Residential And Commercial Water Bills

At the beginning of January 2016 the residential water bills for the billing period of October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and the commercial water bills for the month of December 2015 were delivered to the United States Postal Service (USPS). Recently, many residents and businesses have indicated to the Village that they have not received the water bills. The Village is working diligently with the USPS to ensure the water bills are delivered as soon as possible. In the interim, residents and business owners can view their water bill online at <https://lincolnwood.merchantransact.com/>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Generally, penalties are assessed 26 days from the date of issuance. Please note that late penalties will be assessed 60 days from the issuance date of 1/6/16 on residential water bills covering the period from 10/1/15 to 12/31/15 and commercial water bills for the month of December 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Finance Department at (847) 673-1540 and select option six.

Call for Entries: Urban Land Institute Global Awards for Excellence

Winners To Be Announced at the 2016 Fall Meeting in Dallas

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) today announced that it's now accepting entries for its Global Awards for Excellence, widely recognized as one of the land use industry's most prestigious award programs. The Institute will accept entries until February 22, 2015.

The awards competition, now in its 38th year, recognizes real estate projects that achieve a high standard of excellence in design, construction, economics, planning, and management. The program, open to all and not limited to ULI members, is viewed as the centerpiece of ULI's efforts to identify and promote best practices in all types of real estate development.

The Awards for Excellence program is based on ULI's guiding principle that the achievement of excellence in land use practice should be recognized and rewarded. ULI's Global Awards for Excellence recognize the full development process of a project, not just its architecture or design. The criteria for the awards include leadership, contribution to the community, innovations, public/private

partnerships, environmental protection and enhancement, response to societal needs, and financial viability. Throughout the program's history, all types of projects have been recognized for their excellence, including office, residential, recreational, urban/mixed use, industrial/office park, commercial/retail, new community, rehabilitation, and public projects and programs.

Juries of ULI Full Members, chaired by ULI Trustees, choose finalists and winners. Jury members represent many fields of real estate development expertise, including finance, land planning, development, public affairs, design, and other professional services. They also represent a broad geographic diversity.

Finalists for the awards will be announced in the summer of 2016. The winners will be honored October 5-8, 2016 at the ULI Fall Meeting in Dallas. Online entry forms and complete information on eligibility and requirements are available at uli.org/awards. For more information, email awards@uli.org.

Edison Park Parking...

Please remember that the two parking lots owned by the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce are for customer parking only. You and your employees can park in the Metra parking lots for just \$2 a day.

Here is some more info about our lots which you can share with your customers...

Northwest Hwy/Oshkosh Lot:

2 hour parking

No limit after 6pm; No overnight parking

Oliphant Lot (Behind The Curragh):

2 hour parking until 5pm

After 5pm, parking lot is leased to Regional Valet Service

No overnight parking

Red's Towing will be monitoring the parking lots beginning today. If you have any questions, give us a call at 773.631.0063 or send us an email: melissa@edisonpark.com.

Have a great day!



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

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

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

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

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

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

Call for Entries: Urban Land Institute Urban Open Space Award

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) today announced that it's now accepting entries for its Urban Open Space Award, an annual program that recognizes outstanding examples of successful large- and small-scale public spaces that have socially enriched and revitalized the economy of their surrounding communities. The Institute will accept entries until February 22, 2015.

To be eligible for the competition, an open space project must have been opened to the public for at least one year and no more than 15 years; be predominantly outdoors and inviting to the public; provide abundant and varied seating, sun and shade, trees and plantings with attractions; be used intensively on a daily basis by a broad spectrum of users throughout the year; have a positive economic impact on its surroundings; promote physical, social, and economic health of the larger community; and provide lessons, strategies, and techniques that can be used or adapted in other communities.

The award was created through the generosity of Amanda M. Burden, former

New York City planning commissioner and 2009 laureate of the ULI J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development. In 2011, the Kresge Foundation, MetLife Foundation, and the ULI Foundation joined forces to continue the award. Last year, ULI reaffirmed its commitment to the award and announced it would expand the program to include global submissions.

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Forest Claypool Statement on Teacher Layoffs

"Despite unprecedented financial problems that threaten our classrooms, CPS reached a tentative agreement with CTU leadership after 14 months of negotiations – including 18 straight days at the end of talks. This agreement provided pay raises, guaranteed job security and met the union's key demands, including restrictions on charter school expansion, raises for seniority in addition to cost-of-living increases, and more classroom autonomy for teachers.

"While we are disappointed by today's result, CPS remains committed to reaching an agreement with our partners at the CTU that is in the best interest of our students, parents, teachers and city. We are committed to returning to the bargaining table and working around the clock to reach an agreement. As we continue to bargain, we must move forward with plans that restore fiscal stability to the District."

Background

The tentative agreement reached with CTU leadership included the following:

- Raising at least \$200 million in revenue. The Board committed to restoring a dedicated 0.26 percent property tax levy for teachers' pensions. In addition, the Board agreed to seek progressive revenue solutions.
- Raises for seniority and experience. The Board continued the practice of steps and lanes, in addition to cost of living increases.
- TIF surpluses. In this budget year, CPS is receiving TIF surplus of \$87.2 million. CPS has received over \$300 million in TIF surplus since 2011. In addition, more than \$1 billion in TIF has been invested in capital improvements in CPS. Finally, a TIF surplus is one-time revenue that will not solve the District's structural budget problems into the years ahead.
- Pensions. The Board made the same offer on pensions that the City made to the Police and Fire departments.
- Charters. CPS included a commitment to push for alterations and revisions to the legislation that authorizes the Illinois Charter Commission.

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Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY 15, 2016

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

The day is also a state holiday in most states with official names including Presidents' Day, President's Day and Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday. Depending upon the specific law, the state holiday might celebrate officially Washington alone, Washington and Lincoln, or some other combination of U.S. presidents. Some states

celebrate Washington and the third president Thomas Jefferson but not Lincoln.

History

The federal holiday honoring George Washington was originally implemented by an Act of Congress in 1879 for government offices in Washington (20 Stat. 277) and expanded in 1885 to include all federal offices (23 Stat. 516). As the first federal holiday to honor an American president, the holiday was celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, February 22. On January 1, 1971, the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This date places it between February 15 and 21, which makes the name "Washington's Birthday" in some sense a misnomer, since it never occurs

on Washington's actual birthday, February 22.

The first attempt to create a Presidents Day occurred in 1951 when the "President's Day National Committee" was formed by Harold Stone Bridge Fischer of Compton, California, who became its National Executive Director for the next two decades. The purpose was not to honor any particular President but to honor the office of the Presidency. It was first thought that March 4, the original inauguration day, should be deemed Presidents Day. However, the bill recognizing the March 4 date was stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee (which had authority over federal holidays). That committee felt that, because of its proximity to Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, three holidays so close together would be unduly burdensome. During this

time, however, the Governors of a majority of the individual states issued proclamations declaring March 4 to be Presidents' Day in their respective jurisdictions.

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

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

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

Resurrection H.S. Golden Apple Award Nominees At Resurrection

Over twenty percent of the Resurrection College Prep High School faculty were recently nominated for the esteemed Golden Apple Award for their outstanding work as teachers and mentors. Congratulations to the eleven nominees: Mary Katherine Bohlander (Fine Arts), Marianne Boe (Social Sciences), Nancy Giustino (English), Annie Hipple (Science), Dawn Konow (Science), Elisha Kando (Mathematics), Mary Jane Kowalski (World Languages), Joe Lascon (Technology), Mike Longo (Religious Studies and Fine Arts), Megan Loughran (World Languages) and Noreen Maluchnik (English).

"We are so very proud of our faculty members and are thrilled that so many teachers from our school have been nominated this year. Having eleven nominees is truly a testament to the high quality, dedicated and caring faculty at Resurrection. These teachers go over and above each day to provide our students the tools they need to be successful. The nominees touch the lives our students in a profound and meaningful way by challenging them, encouraging them and inspiring them to do great things," said Resurrection Principal Maria Hawk.

The Golden Apple Foundation selects 10 outstanding teachers each year to receive the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. These teachers become lifetime members of the Golden Apple Academy of



Pictured left to right: Dawn Konow (Science), Elisha Kando (Mathematics), Mary Katherine Bohlander (Fine Arts), Annie Hipple (Science), Marianne Boe (Social Sciences), Joe Lascon (Technology), Noreen Maluchnik (English), Megan Loughran (World Languages), Nancy Giustino (English), Annie Hipple (Science), Mary Jane Kowalski (World Languages) and Mike Longo (Religious Studies and Fine Arts).

Educators, which conceives, develops and supports programs for teachers to make them more effective in the classroom. The ten outstanding Illinois educators who are inducted into the Golden Apple Academy of Educators will each receive a paid spring quarter sabbatical

at Northwestern University, will be honored at the Golden Apple Awards Ceremony on WTTW/Channel 11, and receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

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“A Theater Review”

“Beautiful – The Carole King Musical”

Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

The Tony Award-winning musical “Beautiful – The Carole King Musical” has opened at the Oriental Theatre for the holidays and will run through the end of February. I’m sure it will be extended. After the dismal week long run of “Sherlock Holmes,” this play is a treat to see. The playwright for the show is Doug McGrath and is under the direction of Marc Bruni. Choreography is by Josh Prince.

Songs like “Some Kind of Wonderful,” “Happy Days Are Here Again,” “One Fine Day,” “Uptown,” “You’ve Got a Friend,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” and “Natural Woman,” besides the title tune and others, are mostly written by Carole King and Gerry Goffin and two others in this musical that runs two and a half hours with an intermission.

When the show opened on Broadway, Chicagoan Jessie Mueller won a Tony Award for the role of Ms. King. After more than a year run she is now in a new musical, “Waitress,” headed for Broadway in March. Jessie’s sister, Abby Mueller, also a Chicagoan, stepped into the Carole King role and you will be in for a treat with her performance as she is indeed sensational. You’ll come out telling your friends and like me, you will want to go back to see it again. The story deals with love, loss and renewal.

The touring company has a strong cast that includes Liam Tobin as Gerry Goffin, with whom she has had a turbulent relationship as she tries to be a good Jewish wife.

Ms. King was born in New York in 1942 writing and co-writing over 400 songs that have been recorded by 1,000 artists. She was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and at that time her last name was Klein. She became pregnant at the age of seventeen before getting married in 1960. Her songs became hits for the Shirelles, Bobby Vee and the Drifters, and others like Aretha Franklin, Dusty Springfield, The Byrds and more. She is a strong environmental activist and supporter of Democratic candidates John Kerry and Hilary Clinton.

She has had four marriages and currently is single.

President Obama gave her the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song in a special ceremony at the White House.

When she breaks up with her dominating husband she tells him, “The girls deserve something better, and you know what? So do I.”

She has won several Grammys and appeared at Carnegie Hall. Her mother Gertie, is Suzanne Grodner who has great timing in that role. You’ll find that costumes and wigs age Abby Mueller in her role as Carole King. Her singing and acting will astound you. It is a show you’ll come out loving and the ending where she is in Carnegie Hall at the piano singing the title tune is a perfect finish to the show.

“Beautiful – the Carole King Musical,” as of now is slated to run through February 21st. For show days, show times, and reservations, go to the box office of any Broadway in Chicago Theatre or call 800-775-2000. Tickets range in price from \$40 to \$100 and in some cases more. The theatre is wheelchair accessible.

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By Wayne Mell,
 Artistic Director

Parents always want the best for their kids, especially when it comes to picking a spouse. The scariest part of dating comes when your special someone meets the parents for the first time.

When Sarah’s mother asked to meet her boyfriend, the doctor, you’d think she’d have nothing to worry about. But you’re wrong. Sarah is Jewish and her family is Jewish and she knew her parents wouldn’t approve of her real non-Jewish boyfriend, so she made up the doctor. Then she tried to hire an actor to play the doctor, but he wasn’t Jewish either. Too late, the parents are here. He was in Fiddler on the Roof once in summer stock, he’ll just have to fake it. And by the way, Sarah’s falling in love with him too.

Could it get any crazier? You bet. James Sherman’s hilarious farce Beau Jest gets funnier and funnier the longer the charade plays out. Sherman, a Chicago-based playwright, developed this comedy at the Victory Gardens Theatre where he was a resident playwright. It spawned two sequels and moved to Broadway for a stretch, and starred such local talent as Roz Alexander and national names like Lanie Kazan and Willie Garson. Now it’s coming to Skokie.

Rachel Silvert stars as Sarah Goldman with her real life mother, Anita Silvert of Northbrook, playing her on-stage mother Miriam. Colton Schied plays her real boyfriend Chris, and Michael Dalberg plays her rented boyfriend Bob. Michael Bromberg and Neal Goldman round out the cast as Sarah’s brother and father. Joseph Jefferson Award winner Stephen M. Genovese directs.

BEAU JEST is produced by MadKap founder Wendy Kaplan, with lighting design by Andrew Vanderbye, and costume and prop design by Leah Hummel. Cate Anderson is the stage manager

BEAU JEST is the the production of MadKap’s 2015-16 subscription season at Skokie Theatre. It follows their productions of the musical Next To Normal,

which closed in September, and The Lion in Winter last November. The season concludes with a production of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Jay Presson Allen from April 22 – May 8, 2016.

BEAU JEST runs February 5 – 21, 2016. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm. With a matinee on Wednesday February 10 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, \$24 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by calling 847-677-7761.

On Sunday, February 14, there is a special treat after the show. Rabbi Ari Poster Mofic will stage a talk-back after the show that will focus on interfaith marriage, what did it mean thirty years ago (the time of the play), and what does it mean today. The talk-back is free and takes place immediately after the performance.



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Who Can Participate?

Students

The Adler is looking for current middle school students (ages 11-14) to serve on the design teams. Students can register as an individual or sign up as part of a team. Please sign-up online via the following link: <http://bit.ly/201NPEf> or email youthprograms@adlerplanetarium.org with your full name, the number of people in your party, and

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Charities

Community-based, nonprofit organizations are invited to apply and present a challenge to be addressed at the event. Charities are expected to send at least one representative for the daylong event. Please apply to participate here: <http://bit.ly/1TnUeEI>

Mentors

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9:15 a.m. – Charity Pitches
10:00 a.m. – Rapid Brainstorming & Team Formation
11:00 a.m. – Development Time
2:30 p.m. – Project Sharing
4:00 p.m. – Activities conclude

The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl -- possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine

legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and -- most importantly -- romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Celebrate Valentine's Day in the Parks with Dances and Parties

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

Many programs are admission free or have nominal entrance fees. Please go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312/742-7529 for additional information.



Valentines' Day Thoughts

Submitted By Maria P. Bappert

The love we give away is the only love we keep. (Elbert Hubbard)
Love sought is good, but given unsought is better. (Shakespeare)

LOVE

*LOVE puts the music in laughter, the beauty in song,
the warmth in a shoulder, the gentle in strong.
LOVE puts the magic in memories, the sunshine in skies,
the gladness in giving, the starlight in eyes.
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Seventh Grade "Experience Res" Day



Seventh grade girls are invited to a special "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 12, 2016. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org.

Eighth grade girls and their families who have not had the opportunity to visit at Resurrection are welcome to contact Nancy O'Leary at noleary@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 129 to learn more about Resurrection.

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AdventuRES in Science at Resurrection

The Resurrection Science National Honor Society is hosting AdventuRES in Science on February 19, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm for girls and boys in 1st - 4th grade. The evening will feature fun science experiments, a scavenger hunt, and goodie bags! Advance registration is required at www.reshs.org and the cost \$10 per child. There will be full adult supervision at all times, but parents are welcome to stay!

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholar

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Adult Spirituality Course At Resurrection College Prep High School

An Adult Spiritual Journey - A Walk with the Historical Jesus

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering an Adult Spirituality course entitled "A Walk with the Historical Jesus." Course participants will explore how we live out our Christian faith as we ask ourselves if the historical Jesus who walked on this earth faced the same challenges that we do today? What was his walk like? How did Jesus come to understand his special relationship to God? Why was Jesus' life and message accepted by some and rejected by the most powerful nation of his time? Is there a relationship between our struggles today and what Jesus faced in his world?

This adult spiritual journey will address these questions as participants explore how to live out Jesus' message in our world today. The books for this course include *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi* by Father Richard Rohr and *The Heart of Christianity - Rediscovering A Life of Faith* by Marcus J. Borg. This course will also include the theology of John Dominic Crossan, a leading theologian and historian on the historical Jesus.

All community members are welcome to participate. Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: February 23, March 8, March 22 and April 5, 2016. The cost is \$50 - to register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org.

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo who holds Master's degrees in Music and Humanities from DePaul University. Mr. Longo was recently selected to be honored with the "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award" by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). The NCEA has a longstanding tradition of honoring and recognizing excellence and distinguished service in Catholic school education and Mr. Longo will receive this award in San Diego, CA in March 2016.

Resurrection Seniors Named IL State Scholars

Resurrection College Prep High School is pleased to announce the members of the Resurrection Class of 2016 who have been named Illinois State Scholars in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year. Rankings are based on a combination of ACT test scores and GPA at the end of the sixth semester in high school.

The students who were honored for their academic achievements as Illinois State Scholars included the following Resurrection seniors: Erika Balce '16 (60707), Emily Boehm '16 (60656), Emily Bridgman '16 (60646), Alana Fligelman '16 (60631), Katrina Gillespie '16 (60634), Michelene Janesku '16 (60631), Melanie Kanakis '16 (60656), Colleen Kelch '16 (60656), Veronica Lane '16 (60714), Madeline Larsen '16 (60656), Brianna Ortega '16 (60646), Abbey Rosenquist '16 (60631), Grace Torres '16 (60656) and Ana Wiatr '16 (60630). Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors.

Finalists Named in Drive Safe Chicago PSA Contest; Online Voting Open

Entries from three Chicagoland teens in the second annual Drive Safe Chicago PSA Contest have been selected as finalists, and the public now has the chance to vote online to select the winner. The student with the most video votes will receive a \$2,000 prize from The National Road Safety Foundation, a non-profit group that promotes safe driving. The contest, held in conjunction with the Chicago Auto Show, invites teens to spread the word about the dangers of distracted driving with a public service message.

The finalists - Dustin Payne, Paige Ruesch and Abigail Evans - are seniors at Washington Township High School in Indiana's Washington Township. They had their scripts made into finished TV spots by the Emmy Award-winning producer of the nationally syndicated TV show Teen Kids News, who spent two days at the school working with the teens to shoot the public service messages.

"All our finalists have done a great job communicating the risks of distracted driving," said Michelle Anderson, director of operations at The National Road Safety Foundation. "Now we invite the public to help select the winner."

After viewing the finalists' spots on the Chicago Auto Show's Facebook page, people can cast a vote for their favorite public service announcement. The winner will be announced Friday, Feb. 12 at the Chicago Auto Show and it will be shown on the show's social media video wall throughout the show, which is open to the public from Feb. 13-21. It also will be broadcast later this year on more than 220 TV stations nationwide.

"Distracted driving is a serious risk that needs to be addressed at all levels," said Colin Wickstrom, 2016 Chicago Auto Show chairman. "Today's cars are safer than ever, with many innovations that help avoid crashes and protect occupants in the event of one. However, driver inattention - distraction - continues to be a major factor in crashes. We hope the Drive Safe Chicago campaign engages teens to be messengers, both to their peers and to all drivers that distracted driving is dangerous driving."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates more than 3,300 people are killed every year due to distracted driving, and tens of thousands more are injured. The most talked-about causes of distraction are texting and cell phone use, but drivers also can be distracted by use of other mobile devices like GPS, as well as adjusting sound system controls, talking with passengers or even eating.

Last year's winner was Rachel Diaz, a junior at Porter County Career Center in Valparaiso, Ind.

People can cast their vote for their favorite commercial on the Chicago Auto Show's Facebook page via this link: <http://bit.ly/1Sxa7ck>. Information about distracted driving and the Drive Safe Chicago contest can be found at www.nrsf.org/teenlane/content/drive-safe-chicago.

Edison Park Community Council

Join the Edison Park Community Council Book Club! Meetings are held monthly at The Curragh Irish Pub & Restaurant. The next book club is February 8th at 6:30pm. The author of February's book choice will be at the next meeting. To order a copy visit www.amazon.com.

Schwerpunkt: From D-Day to the Fall of the Third Reich, click [HERE!](#) No RSVP needed but should you have any questions, email jamie@edisonpark.com.

Edison Park Fest 2016 Band Applications

We are now accepting submissions from bands who are interested in performing at Edison Park Fest!

Submissions are being accepted until February 15th.

Visit our website at www.edisonpark.com/epfest and follow the instructions. Bands who played in 2015 are not eligible to play in 2016.



Edison Park Facebook Workshop

Once again this year, we will be offering FREE Facebook workshops to assist our members with creating fan pages and how best to use Facebook for your business.

Space is limited to eight people as we will be meeting in our conference room located in the Edison Park Metra Station. You will need to bring a laptop. Pizza and refreshments will be provided!

Wednesday, February 17th 12:00pm

Please RSVP to melissa@edisonpark.com as soon as possible since space is limited. Other dates will be added as needed!

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Planning for Role Reversals with Your Parents



Chester M. Przybylo

It seems almost every day we read about another medical breakthrough that promises to help people live longer and in some cases healthier lives. Baby Boomers are reaching the ages that their grandparents were when they passed on. Back then it was not all that unusual for an individual to die in their mid-sixties of a sudden heart attack, or complications of diabetes.

Today, with proper medical care a heart condition or diabetes can be managed for years. But the inevitable still happens. And now we see a more gradual deterioration.

It is difficult to see one's parents having a harder and harder time keeping up. Sometimes the changes happen slowly, almost imperceptibly. Other times changes seem to happen overnight.

As caring individuals, children often pitch in to make their parents' lives easier—driving to doctor's appointments, helping to balance a checkbook, etc. It is hard to accept that the parent who took care of you now needs you to take care of them. As time progresses, they may require more help than you can give them. It might be in-home care or a long-term care facility.

None of this is easy, but there are steps that can be taken to make these transitions easier. A well thought out estate plan can anticipate many of the challenges of aging and possible incapacity. If a parent meets with an experienced estate planning attorney they will be offered a number of tools and strategies such as:

A Revocable Living Trust—While a parent is capable, they would act as trustee. The child could be named as the successor trustee. If the parent becomes incapacitated the child would then take over as trustee of the trust without any need of involving an expensive and intrusive court procedure. Many a well-meaning child has spent years keeping records of all their parents' expenses for the court. All this aggravation could have been avoided with a well-crafted revocable living trust.

Advanced Directives—these allow an individual to make end-of-life decisions in advance. A child or other individual can be appointed as the "agent" who can make healthcare decisions for the "principal" (who in this case is a parent) should the principal become unable to make their own healthcare decisions. After years of practicing law I firmly believe that when a parent tells their child or children what they want at end of life it is a true gift. The soul-searching, second-guessing and guilt are taken out of the decision for the child.

"HIPAA" Authorization Form—Refers to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. This form allows your parents to grant you (and/or others) access to their protected healthcare information. As an attorney I have seen cases where a child is denied information about a parent's condition because of a lack of a properly executed HIPAA form. This can be especially critical if the family wants to have the patient transferred to another facility where care may be better, or if the family suspects malpractice on the part of the health care professional and wants to pursue a second opinion.

Medicaid Planning—Unfortunately, the price of long-term nursing home care can be enormous, essentially wiping out the hard earned savings of an individual. While this piece of estate planning may not be appropriate for all, when it is appropriate and is properly drafted and executed, it can protect estate assets while ensuring eligibility for Medicaid when the time comes.

If you take the time now to encourage your parents to consult with an experienced estate planning attorney, I think both you and your parents will enjoy a sense of peace of mind.

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.

Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Your thoughts about the situation with Social Security in your January 6th edition titled "Don't Throw Them Under The Bus" was very interesting, however, there is another cost that is hurting those of us on Social Security other than the hold on any increases for this year. It is the increase we pay for the medical services we need. What can be done?

Jim

Jim,

Thank you and others for your response to my article and for your views. Our elected officials have the responsibility to serve their constituents by keeping America strong and watching out for all of us. They have the "voice" to do that, so it's time for all of our representatives to realize how we feel and how serious we know the problem to be.

This is an area where neighborhoods can come together to make a difference and by speaking in a "strong voice", stressing the concerns we all have about, not only this issue, but many others, as well.

The Our Village News is a neighborhood communicator, as you know. We are here to carry your voice and the voices of your neighbors to the ones in charge of making changes happen and holding them accountable for what they plan to do about it.

The Editor

Note to our readers: You are our neighborhoods and communities. The Our Village News is merely a vehicle for your thoughts and ideas. Please let us know them by sending in your letters either by mail or e-mail.

New Table Talks Bring Diverse Evanstonians Together

The City of Evanston's Human Relations Commission is organizing a series of community dinners where residents can discuss topics of community importance, and share their experiences and ideas. These "Table Talk" dinners will be held in the homes of Evanston residents and the conversation will be facilitated by a City staff member.

The goal of this free program is to build relationships among diverse groups of residents who have not previously met.

The first Table Talk will take place on Monday, January 18, 2016, which is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Residents are invited to sign up to host or attend a dinner by contacting Oscar Murillo at mail to: omurillo@cityofevanston.org?subject=Table%20Talks or 847-448-8103.

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.

Jefferson Park Safety Meeting

The Safety Committee of the JPNA will meet on Feb. 5th, Friday, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the 16th District Police Station meeting room on Milwaukee Av. just south of Foster. Every one is welcome who has an interest in safety on the Northwest side. Current projects to be considered are 1) child safety in the area, 2) revival of block watches, C) traffic around Lawrence and Central where 2 people have died from hit and run accidents in recent years. Meetings are free and open to the public. A parking lot (free) is to the south of the meeting area.

Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope And Opportunity To Families

With your help last year Metropolitan served more than 53,000 individuals and families in the Chicago area, helping them become more self-sufficient and strengthening family bonds. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website, metrofamily.org.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

at 5801 N Natoma Chicago meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We play pinochle and baingo, have parties on special occasions. Meetings start at 10:30 with coffee and a sweet roll. Call Joan at 773-774-7075.

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

St. Thecla Seniors located at 6725 W. Devon meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Queen of Peace room. There is a short meeting followed by sweet rolls and coffee. Bingo and cards are played. We have parties!!! Please join us as you may like us! For information, please call Joanie at 312/608-4092.

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Watch Inspiring Environmental Films at the Evanston Ecology Center Feb. 5, 19

Community members are invited to enjoy 18 of the world's most inspiring environmental films at the Evanston Ecology Center as part of the Evanston Environmental Association's (EEA) Wild & Scenic Film Festival. This year's short films have something for everybody—from stories about ordinary people who risk their lives to protect the Earth, to a lighthearted history of bicycling, to a man's poignant goodbye to his dog.

The EEA, the independent nonprofit organization that supports the Evanston Ecology Center, is the Chicago area's sole presenter of selections from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, the nation's largest environmental film festival. The 2016 festival will showcase films over two evenings, Friday, February 5 and Friday, February 19, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Evanston Ecology Center, located at 2024 McCormick Blvd.

General admission is \$7 each night. Individual EEA members are entitled to one free ticket, with all additional tickets priced at \$7. All other EEA membership types (Family, Contributing, Sustaining, Not-for-profit and Lifetime) are entitled to one free ticket, with all additional tickets priced at \$5 (a 28 percent discount).

Seating will be limited, so register and purchase tickets now at evanstonenvironment.org/filmfest.html, or call the Ecology Center, 847-448-8256, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

As the Presidential candidates for the Democratic and Republican parties continue their debates, I'd like to quote something which Mr. Peter Rogers said. It goes like this: "My brand of politics ... I'm not a Democrat or a Republican. I belong to the Cocktail Party!" Well said.

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Make it your resolution in 2016 . . .



Help save the lives of homeless animals in our community!

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

Devilled Eggs Delmonico

2 T grated onion
 1/2 cup grated sharp cheese
 1 1/2 c thin white sauce
 2 C cooked macaroni
 10 devilled eggs halves (5 eggs)
 Paprika or parsley garnish
 Blend onion, cheese, white sauce and macaroni.
 Place in greased one 1 quart shallow casserole. Press devilled eggs into mixture.
 Cover casserole, heat in hot oven (400 degrees) about 20 minutes.
 Garnish.
 If desired, serve with additional grated cheese.
 Makes 4 to 5 servings

Recipe from Florence Gilman

Devilled Ham Dip

1 4 oz. package cream cheese, softened
 1 can devilled ham
 Mix, chill and serve!
 Serve both of these delicious recipes with crackers, chips or raw vegetables.



From the Kitchen of Marlane Marshall

Ultimate 7-Layer Dip

1 can (18 oz.) Refried Beans
 1 Tbsp. Taco Seasoning Mix.
 1 cup Breakstone's sour cream
 1 cup Thick 'n Chunky Salsa
 1 cup shredded lettuce
 1 cup Mexican Style Shredded cheese
 1/2 cup green onion slices
 2 Tbsp. sliced pitted ripe olives
 Ritz Chips original or Wheat Thins baked snack crackers



Mix: beans and taco seasoning mix. Spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish.

Layer: Remaining ingredients over bean mixture, cover and refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

Serve with chips or crackers.
 Makes 48 servings, 2 Tbsp. dip and 14 chips or 16 crackers each.
 Make Ahead: Prepare as directed, cover, refrigerate up to 2 hours.

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