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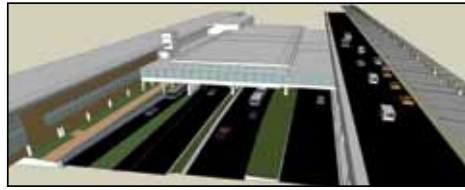
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Mayor Emanuel Announces Major Investment In Midway International Airport Facilities

Extensive Upgrades To Improve Experience For Travelers, From Parking To Security Checkpoints To Concessions

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the largest investment plan for Midway International Airport in nearly a decade. The roughly \$248 million project will include an expansion of the concession facilities, the terminal parking garage, and security checkpoints - addressing concerns that have been raised by business travelers and tourists for years and strengthening a driver of Chicago's economy.



80,000 square foot security hall will be created, the existing pedestrian bridge over Cicero Avenue will be increased from 60 feet to 300 feet, and 20,000 square feet of new concessions space will be in an optimal location. The terminal parking garage expansion, which is in the design phase will add four levels and 1,400 premium parking spaces to the terminal garage - making it easier for travelers to get in and out of the airport quickly.

Midway is a strategic regional and national transportation facility. It is premier point-to-point airport in the U.S., offering travel to 75 markets including eight international markets, and is one of the fastest growing airports in the U.S. It generates approximately \$7 billion in economic activity each year and 90,000 jobs for the region.

Southwest Airlines is the largest flight carrier at Midway, and Midway is the largest market in the airline's network.

"Midway is more than an airport. It is an important economic engine for the City of Chicago so with this modernization we are making an essential investment in the future of Midway but also the future of Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "These enhancements will create jobs for Chicago's residents, provide an improved experience for travelers from the garage to the gate, and ensure that our world class city has two world class airports."

To begin the project the City will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a single-entity concessions operator in September, aiming to further enhance the experience for travelers, create good-paying jobs for residents and help achieve higher Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goals. Under the project, concessions areas, stores, and restaurants will be renovated, shopping, dining, lounge facilities, spa services, and medical services will be added. The new concession areas will also feature the best of Chicago through iconic brands and concepts while providing opportunities for local businesses and residents.

An expansion of Midway's security checkpoint area will address the bottleneck that frequently occurs in the current security area, a frustration to travelers. A new

Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Shakespeare Announce New Theater Space At Navy Pier

Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Shakespeare Theater Artistic Director Barbara Gaines, Chicago Shakespeare Executive Director Criss Henderson and Navy Pier CEO Marilyn Gardner today announced a new performance venue, The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare.

The new theater space announcement comes during Navy Pier's centennial year and underscores the Mayor's commitment to reinvigorate the attraction. In November 2015, the Mayor announced Shakespeare 400 Chicago, a yearlong international arts festival celebrating the vibrancy, relevance and reach of Shakespeare.

"Creating this state-of-the-art performance venue is another step in the redevelopment of Navy Pier to ensure that it remains one of Chicago's premier centers for commerce but also for culture and I want to thank Chicago Shakespeare for their tremendous contribution to that effort," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "There is no better time to announce this new performance space than in the year when we will bring local and international artists together for Shakespeare 400 Chicago, which will keep the spirit of Shakespeare alive in our schools and on our stages. I look forward to watching The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare become one of Chicago's next great cultural jewels for years to come."

Navy Pier's Centennial Celebration will kick off with the opening of the new Ferris wheel on May 27, followed by the unveiling of the Polk Bros Fountain and Plaza, Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series Chicago from June 10 through 12, 4th of July celebration, Tall Ships Chicago from July 27 through 31, and the opening of The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare in Fall 2017.

See page 5 for a complete description.



Officers from the River Forest Police Department received special recognition awards for heroic actions from the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (FOP) during the organization's Annual Meeting on March 11 in Rock Island. Pictured left to right at the awards ceremony are: FOP Labor Council Executive Board Chairman Tim Kobler, award recipient Sergeant Christopher Pate, award recipient Officer Daniel Humphreys, Illinois FOP Executive Director David Wickster, and Illinois FOP Assistant Director Shawn Roselieb. Photo courtesy of Illinois FO

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Community First Medical Center April Health Events For Area Residents

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

Tuesday, April 5— Diabetes Support Group – 5:30 – 7:00 pm. This free support group aims to provide diabetes management including diet, education and physical activity. Registration is not required.

Thursday, April 7 and 21

Thinking about joint replacement – 3:30 -4:30 pm. Community First Medical Center will offer free joint replacement information sessions 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 is not required.

Friday, April 8— Free Healthy Aging Program – 1:00 – 2:30 pm. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Reshma Dhake, D.D.S, from Forever Dental, will discuss the connection of periodontal disease and diabetes, oral cancer, effects of tooth loss on overall health, and common medications that affect oral health. Registration is not required.

Monday, April 11— Cataract and Glaucoma Screening – 9:00 – 11:00 am. Kathleen Scarpulla, M.D., and staff will provide free cataract and glaucoma screenings on the 7th floor of the hospital in the Sister Jerome conference room. Please do not wear contacts lenses but bring your eyeglasses with you. Registration is required by calling 844-236-2362.

Wednesday, April 13— NW Connection Chamber of Commerce Spring Business Fair - 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Community First Medical Center will be offering blood pressure screenings at Hanson Park Elementary School, 5411 W. Fullerton, Chicago.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion

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



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

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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Canine Influenza at a Glance

Canine flu is rarely fatal. But it can be extremely threatening, especially in dogs that are older, vulnerable systems.

Once a dog is infected, they have to avoid contact with other dogs for several days.

Canine influenza can be spread easily. Even so, a dog park can leave your pet susceptible to contact with other dogs.

SPECIAL ALERT: An effective vaccine has been developed and is now available at veterinary offices throughout Chicago. By vaccinating your dog immediately, you will help stop the spread of canine influenza throughout our community.



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Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets at Noon every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side. To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127. Thank you.



New DCASE Opportunities Newsletter

Do you know that DCASE is now sending a separate monthly email focused on opportunities, including grants, artist calls and professional development, for artists and creative professionals? If you would like to receive this mid-month newsletter, visit our website at <http://www.cityofchicago.org>.



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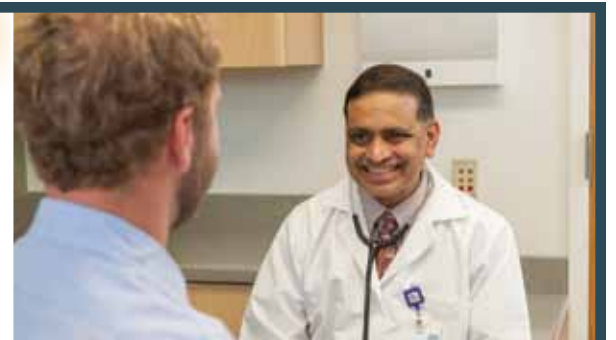
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Sauganash School "Spring Fling"

Sauganash School is preparing for their Spring Fling fundraiser coming up on April 8th. This dinner/dance will flashback to the 1970s/80s to raise money for the school and guests are asked to wear 70s/80s outfits! Prepare for a fun night of dinner, drinks, and dancing, with music by the bands Normal Enough and The Niche. Details are at www.sauganashpta.org and tickets are \$50. The Sauganash School "Spring Fling" fundraiser is at Moretti's in Edison Park on April 8 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Spring Into Volunteering! Home Delivered Meals Volunteers Needed

Here's a way to get outdoors while bringing a little sunshine into the lives of homebound seniors in our communities. norVOLution, Norwood Life Society's volunteer program engages all kinds and combinations of meals delivery volunteers: individuals, husbands and wives, parents and kids, grandparents with grandchildren, friends, companies, retired folks and young people who need service hours. Our service area is the far northwest side of the city, Park Ridge, Harwood Heights and Norridge. A commitment of no more than 2 hours per week is required with our volunteers making about 6-10 deliveries. Free lunch is available for volunteers and 25% off every day in the Thrift Shop!

We need volunteers for once a week deliveries (especially on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays) and "on-call" volunteers. Give us a call! You'll be glad you did! 773-577-5329 or email info@norvolution.org

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, April 9, starting at 11:15 a.m., in the Chapel at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

Playtime and Kiddush luncheon with the whole congregation follows the service.

This is free and open to any Jewish

family with small children.

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

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

Spring Children's Book Drive Underway in Niles Township

Niles Township is partnering with Bernie's Book Bank and public libraries located in Skokie, Morton Grove and Niles to collect children's books through April 25, 2016. The communities are working toward a combined goal of 3,000 books to be collected for at-risk children.

Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township observed, "We saw the generosity and community spirit of Niles Township in 2015, as we collected over 20,000 books in our inaugural year. This year we are adding the spring collection drive and ramping up the summer effort in hopes of surpassing that mark. Reading helps one develop a strong imagination, a world perspective and thirst for knowledge. In these times of budget impasse, cutbacks and "gloom and doom" news, we're taking action."

Ms. Glazer added, "We are truly impressed by the work Bernie's Book Bank does to help at-risk children acquire a love for reading. The children of Niles Township and Illinois are our future. Your donation today may very well cre-

ate a leader of tomorrow."

Collection bins will be available at the following sites:

Niles Township Government, 5255 Main Street, Skokie, IL

Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 N Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, IL

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St, Skokie, IL

Niles Public Library, 6960 W Oakton St, Niles, IL

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

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.

Mayor Emanuel Appoints Eddie Johnson as Interim Police Superintendent

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that he is appointing Eddie Johnson, the current Chief of Patrol, to serve as the Interim Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, and plans to ask the Chicago Police Board to conduct a new search process for the Police Superintendent position.

"I am deeply appreciative of the time and hard work the Police Board put into this search. The three candidates I interviewed have distinguished careers in law enforcement and they all impressed me with their commitment to public safety," said Mayor Emanuel. "However, as our city works through the challenges ahead, it is more important than ever that we find the right person who knows our city and can provide the level of safety every resident deserves, lift the morale of Chicago's police officers, and build on the work that's been done to restore trust and accountability in the police department."

Eddie Johnson is a Chicago native who grew up in Cabrini-Green until he was 9-years-old before moving to Washington Heights where he remains today. He joined CPD as a patrolman in May 1988, and has held a number of leadership positions in the Department's Bureau of Patrol -- ranging from patrolman to sergeant, lieutenant in the 15th District, Commander in the 6th District, Deputy Chief for Area Central, Executive Officer, and Chief of Patrol. Johnson is a member of the Executive Board of NOBLE's Chicago Chapter, and has received a number of awards -- including department commendations, Chicago Defender Men of Excellence Award, and others.

Interim Superintendent Johnson had a strong track record in fighting crime, notably as the deputy chief of patrol for Area Central. Under his leadership, Area Central led the city in 2013 with a 32% reduction in firearm related violence, lowering the number of murders, shootings and shooting victims in Area Central. And during his tenure as the Deputy Chief of Area Central in 2014, his team continued to drive down firearm related violence. Under his watch, Area Central patrol drove down shootings by an additional 27% -- double the shooting reduction of other Areas in the city at the time.

The Mayor has worked with Interim Superintendent Johnson over the past five years and believes he is the right person for the job and this time. The Mayor came to this decision following months of conversations with a wide range of individuals, including police officers, community leaders, clergy, aldermen, law enforcement experts and others from which he gathered input on what they believe are the key attributes needed for someone to lead the Chicago Police Department.

"Appointing the next Police Superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities I have as mayor, and that's why I've approached it deliberately and carefully. Throughout his career at the police department, Eddie has proven to be a terrific leader and fair boss who puts his officers first and has their backs. He has also been willing to hold officers accountable when necessary. I have full confidence that in the coming months he will run this department just like he has approached his other command positions -- with independence, hard work, and a love for this police department," Mayor Emanuel said. "On behalf of the entire city of Chicago I want to express my gratitude to John Escalante for stepping in and stepping up to lead the police department at an incredibly challenging time and an incredibly challenging juncture. I look forward to continuing to work with him in the years ahead."

The Mayor will work together with the Police Board on the timing of the second search.

"Gardening 101 and Beyond" is Timely Talk at Norwood Crossing on April 20

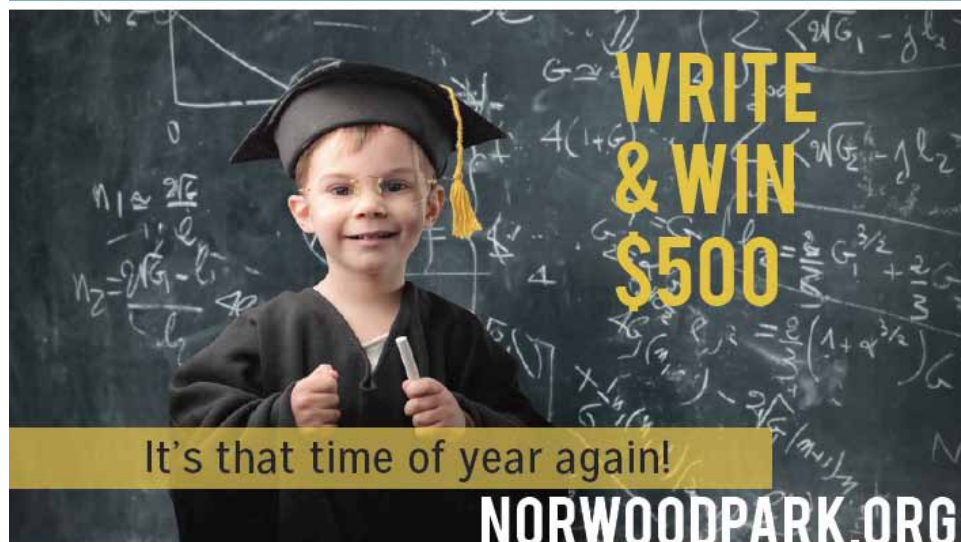
Whether or not there is snow on the ground, this is the time to begin planning your garden and laying the groundwork for a bountiful crop of vegetables or an array of decorative flowers in the yard. The Timely Talk, "Gardening 101 and Beyond," will give you a solid foundation. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m., on April 20, at Norwood Crossing Assisted Living, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Knowing what to do now--tools, soil testing, soil preparation, use of fertilizer, crop rotation, compatible crops, spacing, seed planting, critter control, early planting of crops, and plant arrangement for color and weed control, are only some of the areas that will be covered by John Wasiewicz, a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and owner of Gardens4Growth.

In fact, Wasiewicz is often called a culinary horticulturist because of his love of food and passion for gardening and cooking. He also serves as a volunteer at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. This program is designed to offer something for the beginner as well as the seasoned gardener.

A question and answer session (one of John's favorite parts of the presentation) and a prize raffle will follow. Refreshments will be available. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

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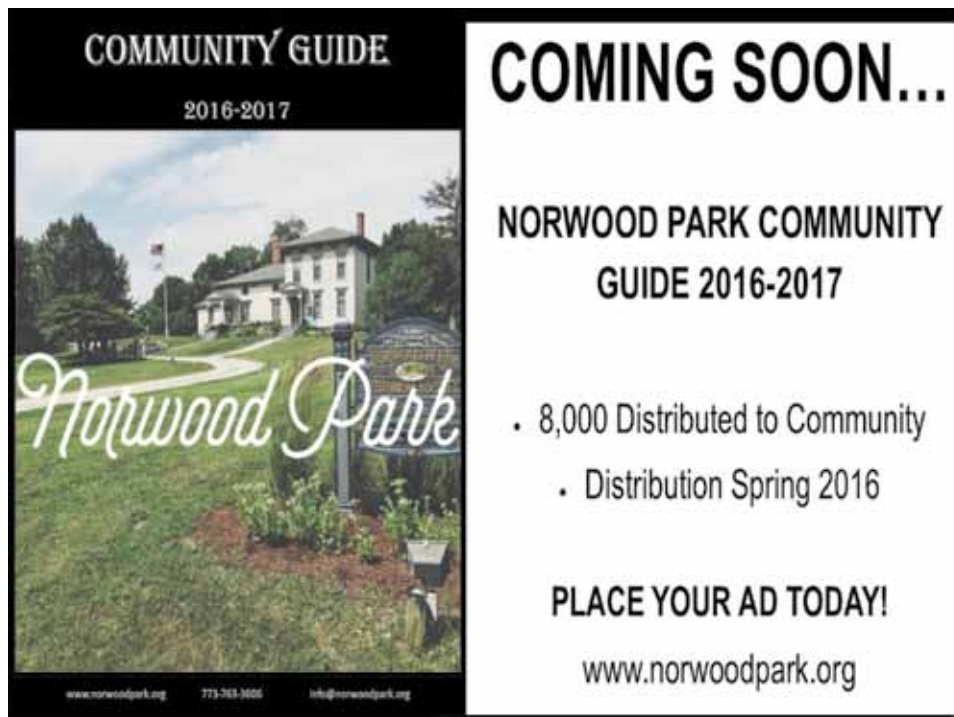
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“A Theater Review”

“Fool Me Twice, Déjà Vu”

Second City Main Stage, 1616 Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

Do you like to laugh and have a good time? If so, then this is something to see. It is one helluva two hours with intermission to see this show performed by six very talented artists.

Three of these artists are Chelsea Devantez, Paul Jurewicz and Daniel Strauss who are veterans of Second City. Newcomers are Rashawn Nadine Scott, Sarah Shook and Jamison Webb. The show is being directed by Ryan Bernier and the musical director and composer is Jacob Shuda.

Their shows will definitely appeal to the younger generation but that doesn't mean “old timers” won't be laughing in the aisles as I was.

Some of the topics in this 104th Revue are “Funny Mothers,” “Millennials,” “Christian Media,” and “Contemporary Nostalgia.”

The eats are served and I can recommend the guacamole and house made hummus. The food is reasonably priced as are the drinks and desserts.

The show will take the audience into deep thoughts of the millennials. All the topics in the show were composed by the cast. You may have to return to cash in on all the humor as you may miss some of it the first time around.

Strong cast – well written – lots of humor. “Fool Me Twice, Deva Vu,” has an open end run. For performance days – show times – and reservations call 312-337-3992 or go online at www.secondcity.com. Tickets start at \$23. You can get parking for \$10 a half block from the Theatre in the Treasure Island lot and garage.

-- Four Stars --

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.

Norwood Park’s Fall Fest Seeks Bands



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The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie – April 22 to May 8

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

We've all had that special mentor in our life, the person who inspired us to grow and stretch, and exceed our own expectations to reach our full potential. It may have been a parent, a coach, a member of the clergy, or even a teacher. As parents, we trust these people to guide our children appropriately. But what happens when that trust is misplaced? This theme is explored in the award-winning play *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*.

Jean Brodie is an unconventional teacher in a very conservative school. She is in the business of putting old heads on young shoulders, and all of her special girls are “la crème de la crème”. She dresses in colorful, fashionable clothes, and shares stories with her students of her love affairs and trips abroad instead of teaching history and math. Her bohemian approach to education is exciting to her girls, and horrifying to her peers in 1930's Scotland.



But Brodie gets very wrapped up in her private life. She is, “in her prime.” As she indulges more and more in her narcissism, she loses sight of her girls, and has permanent and dangerous effects on them.

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie was originally a book written by Muriel Spark. It was adapted into a play by Jay Presson Allen, and is notorious for the stars it attracts for its leading lady. Vanessa Redgrave originated the role in the London production in 1966, and Maggie Smith won an Oscar for her role in the movie.

Megan Wells stars as Jean Brodie in the MadKap production at Skokie Theatre. Wells is a nationally-renowned actress, director, and story-teller who has appeared in Skokie in her one-woman adaptations of *Dracula* and *The Great Gatsby*. She has looked forward to playing this role through her entire career, having made her professional stage debut in this play as Sandy, the smartest and most capable of Brodie's proteges. That torch is passed to Josephine Longo, who makes her Skokie Theatre debut in this production. Others in the cast include Jeff Broitman, Lili Cleveland, Austin Cornett, Maxwell Downs, Caitlin Dunlap, Ariel Henry, Courtney Miller, Stephanie Murphy, Amy Ticho, Brianna Valentine, and Grace Wilkerson.

A play set in the 1930's with a large cast and multiple scenes and locations can be quite a challenge for a costume designer. Deerfield resident Patti Halajian is rising to the occasion, creating and sewing original designs based on authentic patterns from the period. Other designs include sets and props by Gordon Leibowitz and lighting by Andrew Vanderbye.

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie opens on April 22 with nine performances through May 8. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, and a special matinee performance on Wednesday, April 27 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students. They can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by phone at 847-677-7761.

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Online Registration For Citywide Summer Day Camps And Programs Is April 4 & 5

Summer is near and the Chicago Park District's popular summer day camps and programs for 2016 are available to be viewed online and wish lists can be created at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Registration summer programs will take place over following days:

- Parks located west of California Avenue will begin registration Monday, April 4 at 9 a.m.
- Parks located east of California Avenue will begin registration Tuesday, April 5 at 9 a.m.

In-person registration begins either Saturday, April 9 or Monday, April 11, depending upon the park.

"We're preparing to make summer 2016 one of the best by giving campers a passport to the city and offering them a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy their city through play," said Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent and CEO. "The Chicago Park District offers a menu of camps at parks throughout the city to ensure that our young park goers keep active, engaged and safe this summer."

Each summer, the Chicago Park District provides more than 40,000 campers ages 6-12 with a season of supervised activity at more than 230 local parks. Children will go on field trips; explore nature, arts and culture; engage in sports and recreation; and enjoy water time.

The Chicago Park District's summer day camp hours vary for each location with typical camps running about six hours per day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Many parks offer early morning and late-day sessions as well. Fees vary depending on location, offerings and hours.

As part of the Chicago City of Learning, Chicago Park District day campers will have fun exploring Chicago all summer long. Kids will enjoy making unique arts and crafts; playing sports, team games and other recreational activities; having fun with nature, going on weekly field trips as well as regular visits to the local pool or beach, and reading - 20 minutes per day.

Standard day camps run for six weeks from July 5 - August 12. Parents seeking programs later in August are encouraged to also register their children for specialty and late-summer camps, which August 15 - August 19 or August 26, depending upon the camp.

Family Discount

When patrons register for two or more programs for family members less than 18 years of age in one transaction, the order qualifies for a 10% discount on the less expensive program(s).

Discount is available for online and in-person orders, but cannot be combined with the CHA or DCFS discount programs. All family members should be entered into one account on the Chicago Park District's registration system.

Financial Assistance

The Chicago Park District has limited funds available to provide financial assistance for families who wish to enroll in the 2016 summer day camp program. Applicants that do not qualify for financial assistance may inquire about the payment plan option at their local park.

Summer Food Service Program

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

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

Enjoy A Variety Of Cultural Events As Part Of Night Out In The Parks

WHO: Chicagoans and visitors
WHAT: Enjoy arts, culture and entertainment at local parks
WHEN: Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3
WHERE: Parks citywide! Visit our website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com for a list of upcoming events.

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The new theater space announcement comes during Navy Pier's centennial year and underscores the Mayor's commitment to reinvigorate the attraction. In November 2015, the Mayor announced Shakespeare 400 Chicago, a yearlong international arts festival celebrating the vibrancy, relevance and reach of Shakespeare.

"Creating this state-of-the-art performance venue is another step in the redevelopment of Navy Pier to ensure that it remains one of Chicago's premier centers for commerce but also for culture and I want to thank Chicago Shakespeare for their tremendous contribution to that effort," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "There is no better time to announce this new performance space than in the year when we will bring local and international artists together for Shakespeare 400 Chicago, which will keep the spirit of Shakespeare alive in our schools and on our stages. I look forward to watching The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare become one of Chicago's next great cultural jewels for years to come."

At a cost of \$35 million, the project repurposes components of the venue formerly known as Skyline Stage, located adjacent to Chicago Shakespeare. The Yard is connected to the existing facility, which currently houses two theaters, through expanded lobbies. The year-round, flexible venue can be configured in a variety of shapes and sizes with audience capacities ranging from 150 to 850, defining the audience-artist relationship to best serve each production.

The Yard will be Chicago Shakespeare's third stage and, together with the two existing performance spaces, positions the Theater to amplify its artistic vision and community impact—expanding audiences and its service to Chicago schools through its nationally recognized arts-in-education programs.

"We've long needed a third theater, but we knew that a fixed theatrical space would not serve next-generation theater makers or the artistic ambition of our company" shared Chicago Shakespeare's Artistic Director and founder Barbara Gaines. "The Yard will offer a new kind of venue, one that allows us the freedom to reconfigure and recalibrate a playing space each time we approach it. The Yard has been designed as a fun, responsive theater that will adapt to artistic impulses. It offers the volume for us to dream bigger, engaging future audiences in surprising and provocative ways."

"The Yard demonstrates that a creative, yet economical approach can revitalize an existing facility and transform it into a world-class resource for education and entertainment," noted Executive Director Criss Henderson. "By adding The Yard, Chicago

Shakespeare's home will feature three diverse theatrical platforms: an Elizabethan-style courtyard theater; an intimate studio theater; and a flexible 'state of the imagination' theatrical venue.

Thanks to our partnership with Navy Pier and the generosity of a community of donors, this expanded campus will allow us to foster the work of the leading theater artists of our time; produce and present theater that breaks traditional boundaries of expression; extend popular productions; and double our service to students and teachers."

The development of The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare marks a significant milestone in transforming the Pier's 50 acres of premier urban waterfront into a spectacular, global destination and treasure for Chicago and its guests.

The redevelopment builds on the strengths of the Pier—its singular location along the edge of Lake Michigan and downtown Chicago, its size and scale and its programmatic richness. It seeks to enhance the experience for current guests while drawing new audiences with evening and year-round entertainment and cultural attractions. In addition, Navy Pier is reimagining its arts and discovery programming, as well as its 13-acre entrance, now known as Polk Bros Park, with new multi-stage performance lawns, public fountain and expansive promenade.

"Chicago Shakespeare and Navy Pier have had a visionary partnership since the forward-thinking decision to bring the Theater to our venerable civic space in 1999," explained Marilyn Gardner, President and CEO of Navy Pier, Inc. "With the Theater's proven track record for serving the community and creating award-winning performances, we are confident that this investment will lead to a successful second act. This expansion, new dining options and the completion of the Pierscape plan will not only enhance the theater-going experience for guests, it will continue to elevate Navy Pier as a major cultural destination and growing draw for worldwide visitors to Chicago."

Building on the Theater's 16-year partnership in residence on Navy Pier, The Yard will be funded through a \$15 million investment by Navy Pier, Inc. along with \$20 million in capital funding raised through Chicago Shakespeare's Our City, Our Shakespeare Campaign.

Navy Pier's Centennial Celebration will kick off with the opening of the new Ferris wheel on May 27, followed by the unveiling of the Polk Bros Fountain and Plaza, Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series Chicago from June 10 through 12, 4th of July celebration, Tall Ships Chicago from July 27 through 31, and the opening of The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare in Fall 2017.



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Top Reasons to Do Estate Planning— What are You Waiting For?



Chester M. Przybylo

People have many different reasons to do estate planning. Some people plan diligently and well in advance of any urgent need. Other people procrastinate and plan only when things are thrust upon them. What are you waiting for? Here are some of the top reasons which estate planning attorneys say motivate their clients to plan or update their existing plan:

- Vacations. People want to relax without worrying about “what ifs.” But, you don’t need to wait for a vacation to take this worry off your plate.
- Weddings. When a couple is starting a new life together, they want to start off right and make sure each other are taken care of.
- Divorce. Most people no longer wish to benefit their ex-spouse after a divorce.
- Births and adoptions. A new child is a joyous occasion. People want to make sure there is a solid foundation for their new bundle of joy. Even if they already have a plan, they want to make sure that the plan is suitable now that their family has grown.
- Funerals. The death of a close friend or relative can make people feel their own mortality. They realize that their own death will happen, sooner or later, and they would rather it happen on their own terms. Often, people see firsthand the anguish caused by poor planning and want to make sure they don’t leave behind an emotional and financial mess.
- Inheritances. When people inherit money, it often changes their estate plan. They consider how to divide the newfound wealth and what they want to leave as their legacy.
- Health changes. A significant deterioration in health often makes a person’s mortality more real. They want to make sure their loved ones are taken care of in case their health declines further. Of course, planning in advance would remove that worry and focus their energy on spending time with loved ones.
- Law changes. Changes in the law can affect what would happen to the estate. New opportunities appear from time to time, while other opportunities disappear. The savvy update their plans periodically to take advantage of these opportunities while they can.

The bottom line is that people do estate planning in order to take care of their loved ones and to assure the legacy they envision. A qualified estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in that field can help you arrive at an estate plan that effectively accomplishes your unique goals. When you die, will your loved ones discover a plan in disarray (or no plan at all) or a coherent estate plan? What will your legacy be?

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.

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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Women’s History And Social Security

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Administration

March is Women’s History Month — a time to focus not just on the past, but on the challenges women continue to face in the 21st century.

Ida May Fuller, born on September 6, 1874, was the first American to receive a monthly Social Security benefit check. Along with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins — who was instrumental in the creation of the Social Security Act — Ida May Fuller was one of the first famous women of Social Security. She received the check, amounting to \$22.54, on January 31, 1940. Back then, people understood that she would be one of millions that would be positively affected by retirement benefits.

Seventy-six years after that first check, Social Security continues to play a vital role in the lives of women. With longer life expectancies than men, women tend to live more years in retirement and have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. With the national average life expectancy for women in the United States rising, many women will have decades to enjoy retirement. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a girl born today can expect to live more than 80 years. As a result, experts generally agree that if women want to ensure that their retirement years are comfortable, they need to plan early and wisely.

What you can do

“The best place to begin is by knowing what you can expect to receive from Social Security, and how much more you are likely to need to enjoy a comfortable retirement,” said Carolyn W. Colvin, Social Security’s Acting Commissioner and a Social Security pioneer woman in her own right.

You can start with a visit to Social Security’s Retirement Estimator. There, in just a few minutes, you can get a personalized, instant estimate of your retirement benefits. Plug in different scenarios, such as retirement ages or projected earnings, to get an idea of how such things might change your future benefit amounts. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

You should also visit Social Security’s financial planning website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. It provides detailed information about how marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government service, and other life or career events can affect your Social Security.

Your benefits are based on your earnings, so you should create your personal my Social Security account to verify that your earnings were reported correctly.

If you want more information about the role of Social Security in women’s lives today, Social Security has a booklet that you may find useful. It is called Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know. You can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127.html.

RTA Joins Lake County Officials In Ribbon Cutting Ceremony For New Dial-A-Ride Service Section 5310 Funding Will Provide Thousands Of Trips For Lake County Residents

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is proud to take part in today’s ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ride Lake County Central Pace Dial-a-Ride service that will make curb-side transportation service available to thousands of residents living in Lake County.

“The RTA is proud to be an integral part of bringing this service to Lake County,” said RTA Executive Director Leanne Redden. “Throughout the region, the RTA has allocated \$5.1 million to local communities for these types of projects. Last year, more than 200,000 trips were provided by similar projects already underway.”

The new service will provide trips to eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities residing in the Townships of Fremont, Libertyville and Shields and the Villages of Libertyville and Mundelein. Service hours are Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. The cost to use this service is \$3 each way for trips under 10 miles and \$6 each way for trips over 10 miles.

The project is federally funded through the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program, providing \$164,000 of federal funds with a local match provided by municipalities and townships.

The RTA administers the Section 5310 program for the region. Learn more at www.RTAChicago.org.

Mayor Emanuel Invites All To Chicago Resident Service Fairs Starting March 19th, Series of Events Will Connect Residents Across Chicago With Important Services

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced a series of service fairs that will connect residents across Chicago with the wide variety of resources available through the city of Chicago. The fairs are designed to bring important services and resources to the community to empower residents while strengthening and revitalizing neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

The events will connect residents with a number of city initiatives designed to provide residents with services of the greatest need and demand in their community. These include the Homebuyer Assistance program, which offers residents down payment assistance on a new home, or the Large Lots Program, which enables homeowners, block-clubs and non-profit groups to apply to purchase vacant city-owned land for \$1, as well as the One Summer Chicago, the largest summer youth program where youth can register for summer programs.

At each location nearly 30 city agencies will be onsite available to offer services and resources and available to provide services on the spot – everything from talking to lenders about home loans, access income tax guidance, financial advice, learn about job opportunities and job skills training, health screenings and much more. Residents will also have an opportunity to attend a handful of workshops on topics like home ownership, starting a business and personal finances.

The five Chicago Resident Service Fairs will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on scheduled dates and locations listed below. For more information please visit www.cityof-chicago.org/servicefairs or call 311.

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, Wilbur Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave.

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.

Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch

Chicago Chess Kids

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 9:30-11 a.m.

This club is committed to nurturing chess skills and fostering an appreciation for the game. Each session begins with an instructor giving a lesson on chess strategy/tactics, and the remainder of the session is reserved for practice games. For ages 6 and up. Registration is not required.

Cook by the Book Discussion

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 2-3 p.m.

Do you enjoy browsing through cookbooks? Do you love trying new dishes? Are you looking for new recipes to wow your family and friends? Then grab your apron and sign up for this cookbook club! For April we are reading and discussing Giada's Feel Good Food: My Healthy Recipes and Secrets. Visit the reference desk for a copy of the book, and select a recipe or two to make at home and serve to your family and friends. Then we will all get together to dish on what worked and what didn't work. Registration is required. Please call (312) 744-8313 or send an email to edgebrook@chipublib.org to register.

Top Tips for Creating a Designer Look for Your Home

Monday, April 4, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join interior redesigner Diana Ezerins as she shares sure-fire ways to give your home a designer and refreshed look. Her tips are certain to work for any budget or lifestyle! Diana has been featured on various home design television shows for interior design, home staging, green design and space clearing. Registration is required. Please call (312) 744-8313 or send an email to edgebrook@chipublib.org to register.

Job Searching & Networking

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Are you thinking about changing careers, or are you being forced to change jobs? Jim Boysen, a job coach with Career Transitions Center of Chicago, will guide you on how to prepare for a career transition. This presentation will focus on networking, how to organize your search and how to effectively evaluate employment opportunities. Registration is required. Please call (312) 744-8313 or send an email to edgebrook@chipublib.org to register.

Mad Hatters

Saturday, April 9, 2016, 1-1:30 p.m.

Hear some all-time favorite books performed including: Caps for Sale, The Magic Hat and Where the Wild Things Are. At the end of each performance, a bookmark, sticker and book is given to each child. The Mad Hatters are a community project of the Junior League of Chicago. Registration is not required.

MASTERPIECE Book Club

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

PBS Masterpiece series Case Histories features private investigator Jackson Brodie, the tough former soldier and policeman with a heart of gold. Brodie, haunted by a past family tragedy, struggles to balance his personal and professional life while coming to the rescue of the bereaved, the lost and the dysfunctional in the Scottish city of Edinburgh. Based on the acclaimed Case Histories by Kate Atkinson. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk. Registration is not required.

Rebbetzin Julie Weill To Lead Passover Women's Seder At Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation

"The Fourth Annual Original Passover Women's Seder," led by Rebbetzin Julie Weill, will focus on Jewish women's theology and poetry. The Seder will be hosted by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie and will be held Wednesday, April 6, starting at 7:30 p.m.

This special Women's Seder will explore women's personal stories and help to reflect G-d's presence in women's lives today.

Symbolic Passover foods will be on the tables.

Dessert will be served.

Cost for the evening is \$12 for Sisterhood members with reservations, and \$15 for non-members and at-the-door.

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



Rebbetzin Julie Weill will focus on theology and poetry for women at the Fourth Annual Original Passover Women's Seder.

Enjoy Robert Crown Center's Spring Flea Market April 9

On Saturday, April 9, community members are invited to attend Robert Crown Center's Spring Flea Market, located at 1701 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

The annual market is known to connect people who are looking to resell their great "stuff" to folks who like a bargain and believe in the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle! Anticipated sale items include sporting equipment, household goods, jewelry, books and more.

Tables can be rented for \$35 to sell items at the market; call Gladys Flores at 847-448-8258.

For more information about the flea market, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents can simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

Northtown Garden Club Meeting

Our April 7 meeting will be at 7:00PM, at Warren Park Field House, 6601 N. Western Ave

We have an interesting guest speaker, Pete Leki, Ecology teacher at the Waters Elementary School in Chicago. Check out his video at A Sustainable Schoolyard in Chicago Waters Elementary to see what magic he has created.

This year we are helping to finance school gardens in 3 local schools; Armstrong, Boone and Waters.

If you would like to bring a goodie for the April 7 meeting please email Lucy Radycki our hospitality chairman at lradycki@ameritech.net.

Also: Please be reminded that we will have a plant sale on Saturday May 21. You can bring your potted and labeled plants to Warren Park starting on Wednesday May 18. You can also donate garden related items, tools, pots etc. (must be clean and in working order). We will need lots of help on the day of the plant sale, so email me if you can give a few hours evamannaberg@yahoo.com.

Chicago Public Library And Columbia College Chicago Present Chicago's First-Ever Teen Lit Fest

Headliners include Rhymefest, Nambi Kelley, and Ben Tanzer

Chicago-area teenagers, ages 13-19, are invited to join together for the first-ever ChiTeen Lit Fest, on April 15 - 16, 2016. This inaugural "for teens, by teens" festival honors Chicago's young writers and creative writing community. The festival will be held at two locations, including the Harold Washington Library Center (HWLC), 400 S. State St., and Columbia College Chicago, 618 S. Michigan Ave. The free event is the perfect opportunity for Chicago teens to showcase their writing and creative talents. To RSVP, visit www.chiteenlitfest.org.

Clean, Green Skokie!

Join the first Clean, Green Skokie! Program, an event that focuses on pride in the community and collaborating efforts for a good old fashioned neighborhood litter clean up from April 10 through April 24, 2016. One lucky group or individual who helps clean up Skokie will have a tree planted in their honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park!

Call the Village at 847-933-8210 or email info@skokie.org to register for Clean, Green Skokie! by telling us who will clean, what area will be cleaned and when the litter cleanup will occur.

Beginning in early April, litter clean up kits can be picked up at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or picked up at the Public Works table at the Skokie Spring Greening event on April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Niles North High School.

Clean, Green Skokie! participants are automatically entered for a chance to have a tree planted in their honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. Want to increase your chances? Take a photo of your group cleaning, or posed by the filled bags of litter and recyclables, and tweet to #cleangreenskokie or post to your Facebook page with a tag to Shop Local Skokie. Any registered group that does this will receive five extra prize drawing entries!

Spring Is In The Air

Ah, it's that time of year. There's something in the air, a longing, a yearning, just can't wait to get outside and soak in the change of weather; SPRING FEVER! Every year there is a wonderful anticipation for spring break, spring vacation. We want to get out, put away the heavy coats, gloves and hats. Even the kids feel it, ask any teacher, you'll likely hear there's craziness in the classroom.

According to Michael Smolensky, PhD professor, professor at the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, there is an energy surge for many people. Longer days and lots more sunlight are encouraging signs of a change in the weather.

For many, a burst of new found energy means it's time for SPRING CLEANING. Open the windows. Let the fresh air in and get the dust and closed-in feeling of winter out of the house. Spring cleaning offers a strong feeling of preparedness for the days of summer. Is it any wonder most people want to clean their furnace and make sure the air conditioner is ready for summertime. After all, who wants to sacrifice precious time in the summer season taking care of things that could have easily been cared for during spring cleaning. Spring cleaning is a big part of what we do for our customers. Give us a call and schedule spring cleaning for your furnace and air conditioner. Be ready to enjoy your summertime to its fullest.



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