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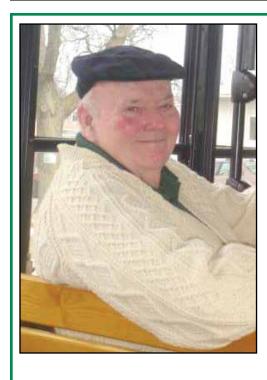
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# Grand Marshall

Of The Northwest Side Irish Parade On March 13th Past The Delighted Crowds.



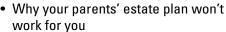
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from the staff of

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

Thinking about joint replacement? Community First Medical Center will offer free joint replacement information sessions Thursdays, March 10th and 24th, 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.

Thursday, March 24, is American Diabetes Alert Day. Community First Medical Center will be offering a diabetes screening from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. No fasting/preparation needed. There is a \$10 fee payable in cash or check at the screening. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, March 24, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

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#### "Let's Be Frank"

Police remind us to call 911 if we see anything suspicious and to avoid opening our door to strangers. Frank Schmeda saw several men talking to a neighbor through her front door and he knew "it didn't look right." Frank called 911 with their license plate and the men saw him so they quickly left. 16th District Commander William Looney awarded a certificate of recognition to Frank and he simply said: "Right place, right time."



#### **Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion**

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



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

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

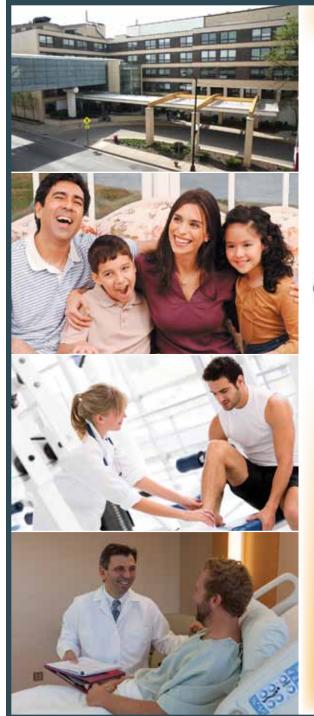
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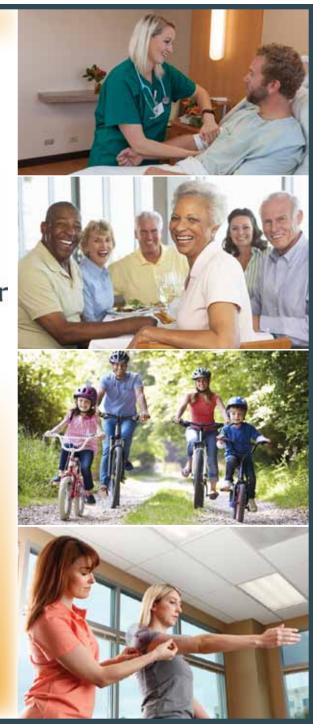
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#### **Annual Meeting of University Guild**

Membership in University Guild is open to all in the community. Guests are welcome and cost is \$5.00 per program.

The University Guild's annual membership dues are \$50.00. Those who join in March or April may pay this amount and have their membership extended for the 2016-17 program year.

The purpose of the University Guild is to bring to the membership the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the University, to work for the collection and exhibition of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts in the University and in the community. The University Guild also gives scholarships to students at Northwestern University.

All of this season's programs through April are being held in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston, on Northwestern University's campus.

April 4 Annual Meeting at 1:15 pm followed by our program.

Enchanted Isles: Renaissance Gardens with Jeff Nigro, Adjunct Lecturer, Art Institute of Chicago. Adult Education Seminars Instructor, Newberry Library

Jeff Nigro returns to provide us with another well-done, researched art program. The gardens of Renaissance Italy, France and England used geometry, pattern, mechanical wonders and complex symbolism in an attempt to create a perfect fusion of nature, art, science and philosophy. A garden topic as we go into Spring!

#### Carnival At Skokie Synagogue

Games of chance, lots of prizes, a Bouncy House and a great deal of fun for children ages 12 and under will be available on Sunday, March 20 starting at 9:00 a.m. when Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, presents its annual Purim Carnival!

Game and lunch tickets may be purchased at the door, however the first 25 children under 12 will each receive 25 free game tickets and a special prize. A hot dog lunch with chips, beverage and Purim dessert will be available.

"We are looking forward to a wonderful morning with lots of youngsters playing games and winning prizes," says Shimrah Bullock-Adkins, who works with the Religous School and is the organizer of the Carnival

"We encourage the children to come in costume; they can dress as Queen Esther or as Purim clowns, or as the evil Haman, or as the kindly Mordechai. Youngsters can also come as cartoon characters, princesses and pirates or the costumes of their choice. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Everyone is welcome to join the fun!

"We are busy preparing the games and making sure there is something for every age group - from the little pre-schoolers to the pre-teens" she added.

For more information, please call the office of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation at 847-675-4141 or go to the synagogue web site at EHNT.ORG.

#### **VFW Clothing Drive**

PFC Ted Stempien Post 8821 Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct its semi annual clothing drive on 19 March 2016. Individuals may drop off clothing, small household goods or goodies to send to the troops overseas at the Post, 5104 S. Archer between 0800 and 1200 on the 19th. Breakfast will be served. The clothing will be taken to Jesse Brown VA Hospital where it is distributed to needy and homeless Veterans. Household goods will also be taken to Jesse Brown Hospital for distribution to transitional Veterans; that is those Veterans who have recently found housing but have no possessions to their name other than what they can carry on their backs. For more information please contact Post Commander Mike DeRoss at 773 403 3789.

#### Chicago Park District Announces Spring Park Program Registration To Kick Off February 22

Chicago Park District spring program registration begins on Monday, February 22, with in-person registration to begin on Saturday, February 27. Ballet, yoga, softball, boxing, boot camp, learn-toswim and soccer are among many of the offerings soon to be available for the upcoming season.

- Parks located west of California Avenue began registration Monday, Feb. 22
- Parks located east of California Avenue began registration Tuesday, Feb. 23

"There isn't a better time to get active than in the Spring," said Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent and CEO. "The Chicago Park District offers thousands of opportunities for families to get fit, explore a new hobby, or learn a life-saving skill such as swimming at an affordable

In-person registration begins either Saturday, February 27 or Monday, February 29 depending upon the park. Spring programs can be now be viewed and wish lists can be created in advance of registration to save time. Spring programs run from the week of March 28 to the week

The Chicago Park District continues to reach record registration numbers. Registration numbers in 2015 were a whopping 35% higher than in 2012. Given the popularity of programs, patrons are encouraged to follow the registration tips listed below:

- Check your account login and password before registration begins. If you have not already created an account, so prior to registration day.
- Add all persons who you plan to register for on your account.
- Create a wish list with the programs that you plan to register.
- View the registration process page for additional information.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-

#### How to Book a Free AFSP IL Speaker

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Illinois Chapter speakers are available to speak for free thanks to the generosity of our walkers, donors, and volunteers. To request a free AFSP Illinois volunteer speaker at your company, organization, club, religious center, meeting or other group complete the simple form at www.AFSPILSpeaker.org. For free AFSP materials and resources thanks to the generosity of Walkers like you go to www.AFSPMaterials.org. To donate to support AFSP go to www.Chicagowalk.org.

If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 1-800-273-TALK • 1-800-273-8255

#### **Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On April 5 & 7**

"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 Apr. 5 and Apr. 7, 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

Are you up-to-date on changes to the 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 Distric

#### **RCN** Launches Village Cable Channel

Residential Communications Network (RCN), a cable, internet, and telephone service provider, recently expanded to Lincolnwood and as of March 11, 2016 is broadcasting the Village's cable broadcast live on RCN Channel 49. The Village's broadcast content includes scrolling community messages depicting information about the community, public service announcements, and the following public meetings: Village Board, Committee of the Whole, Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the School Board. RCN Channel 49 will join the Village's cable channel feeds along with Comcast Channel 6 AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. In addition to cable broadcasting, the Village also hosts online live streaming at lincolnwood.tv and on-demand content at lwdtv.org.

RCN installation in Lincolnwood began in October 2015, and RCN is approximately 90% complete with their project. Lincolnwood joins the Village of Skokie, City of Chicago, and other major metropolitan areas such as the City of New York as RCN customers. For questions about RCN, please call RCN at (800) 746-4726.

In June, RCN notified the Village that they had applied for a state-wide franchise agreement.

AT&T used a similar process in 2007 and 2008 to launch AT&T U-Verse. Statewide franchise agreements do not require local franchise negotiations or agreements with the Village. Instead, RCN applied to the State of Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for a blanket franchise agreement which was approved on July 8, 2015.

If you have questions regarding RCN, AT&T U-Verse, or Comcast Xfinity, please contact Douglas Petroshius, Assistant Village Manager at (847) 745-4711 or depetroshius@lwd.org.

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

#### Northtown Garden Society

#### RAIN GARDENS: DESIGN & PLANT YOUR OWN

Join Jackie Riffice, Expert Gardener of Prairie Godmothers, to learn the "Whys" and "Hows" of planting your first rain garden. Learn how rain gardens can deter basement flooding, how rain gardens can be done cheaply (and beautifully), and how to easily maintain your rain garden. After the seminar, HCBA will reveal a special "Planting a Rain Garden" video that will be shared electronically to all attendees.

Wed., March 30, 6:30 - 8pm, Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave

#### Chicago To Host Food Truck Festivals At Daley Plaza And Willis Tower

For the second year in a row, the city of Chicago's Small Business Center (SBC) in the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) is hosting "Food Truck Fests" from March through October at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. and Willis Tower, 233 South Wacker Drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year, mobile boutique operators will be invited to join the food trucks at Daley Plaza.

"These festivals create businesses opportunities for Chicago's food entrepreneurs while adding to Chicago's wealth of outdoor festivals, special events and gatherings that bring people from across the city together," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "I look forward to seeing and tasting what our local innovative businesses have to offer."

The Daley Plaza fests are scheduled to be held weekly and the Willis Tower fests will be hosted monthly. The events will include a rotating line-up of trucks offering different food options at each location.

"These festivals are one more way the city of Chicago supports the innovative moile truck industry across the city," BACP Commissioner Maria Guerra Lapacek said. "These festivals are a win-win – they encourage even more people to enjoy the city's growing culinary options while supporting these innovative small businesses.'

Food Truck Fest dates are listed below and participating trucks will be announced on the City's SBC social media sites and using the hashtag #Chifoodtruckfest. The SBC is on Twitter at @ChiSmallBiz, Facebook at /ChiSmallBiz, Pinterest at Chicago-BACP, and Instagram at ChicagoBACP.

#### Pick Up The Next Edition Of Our Village News For A Listing Of Dates and Locations



The Chicago Jewish Film Festival began March 10 and it runs until March 20 with 18 Jewish-inspired stories. This festival showcases the strong Jewish contributions to world culture and the chosen films reach across all age groups for families, seniors and young adults to enjoy.

This year the films are shown in new venues that each offer a unique movie-going experience. In addition to our past locations (Lakeview, Highland Park, and Northbrook) you can also see these films at bars, universities, and even homes across Chicagoland. Please visitwww.jccfilmfest.org for remaining dates and locations.

#### Howard Street Properties Available for Dining and Entertainment Establishments

The City of Evanston is seeking parties interested in bringing their food-related businesses to two City-owned properties located at 633 Howard St. and 727-729 Howard St. in Evanston.

The City is searching for two tenants that would build on the street's success to date with the award-winning establishments, Ward Eight and Peckish Pig. Ideally, the tenant for 633 Howard St. would bring a food-based use that would attract daytime customers to the area, while the tenant for 727-729 Howard St. would bring a food-based use that would include an entertainment concept, such as live music.

"In just the last few years, Howard Street has become home to some of Evanston's most popular and successful establishments," said 8th Ward Alderman Ann Rainey. "A coffee shop or another food-related business at either location will be wonderful additions to this growing business community. The addition of the Howard Street Theatre at 717 Howard St. will generate significant audiences to Howard Street that will continue to build upon the success of this street." 633 Howard Street

Earlier this year, the City engaged Ross Barney Architects to design a 150-seat performing arts space at 717 Howard St. This follows on the heels of the commitment by the Strawdog Theatre Company from Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood to relocate to Evanston's side of Howard Street in the newly constructed space.

More information on these properties is available at cityofevanston.org/howardstproperties. The City is engaging in a process to identify the best tenant for the spaces. Parties interested in the spaces are asked to submit qualifications and intentions to the City no later than Monday, April 18, 2016. Tours of each property will be offered simultaneously on March 21, 2016 between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

For more information, please contact the City of Evanston Economic Development Manager Johanna Leonard at jleonard@cityofevanston.org or 847-448-8100.

#### Chicago Named Nation's "Top Metro" For New And **Expanding Companies For Third Year In A Row**

Chicago ranked "Top Metro" in the United States in 2015 for corporate investment in the March issue of Site Selection magazine. For the third consecutive year, the Chicago metro area saw more new and expanding corporate facilities than any other area. Today's news comes on the heels of Allstate and Beam Suntory announcing they are moving 850 jobs to Chicago just this week. Both join of a steady stream of companies that have recently decided to locate in the city, including ConAgra Foods, Oscar Mayer and Kraft Heinz Company. To date in 2016, Chicago has added nearly 2,000 jobs.

"For the third straight year, Chicago has been recognized as the number one city for corporate investment, which amounts to a continuing vote of confidence by companies in the strength of our business climate. This is translating into more jobs for Chicagoans and more economic opportunities for residents in all parts of our city," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Chicago's central location, tremendous access to transportation, unmatched talent and business friendly environment continue to attract companies of all sizes and sectors. They see a city with a bright future that they want to be a part of.'

In consideration for the "Top Metro" ranking, World Business Chicago (WBC) submitted 322 projects from 2015, accounting for more than \$3 billion in investment and 13,400 new jobs. Considered an "industry scoreboard" for the corporate relocation community, Site Selection focuses on new corporate facility projects with significant impact, including headquarters, manufacturing plants, R&D operations and logistics sites.

Major 2015 projects included: ConAgra's relocation of its headquarters and 700 employees from Omaha to Chicago; GrubHub's expansion to accommodate 1,000 workers at its Chicago headquarters; and Glassdoor's new Chicago office, which will add more than 250 jobs in the city.

'Chicago's engaged business community and committed civic leadership have created a business environment that companies near and far want to be a part of," World Business Chicago President & CEO Jeff Malehorn said. "We are lucky to have such a diverse city with unmatched assets, and work hard to assure that the Chicago region is top of mind for companies making location and expansion decisions."

'While there is debate in some circles about the economic impact of corporate headquarters, in Chicago there is no denying their power," says Adam Bruns, managing editor of Site Selection. "Even more undeniable are the sparks that fly among companies, higher education and cultural institutions, and the metro area's venture capital and incubator/accelerator community, embodied in the hives of innovation that are 1871 and the Merchandise Mart.'

In order to be included, new facilities and expansions must meet at least one of three Site Selection criteria: (a) capital investment of at least \$1 million, (b) create at least 20 new jobs or (c) add at least 20,000 square feet of new floor area.

#### **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 LawyerTM." 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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#### **Update On The Search For A New Superintendent Of Police**

Statement from Police Board President Lori E. Lightfoot:

'We want to thank members of the public and the media for the continued interest in the Superintendent search. We believe that getting the best candidates to lead the Chicago Police Department at this moment in time is of the utmost importance. While the Police Board anticipated releasing to the public the names of the three finalists for Chicago's next Police Superintendent by the end of February, the Board's diligence process continues and we will make our recommendations as soon as possible. Out of respect for this confidential employment process, we have not and will not release any names or comment about people who may or may not have applied. We will only be releasing the names of the finalists. Until then, we will have no further comment.'

#### Chicago Public Library is Celebrating Diversity during Women's History Month in March.

During the month, the Library offers a wide range of programs about past and present issues focusing on women and girls in society. The public is invited to visit the Library for a host of programs, including lectures, documentary film screenings, teen events, workshops and more. In addition, a selected bibliography and the Library's 2016 Women's History Month Calendar of Events are available at http://www.chipublib.org/ WomensHistory.

#### Free Clinics to Reduce Your Phone, Gas and Electricity Bill

The Skokie Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission in conjunction with the Consumer Affairs Commission and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) are hosting two free consultation events to advise residents on reducing electric, natural gas and both landline and cell phone bills. To register, please leave a message at 1-877-782-7005 or email events@ citizensutilityboard.org.

The events are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakton Community College, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue, in Room A145.
- Wednesday, March 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

The key to saving money on your utility bills is simply to read them," CUB Executive Director David Kolata said. "At a CUB clinic you can sit down with an expert who can explain all the confusing charges, answer your questions, and give you ways to slash your costs. You can't find a free service like this anywhere else."

At CUB's clinic, consumers will get information on:

- CUB Energy Saver, www.CUBenergysaver.com, a free online service that has helped consumers cut energy bills by an average of more than \$100 a year.
- · How to spot unnecessary charges on electric, natural gas and phone bills.
- The low-cost Consumer's Choice localcalling plans, designed by CUB under a legal settlement with AT&T.
- CUB's Cellphone Savings Center, www.CUBCellPhoneSaver.com, gives the latest tips and information to cut wireless costs.

Get tips on how to avoid common pitfalls and scams, and sign up for efficiency programs designed to save you money. Participants should bring current copies of your gas, electric and telephone bills for CUB to review. CUB is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to representing the rights of utility customers across the state of Illinois.

To register, please leave a message at 1-877-782-7005 or email: events@citizensutilityboard.org.

For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

#### **Ticket Office at Davis Street Metra Station In Evanston Temporarily Closed**

The ticket office at the Davis Street Metra station is temporarily closed until further notice. Trains servicing the Davis Street Metra station will not be impacted during the ticket office's closure. Additionally, the warming room on the platform level of the station will remain open during its regular hours of operation, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Metra customers will still be able to

purchase tickets using the Ventra Mobile App, and on board from the conductor. While the ticket office is closed at the Davis Street station, customers boarding at Davis will not be charged the standard \$5 fee when purchasing a one-way, cashfare ticket from the conductor.

Additional information on Metra's ticket system can be found online at metrarail.com/metra/en/home/tickets.html.

#### **Cook County Commission on Women's Issues Honors 18 Women**

In honor of Women's History Month, the their efforts, the communities in which we Cook County Commission on Women's Issues today honored 18 women for their professional achievements or contributions to their communities.

Recipients of the Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award are chosen from each Cook County Commissioner district. One is chosen County-wide. Recipients are selected after each member of the Commission on Women's Issues forms a committee and receives input from their district to identify a woman whose contributions or achievements are exceptional but seldom recognized. The Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award, renamed in 2010 in Montes' honor as a way to recognize her work for women and girls of Cook County, are now in their 19th year.

"These are women who use their time, talent, spirit and enthusiasm to enrich and improve the lives of others," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who helped present the awards. "Due to live, work and raise our families are stronger and better places."

Recipients of the 2016 Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award are:

- Sabrina Herrell, At-large
- Annie Marie Ford, 1st District
- Fran Bell, 2nd District
- Paula Anglin, 3rd District
- Christel D. Ward, 4th District • Lorez Davis, 5th District
- Maurice Fitts Page, 6th District
- Linda Coronado, 7th District
- Beti Guevara, 8th District
- Maureen Perez, 9th District
- Jackie Taylor, 10th District • Rita Ryan, 11th District
- Alexis Mansfield, 12th District
- Gloria Iverson, 13th District • Henrietta Saunders, 14th District
- Victoria Poklop, 15th District
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- Maureen Reilly, 17th District

# Easter Blessings and Traditions

#### **Thoughts This Easter**

By: The Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R., St. Hyacinth Basilica Parish

This morning - 2000 years ago - a trio of pious women - walked cautiously to the tomb. Cautious or more so worried for the tomb was to be shut by the large stone as was any tomb

But instead the angel spoke to the women from the empty tomb. "You must not be afraid." Then the angel announced: "Jesus, who was nailed to the cross is not here; he has been raised." And the angel added: "Quickly, go tell the disciples to remember what he told them."

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb and found it empty. So the wildest news that has ever touched our mixed-up world: NOT dead and buried! But Alive and Raised!

This morning Jesus meets you in the words of Sacred Scripture - His Word, and in the bread and wine - His Body and Blood.

Don't walk worried, remove the stone of fear, of selfishness, of pride, of greed or whatever holds Jesus from entering your heart so that you can challenge this troubled, lonely world.

In the Garden of Eden - in our first parents we hid from God in shame because of sin. In the Garden of the Tomb - in Christ we receive a new message: sin is conquered - and so

is death - and we are restored to LIFE! In the Resurrection Christ has rescued us from death, from sin, from loneliness and has

restored us to our real nature - to LOVE and to give of ourselves so as to form a communion of heaven on earth, His Kingdom.

We are re-born, resurrected, a mysterious espousal of God with man. His new kingdom shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart with Christ - we will transform and change history! The evidence of Easter is here and heaven begins on earth.

But before you leave the tomb - allow Him to go with you ... and see His image and likeness in your neighbor and yourself! Today - let His Word through you help others experience RESURRECTION!

And tomorrow He will invite you to RISE to eternal life!

ALLELUIA! PEACE! To all our readers!



#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016**

**Confession before Easter** 

Saturday, Mar.19 3:00pm to 4:45pm • Sunday, Mar.20 11am to 2pm

Holy Thursday, March 24

8:30am Morning Prayer • 5:00pm Mass in Polish • 7:00pm Mass in English; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight

Good Friday, March 25

8:30am Morning Prayer • Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm in English • 5:00pm in Polish • 7:00pm Stations of the Cross in English

Holy Saturday, March 26

8:30am Morning Prayer • 11:30am until 1:00pm Blessing the Easter food baskets (English & Polish) • No Confessions today 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass in English (fulfills the Sunday obligation)

Easter Sunday, March 27

5:30am Procession & Mass in Polish 8:00am & 10:00am Masses in English • 11:30am Mass in Polish

#### Easter Celebration is Good News

Easter is one of our yearly celebrations that over time, has lost most of its sense of origin and meaning. Change for most people is a very good thing. Here at Home Comfort we have gone through major changes by moving to our new location. With the move it's very important for us to always remember who



we are, where we came from and what we stand-for.

Easter's origin was a significant world event. Some would argue Easter is one of the most significant events for all of mankind. Today, for many, Easter has become "Bunny Rabbits", colored eggs and candy. A long way from a major historical event.

As a strong family oriented company we celebrate and encourage events that bring families together. Many of us will be taking time this Easter to recognize the origin of this most significant event for all of mankind, an event that transcends

We truly hope you will have a special time with your family at Easter and if we can be an encouragement for you to reflect upon not just the celebration of Easter but also the meaning of Easter, we hope we are a blessing to you and your family.



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#### One Guy Didn't

Three guys were tried for crimes against humanity. Two guys committed crimes. One guy didn't.

Three guys were given government trials. Two guys had fair trials. One guy didn't. Three guys were whipped and beaten. Two guys had it coming. One guy didn't. Three guys were given crosses to carry. Two guys earned their crosses. One guy didn't. Three guys were mocked and spit at along the way. Two guys cursed and spit back. One guy didn't.

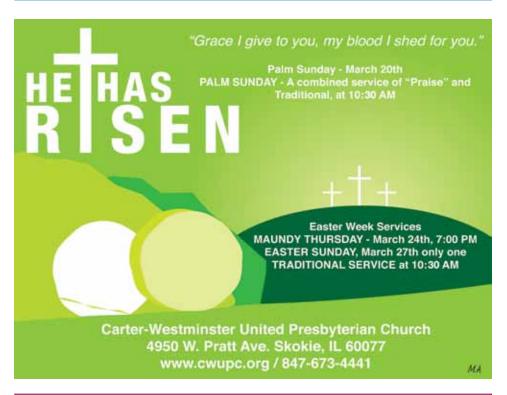
Three guys were nailed to crosses. Two guys deserved it. One guy didn't. Three guys agonized over their abandonment. Two guys had reason to be abandoned. One guy didn't.

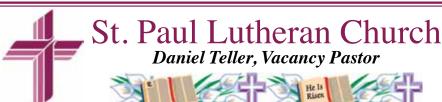
Three guys talked while hanging on their crosses. Two guys argued. One guy didn't. Three guys knew death was coming. Two guys resisted. One guy didn't.

One. Two. Three guys died on three crosses.

Three days later, two guys remained in their graves. ONE GUY DIDN'T!

Anonymous Submitted by Maria P. Bappert





Maundy Thursday, March 24 10:00a.m. & 7:00p.m. - Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 25 • 10:00A.M. & 7:00p.m.

Easter Vigil, March 26 • 6:00 P.M. - Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:00A.M. - Sunrise Service - Holy Communion 9:30A.M.- Holy Communion Easter Breakfast from 7:30A.M. until 9:30AM

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**HOLY THURSDAY** 6:00 PM **ENGLISH** ~ 8:00 PM **POLISH** 

**GOOD FRIDAY** 

3:00 PM **ENGLISH** ~ 6:30 **POLISH** 

**HOLY SATURDAY** 

6:00 PM POLISH ~ 8:30 PM ENGLISH

**EASTER SUNDAY** 

:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM **POLISH** 7:30 AM, 10:45 AM & 5:00 PM **ENGLISH** 

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION**

Saturday March 19 7:45 AM & 8:00 PM Sunday March 20 7:30 PM

Monday-Wednesday 7:45 AM & 7:30 PM 7:45 AM & 9:00 PM **Holy Thursday Good Friday** 7:45 AM & 8:00 PM **Holy Saturday NO CONFESSIONS** 

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1:00** PM TO 4:PM IN THE CHURCH

ON HOLY SATURDAY



# Chicago Park District's Egg Hunts for Easter

#### Egg Hunt at Mayfair

 Mar, 19, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mayfair Park (773) 685-3361

#### Egg Hunt at Senior Citizens Memorial

Mar, 19, 2016 from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Senior Citizens Memorial Playlot Park (312) 742-7554

#### Bunny Bonanza at Welles

- Mar, 23, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Mar, 23, 2016 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Welles Park (312) 742-7511

#### Eggstravaganza at Olympia

- Mar, 21, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- Mar, 21, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Mar, 21, 2016 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Olympia Park (773) 631-6861

#### Brunch With The Bunny at Merrimac

• Mar, 24, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Merrimac Park (773) 685-3382



#### Mr. Hippity Hop at Berger

- Mar, 26, 2016 from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Mar, 26, 2016 from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Mar, 26, 2016 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- Mar, 26, 2016 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Berger Park Cultural Center (773) 761-0376

#### Egg Hunt at Clarendon

• Mar, 26, 2016 from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Clarendon Park Community Center (312) 742-7512

#### Lunch with the Bunny at Horner

• Mar, 26, 2016 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Horner Park (773) 478-3499

#### Doggie Egg Hunt at Horner

• Mar, 26, 2016 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Horner Park (773) 478-3499

#### Mr. Hippity Hop at Loyola

• Mar, 26, 2016 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Loyola Park (773) 262-8605

#### Egg Hunt at Maggie Daley

• Mar, 24, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Maggie Daley Park (312) 552-3000 (Park) (312) 742-3918 (Fieldhouse)

#### Egg Extravaganza at Paschen Park

• Mar, 25, 2016 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Paschen Park (773) 262-5871

More than 10,000 candy filled eggs, 1,000 area children, and a tall fuzzy stranger will make the community of North Riverside a hoppin' place on Easter weekend.

The March 26 North Riverside Easter Egg Hunt is free and open to the public. For more information, call the North Riverside Police Department non-emergency number at (708) 447-9191

Founded in 1936, the PB&PA of Illinois consists of full-time and retired sworn police officers in 189 local units.

#### Jelly Beans

#### By Maria Bappert

RED is for the blood He gave. GREEN is for the grass He made. YELLOW is for the sun so bright. ORANGE is for the edge of night. BLUE is for the sins we made. WHITE is for the grace He gave. PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow. PINK is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and

Is a prayer, is a promise, is a special

HAPPY EASTER!

#### History Of The Chocolate Easter Bunny

#### By Nicole Domico

Independent Chocolatier with Dove Chocolate Discoveries

The Chocolate Easter Bunny began in the 1800's in Germany. It was more hare-like than a sweet fuzzy little bunny but nonetheless that is where the tradition began. The first American chocolate bunny was made in the mid 1800's yet the fad did not really catch on until the 20th century. It was then that more manufacturers got their hands on chocolate molds and produced the bunnies in a frenzy to keep up with demand of children and adults the same. Another interesting fact



is that the chocolate bunny was made hollow during WWII to ration the cocoa supply. Although Whitman's is said to have made the first American chocolate bunny you can find several companies, sizes, types and even flavors today. When I was a kid I thought I scored big when I would get a solid Dove Chocolate bunny in my basket. And now as a mom I have to remember to get the solid so I can see my kids' faces light up the way mine did. Hollow or solid for you this year?

Here's another question for you; do you eat the feet or the ears first? According to the National Confectioners Association (NCA) the proper etiquette is to eat the ears first. In a survey 76% stated they eat the ears first, 5% the feet first and just 4% the tail. The chocolate bunny is the number one must-have in every Easter basket with 90 million sold each year along with 60 billion jelly beans. In total it comes out to about \$1.9 billion sold annually. According to gourmet.com that is only second to Halloween candy revenue.

 $Call\ 773\text{-}507\text{-}3869\ or\ visit\ www. Nicole The Chocolate Lady. com$ 

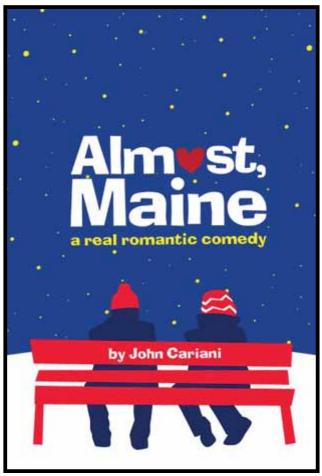
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#### The Resurrection Theatre Department Presents Almost, Maine



All are welcome to enjoy the Resurrection Theatre Department's spring production of the romantic comedy Almost, Maine. The play explores love and romance in a series of vignettes. Each scene takes place on a cold winter evening on a Friday evening in a small town on the Canadian border near Maine.

Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Resurrection Little Theatre at 7500 W. Talcott Ave, Chicago, IL 60631. Tickets are \$5 in advance & \$7 at the door and are available by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 110 during school hours for ticket information.

#### **University Guild... Sharing Information**

Membership in University Guild is open to all in the community. Guests are welcome and cost is \$5.00 per program.

The University Guild's annual membership dues are \$50.00. Those who join in March or April may pay this amount and have their membership extended for the 2016-17 program year.

The purpose of the University Guild is to bring to the membership the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the University, to work for the collection and exhibition of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts in the University and in the community. The University Guild also gives scholarships to students at Northwestern University.

.All of this season's programs through April are being held in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston, on Northwestern University's campus.

#### March 21, 1:30 pm — Founding of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with William Tyre, Glessner House Executive Director & Curator

The CSO celebrated their 125th anniversary season beginning in September 2015. The Glessners were two of the founders and major supporters. The presentation will address the early years of the Symphony, its struggles, construction of Orchestra Hall and other matters largely using letters sent to the Glessners by the first two conductors, as well as Mrs. Glesssner's journal.

#### "A Theater Review"

#### "Sunset Baby"

#### TimeLine Theatre, 615 Wellington Ave., Chicago, Illinois

#### Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

TimeLine Theatre has picked an excellent play to honor Black History Month with Dominique Morisseau's "Sunset Baby."

It is a show one can consider a dynamic tale of family love and loss. Do not let the strong street language upset or mislead you as it is done with a poet's skill. The play deals with a long absent father and an aggressive young partner who are in love and who deal in crime.

Nina is played by Anji White. Damon is played by Kevin Roston, Jr. The two are drug dealers. Kenyetta is played by Phillip Edward Van Leir who wants to read letters written to him while in prison that were never mailed.

TimeLine Theatre's show is being directed by Ron O. J. Parsons. The show unfolds in a series of one-on-one dialogues.

The talk is dynamite and dynamic and it will explode when you least expect it.

It is a hard-hitting drama.

The kind of self-awareness is shared by all three in the cast as the words described.

The kind of self-awareness is shared by all three in the cast as the words describe themselves.

Nina's father was imprisoned years before for robbing an armored truck.

You'll find Nina is tough and has grown hard. She may find Damon a bad guy but he declares he is only half bad.

"Sunset Baby" runs through April 10th. For show days, show times, ticket prices and reservations call 773-281-8463.

--Three and a Half Stars--

#### Art After Hours Networking Event

Join us for our quarterly artist and arts professionals networking event. We will gather at the Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central Avenue; Evanston, IL from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

In addition to sharing ideas, thoughts, projects and conversation with fellow artists, it's a great time to enjoy the Art Center's new space if you haven't already had the opportunity

Cost to attend is \$7. You may RSVP/register here. If you have questions, email Jennifer Lasik.

#### **Announcing Lira's 2016 Tours of Poland**

#### Tour of Southern Poland | June 23 - July 6 Tour of Northern Poland | July 6 - July 15

Dear Friend of the Lira Ensemble,

The Lira Ensemble is celebrating its 50th anniversary during its 2015 and 2016 seasons and the celebrations will go on all year! For example, Lira is offering THREE tours of Poland this year, a tour of Southern Poland, a tour of Northern Poland, and the option of combining both tours into an extended tour of the entire country.

Lira has become famous for its tours because we stress personal service, as well as spotlight the arts, folk and high culture, and history. We are experts on Poland, so we show you all the attractions, but also things unavailable to most tourists. Our trips are like a group of friends visiting Poland, because they attract interesting, like-minded people whose company I am certain you will enjoy. Ours is an exclusive tour; you will not be "bundled" with other groups.

This is a first class tour, organized by the best travel company in Poland, with a state-of-the-art tour bus and the finest hotels - many of them new. Our price includes airfare, hotels, transportation in Poland and three meals a day, except a few meals on your own, so you can choose your menu, or have a chance not to eat, because the Poles give us lots of food - too good not to eat.

This is the year to see Poland, because both the euro and the Polish zloty are weak, so you will get more for your dollars. Also, you risk nothing; if a tour is cancelled, you get all your money back. Lira tours are a great value because we do not print fancy, full-color brochures and our advertising is mostly word-of-mouth. We use all your money showing you a great time. Whatever is left, we use for our mission of bringing the best of Polish culture into American life. Since we are a charity, any excess income to us is considered a donation by you. After the tour, when all bills are paid, we will provide a tax receipt showing what amount you can deduct, which is usually about 8% of the tour price.

My husband, Frank Cizon, who is vice chair of Lira's Board, and I lead these tours with joy. We do this as volunteers, because we greatly enjoy being in Poland.

Sincerely, Lucyna Migala

Visit our website for more information... www.liraensemble.org





#### **Tater Tot Theatre Company Presents** "Timothy Goes to School" March 26-27

Tater Tot Theatre Company will present "Timothy Goes to School," adapted from a series of children's books by acclaimed author/illustrator Rosemary Wells, on March 26 and 27 at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St.

The "little sibling" to the Evanston Children's Theatre, Tater Tot Theatre Company was created to allow young thespians ages 5-7 the opportunity to participate in the magic of live theatre.

In "Timothy Goes to School," a raccoon named Timothy starts kindergarten and meets many new friends: Yoko, a Japanese cat who is a very talented violin player; Fritz, the skunk, who always wants to discover new things; Charles, a shy little mouse; Nora, a loud little mouse; Lilly, a forgetful fox; Grace, a wonderful cat dancer; and Doris, a beaver who loves different paintings. These new friends help Timothy overcome his fears. Children of all ages will easily relate to this tale, in which humor and realism effectively mesh.

Performances will take place on Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. The admission cost is \$7 per person.

For more information, please call 847-866-5914.



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#### Volunteer to be a VITA Literacy/ESL Tutor at Oakton Community College.

Help adults learn to read and/or speak English. Learn about methods and materials especially suited for tutoring individuals new to the U.S. or American-born residents who need help improving their English language skills.

Call 847.635.1426 for an interview.

Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:

March 24, 5:30 - 9:15 p.m. March 29, 5:30 - 9:15 p.m. April 9, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. April 30, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.





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#### Conversations with Ed

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

Something exciting is coming to Skokie Theatre this month. A monthly Chicago-based live mid-day interview series debuts at the Skokie Theatre on Wednesday, March 23rd. Conversations With Ed Tracy is a live talkshow, as moderator Ed Tracy guides thoughtful and engaging conversations with authors and influential leaders in the arts, media and business.

On March 23rd at 1:30 pm Tracy welcomes authors Ronald Keaton and Ethan Michaeli. Keaton wrote, produced and starred in the one-man show Churchill, which broke box office records in its run at the Greenhouse Theatre Center in Chicago. Michaeli is a journalist and the author of the best-seller The Defender, that tells the



story of the legendary black newspaper and how it changed America. There is a book signing immediately afterwards sponsored by The Book Stall of Winnetka.

On April 20th at 1:30 pm, Tracy welcomes author Howard Reich from the Chicago Tribune to discuss his powerful film, Prisoner of Her Past. This gripping documentary studies the traumatic stress syndrome that Reich's mother Sonia fell victim to sixty years after persecution from the Nazis, and serves as a warning to help childhood trauma victims today. There will be a screening of the film followed by a discussion.

On May 25th at 1:30, Tracy's guests are Jim Frazier and author Arnie Bernstein. Frazier will discuss how Illinois Gold Star Families deal with the loss of a child from military service. Arnie Bernstein is the author of Swastika Nation, which documents the rise and fall of Fritz Kuhn and his German American Bund, a small but powerful national movement determined to conquer the U.S. government with a fascist dictatorship in the 1930s.

Ed Tracy is an award-winning television and webcast producer, writer and program host. He received an Emmy Award as Executive Producer and Co-Host of the live broadcast of the Medal of Honor Convention Opening Ceremony at Soldier Field on NBCChicago.com and the Military Channel. He has produced major events and hosted presentations for the City of Chicago, WYCC PBS Chicago 20, CSPAN2 BookTV, NPR, National World War II Museum, Intrepid Air and Space Museum, EbertFest, the Union League Club of Chicago, National Writers' Series, Norwich University, Corporate Council for Africa, National Symphony Orchestra and served as Co-Chair of the 2009 Chicago Medal of Honor Society Annual Convention. Tracy

Tracy created and hosted the Pritzker Military Library's live webcast and PBS television programs Pritzker Military Library Presents and Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy for nine seasons. In all, over 300 hours of live interviews and book presentations form the core of the library's extensive online archive. Recognized as an Official Honoree of the Webby Awards five times, the Library was honored as the 2009 recipient of the National Medal for Museum and Library Services, the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums.

Tickets for each event are only \$10 and can be purchased by calling 847-677-7761 or online at SkokieTheatre.org. You won't want to miss this powerful and stimulating conversations.

# NORWOOD PARK'S DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS



Do you have a graduating student this year? The Norwood Park Chamber is offering (2) \$500 scholarships for an 8th Grade graduate and a High School graduate who live in Norwood Park.

Applications available at www.norwoodpark.org. Get started today! Deadline is April 30 Winners announced at the Memorial Day Parade!

#### Mayor Emanuel Announces 25,000 Summer Youth Job Opportunities Available **Through 2016 One Summer Chicago Program**

#### Online Registration Opens Today for Mayor's One Summer Chicago Program to Keep Chicago's Youth Engaged this Summer with Job and Internship Opportunities

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that his One Summer Chicago program will expand to provide 25,000 job and internship opportunities this summer for youths ages 14 to 24 from neighborhoods across the city. This year, an additional 1,000 One Summer Chicago PLUS opportunities will be added to expand access to programs that will enable youth to develop valuable work skills as they remain engaged during out of school time.

This year's program will give youth a deeper experience than in years past, with new opportunities to contribute their skills and talents to Chicago's vibrant communities. Opportunities are available in many industry areas, such as urban agriculture,

bike repair, outdoor forestry projects, as well as office and clerical work. The online application for minimum of six-week summer employment is available now at www. onesummerchicago.org through May 15, 2016.

Since One Summer Chicago was launched in 2011, Mayor Emanuel has steadily increased the number of available opportunities to keep youth safe and engaged each summer from 14,000 in 2011 to 25,000 this year. To date, more than 100,000 youths from neighborhoods across the city have gained valuable job training and work experience through the City's burgeoning public-private program.

#### Boys & Girls Club: Positions Available At NBGC - Please Share

The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club is an independently run, unique and self supporting Boys and Girls Club located on the north side of Chicago. We offer a diverse program of athletic, social, recreation, leadership and cultural experiences. This non-profit has been a fixture in the area for over 80 years providing programs to "build better men and women".

The NBGC is currently taking applications for the following positions:

- Community Relations & Event Manager

offsite After School Programs

- Youth Leaders

Please share and Post

To apply for these positions please send your resume to resumes@nbgc.org.

No phone calls or walk ins, please.

To apply for the Youth Leadership positions, please follow directions listed below.

In addition to the positions listed above NBGC has also hired a firm to complete a Search for a new

- After School Assistants for our in house and Executive Director. For more information or to apply for the Executive Director Position please contact:

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For more information about the club, please see our web site at www.nbcg.org.

To submit a resume and cover letter, e-mail resumes@NBGC.org.

No phone calls or walkins, please.

#### **Statement From Mayor Emanuel On Allstate's Decision To Move Hundreds Of Jobs To Chicago**

Allstate's decision to bring hundreds of jobs to Chicago is further reinforcement that Chicago offers the fundamental strengths that iconic businesses need for future success. It is a testament to the talent of our workers, the strength of our business climate and the quality of life in our neighborhoods. From Con Agra Foods to Oscar Mayer, from Kraft Heinz and just yesterday to Beam Suntory, more and more companies are choosing to bet their future on Chicago's future and I want to thank Allstate for continuing that

#### PurpleStride 2016 - Chicago's Jackson Park - Saturday, April 30, 2016

The Greater Chicago Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is hosting its well-loved PurpleStride 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9 a.m. The walk/run through beautiful Jackson Park begins and ends at Groves 19A & 19B. Registration is now open at www.purplestride.org/chicago. Pancreatic cancer survivors, families, friends and supporters are invited to attend the walk/run to help advance research, support patients and Wage Hope. The walk is precluded and followed by family-friendly festivities in the park.

## The Polish American Association's

As the date of our inaugural SoC approaches, we are increasingly excited about the quality of our panelists and how they will address critical issues in our panel discussions.

Join us for an important conversation with the City's top experts. Register today by visiting our website at www.polish.org. Where: Mesirow Financial Auditorium | 353 N Clark St, Chicago, IL, 60654

When: March 30th, 2016 Time: 2-7 p.m.

Tickets: Members: \$25 | Non- Mem-

## STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Norwood Park's Fall **Fest Seeks Bands**



Fall Fest is closer than you think! We are looking for bands! Please email your band name, contact info, website, and links to band video footage etc. to Info@ norwoodpark.org subject line: BANDS

#### City's Private Elm Tree Insurance Program

The City of Evanston's Environmental Services Bureau is pleased to announce the 34th consecutive year of its Private Elm Tree Insurance Program, covering the removal of elm trees on private property lost due to Dutch elm disease (DED).

New this year, participants re-enrolling in the program may do so online; first-time participants must complete a paper application. Both the online re-enrollment form and paper application are available at www.cityofevanston.org/elminsurance. Application and payment must be received no later than Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in order for trees to qualify for insurance.

When DED infects a tree on private property, the homeowner bears the sometimesstaggering costs for removal, which can range from approximately \$1,000 to \$5,000. The City's Private Elm Tree Insurance Program covers the cost of removing infected elm trees, and also provides free testing of insured elms if DED symptoms appear. The insurance is for a one-year period, June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, and must be renewed annually prior to the Dutch elm disease season.

For more information about the program, visit cityofevanston.org/elminsurance or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

#### Chicago P.D. Filmed By Irish Heritage Center (IAHC)

39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino tells us that Chicago PD was filming their show by the Irish-American Heritage Center on March 2 and 3. TV trucks and trailers for the stars filled the parking lot on the north side of IAHC and parts of Knox Avenue. Alderman Laurino says: "We appreciate that this company chose to highlight the 39th Ward in their production." NBC says: "Chicago P.D. Returns March 23." The show airs Wednesday nights at 9.

#### Purim and Pizza

A perfect match - "Purim and Pizza" - will be available Wed., March 23 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie. Come in costume!

Enjoy the pizza and stay for a family Purim service with an abbreviated Megillah service at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Cost is \$6 per person for the pizza dinner. The service is free and open to everyone.

Purim is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all the Jews. in the ancient empire of Persia. They were rescued by the bravery of Queen Esther.

Please RSVP by March 21.

For further information or for reservations, call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141 or go to EHNT.org.

#### Chicago Comedian Caryn Bark To Star In Skokie Synagogue "Purim Shpiel"

Well-known Chicago comedian Caryn Bark, will be featured in the Purim Spiel (musical parody) "The Queen and I" which will be produced at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

The show will run three times: Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 27, 1:30 p.m.

Musical Director for "The Queen and I" is Howard Pfeifer who has recently worked in the Chicago musical productions "Beautiful" and "Bye Bye Birdie."

Caryn Bark's real-life husband, Dr. Fred Huss, will be in the show as will her daugh-

Skokie resident, Ken Dermer, wrote and will direct the show with a cameo performance. Other local performers, among the cast and crew of 50, include Cantor Larry Goller, Shelley Kleiman and Katie Zutter.

This is the seventh Purim Shpiel at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Con-

Purim is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all the Jews. in the ancient empire of Persia. They were rescued by the bravery of Queen Esther.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under; \$25 and \$12 at

For further information or for reservations for the play, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141

#### Free Movie At Skokie Synagogue

"Woman in Gold," the true story of a woman's fight to regain art stolen from her family by the Nazis, will be shown Thurs., March 31 at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Men's Club of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

The movie is free and open to the public. Free popcorn is always available.

Featuring the award-winning Helen Mirren, as Maria Altman, the movie tells the step-by-step legal effort to regain the famous "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer" (Altman's aunt), painted in 1907 by world-renown artist Gustav Klimt and owned by the Bloch-Bauer family of Vienna.

For further information, go to EHNT.org or call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141

#### Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind?



Chester M. Przybylo

If you're a Baby Boomer and you hear that line, "Did you ever have to make up your mind?" you can almost hear The Lovin' Spoonfuls singing it with a catchy melody. When that song was popular, the only thing they were talking about was personal relationships. Today, those carefree days seem a long way away. There are other things that are going on in your life and you feel a need to "make up your mind" and put together a 21st century estate plan.

Putting together a good estate plan doesn't have to be that daunting. And if you don't make an estate plan, whether a living trust or a will (a will needs to go through a probate court), you will die "intestate", meaning without a will or trust. If that should happen to you the politicians in Springfield Illinois have put together a plan for the distribution of your estate. It is a one-size-fits-all plan that may be the exact opposite of how you would want your hard-earned estate distributed. And did we mention that it would have to go through a time-consuming, ex-

pensive and open-to-the public probate? This could be a wakeup call and it is time to "Make Up Your Mind".

Some individuals are dealing with a lot of misconceptions about estate planning. If they would make the effort to consult a good estate planning attorney, they might actually be relieved that they do have flexibility in developing an estate plan that works for them. The first step is probably to locate a good estate planning attorney. Checking a law firm's website might give a pretty good idea of what the firm's particular area of the law is. In the area of estate planning a number of firms give seminars on estate planning. If they do offer a seminar it is an excellent opportunity to get a feeling of what a good estate plan might look like, and also if you feel a level of comfort with the firm. Once you decide on a firm or attorney go ahead and make that first appointment for a consultation.

After you've made the appointment, keep it! Don't be intimidated by the task. An attorney who is experienced in estate planning can guide you in the process. Make a list of the most important issues on your agenda. Ask questions. It's also your chance to interview the attorney. How many estate plans have they or their firm done? Is estate planning their only or primary focus? Would they be able to assist in other areas of elder law? Do they belong to estate planning organizations? Make sure your questions get answered and you feel as comfortable as you can with the process.

As in a lot of things in life, getting started is often the hardest part. Once you have the right attorney or firm selected and you have your questions answered, then it may not be so hard to just "Make Up Your 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.

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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)

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#### 5 Tips for Planning a Property-Sharing Vacation

By Nathaniel Sillin

If you've thought about renting property on vacation, keep in mind that it's become a lot easier – and in some ways, harder.

Much of the vacation rental process has moved online, making the process simpler and more accessible. Also, the so-called "sharing economy" has allowed more people in the lodging business renting rooms and dwellings. In fact, a 2015 study by consulting firm EY notes that in one year alone, the world's dominant online room-sharing company – less than 10 years old – added more listings to its inventory than the largest global hotel companies added rooms during the same period.

So vacation rentals are easier than ever, right? Possibly, but you still need to protect your money against disappointing choices and possible fraud. Before committing to any kind of property rental or property-sharing vacation, do your homework. Here are five tips to get started:

- 1. Evaluate your destination fully. The busiest tourist destinations generally have the broadest range of lodging options from luxury hotels to hostels. Vacation rentals are usually a happy medium, located in desirable neighborhoods with a homey feel and kitchen availability that can make a stay a lot cheaper. However, every destination has certain ways of handling vacation rentals. While the newer generation of property-sharing companies might be active here, evaluate traditional options like vacation property brokers and listing services to compare prices and offerings. Also, search the name and address of the vacation property you're considering with the words "vacation rental scam" to see if any indication of fraud, crime or other trouble turns up.
- 2. Check local short-term rental laws. While it's generally easier to do this domestically than abroad, make sure the kind of vacation rental you're considering is legal. Check recent news clips or contact a local tourism bureau or chamber of commerce to see whether your target municipality doesn't have legal or zoning restrictions on your chosen rental.
- **3. Verify the renter personally and with local experts and agencies.** If your renter is reputable, he or she should be more than willing to have a detailed conversation about the property, costs, financial arrangements and onsite rules including deadbolt locks you can control if you are renting rooms within their residence. Make time to call the local tourism bureau, chamber of commerce, or the local chapter of the Better Business Bureau (http://www.bbb.org) for any details about the renter or the property. Ask the renter for referrals from previous renters, if possible, and consider the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Scam Watch travel page (https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/taxonomy/term/877) for extensive updated advice on renting out-of-town property.
- **4.** Ask for all completed agreements and liability insurance documentation before paying. Before you reserve, ask to see all contract information with pricing and scheduling information filled in as well as proof of insurance on the rental property. You should understand all payment and property rules affecting your stay and what might happen if there is accidental damage to the property while you're there. Share these documents with your home or rental insurer for input before you sign. If a renter hesitates to share this information, you might want to consider other options. Also, review your personal health, property and liability coverage to make sure you're protected during the trip.
- **5.** Weigh all spending risks of the rental transaction. If you're planning to rent vacation property, take the extra step of calling your credit card and travel insurance companies to determine whether they offer any particular protections in case something goes wrong with the rental. It's a good way to review the full range of protection available to you on any out-of-town trip. And if a vacation landlord asks for advance cash payment particularly wired money be very cautious. Many travel scams begin with wired cash.

Bottom line: Planning an upcoming vacation? Before you commit to a vacation rental, vet the owner and the property thoroughly.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

#### 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.

#### Niles Township Government — 2015 Report Available Online

In 2015 Niles Township celebrated 165 years of serving the community, helping people realize their true potential. Although much has changed since the early days of Township government, we continue to identify resident needs, working hard to serve those who may be experiencing temporary unemployment, setback or illness. We stand with the working poor, individuals and families that simply cannot make ends meet in these challenging times. We offer lifeline services like our Food Pantry and emergency financial assistance to individuals that oftentimes have nowhere else to turn. Niles Township Government does all this and more for less than 1% of a \$5,500 property tax bill.

The Niles Township 2015 report is now available in a PDF Flip Book format at the Township website :

http://nilestownshipgov.com/nt/103-niles-township-government-2015-report This report provides a year- in -review by Supervisor Marilyn D. Glazer and a series of important statistics, illustrating the many ways in which Township government serves its constituents with professionalism and integrity. Supervisor Glazer recently stated, "We are proud to be a safety net for social service agencies and individuals enduring the state's financial crisis and budget impasse. Several media articles have touted recommendations by the Local Government Consolidation Task Force, which oversimplifies consolidating Townships into counties or local municipalities. Niles Township is the ninth largest in Illinois, with 105,000 residents. The costs to consolidate a Township would far outweigh the benefits to taxpayers. We serve thousands of residents each month, have proven systems in place, and do so debt free."

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

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#### Village Cooking Corner

#### St. Joseph's Day Bread

(Makes 1 loaf - approx. 18-inches in length)

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2/3 cup warm milk, 105 115° F.
- 3 cups bread flour, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt • 2 eggs
- 1 (1/4-ounce) package dry active yeast
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

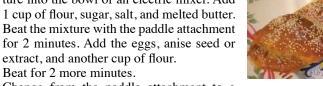
Sesame seeds

• 1/2 tsp anise seed or 1 tsp anise extract

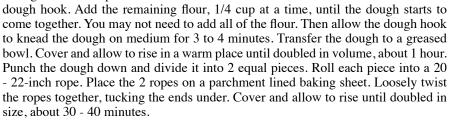
#### • Egg wash: 1 egg mixed with 1 Tbs water

#### **Directions:**

Stir the yeast into the warm milk and allow to rest for 10 minutes. Pour the yeast mixture into the bowl of an electric mixer. Add 1 cup of flour, sugar, salt, and melted butter. Beat the mixture with the paddle attachment for 2 minutes. Add the eggs, anise seed or extract, and another cup of flour.



Change from the paddle attachment to a



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Brush the loaf with the eggwash and sprinkle liberally with sesame seeds. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Taken From The Mangia Bene Pasta website

#### St. Joseph's Day Cream Puffs

Yield 16-20 Sfingi Units US

#### **Ingredients:**

#### Dough

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup water

- 1 cup pastry flour • 1 tablespoon sugar

• 1 pinch salt (1/8 teaspoon)

• 1/2 tsp finely grated fresh lemon and/or orange zest (optional)

#### **Filling**

- 1 lb impastata ricotta (or regular ricotta cheese, well drained)
- 1 teaspoon almond flavoring (or 1 jigger amaretto)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2-1 cup confectioners' sugar (10x or powdered sugar)
- 1 (28 ounce) can water, packed well drained sour pitted cherries (or well drained, pitted Morello cherries)
- 1. For cream puffs: Combing butter, salt and water in a sauce pan.
- 2. Bring mixture to a boil.
- 3. Add flour all at one time, mixing well by hand (with a wooden spoon), until the dough forms a ball and leaves the sides of the pan.
- 4. Remove pan from heat, and let cool a little.
- 5. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- 6. Add sugar and grated lemon and orange peels, and mix thoroughly (dough should have a slight gloss or sheen to it).
- 7. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 8. Line a lar ge sheet (or jelly roll) pan with parchment.
- 9. Attach a# 4 tip (large star tip) to a pastry bag.
- 10. Fill the pastry bag with the dough, and squeezing the dough through the bag, form donut shaped circles on the parchment, be careful that you do not move the bag too quickly or the dough will be stretched too thin.
- 11. The dough circles should be about 1 inch thick.
- 12. Leave a 2-inch space between each circle.
- 13 Bake at 400F for about 10 minutes, reduce heat to 325F and bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown.
- 14. Remove from oven, carefully cut a small slit horizontally into the side of each
- 15. When completely cooled, carefully slice each puff in half horizontally (forming a top and a bottom).
- 16. Filling: In a large bowl; cream the drained ricotta well, until very smooth.
- 17. Add flavorings and stir to blend well.
- 18. Add sugar and mix well, filling should be thick (stiff) enough to hold its shape, if it is not, add more sugar.
- 19. Fill a pastry bag fitted with a# 4 tip (large star tip) with the ricotta mixture.
- 20. Squeeze the filling on to the bottom half of each puff.
- 21. Place cherries on top of the filling (spaced about 1/2 inch apart).
- 22. Replace tops on the puffs, and gently press down just enough to press the cherries part way into the filling.
- 23. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until serving.
- 24. Sfingi may be lightly dusted with a sprinkle of powdered sugar before serving

Note: Sfingi are best served/eaten the day they are made, because once they are filled, the puffs can soften. The puffs may be made a day ahead, and filled before serving. The filling may be made a day ahead of serving and stored (covered) in the refrigerator.

Taken From The Food.com website

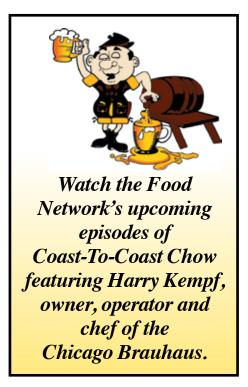
#### St. Joseph's Day ~ March 19

St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of the family, is celebrated at the Spring equinox and his day is a feast of bread. At one time, the Feast of San Giuseppe, as he is called in Italy, was an Italian national holiday. St. Joseph's feast day is still celebrated with families gathering together to create enormous buffets for neighbors and friends. The table is said to overflow with an abundance of food that the Father of the Holy Family provides. The centerpiece of St. Joseph's Day festivities is an alter laid with fine linens and decorated with flowers and decorative breads. In America, the festival is like a giant potluck dinner, but the dishes served are similar to those eaten in Italy and are always meatless - from fried croquettes of fish, sardines, calamari, and shrimp to pasta with anchovies and breadcrumbs, stuffed artichokes, spring vegetable



frittatas, fava bean soup or minestrone. But in America, as in Italy, a highlight of the meal is the special sweets that are prepared. Although the names and shapes of these hot delicate fritters differ from region to region, they are as much associated with St. Joseph's Day as turkey is to Thanksgiving. They are usually called zeppole or frittelle; other names are cassatedde, sfinci, or bigne. The pastries may be fried or baked and are sometimes filled with a sweetened ricotta, pastry cream, or custard. In some areas the zeppole are made of rice while in others they are based on flour.





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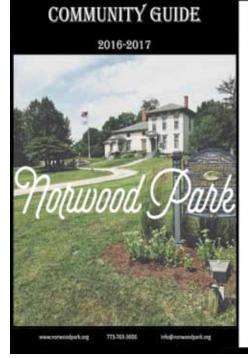




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