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Taste of Chicago Celebrates 30th Anniversary June 25 - July 4



CITY OF CHICAGO, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

In 1980 a group of restaurateurs approached the Mayor of Chicago with the idea of a food festival on the Fourth of July, and Taste of Chicago was born. Inspired by a "build it and they will come" attitude, a \$150,000 budget, and confidence the event could attract 75,000 people, plans for the one-day food frenzy got under way. The festival was held in a three-block area of Michigan Avenue bordered by the Chicago River and the upscale stores and buildings that were then beginning to grace the Magnificent Mile; and between the architectural wonders of the Wrigley Building and Tribune Tower. It was a huge success, destined to change the way Chicago celebrates the Fourth of July.

The Taste of Chicago that evolved from that steamy July 4th in 1980 is the second largest tourist attraction in Illinois. For ten days, this free-admission festival, now in its 30th year, is the place to be, infusing the city with a holiday spirit and attracting lead stories each day in newspapers and on television.

It is an impressive scene. Colorfully decorated tents surround the outside kitchens of more than 70 restaurants from all over Chicagoland, which also includes a daily upscale restaurant serving in the Gourmet Pavilion. Exotic aromas permeate the air and no visitor leaves a food booth empty handed.

In 1989, Mayor Richard M. Daley's first year in office, the focus for Taste shifted to a family theme and the event became "America's City Picnic." In that spirit, many other attractions with family appeal were added.

Hours: 11 am - 9 pm Daily

* Except Saturday, July 3: 11 am - 7 pm; Sunday, July 4: 11 am - 6 pm

* Ticket sales end 30 minutes before the Taste of Chicago closes.

Location: Main Entrance, Michigan Ave. & Congress Dr., Chicago, IL 60604

Admission:

* FREE Admission into the festival grounds.

* FREE Admission to see the concerts at the Petrillo Music Shell.

4th of July Fireworks



The City of Chicago's Fourth of July fireworks display can be viewed on the North Side from Foster to Montrose, and Navy Pier.

Jul 4, 2010 Fireworks begin @ 9 pm.



For more information and complete line ups of the free entertainment areas at Taste, visit www.tasteofchicago.us.

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers June Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in May and June.



A free lecture titled **“Advance Care Planning — A Gift to Your Loved Ones”** will be given Tuesday, June 22, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Chaplain Robert Shuford and ethicist Erica Laethem will discuss the advantages of advance care planning, how to talk to those you love about your health care wishes and how to create your own advance directive. A question-and-answer session will follow. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, June 23, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the seventh floor Sister Jerome Room. This free monthly support group is for anyone with or has a loved one with a pacemaker or internal cardiac defibrillator (ICD). Cardiology Services Department staff will conduct the sessions and answer pacemaker or defibrillator-related questions. Participants will provide mutual support and education. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, June 24, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.



Local Alderman Honored

38th Ward Alderman Tom Allen received Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center's first CARES Award that honors a community leader who embodies Resurrection Health Care's core values of compassion, accountability, respect, excellence and service. Retired hospital CEO Ivette Estrada and Interim CEO John Short presented the award to Alderman Allen. Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center is part of Resurrection Health Care.

The Village of Skokie Health Department and Board of Health Co-sponsor the Trail to Fitness (T2F)

The Village of Skokie Health Department and Skokie Board of Health are co-sponsors of the Trail to Fitness (T2F), which runs from the Festival of Cultures, May 22 and 23, 2010, to the Backlot Bash/Dash, August 27 to 29, 2010.

This is the second annual T2F event, and Milt Nidetz from the Board of Health is the liaison with the planning committee that also includes representatives from Skokie Hospital, Skokie Public Library, United Way and Skokie Park District. There will be several presentations sponsored by the Skokie Health Department at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, and at the Skokie Park District Weber Center during the week of June 21 to 27. Dates and times are as follows:

Sat 6/26, 10:00 a.m. Clifford Prince, DDS, “Nutrition and Oral Health”, held at the Skokie, Park District Weber Center's Board Room, 9300 Weber Park Place
Wed 6/30, 6:00 p.m. Claudia Braden, RN, MPH “Summer Stoppers: Bites, Stings, Burns and Heat”

Sat 7/10, 10:00 a.m. Herbert Lipshultz, MD “Diabetes: A Genuine Epidemic”

Wed 7/14, 6:00 p.m. Sue Reisberg, RN, MSN, “Heart Healthy Eating”

Sat 7/24, 10:00 a.m. Michael Drachler, MD, “Nutrition in Pregnancy”

For more information, please visit the website at www.trailtofitness.com or contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.



St. Priscilla Run for Learning

The Academy of St. Priscilla located at Divine Savior has been very busy this year. The school held a 5k “Run for Learning” on May 16th at Ridgewood High School. It was very successful and they are planning another one in September 2010. They are also planning another Trivia Night on July 17. Contact the school for information about either upcoming event.

The school participated in the annual Norwood Park Memorial Day on May 31, 2010. They had several families walk to celebrate those that have served and continue to serve on the Armed Forces. Recently the school was honored to have LT. David Mulay of The US Army visit the school while he was in town on leave from Iraq. The class keeps in contact with LT. Mulay via mail while he is away.

Finally, the school is happy to announce the upcoming summer camp as well as continued registration dates for the 2010/2011 school year. Summer camp begins on June 28. Students are able to go 3 or 6 weeks. Campers will have some academics, art, gymnastics, field trips and special guest events. The office will be open during that time to take any registrations for the upcoming school year as well. Check the website www.stpriscillaacademy.org or call the school at 708-452-0323 for information on all of the upcoming events.

Village of Skokie Hosts June 24 Community Meeting

The Village of Skokie will host a community meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2010, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street. The public is invited to attend. The agenda for the meeting includes opening remarks by Mayor George Van Dusen, facts about crime in the community, information about public housing in Skokie and a discussion on how the Police Department and neighbors can work together for community safety led by Police Chief Barry Silverberg and Deputy Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli.

The meeting also will include a question and discussion period about other community issues. For more information, please visit www.skokie.org.

CITY ENCOURAGES HOMEOWNERS TO APPEAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

The City of Chicago is encouraging homeowners to appeal their Cook County property tax assessments before the final deadline and is offering assistance to those who want to appeal.

“Homeowners who feel that their homes are overvalued for tax purposes should take advantage of the appeals process and have their assessments reviewed,” said Myer Blank, Executive Director of the Chicago Tax Assistance Center. “The City can help in that effort.”

The Cook County Board of Reviews has set a deadline of June 21st for Lake Township on the Southwest Side of the city and North Township (which includes the Near North Side, Old Town and Gold Coast).

The appeals process for the rest of the city is already closed.

This is the last chance for homeowners to appeal before the tax bills come out this fall.

Homeowners should call 311 to contact the Chicago Tax Assistance Center for assistance in developing an appeal case for the board to review.



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Evanston's Ethnic Arts Festival July 17 & 18

Evanston's Ethnic Arts Festival will be held from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, in Dawes Park, Sheridan Road and Church St. Sample the songs, dance, spoken word, visual arts and cuisine of countries spanning the globe. With live entertainment and interactive workshops, this festival is perfect for all ages. Admission is free. The festival is sponsored by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and partially supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. For more information, call 847/448-8260 or go to www.cityofevanston.org/ethnic.

AmericaSpeaks: Our Budget, Our Economy – A National Town Meeting

Saturday, June 26, 2010: AmericaSpeaks: Our Budget, Our Economy is hosting an unprecedented national town meeting for people to discuss the federal budget and voice their opinions. Thousands of Americans from across the country will be linked together by satellite and webcast to discuss issues, weigh options and develop recommendations for policymakers in Washington on strategies for a strong economic recovery. Register for this free event at www.usabudgetdiscussion.org. Navy Pier, 600 East Grand Avenue. 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Refreshments and food will be provided; childcare available.

Pssst! Want to know some secrets about Taste of Chicago? Come in a little closer. Ready?

Cooking Demonstrations from people like Mario Batali, Giada De Laurentiis and Jimmy Bannos - Free.

Music from Bell Biv DeVoe, Emily Osment, Los Lonely Boys, Steve Miller Band and more - Free.

Kids entertainment, sports teams, local music on two different stages - all free.

Did you know that you can go to a preview on Daley Plaza today and tomorrow that features 9 of our Taste restaurants? Purchase menu items from Adobo Grill, Baccino's Pizza, Doreen's Pizzeria, Garrett Popcorn Shops, Lagniappe-Creole Cajun Joynt, Manny's Cafeteria and Delicatessen, Timothy O'Toole's Pub, Polo Café and Catering, and Robinson's No. 1 Ribs.

The website will feature an interactive map that will be live any day now. Plan out ahead of time which booths and which stages to visit.

Did you know that if you visit Dominick's from June 17 - 24, you can purchase up to four strips of tickets at a reduced rate of \$6 per strip if you show your Fresh Values Card?

Did you know there's an app for Taste? If you have an I-Phone, you can download it beginning June 21.

Did you know that Taste started 30 years ago as a one day event on Michigan Avenue?

Did you know that visiting Taste right as it opens at 11am is a good way to beat the crowds?

Did you know The Heavy, featured at the Illinois Lottery Taste Stage on July 3 at 4pm, plays that song in the commercial where the toys come alive?

Did you know that if you need to be healthy, you can still enjoy Taste by selecting the items chosen by Humana as healthy food choices? Look for the green apple on the menu board.

Did you know if you walked from one end of Taste to the other and back again, you have walked 1 1/2 miles?

Did you know that there are free downtown lunchtime trolleys that take you from the Loop and North Michigan Avenue to Taste and back, saving you precious eating time?

Did you know that the ticket booths located south of Buckingham Fountain usually have shorter lines?

Now go impress all your friends with your inside knowledge, and bring them all to the 30th Annual Taste of Chicago, June 25-July 4 in Grant Park.

ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT IS FREE. www.tasteofchicago.us

The Ed Kelly Sports Program

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The 36th Annual Giant Awards Dinner Monday, June 28, 2010

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Fred Mitchell Chicago Tribune Sports Columnist Irv Kupcnet Media Award	Bernard "Bud" Sullivan Retired Partner, Bansley & Kiener Thomas Rand Achievement Award
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Cocktails 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$100 each or \$800/table of 8

For more information:

The Ed Kelly Sports Program, Inc.
(773) 728-6300



Chicago City Vehicle Sticker Sales

Residents Still Urged to Avoid Lines and Buy Stickers Online!

City Clerk Miguel del Valle announced that the 2010 - 2011 vehicle sticker, "Burnham's Chicago," is now available to purchase in person at City Hall, City Clerk Satellite Offices, Department of Revenue Substations, and on select days at Aldermanic offices. In addition, more than 400 community vendors including Dominick's grocery stores, and currency exchanges are participating in this year's vehicle sticker sales. However, residents are strongly encouraged to avoid lines and purchase their vehicle stickers and daily guest passes online at www.ChiCityClerk.com.

"Buying a vehicle sticker online is the easiest, fastest and most convenient way to purchase a sticker and there is no additional fee to do so," said Clerk del Valle. "For those who prefer to purchase the sticker in person, we are happy to provide more than 400 locations to do so before the July 15 deadline."

The 2009-2010 vehicle stickers expire on June 30. City Clerk del Valle provides a 15 day grace period before vehicle sticker enforcement begins on July 16.

For the second year, the vehicle sticker features residential zone information on the annual vehicle sticker. Residents must know their vehicle license plate when purchasing their sticker as it once again includes this information for added security.

Annual vehicle sticker, residential zone parking and daily guest pass prices remain unchanged from last year. Vehicle stickers are \$75 for a passenger vehicle and \$120 for a large passenger vehicle. Annual residential parking is \$25 and a set of 15 daily guest passes is \$8. Senior citizens are eligible for one reduced rate vehicle sticker for \$30. Community vendors can charge up to a \$5.50 service fee.

Nearly 1.3 million renewal notices were mailed in May. Residents can purchase their sticker by mail once they receive their renewal form however, a renewal form is not necessary to purchase a vehicle sticker online or in person.

A complete list of sale locations, Aldermanic Ward sale dates and more details about this year's vehicle sticker can be found at www.ChiCityClerk.com.

Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair

Saturday, July 10th & Sunday July 11th
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Local Arts and Entertainment

MAYOR DALEY SAYS CHICAGO THEATER DISTRICT HAS HAD MAJOR IMPACT ON CITY'S ECONOMY

Marks 10th Anniversary of Public-Private Partnership That Has Helped Revitalize Downtown

Mayor Richard M. Daley marked the 10th anniversary of the Chicago Theater District, praising the partnership between the City and theater operators for drawing millions of visitors to downtown Chicago and supporting thousands of jobs for Chicago residents.

"In our ongoing efforts to grow Chicago's economy we've taken many important steps. Today we are here to acknowledge one of our major successes -- the creation of the Chicago Theater District ten years ago," Daley said in a news conference held in the Cadillac Palace Theater, 151 W. Randolph St.

"The Chicago Theater District not only provides entertainment to the residents of Chicago, but it has strengthened our position as a worldwide convention and tourism destination," he said.

Daley said that:

- Chicago has more than 800 stage productions every year which draw more than 5 million theater-goers across the city.
- Theater brings tourists, whose dollars support hotels, restaurants, museums, retail stores and jobs for residents.
- Theater provides jobs for actors, artistic designers, and all the other people who work in the theater.
- Theater attracts new residents who come to the city looking for a vibrant arts scene. It helps Chicago's reputation as an arts destination grow.

"Nowhere are those contributions more evident than in the Theater District, where our vision of a revitalized entertainment area has become a reality through the collaboration of city government with Broadway in Chicago and the League of Chicago Theaters and the Goodman Theater," the Mayor said.

Daley pointed out that the City has made a strong commitment to the Theatre District with Tax Increment Financing dollars.

He said the City has invested \$86 million in downtown TIF funds that have yielded \$233 million in private investment.

As a result, the Theatre District has generated an additional 1,000 performing arts jobs here between 1997 and 2009. The four downtown theaters operated by Broadway in Chicago alone have accounted for more than \$114 million in stage labor payroll over the last 10 years.

It is estimated that Broadway in Chicago has an annual economic impact on Chicago of \$750 million and that Broadway in Chicago productions support more than 9,200 jobs in the City of Chicago.

Daley said the City's support of the Theatre District has helped renovate landmark theaters and has helped support infrastructure and streetscaping improvements in the neighborhood.

"The Theater District experience speaks volumes about how a public-private partnership can help rejuvenate one of our neighborhoods," the Mayor said.

"Make no mistake -- without the investment and support from the City and the hard work of our Theater District partners, the Loop wouldn't be as vibrant a place as it is," he said.

He said that between 1997 and 2008, the Loop saw a 53 percent increase in hotel rooms and 20 percent increase in meeting space. New hotels added services catering to theatergoers and retailers alike. Formerly vacant office buildings have been redeveloped into modern condos, hotels and student dorms.

"While many other cities have seen their downtowns fade away over the last half century, Chicago's keeps getting better and busier despite the recession.

I think there's no more vibrant part of what makes up Chicago than our theater community," Daley said.

"Ten years ago, we believed we could make the historic center of Chicago's theater scene come alive again. And working together, we have done just that -- and strengthened Chicago's role in the global economy at the same time," he said.

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- June 19 · 8:00pm Three Cat Media presents the musical comedy "The Stops"
- June 20 · 2:00pm FOR YOUR PRECIOUS LOVE starring Marcus Gentry
- June 20 · 7:30pm Jonny Blu & Bob Malone in "A Night of Swing & Blues"
- June 23 · 1:30pm Mark & Anne Burnell present the COLE PORTER COLLECTION
- June 25 · 8:00pm Roxy Bellows: Live in Concert
- June 26 · 8:00pm Three Cat Media presents the musical comedy "The Stops"
- June 27 · 2:00pm Sunday with Sinatra starring Jack Miuccio
- June 27 · 7:00pm Voice of America
- June 30 · 1:30pm Marcus Gentry presents STAND BY ME (Fifties Songbook)

THE AMAZING ACRO-CATS! RETURN TO SKOKIE THEATRE

Due to the overwhelming response from their previous performances at Skokie Theatre, The Amazing Acro-Cats return for a final performance in Chicago area before embarking on their Cross-Country Tour to California!

These famous felines will travel from Illinois to Sonoma, CA stopping all along the way to introduce the western states to these amazing feline performers!

The Amazing Acro-Cats perform over 30 different tricks and feats of agility during their show. Audiences are astounded as they watch these fantastic felines push carts, ride skateboards, roll barrels, ring bells, turn on lights, walk tight ropes, jump through hoops and much more!

Hear the new synthesized sounds of the all cat band, "The Rock Cats"! This terrific trio of cats plays guitar, drums and piano to their own unique style of music.

This special performance is to raise awareness of the adorable homeless pets available and to benefit shelter kitties. Did you know that most of The Amazing Acro-Cats were adopted from shelters? Keeping with that tradition, Samantha now fosters shelter kittens and trains them not only to perform tricks, but important emergency situation maneuvers. These foster kittens have become a heart warming part of the performance as they eagerly wait for their new fur-ever home!

The Amazing Acro-Cats, one of only four "cat shows" in the United States, are celebrated internationally to sold out venues.

See the Amazing Acro-Cats Live and in Purr-son
Saturday July 10th, 2010 12:00PM, 3:00PM and 7:00PM

Fountain Square Arts Festival

Saturday/Sunday, June 26-27, 2010; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Downtown Evanston | Illinois

For three decades, Fountain Square Art Festival has won acclaim as one of the most prestigious art festivals in the Midwest. With more than 225 artists, it's the largest and oldest juried fine arts fair on Chicago's North Shore. The festival is located on six city blocks in downtown Evanston with the fest's eponymous "Fountain Square" sculpture garden serving as its focal point. This urban setting creates the perfect ambience and embodies the word "sophistication" with an audience of more than 50,000 discerning, upscale art aficionados and collectors.

Besides the main attraction of world-class art, the Fountain Square Arts Festival offers a vast array of entertainment. A main music stage features continuous live jazz. In addition, the festival boasts a vast assortment of the area's best food and children's art tent offering art lessons and projects for kids!

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Spring is baby time in the animal kingdom. It is also a time of increased bird/window collisions, outdoor cats, and dogs that dig. When we find an injured or orphaned animal, we want to do what is best, but sometimes our good intentions can cause further problems. Be informed and prepared so you can help.

1. Enter these phone numbers in your cell phone:

Urban Wildlife Coalition – 773-545-8136

Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation – 847-842-8000

2. Keep a pair of sturdy gloves, a box, a towel, and hand sanitizer in the back of your car

3. Determine if the animal truly is injured or orphaned.

Orphaned Animals. Generally speaking, the best chance of survival for young animals is to stay with their parents, even if they may appear to be orphaned. Wildlife parents leave their young alone during the day, or the mother may be near keeping a vigilant eye. If you see a nest or den by the baby animal, gently place the baby back. If not, place a shallow box (out of the sun) near where you found it. Stay unseen and watch for the mother (she won't return if she senses danger). Or, leave a bit of cornstarch or baking powder near the baby – if you see adult footprints leading to the baby, and the baby is still ok, chances are the mother visited. If she does not return within 4-6 hours (rabbit mothers generally only return at dawn and dusk), contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Injured Animals. Should you intervene or will the animal recover better (and with less stress) on its own? Here are a few indicators that you should intervene:

- A wild animal is given to you by a cat or dog
- The animal is bleeding
- There is an apparent broken limb
- You see a featherless or nearly featherless bird on the ground
- The animal is shivering
- You see the parent dead nearby

A few other guidelines:

1. Never give an injured animal food or drink. For some reason, it is instinctual for us to want to feed or hydrate an injured animal, but doing so can harm it even more!

2. Do not try to treat the animal yourself. It's better to trust the care of those who are trained and successfully treat injured wildlife every day. Moreover, it is illegal to keep wild animals without a permit, even if you plan to release them

2. It is a myth that a mother bird will reject a baby that has been handled by a human being.

3. Most wildlife in our area DO NOT carry rabies. Of all urban wildlife, only raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats are more likely than others to carry the disease, and even then, it's possible, not probable.

4. When you call a wildlife rehabilitator, describe the animal and its condition as accurately as possible.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit

www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

CHICAGO BEACH SEASON OFFICIALLY OPENS

The Chicago Park District kicks off this year's beach season through Labor Day weekend, Monday, Sept. 6. New this year, the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners recently passed an ordinance that bans feeding any bird, wild animal or any stray licensable animal at any designated swimming beach.

"We have more than 20 million people hitting the beach during the season," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Tim Mitchell. "Keeping our beaches and water safe is our top priority. We will enforce the wildlife feeding ban at our designated swimming beaches and will continue to monitor water quality through the three-tier alert system."

One of the suspected principle causes of beach water contamination is waste generated by ring-billed gulls. Research has shown a strong link between the presence of ring-billed gulls and swim actions (swim bans and advisories) at beaches. Other Great Lakes beach managers have also implement such a ban.

Also new this year, the Park District is in the process of implementing a texting service that will communicate to beach goers the swim status of a beach. The texting service is expected to be operational in the coming weeks. In addition, beach goers can also access information on swim status by calling the Chicago Park District Beach Hotline at 312-74-BEACH, checking www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or following us on Facebook and Twitter for the swim status at each beach.

Patrons are asked to observe the following beach rules: Obey lifeguards and swim only when lifeguards are present. No glass, alcohol or smoking on the beach. Properly dispose of food, diapers and other refuse. Grilling is only allowed in designated areas and coals should be disposed in the red hot metal containers. Please do not dump hot coals at the base of trees or near playgrounds. Swimming is permitted and lifeguards are on duty at all beaches from 11:00am to 7:00pm, unless otherwise posted.

Admission to Chicago's beaches is free. For a list of locations or for more information, visit the Park District website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call the Beaches and Pools Unit at 312-742-5121.

For more information on the Chicago Park District, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Leave No Child Inside Month

June marks Chicago Wilderness' "Leave No Child Inside" month. Take a break from the TV and explore the great outdoors around the Council Ring at Grosse Point Lighthouse! To celebrate, grab your flashlights and join the Ecology Center staff from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25 behind the Evanston Arts Center, 2603 Sheridan Rd. We will have a scavenger hunt in the dunes followed by a campfire and s'mores! The festivities are for anyone age 2 and up. The fee is \$5 per person. Space is limited; preregistration is required by phone or in person at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., 847-448-8256.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT'S NATURE IN CHICAGO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

*Traveling Photo Exhibit to Showcase Winning
Nature Photos in Four Area Parks*

The Chicago Park District recently announced the winners for the 1st annual "Nature in Chicago" Digital Photography Contest and Exhibition. The Chicago Park District's nature areas program hosted a photography contest of nature in Chicago to illustrate the natural beauty and biological diversity that exists within our own city.

The following is a list of winners in the following categories:

Native Fauna

- Last Call by Ted Glasoe
- Rough-winged Swallow by Emil Martinec
- Long-eared Owl by Emil Martinec
- Painted Turtle by Dawn Mazur
- Recovery of a Species by Jerry Goldner

Native Flora

- Joe P. Weed by Ricardo Phillips
- Monarch on a Milkweed by Dawn Mazur
- Ant Magnet by Koula Quick
- Sunny Bee by Ra Beeker
- Wild Columbine by Dawn Mazur

Migratory Birds

- Sorry, Gotta Go! by Emil Martinec
- Black-Crowned Night Heron by Dawn Mazur
- Shore Conference by Marshall Segal
- Ovenbird by Derek Zaraza
- Coopers Hawk by Emil Martinec

Chicago Lakefront

- The Point by Derek Zaraza
- The Coast of Winter by Elliot Mandel
- Ice Formations on Montrose Pier's Rounded Tip by Therese Heyek
- Cold Morning by Unknown
- Winter Lakefront by Eric Dossou

People in Nature

- Point Swimmer by Rogan Birnie
- I Must Admit I Didn't Expect to See You Here by Derek Zaraza
- Lady in Field by Rogan Birnie
- Ic4 by Dustin Grove
- Runner and Tree by Rogan Birnie

The winning photographs are currently being exhibited in the Nature in Chicago Photo Exhibit running through Saturday, September 18 at the following locations:

June 1 – 21 - Douglas Park Cultural and Community Center, 1401 S. Sacramento Dr., Phone: 773.762.2842

June 23 – July 19 - Humboldt Park Boathouse, 1400 N. Sacramento Dr., Phone: 312.742.7549

July 21 – August 22 - John H. Vanderpoel Art Gallery at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Dr., Phone: 312.747.6639

August 25 – September 18 - South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive, Phone: 773.256.0149

Admission to the Nature in Chicago Photo Exhibit is free. For exhibit hours at each park location, please call the park.

For more information about the "Nature in Chicago" Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition go to <http://www.cpdit01.com/resources/natural-resources/photo-contest/>

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Downtown Hostel Holds Open House Party on June 23rd Celebrating 10 Years of Bringing the World to Chicago

“10 Year Anniversary House Party” at Hostelling International Chicago (HI-Chicago) celebrates a decade of serving travelers to Chicago and providing education to local students. This free open house on June 23, 2010, from 4.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., is open to the public. The event highlights the hostel’s positive impact on tourism in Chicago as well as its nonprofit educational mission to create a more peaceful planet through responsible travel and cultural understanding.

“10 Year Anniversary House Party” brings together a diverse group of over 250 people including international travelers at the hostel, internationally-minded Chicagoans, young professionals, and downtown college students.

Locals and travelers alike will come together at the hostel to enjoy early evening fun and food before heading out to explore Chicago. This free event includes:

- Global entertainment by Tambours Sans Frontieres, traditional music from the Congo, Fandanguero, Son Jarocho music from Mexico, Capoeira performance by Gingarte Capoeira, and Ahmed Mahmoud, in a traditional Egyptian performance
- Free food donated by nearby South Loop restaurants including Cafecito, Dairy Queen, Exchequer Pub, Tamarind, and Pauly’s Pizza
- Raffle including \$250 travel voucher from STA Travel and tickets and passes to many Chicago attractions
- Information on volunteering at the hostel
- Tours of Chicago’s own Best Large Hostel in the World, 2006, 2007 and 2009

Free Reading/ESL/GED Classes for Adults/Tutors Needed

Free classes are held through Oakton Community College at many locations for adults who need help with their English speaking, reading, writing, math, or GED preparation.



To be trained as a VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) volunteer tutor, a required 3-part training session will be held at Oakton in Skokie on the evenings of June 3, 8, and 24.

Call 847-635-1426 for more information or go to our Web site: www.oakton.edu and click on continuing education or volunteers.

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EVANSTON RECREATION CALENDAR

Starlight Concert Series Warms the Summer Breezes. This free concert series takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. The season continues through July with South Boulevard at James Park on Thursday, July 8; Robbie Fulks at James Park on Thursday, July 15; Kings Go Forth at Dawes Park on Tuesday, July 20; and Meitzza Quartet at Dawes Park on Tuesday, July 27. Future performances and rain site info. are available by calling the Special Events hotline at 847-448-8058 or visiting www.cityofevanston.org/starlight. Starlight Concerts are presented by the City of Evanston’s Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Join the fun of **Boys’ Night Out**. Boys 4- to 13-years-old will join staff to have the community center all to themselves for a night of fun, games, food and basketball! The fun is from 8 p.m. on Friday, July 16 through 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. Be sure to pack a sleeping bag and ask for the list of personal items to bring. The fee is \$20/resident or \$25/nonresident. Questions? Please call 847-448-8254.

Free Fishing Frenzy Fun! Bring a young person (age 5-15) for a special fishing day at Lovelace Park from 9 a.m.-noon on Sat., July 10. Questions? Please call the Ecology Center, 847-448-8256.

Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture Contest at Clark St. Beach. All ages are welcome to join this free event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19 at the Clark St. Beach. Beach admission fees apply. Prizes will be awarded, including largest castle, best family effort, etc. Bring your own buckets, shovels, sculpting tools, etc. Please preregister by calling 847-866-4167 between July 1-16. The rain date is Mon., July 26.

Help your child get the bounce out of summer with **Preschool and Beginning Gymnastics**. Bouncing on the bed and rolling around on the couch are just a few signs that your child is ready for gymnastics! Our patient instructors work with your child to improve coordination, balance, flexibility and general motor skills in a fun, safe environment. Six sessions for preschoolers age 3-5 and beginners age 6-9 will be held Saturday mornings, July 17-Aug. 21 at the Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main St. Times and fees vary so please call Michelle at 847-448-8252 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/recreation for details.

Celebrate the Diversity of Our Planet at the Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival! Come experience the colors, sounds, tastes and aromas of distant continents and other cultures by taking a two-day trip “around the world” at Dawes Park, Sheridan Rd. at Church St. (at the lagoon). The lakefront comes alive from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18. Admission is free. Complete entertainment schedules are now posted at www.cityofevanston.org/ethnic and will be available at the fest, or call 847-448-8260 or 847-448-8058 (24/7 hotline).

Scholarships are available to qualified Evanston residents. Evanston Recreation Division welcomes people with disabilities. For communications or mobility access assistance, call 847-866-2900 (VOICE)/847-448-8064 (TTY).

Oakton College

Emeritus Covers Opera in Pop Culture

Examine how opera and pop culture are intertwined by enrolling in a course offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College.

Where Have I Heard That Tune Before? (HUM S09-40) examines how favorite operas are connected to pop culture. Course focuses on the “golden age” of opera from Mozart to Puccini. Learn how opera melodies have been adapted to movies, recordings, radio, TV, and advertising over the past 50 years. Single-session course meets 1 – 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 29, at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Course fee is \$11.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, including costs of featured lectures, call 847-635-1414 or 847-982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emmeritus.

State of Illinois Begins the Frontage Road Resurfacing Project in the Northern Suburbs

Beginning June 21, 2010 the Illinois Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing several frontage roads in Skokie and other neighboring communities. The scope of work includes pavement milling, patching, some curb, two layers of hot-mix asphalt and pavement markings.

The frontage roads within Skokie are all on the east side of the Edens Expressway and include the following sections:

1. Chase Avenue (at Lamon) north to Howard Street
2. Howard Street north to Oakton Street
3. Greenwood Street from Lockwood Avenue to Long Avenue
4. Long Avenue from Greenwood Street to Grove Avenue
5. Church Street north to intersection of Foster Avenue and Lorel Avenue

The State has established a 35-working-day limit for the frontage road project and has contracted with Johnson Paving for the construction. For further information please contact the Village of Skokie Engineering Department at 847/933-8231 and visit www.skokie.org.

Evanston Starlight Concert Series

The Starlight Concert series returns to Evanston with twelve exciting musical groups this summer. All shows are free and take place from 7:30-9 p.m. The performances are coming to four parks in Evanston: James Park, Dodge Ave. at Mulford (S. of Oakton); Dawes Park, Sheridan Rd. at Church St. (at the lagoon); Twiggs Park, Dodge Ave. at Simpson St. and Harbert Park (Dempster St. at McDaniel Ave.). Rain Sites include the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., for Dawes Park and James Park concerts; Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., for Twiggs Park and Harbert Park concerts.

The season opens with Marshall Crenshaw at James Park on Thursday, June 17. The other groups playing through June are Baby Alright at Harbert Park on Tuesday, June 22; Andre Williams & the Goldstars at James Park on Thursday, June 24 and, rounding out the month, JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound at Twiggs Park on Tuesday, June 29.

In July, performers include Wayne "The Train" Hancock at James Park on Thursday, July 1; South Boulevard at James Park on Thursday, July 8; Robbie Fulks at James Park on Thursday, July 15; Kings Go Forth at Dawes Park on Tuesday, July 20 and Megitza Quartet at Dawes Park on Tuesday, July 27.

The final three concerts in August will include Front of House at Dawes Park on Tuesday, August 3; Singing in the Abbey at Dawes Park on Tuesday, August 10 and will conclude with Del Castillo at Dawes Park on Tuesday, August 17. Information is available by calling the Special Events hotline at 847-448-8058 or visiting www.cityofevanston.org/starlight. Evanston Starlight Concerts are presented by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Evanston's Lakefront & Beaches

Every summer, Evanston's lakefront & beaches are a popular attraction. With a boat launch, kayak and sailboat rentals, kayak and sailboat lessons, kayak fishing trips and miles of sandy beaches, everyone can enjoy a day on the lakefront. Check out the splendor of Evanston's five beaches and miles of gorgeous lake front parks ideal for a family picnic or gathering.

A beach token or daily pass is needed for admission. Admission will be free Mondays at Clark Street Beach from June 12 through August 30, 2010 for Evanston residents. Admission for children under age one is always free.

During certain conditions, swimming is prohibited at one or more of Evanston's beaches, but admittance to the beach (sandy area) is still allowed. At other times, both the water and the beach areas are closed for your safety. During the season, check the beach status page (www.cityofevanston.org/beach/beach_close.asp) for updates.

Keep Evanston Beautiful Garden Walk July 11

The 21st annual Garden Walk features six private gardens and one school garden in Evanston. Meet the gardeners and get ideas for bed design, hard-scaping, and plants that do well locally. All proceeds support KEB's environmental education programs. Sunday, July 11th from Noon until 5 p.m.

Advance-purchase tickets are \$10 for KEB members and \$15, nonmember. Tickets are available weekdays starting in mid-June at the Ecology Center or by mail order from KEB's office at the Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick, Evanston, 60201, or by PayPal via www.evanstonkeb.org. Other advance purchase sites in Evanston are Bloom 3, 1503 Chicago; Natural Things Flowers, 2904 Central; and Saville Flowers, 1712 Sherman. 847/448-8256 X 105; www.evanstonkeb.org. Sponsored by Keep Evanston Beautiful (KEB).



Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival

July 23-25 | Fri 4pm-11pm | Sat & Sun noon-11pm

Featuring dozens of art exhibitions, performances, and a spectrum of live music along Milwaukee Avenue (2250-2850 North Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago).

Enjoy delicious local cuisine, sidewalk sales, outdoor cafés, the acclaimed Logan Square Farmer's Market and more! A complimentary trolley will help you navigate this epic Festival!

For inquiries or more information regarding the Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival, please contact I AM Logan Square at 773.549.3255 or email us at iamlogansquare@gmail.com

Join the Centennial Celebration of the North Shore Channel!

Bring the family and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Evanston's very own North Shore Channel from 1-4 p.m. on Sat., June 26 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick. You can play our Channel trivia game, make your own mini-canoe, learn basic bird identification, go on a wildlife scavenger hunt and take a short canoe ride on the Channel (space is limited, so arrive early and sign up for a 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00 p.m. time slot). Members of the City of Evanston's Water Utility staff will be on hand with helpful tips on how to conserve water as well as give away free reusable water bottles. For more info., call 847-448-8256. Admission is free.

Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts June 19 & 20

Visitors to Custer's Last Stand are happy to be there. Smiles greet you wherever you go. From the historic Main St. and Chicago Ave. store buildings to the tree lined Washington St. residential area you can find places to please. 250 Artists and craftspeople from across the nation come together on the third weekend of June every year to exhibit and sell paintings, ceramics, pottery, photographs, jewelry, graphic arts, wearable art, country and home craft, antiques and collectables. They are joined by 150 local businesses and commercial exhibitors who put on an old fashioned Sidewalk Sale.

Over 30 food vendors offer a full international menu featuring the old favorites as well as new fare. All reasonably priced and the entertainment at Custer's Last Stand amazes and delights every year.

St. Demetrios Church 61st Annual Greek Fest Seeks Crafters for our AGORA (Marketplace)

in our air-conditioned Miller Center. Booth set up with three eight-foot long tables plus two chairs. \$250.00 for all three nights. The deadline for reservation of space is **July 30, 2010**.

Fest Dates: Friday thru Sunday
August 20, 21, 22 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

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Groundbreaking for CTA Yellow Line Oakton Street Station in Skokie

On June 21, 2010, Skokie officials will celebrate the beginning of construction of the long-awaited CTA Yellow Line Oakton Street Station in Downtown Skokie. Construction of the "Kiss 'n Ride" facility is expected to be complete in fall 2011, and the Chicago Transit Authority estimates some 1,200 boardings will occur at the stop each day. The station will cost approximately \$20 million to construct, with the Village of Skokie funding \$6 million and the additional \$14 million coming from federal funds.

The June 21 event takes place at 10:30 a.m. in the Village-owned lot at the northwest corner of Searle Parkway and Skokie Boulevard. State and local officials are expected to attend, along with many other officials from the Skokie and northwest suburban area. Speakers will include Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen; plans are pending for state and CTA officials to speak at the event.

"The June 21 groundbreaking event marks a significant step toward increased public transportation access for residents of Skokie and surrounding areas. I am grateful to officials from CTA, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Skokie's State and federal legislators, Commonwealth Edison, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Forest City Enterprises and, of course, to Village staff who persevered with this project for many years," said Mayor Van Dusen. "Their collective vision, hard work and dedication to this important public transportation initiative will benefit the region for decades to come."

The new station is adjacent to the Illinois Science + Technology Park, a nearly 24-acre research campus with 20 pharmaceutical, healthcare, bio- and nano-technology firms that employ a total of 1,000 people. The park is owned by Forest City Enterprises, and officials maintain that the new rapid transit station is critical to bringing more firms and jobs to the area.

Get a "Taste" of Affordable Assisted Living Victory Centre Open House and Barbecue

Checking out a senior living community is easy when you combine it with food, entertainment and fun for the whole family. Learn about an affordable assisted living option that beats living in a nursing home or in a home alone at Victory Centre of Galewood's Open House and Barbecue on Saturday, June 26, from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Supportive Living community located at 2370 N. Newcastle, Chicago, IL. This free event gives families a stress-free way to check out the community, take a tour, have lunch and meet the people who live and work at Victory Centre. We will also be inviting our local heroes in the district to join us, fireman, policeman, etc. Karen Hartband will rock their hearts out on our garden patio. Please R.S.V.P. by June 21st by calling 773-385-5002.

Senior citizens and their adult children are invited to learn more about how they or a loved one who is over the age of 65 could qualify for financial support through Illinois' Supportive Living program that provides access to:

- Beautiful private apartments
- Three meals a day, housekeeping and laundry services
- Social events and scheduled trips
- Medication reminders and administration
- Personal care services
- Financial assistance available for those who qualify

Victory Centre of Galewood is a Supportive Living community that features newer, private apartments with call systems, three meals a day, support services as needed, activities and outings and other social opportunities at an affordable monthly rate.

"A Theater Review"

"Farnsworth Invention"
TimeLine Theatre
615 West Wellington Ave
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Timeline Theatre has been very fortunate the last two seasons with several strong blockbuster shows that had runs in New York. First up was the dynamic production of "The History Boys." This season it is Aaron Sorkin's "The Farnsworth Invention" and next season it will be the Chicago premiere of "Frost/Nixon" by Peter Morgan. But "All My Sons" was brought back to life with a strong production, along with rights to three Chicago premieres.

Sorkin's play takes two hours and thirty minutes to tell his story but it is an interesting one.

David Sarnoff was one of the founders of NBC and a man who oversaw RCA along with developing radio and the birth of television.

Nick Bowling has done an extraordinary job in his direction of casting sixteen actors playing a total of about seventy different characters.

Sarnoff, who is the son of Russian-Jewish immigrants and is played by Time-Line's Artistic director P.J. Powers who leads his high powered men on the discovery of television.

Rob Fagin is a strong actor who portrays Philo T. Farnsworth and is faced with several hardships such as depression, alcoholism and the death of his son who had emergency surgery from strep throat.

We find Sarnoff and Farnsworth are self-made men. One is the son of a potato farmer from Idaho. Maybe that's why we have Idaho baked potatoes. The other escapes Russia when his home is burned to the ground by the evil Cossacks who are like the evil Nazis of Germany.

Bill McGough plays Justin Tolman, who was Farnsworth's high school science teacher. Sean Patrick Fawcett is the Russian Vladimir Zworykin. Pem, played by Bridgette Pechma, is Farnsworth's Mormon wife.

The story gives audiences much history and information on its characters. They almost seem like David and Goliath and yet the two men never met.

It's a show well worth spending time seeing. "The Farnsworth Invention" runs through June 13th. For show performances, dates, and reservations call 773-281-8463 X24. Tickets are \$25 - \$35.

--Three Stars--

Celebrate the Arts in Our Community Garden Reception

The Illinois Shakespeare Festival Board of Directors is hosting the Celebrate the Arts in Our Community garden reception, a special preshow* celebration at Ewing Manor and gardens at 6 pm on Friday, June 25 \$75.00 per person

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of our community coming together to build a new theatre at the Ewing Cultural Center, kickoff the 40th anniversary of the founding of the College of Fine Arts (CFA) at Illinois State, and meet CFA and Festival alumna Cecilia Suarez. In addition, visit with award winning playwright Robert Kauzlaric about his latest creation The Three Musketeers. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres from Biaggi's.

Call (309) 438-2535 or visit Ticketmaster.com (Search: Ewing Manor)

Complete your evening by purchasing tickets to The Three Musketeers World Premier. All proceeds from the reception will support Shakespeare Alive! educational programming targeting local underrepresented children

Nominations Sought for the MOSES 2011

“Organic Farmer of the Year” Award

The Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) is seeking nominations for the “2011 Organic Farmer of the Year” award which will be presented at the 22nd annual MOSES Organic Farming Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin, February 24-26, 2011.

Every year, MOSES recognizes an outstanding organic farmer or farm family who are innovators; who excel in managing their farm resources like soil, water, wildlife, and biodiversity; and who serve as educators and shining examples in their communities and to the next generation of organic farmers.

Those who wish to nominate a farmer for the award must complete and return the nomination form which is available by calling the MOSES office at 715-778-5775 or at the MOSES website, www.mosesorganic.org/foy.html.

The Farmer of the Year award includes a cash gift, full registration to the 2011 Organic Farming Conference, lodging during the conference, and a gift certificate redeemable at the conference book sales booth.

John, Jane and Janaki Fisher-Merritt of Food Farm in Wrenshall, MN, received the 2010 Organic Farmer of the Year Award. The Fisher-Merritts approach their farm as a living organism, and manage their soil so it can be farmed forever. Diversity of production includes grazing poultry as part of the system to improve soil, lessen weeds and manage insect populations.

MOSES is a non-profit education and outreach organization working to promote organic agriculture in the Upper Midwest. MOSES provides resources to farmers interested in learning more about organic farming.



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CHICAGOLAND FARMERS' MARKETS

The following are a few of our local Chicagoland Neighborhood Farmers' Markets. For a complete list go to <http://www.explorechicago.org>.

Eli's / Wright College Farmers Markets

Eli's/Wright College Farmers Market will have a variety of vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and more.

Eli's Cheesecake Co. Parking Lot, 6701 W. Forest Preserve Dr., Chicago, IL 60641 Thursdays: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Jun 17, 2010 to Oct 28, 2010

For additional information please visit, <http://www.elicheesecake.com/eventscalendar.aspx>

Lincoln Square Evening Farmers Market

Vendors will offer a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables and other goods at the Lincoln Square Farmers Market every Thursday from 4-8pm.

This market is Sponsored by Alderman Gene Schuller and the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce.

Lincoln Square, Lincoln & Leland, Chicago, IL 60625 Thursdays: 4-8 p.m. Jun 17, 2010 to Sep 2, 2010

Logan Square Farmers Markets

Logan Square Farmers Market is run independently by the Logan Square Chamber of Commerce. A wide variety of fresh goods are available every Sunday beginning June 6.

Logan Square, 3107 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago, IL 60647

Sundays: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jun 6, 2010 to Oct 31, 2010

For additional information please visit, www.logansquarefarmersmarket.org

EVANSTON'S FARMERS' MARKETS

There will be four Farmers' Markets in Evanston in 2010.

Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market

Dates/Time: Saturdays, May 8 - November 6, 2010 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.

Contact: Zollie Webb, (847) 448-8138, zwebb@cityofevanston.org

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer! For 35 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors who sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items. The Market has a festive atmosphere as the air is filled with various musicians from the Evanston community. As in years past, special events will be featured. Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets will be available through Zollie Webb (contact info. above). Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage

West End Market Dates: Saturdays, June 5 - Oct. 30, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of Church St. and Dodge Ave. (ETHS parking lot)

Contact: Precious Wright, Manager, 847-756-0159

Ridgeville Market Dates: Wednesdays, May 12 - Sept. 22, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (until Sept. 1); 3:00 p.m. to dusk Sept. 8-22

Location: Intersection of Ridge Ave. and South Blvd.

Contact: Michael Miro, Manager, 847-869-5640

Central Street Market This new market specializing in organic produce is being planned for Independence Park, located at Central St. at Stewart St. (about two blocks west of Green Bay Road). Please check back for days/dates/times and more information as it becomes available.

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Hosts Farmers Market

Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the Lincolnwood Farmers Market. In its 4th year, the market will run every Thursday through October 14 between the hours of 8am -1pm. The site will be the St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 4707 West Pratt Ave.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and natural products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, breads and pastries, flowers, cheese, honey and more.

NEW this year, is the opportunity for community groups, to apply for a table once during the market to showcase an organization and share membership and volunteer opportunities with residents and neighbors. Also NEW this year is the opportunity for local artisans and the business community to apply once for a space for a small fee. (A Village Business license is required to sell products.)

With a 20 week season we hope to accommodate all who wish to participate.

Entertainment and theme days will be provided on certain days of the Market. Watch for more details. For further information or a community, artisan, or business application, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm.

Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the “Best on the North Shore” Skokie Farmers' Market held every Sunday beginning June 27 through Sunday, October 31. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A selection of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Baked goods, cheeses and various other vendors are an integral part of what makes the Skokie Farmers' Market so unique.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Master, at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org.



chicago park district summer day camp

“Fun Days 2010” June 28 - August 6
Register Now-Space is limited

Register in-person at your local park

(bring child's birth certificate and proof of residency)

Fees vary depending on the program, but they are always affordable. Payment options are available, call 312.742.5734 for information.

Start planning your summer now!

At local parks, children ages 6 -12 can enjoy recreational activities, arts and crafts, field trips, sports, water fun, nature, lunch and more!

Register for summer day camp by June 28th for a chance to win Shrek The Musical tickets & merchandise.



For more information about your Chicago Park District, visit our website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY; (312) 747-2001 (TTY).



City of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, Mayor
Chicago Park District, Board of Commissioners
Timothy J. Mitchell, General Superintendent & CEO

Gulf Oil Spill

Politicians will, no doubt, take the credit when this terrible problem is solved, however, with any crisis comes much finger pointing, rumors and opportunists.

The huge oil spill in the Gulf, as we know, is a run away disaster. Anyone in business knows that you have to work the problem first. This past week C-Span had a presentation which dealt with the oil spill. They showed that the battle base has our Coast Guard and B.P. working together. They have the best minds in the world and are making great advances. They work twelve hour shifts, seven days a week. Methods such as burn off are going on along with many other operations.

This is a massive problem that must be fixed. Watching the programs at work to try to do this gives one confidence that it will be fixed.

None of these people are political. All of them know that new taxes and political maneuvering won't stop the oil leak. The problem will only be resolved by professionals in the field.

If the politicians wanted to do good, they should find the money for relief for the people. Set it up so the government advances the money in a speedy fashion. They, the government, can then collect from B.P. If they want to speed up the process, they could pretend it's a raise for government officials.

It's a disaster of unbelievable proportions. Stopping the flow of oil, cleaning the beaches, protecting the many different wildlife species and saving jobs and a way of life centuries old. That must be done by people who know. These people should be backed up with help. Face it, if this disaster can't be stopped, politics and politicians will be the least of the problem.

– The Editor

RAVENSWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2010 HRAIL Program

RCC is off and running with its 2010 HRAIL program, which stands for Home Repairs for Accessible and Independent Living.

The HRAIL program provides free home repairs for eligible seniors and is administered through the City of Chicago's Department of Community Development. Its purpose is to help seniors through repairs which make seniors' homes safer and more livable.

Past projects have included: New flooring, Shower Repair, Railings/ grab bars, Door/ lock installment and repair, Drywall replacement

Repairs are absolutely free and are performed by licensed contractors who are chosen by RCC and approved by the city. Work is scheduled to start in the Spring, but applications are accepted year-round.

This program is aimed primarily at low-moderate income seniors, and proof of income level is required as part of the application process.

If you are interested in applying contact Chris Shickles at (773) 784-0400 or email- chris@ravenswoodcommunity.org.

Emergency CELL Phone Program

Ravenswood Community Council's Emergency CELL phone (Community Emergency Life Line) Program provides free 911-enabled cell phones to seniors and victims of domestic abuse throughout Chicago.

Donated cell phones are always needed and can be dropped off at the RCC office (1756 W. Wilson).

These phones are used to only call 911 and are intended as a lifeline for seniors experiencing or witnessing an emergency situation. This generous program is sponsored by the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services.

To Receive a Cell Phone

Seniors or victims of domestic abuse who would like to receive an emergency cell phone can contact RCC at (773) 784-0400 or visit our office.

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP TO HOLD FIRST MEETING ON JUNE 23

A support group for women who have been widowed for two years or less will be offered by the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, beginning Wed., June 23, from 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Sessions will be held at the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago, and will be facilitated by Betty Mitchell, PhD, LCSW. Succeeding support group meetings will be held on July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, and every other Wednesday thereafter. Participants may join the group at any time.

The Widows Support Group will provide an opportunity, in a safe and confidential setting, for widows to discuss issues of grief and loss, as well as plan strategies for moving forward after the death of a spouse. Interested persons can obtain more information or register for the group by calling (773) 775-6071.

Mitchell, who is a social worker with White Crane Wellness Center and serves as a consultant to Chicago Park District Senior Centers, has held numerous positions in the private sector related to providing social services to individuals and families. She is eager to begin the consultation process that also is expected to focus on bridging the transition from a married partnership to life as a widow. Mitchell also is available to meet individually with women who have lost a spouse or to discuss other issues.

"Talking with others in a supportive setting can be very helpful in dealing with the loss of a partner, as well as normalizing the experience and moving forward," said Mitchell. The Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center is a partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Park District and Norwood Seniors Network.

2010 Evanston Preservation and Design Awards

At the May 24, 2010 Evanston City Council Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl presented the 2010 Preservation and Design awards to a handful of local home owners, architects and contractors.

The annual awards program was established in 1983 by the Evanston Preservation Commission and the Preservation League of Evanston to recognize notable achievements in restoration, rehabilitation, maintenance and adaptive re-use of Evanston structures. To reflect today's Evanston Preservation Ordinance the categories have been updated to: Sensitive Addition/Alteration, Adaptive Reuse, Appropriate New Construction and Proper Rehabilitation/Restoration.

Eligible work must have been completed within the last five years. Except for publicly owned buildings or buildings open to the public or exceptional interior restoration in private buildings, only exterior work is eligible for consideration.

A jury of experienced individuals in the fields of preservation, architecture, urban design, planning and architectural history selects the award recipients in their respective categories. In honor of the late Margery B. Perkins, whose work throughout the years contributed to Evanston's historical and architectural enhancement, the jury will bestow the "Margery B. Perkins Award" to the project it deems the most outstanding.

For a complete list of winners go to

<http://listmail.cityofevanston.org/read/archive?id=12170>

"WHAT MAKES YOUR PLACE GREAT?" CONTEST NOW ACCEPTING PHOTOS, VIDEOS OF FAVORITE "UNDISCOVERED" PLACES IN CHICAGOLAND

Many of Chicagoland's most cherished public spaces are tucked away in the hearts of neighborhoods, known only to a lucky few. This summer, the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) and Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) want to shine a spotlight on these special places across Chicagoland through the "What Makes Your Place Great? Your Secret Corner of Chicagoland" contest.

From June 2 through July 26, 2010, entrants can e-mail original photos or videos showcasing their favorite undiscovered public places across Chicagoland, along with a 250-word-or-less description, to placemakingchicago@metroplanning.org. (Find complete rules and submission criteria guidelines at PlacemakingChicago.com.) Entrants may feature places in the City of Chicago; in Chicago suburbs located in Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties in Illinois; in Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties in Indiana; or in Racine and Kenosha counties in Wisconsin.

"Whether your favorite place is a secret garden, hidden courtyard, or the reading nook at your local library, show and tell us why it's special to you and how it contributes to your community," said MPC Associate Karin Sommer, who manages the Placemaking Chicago project. "What draws you back to the place again and again, and what makes it just as special as more well-known places in your community?"

Four winners will be selected: A committee of Placemaking experts will choose three winners; and the public will determine one winner by online vote between Aug. 9 and Sept. 10, 2010, at PlacemakingChicago.com.

Winners' favorite places may be featured on an exclusive CAF tour in October 2010. Winners also will receive complimentary passes to one of the following Chicagoland institutions:

Brookfield Zoo
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Chicago Architecture Foundation

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CJE SENIORLIFE CROWNS WINNERS OF 2010 CHICAGO AREA ILLINOIS STATE SENIOR SPELLING BEE

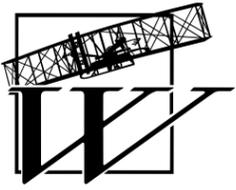
CJE SeniorLife crowned two winners of the Chicago Area Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee on Wednesday, June 2, at the Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. The hotly contested competition included nearly 40 participants from across metropolitan Chicago, and ended with Ann Leiner of Evanston edging Sara Dreyfuss of Northbrook for first prize. Avra Miller of Chicago captured third place. The two winning words were brachiosaur and notabilia.

As the top two finishers, Leiner and Dreyfuss advance to the state regional semi-finals, July 6, in Bartlett. Winners from the semi-finals move onto the state finals to be held at the Illinois State Fair on Senior Day, Monday, Aug. 16.

The Chicago area event was sponsored by CJE SeniorLife, in partnership with the Association of Illinois Senior Centers and the Illinois Department on Aging.

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. Over the past 38 years, CJE's wide range of services has grown to include assisted living, counseling and care management, long-term skilled nursing, Alzheimer's care, home health, wellness programs and much more. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit www.cje.net.

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS



Wright Seeks Crafters for Fair

Wright College is seeking artists and crafters for its indoor 43rd Annual Craft Fair on Sept. 12 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. Tables for this no-admission fair range from \$65 to \$100. The fair is well-attended by thousands each year because of its long history and because much of the merchandise is hand-crafted. Admission and parking are free.

Wright's Center for Lifelong Learning sponsors the fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables will be assigned on a "first-applied-for, first-assigned" basis.

For more information, contact Gail Toribio at (773) 481-8805. Also, a vendor application is on Wright's website: wright.ccc.edu.

Variety of Summer Camps at Wright

Children's camps ranging from educational to recreational to musical will be offered in June at Wright College to keep children busy during summer vacation.

The Reading, Writing & Math Clinic held the week of June 21 for third-grade through fifth-grade will help keep students' minds sharp over the summer. Tuition is \$85.

Space and Art Camp combines artistry with space exploration. Kids will get to know the planets, stars and moon through hands-on art activities. Sessions run two hours daily the week of June 21 with one session for ages 7-10 and another for 10 years and up. Tuition is \$80.

A two-hour daily general Art Camp compliments Space and Art Camp, creating a complete morning session for art enthusiasts. Tuition is also \$80.

Dance, Dance, Dance runs from June 29 through July 1 with separate sessions for ages 4-6 and ages 7-10. Tuition is \$30 for the younger group and \$35 for the older group.

For a complete continuing education summer schedule or to register for the camps, visit the Continuing Education Department in Room A139. A summer schedule can also be found online at wright.ccc.edu. For more info, call (773) 481-8059.

Project Butterfly Helps Middle School Girls Make a Beautiful Transition

Project Butterfly is a free program designed to help young ladies age 10-14 entering and currently attending middle school. The program will help girls make transitions through some of the difficult times they might experience. The class meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 22-Aug. 10 at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. The activities are fun and age-appropriate. For info call 847-448-8254.

COLLEGE-SPONSORED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS NAMED: TWO NILES NORTH RECIPIENTS

Recently, more than 2,800 winners of National Merit Scholarship financed by colleges and universities were announced by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Niles North High School student Isa Domin received the National Merit Bowdoin College Scholarship. Niles North student Patrick O'Connor received the National Merit University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Scholarship. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among Finalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

This year 201 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 120 private and 80 public institutions located in 45 states and DC.

NILES WEST STUDENTS WIN ASTRONOMY VIDEO CONTEST

Niles West High School physics students swept the awards in Kepler's Astronomy Music Video contest. The contest is open to any resident of the U.S. and has four categories: middle school, high school, high school graduate and artist. The object of the contest was to create an astronomy music video using original images and synched to "Shoulders of Giants" or an original composition.

Niles West students won all prizes in the high school category. Rahim Sajwani won first place, a prize of \$500 and a telescope. Ryan Olen and Alan Polous shared second place; both will receive a prize of \$150 and a telescope. Loren Lewin and Madeleine Schmidt shared third place and both will receive a prize of \$50 and a telescope. All students are taught by Niles West physics teacher Richard DeCoster.

Kepler's Astronomy Video Contest is sponsored by the Johannes Kepler Project, a non-profit charity started in 2004 by John McFarland. Its objectives are: (1) to humanize science, (2) interest students in science, engineering and technology careers and (3) collect, catalogue and disseminate astronomy resources for and to teachers.

HONOREES INDUCTED TO NILES NORTH COACHES WALL OF HONOR ON JUNE 8

On Tuesday, June 8, former Niles North Track and Field and Cross Country Coach John Barstow and former Niles North Athletic Trainer/Equipment Manager Jim Matson will be inducted into the Niles North Coaches Wall of Honor. Niles North alumni who were members of the track and field teams from 1968 through 1987 and members of the girls cross country teams are invited to attend the ceremony. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hackney's on Lake, 1514 E. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL. An appetizer buffet (\$25 per person) and a Cash Bar will be available. RSVP to Dawn Palmer at dawpal@niles-hs.k12.il.us or (847) 626-2290.

To be considered for the Wall of Honor, a nominee must meet the following criteria: proven dedication to Niles North athletics, leadership, integrity, sportsmanship, professionalism, strong work ethic, and ambassador for Niles North athletics. Nominations are reviewed and evaluated by the Wall of Honor Committee and all past recipients of the Wall of Honor recognition. A minimum of 70% approval out of 23 Head Coaches is necessary for induction.

John Barstow was the Niles North track and field coach from 1968 through 1987. He was the first Niles North girls cross country coach and he led the Vikings to the boys indoor track conference championship in 1969. Larry Genge (Wall of Honor 1991), who nominated Barstow, noted, "Mr. Barstow prepared his athletes and students to always give 150% commitment to the team and their studies, instructing them to institute goals in their lives and to work with integrity and strict ethics to achieve them."

Jim Matson, Niles North's first Athletic Trainer and Equipment Manager, gave 23 years of service to Niles North. He was nominated by Frank Houlihan (Wall of Honor 2009), who stated, "Jim was an integral part of all sports programs at Niles North. He took care of the athletes so they were ready to perform on game day, which was critical for the success of our athletic programs. He was probably the hardest worker I encountered and he spoke volumes with his work ethic and also kind words."

Barstow and Matson will accept their awards at the June 8 ceremony. They will join previous recipients of the Coaches Wall of Honor: Larry Genge, 1991; John Cress, 1992; Paul Giambeluc, 1993; Dennis Fickes, 1994; Steve Poznanski, 1995; Carol Herlocker, 1996; Darrell Conway, 1996; Pat Grant, 1996; Tom Sokalski, 1993; Pete Christie, 1999; William Coulson, 2000; Jim Sakas, 2001; Mark Recker, 2005; Shawn Martin, 2007; Babe Baptist, 2009; Frank Houlihan, 2009; Mark Pace, 2009; and Paul Swanson, 2009.

2010 Chicago International Children's Film Festival

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival ("CICFF") celebrates its 27th season this October 22-31, 2010. A record number of films have been submitted to the 2010 Festival, an increase of 12% so far over 2009. (In 2009, entries increased by 19% overall from 2008.)

This year, "there is an unprecedented number of entries, already in this early submissions stage", according to Programming Director, Ann Vikstrom. Nancy Goldenberg, Director of Children's Programs for the Festival continues, "we are especially pleased to see an increase in Mexican and Latin American entries this season. One of our signature programs, "Español Para Todos" is particularly important for Chicago Public School students in this coming year of potential world language cuts. The CICFF showcases the best in culturally diverse, value-affirming media for both families and teachers".

Because the Festival is the only Academy Award qualifying children's film festival in the world, independent and major studio directors and producers look to the Chicago International Children's Film Festival as a launching pad for their films for children. Over 250 films from 40 countries with more than 150 premieres screen at the Festival each season, selected for wide-ranging programs from an anticipated 1,000 entries.

Among this year's film entries are director Jesper W. Nielsen (2009's "Through a Glass, Darkly" 1st Prize winner Adult Jury - Live Action Feature); and producer Ingelore Koenig ("Stella and the Star of the Orient" - 2008 Best of Fest Award winner). North American and US premieres from the films are en route to Chicago from having won at the BAFTA awards (the British "Oscars"); the Berlin Film Festival, Cannes and Toronto's Sprockets Festivals; and all major children's festivals world-wide.

Returning as well just may be never-before seen episodes from the popular television series, "The Wonder Pets", the UK's "3rd & Bird"; Germany's "The Show with the Elephant"; new episodes of Thomas the Tank Engine and Bob the Builder, as well as world premieres from television submitters from around the globe including the BBC, Sesame Workshop, Discovery Kids Latin America, and major tv production companies and stations in Germany, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Taiwan, Croatia, Mexico, Italy, Russia, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Poland, Switzerland and France, among many others.

For further information, contact: Patrick Ogle, Facets Multi-Media (773) 281-9075 x 3018.

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June is Adopt-A-Cat Month

This month we are celebrating the cat - June is adopt a cat month. With so many cats and kittens in our shelter at this time of year due to unwanted litters, we are happy to recognize this month and help match all of our cats and kittens their new forever homes. Visit our website to see all of our adoptable pets and help us spread the word!

Thoughts about Puppies

Ahh don't you just love the smell of spring? We have had a few tease days, but the warm weather is just around the corner. Thank your biscuits cause I am stating to feel cooped up! I have made several new fiends this winter in doggie day care; but I want to feel the sunshine! Soon the sun and all the new puppies will be here!

Spring is the time many of our Humans acquire a new puppy! There is nothing cutier then a stumbling clumsy puppy! Yes, in true adult dog fashion I pretend to dislike them but who can resist puppy breathe? Please don't tell my Human my secret or she'll be bringing home something new!

Over the winter months I meet new pups that where acquired last spring; and umm... some of them have issues. For example, there was the pup that lunged and snapped and me as I walked by! The pup my Human groomer couldn't even touch because it was biting!

There was the pup that shook so much I felt the floor vibrate! All of these pups where under a year old!

The problem with all these pups is a lack of socialization. From the minute you bring your new pup home you have to bring it everywhere you possible can! Exposing the pup to as many different people, children, and sounds as possible!

Let's imagine that for the first 6 months of your life you have never left you home and property, other then maybe a walk around the block. You only go in the car to the person that has the sharp object that goes into your back. The only dogs you have ever met are you're Human's sitter's dog or the neighbors. How would you feel when you are dropped off at the groomer for the first time? Obviously, scare to death!

None of the mentioned pups where bad, just scared. They didn't know any better because they were never taught that the groomer or that kid on the bike is not going to hurt them. I am sorry, but the person to blame here is the Human! You cannot wait 6 months for your pup to get its first grooming and expect them not to freak out! You cannot expect them not to bite children when they have not met any!

The point is to get your new puppies out to see the world! Expose them to as much as possible; of course make sure they are vaccinated first! But, that shouldn't stop you from meeting new people! When your new pup is scared of everything the only one to blame is the Human! So, please Humans, you are responsible for that wonderful wiggly puppy; make sure they see the world!

Play Hard, Bosley

Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.



Connect with Nature Right Here in the City!

Chicago Park District's 2010 Nature Oasis Program Calendar Events

The Nature Oasis program was created to give Chicagoans of all ages the opportunity to experience the wonder of nature in the city through seasonal nature-based activities for families.

"We are thrilled with the continued interest and enthusiasm Chicago area families have for learning about our environment and participating in our programs," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent Timothy J. Mitchell. "Nature Oasis has been a very successful program, and we hope that we can continue to grow and reach out to more families across the city."

Connect with nature right here in the City of Chicago with any of the following nature programs and events:

Toddlers, Tunes & Turtles

July 13 from 6-7 p.m., Women's Park and Garden, 1827 S. Indiana Ave., 312.742.4838.

July 27 from 5:30-7 p.m., Stearns Quarry, 2700 S. Halsted, 312.747.6497

August 10 from 5:30-7 p.m., Humboldt Park, 1400 N. Sacramento, 312.742.7549

August 24 from 5:30-7 p.m., Gompers Park, 4222 W. Foster, 312.742.5039

September 8 from 5:30 - 7 p.m., South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive, 773.256.0149

September 22 from 5:30-7 p.m., Winnemac Park, 5100 N. Leavitt St., 312.742.5101

Come sing songs, meet live animals, and enjoy nature themed activities. Ages 5 and under are free.

Family Fish Festival

July 17 from 9 a.m. - noon, Sherman Park, 1301 W. 52nd St.

All ages, Free

We're going fishin'! Come explore Sherman Park and its wonderful lagoon to do all things fishy. Catch a fish, learn how to tie a fly, make a fish craft, go canoeing and learn about native and non-native species.

Family Camping

September 11-12 from 2 p.m.- 10 a.m., Gompers Park, 4222 W. Foster

September 18-19 from 2 p.m. - 10 a.m., Jackson Park (Wooded Island), Science Dr. & Lake Shore Dr., behind the Museum of Science & Industry

September 25-26, 2 p.m. - 10 a.m., Stearn's Quarry, 2700 S. Halsted

October 2 - 3 from 2 p.m. -10 a.m., Northerly Island, 1400 S. Lynn White Dr.

To register or for more information call 312.742.5039. For children ages 6-12 with family members, \$50 per family

Campout overnight with your family in a park and enjoy the outdoors! In addition to sleeping in tents, families will take a nature hike, learn basic camping skills and roast marshmallows. Sleeping bags, tents, food (dinner and breakfast) and security will be provided. Due to limited space and the popularity of this program, if you have camped with us two or more times in the past, you're not eligible to camp this year. Mail-in registration required.

It's Thursday, Let's Dance! July 15 - Aug 19

Come on out to the only outdoor dance floor north of downtown Chicago!

Now in its eleventh year, It's Thursday, Let's Dance! will be heating up downtown Evanston on six consecutive Thursday nights: July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12 & August 19. Each week there will be dancing to a live band and instruction with a professional dance teacher. This is a free event and all ages are welcome. Live music and dancing is from 7-9 p.m. for each event and dance lessons are offered at 6 p.m. before hand.

Join us at the conveniently located 909 Davis St. Plaza, the intersection of Maple Avenue and Church Street, at the Davis St. Metra stop. Look for the dance party between American Apparel and Chef's Station's outdoor patio. Check out the line-up at <http://www.downtownevanston.org/visiting-evanston/blog/its-thursday-lets-dance>

Connecting with the Creative Process at Open Studio

Our studio is a safe space, free of any comment or criticism, providing you with a healthy environment to access your inner wisdom and explore and expand your intuition. No prior art or writing experience necessary - just an open mind. Cost \$165 non-members, \$155 members.

Get to know Open Studio this summer with One Day Workshops

Take an afternoon to open the window to your creative side. In this 3 hour workshop, explore our OSP Process to learn to combine uninhibited art-making with thoughtful writing and reflection. Our studio is a safe space, free of any comment or criticism, providing you with a healthy environment to access your inner wisdom and explore and expand your intuition.

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MILLENNIUM PARK ANNOUNCES NOON MUSIC SERIES LINE-UP FEATURING THE ELECTRO-POP AND INDIE-ACOUSTIC SOUNDS OF LOCAL DJs AND LIVE BANDS

Edible Audible Picnic, the polyrhythmic music series returns to Millennium Park at noon this summer, featuring DJs and live bands as diverse and entrancing as the electronic genre in which they play. Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Millennium Park, this free series expands to include 16 concerts on Mondays and select Saturdays at noon, beginning June 7 through September 4, 2010.

A highlight of Millennium Park's noon programming on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion this summer, Edible Audible Picnic will feature the experimental, house and bass-thumping sounds of local artists including Green Velvet, The Cool Kids and Orchard Lounge. Also on tap will be the international and national sounds of High Places, Solvent, Juan Maclean and Dosh, among others, played over the Park's state-of-the-art sound system.

Monday, June 28 at Noon I Am Robot and Proud

Making his Chicago debut, I Am Robot and Proud is a one-man indie electronic artist from Toronto, Canada named Shaw-Han Liem. He combines both electronic and organic instrumentation to produce gentle instrumental electronic pop. Liem has just released Uphill City Collaborations & Remixes and is currently wrapping up a full length follow up album for the acclaimed Darla Records. <http://www.robotandproud.com/> or www.myspace.com/iamrobotandproud

Saturday, July 3 at Noon Green Velvet aka Cajmere

Chicago's own Curtis Jones has a unique electronic music style influenced by the sounds he'd been exposed to as a science-fiction-loving, video-game-playing kid, in a city known for house and gospel music. Recording under his successful aliases, Green Velvet, for his techno style of music, and as Cajmere for house music, allows him to expand the boundaries of dance music through his two internationally known record labels, Cajual and Relief Records. <http://www.myspace.com/greenvelvet>

Monday, July 5 at Noon Nice Nice

Nice Nice are Portland-based Jason Buehler and Mark Shirazi, a duo that have been using guitars, drums, voices, electronics and more to create their "post-everything modern music" for nearly a decade. Now recording for Warp records, the group crafts songs, which weave together seamlessly to create an album-length crescendo, encompassing everything from forward-reaching psychedelia and neo-primitive electronica to dub rhythms. www.nicenice.net/ or www.myspace.com/nicenice

Monday, July 12 at Noon El Guincho

El Guincho is the recording alias of Spanish musician Pablo Díaz-Reixa. His musical style is influenced by a broad range of artists like Animal Collective and Os Mutantes, and relies heavily on the use of sampling, incorporating elements of Afrobeat, dub, Tropicália and rock and roll. Díaz-Reixa described his music as a kind of "space-age exotica". <http://www.myspace.com/elguincho>

Everyday throughout the summer between June 1 and September 21, visitors can find free concerts on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion as part of the On Stage at Noon series, along with family programs and open rehearsals of the acclaimed Grant Park Music Festival.

For more information about Edible Audible Picnic and all of the programming in Millennium Park, visit www.millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, or visit Millennium Park on Facebook.

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad
Author Unknown

AFTER-WORK TOURS KEEP PEOPLE IN THE LOOP

Chicago Architecture Foundation Offers Late Cruises and Walking Tours

People meeting up after work can take in an architecture tour and still get home for dinner. The Chicago Architecture Foundation offers 5:30 pm tours that take advantage of the sunsets on Chicago's skyscrapers, through September.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation has "date night" architecture river cruises every Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm as well as five different "Happy Hour" walking tours — each ending with a free drink at a local restaurant:

Monday: Downtown Deco (ending at Bella Bacino)

Tuesday: Millennium Park Revealed (ending at the Park Grill)

Wednesday: Historic Downtown (south loop) Rise of the Skyscraper (ending at the Exchequer Pub & Grill)

Thursday: Historic Downtown (north loop): Treasures of Culture & Commerce (ending at Rhapsody)

Friday: Modern Skyscrapers (ending at 17 West at the Berghoff)

The architecture river cruise is offered aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises luxury cruising yachts, with open-air decks as well as air conditioned interior seating and a full bar.

For detailed information check: www.architecture.org - P 312.922.3432

Grosse Point Lighthouse Tours

Grosse Point Lighthouse was built by the United States Government in 1873 as the lead lighthouse marking the approach to Chicago after several shipwrecks demonstrated its need. The promontory on which it stands was named Grosse Point (Great Point) by early French explorers and traders in the 17th century.

After your tour, visitors can visit the nearby Harley Clarke House, a three-story Tudor mansion housing the Evanston Art Center.

Volunteers lead tours of the museum and tower under the direction of Donald J. Terras, Director of the Lighthouse Park District. Visitors view exhibits and get a chance to climb 141 stairs to the top.

Because the lighthouse and keepers' quarters were designed to aid navigation, not serve as museums, the buildings aren't safe for large tours or small children. Tours are on a first-come, first-served basis to 12 people per hour. Tower tours are cancelled during hazardous weather conditions.

Due to restoration projects, tours may be disrupted in Aug. and Sept.; please call ahead. Volunteer opportunities for tour guides are available Sunday afternoons. Click here or call 847/328-6961 for more information.

Location: Grosse Point Lighthouse and Keepers' Quarters, Sheridan Rd. at Central St. Dates: June-Sept. (closed the weekend of July 3-4 and Labor Day weekend)

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Selecting an Estate Planning Attorney – Wisely



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When you plan your estate, you are putting together your road map to your legacy. Your estate plan determines who will be entitled to your assets, how they can use them, and the protections which they and the assets you leave them may have from creditors, divorcing spouses, etc. The attorney whom you select to assist you in creating that plan is integral to its success. That is why you need to choose wisely.

When Bill and Mary were planning their estates, they went to an attorney who was a family friend, had a general practice and dabbled in many areas of the law. Their attorney, Frank, was very nice and even gave them a discount because of their friendship. Frank drafted Wills for them that appeared to work on the surface. Bill wanted one-half of his assets to go to Mary and one-half of his assets to go to his children from his first marriage. His Will seemed to do this. However, when Bill died, it did not work out that way. Bill had \$750,000 in assets at his death. His one-half interest in the house he owned with Mary was worth \$250,000. His one-half interest in the ranch he owned with his brother, Sam, was worth \$300,000. Finally, his IRA was worth \$200,000. Unfortunately, but unbeknownst to Bill and Mary, estate planning does not just entail writing down your wishes in a Will, like Frank did for them. It takes knowledge and experience to create an effective estate.

When Bill died, they discovered that the house was held in joint tenancy, so his \$250,000 interest in the \$500,000 house passed to Mary automatically at his death. It was not controlled by his Will at all. Likewise, the ranch was held in joint tenancy with Sam. Bill's \$300,000 interest in the ranch automatically passed to Sam, even though the Will provided otherwise. Finally, the IRA had a beneficiary designation naming Bill's mother. After Bill's first marriage ended, he had changed the designation to his mother. He forgot to update the designation when he remarried. Frank, though meaning well, did not think to ask about the beneficiary designations because he did not focus in estate planning and did not have the experience to know better.

So, of his \$750,000 in assets, Bill wanted one-half, or \$375,000, to go to his kids from his first marriage and \$375,000 to Mary. Instead, Mary only got \$250,000 and his kids from his first marriage got nothing—even though that's not what his Will provided. An experienced attorney would have recommended that Bill change the house and ranch to tenancy-in-common property and would have made sure the beneficiary designation was updated. That way, Bill would have provided for his family as he had wanted.

Don't make the same mistake that Bill and Mary did. Go to a qualified estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning. Make sure they get continuing legal education to stay updated on the latest developments in the field of estate planning. For example, the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys requires its members to earn 36 hours of training in estate planning or elder law annually. Once you select a qualified estate planning attorney, have confidence that your legacy is in good hands.

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 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

THIS FATHER'S DAY, TEACH AN OLD DAD A NEW TWIST

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Who says you can't teach an old dad new twists? All across the nation this Father's Day weekend, people are telling their fathers, grandfathers, and other special men in their lives about a new "twist" in the law that may help them qualify for extra help paying for costs associated with their prescription drugs.

When you're spending time with Dad this weekend, ask him if he can use some help paying for his prescription drugs. If so, tell him about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security.

If Dad is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he might be eligible for extra help to pay for his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

If you're met with a resistant, "No, I've looked into it before and I don't qualify," then let him know the law changed in January 2010. As volunteer spokesman Chubby Checker will tell you, a new "twist" in the law makes it easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

Thanks to this new "twist" in the law, we no longer count any life insurance policy he has as a resource, and we no longer count as income any financial assistance he receives regularly from someone else to pay his household expenses like food, mortgage or rent, utilities or property taxes.

Don't take our word for it, see Chubby Checker's rocking message at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

To qualify, he must be receiving Medicare and:

Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if he or his wife:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

Have resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count his house or car as resources.

You can help Dad fill out an easy-to-use online application at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

You and your dad can learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods. Visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Maybe it's been a few years since Dad did the Twist. But saving an extra \$3,900 a year on prescription drugs may help put a new spring in his step.

“TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH” WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR NORWOOD PARK SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER

If you have wanted to control your health issues but didn't know how, be sure to enroll in "Take Charge of Your Health," a discussion-oriented six-week workshop that will begin on July 12 and continue on succeeding Mondays of each week through Aug. 16. The sessions will be held from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., at the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago. The workshop is designed to allow you to "discover a new way to be in control of your health and live the life you want to live."

There is no cost for the six-week workshop that includes use of a textbook and a relaxation CD. Registration will take place at the Senior Center, and attendees are expected to attend all sessions. For more information, call (773) 775-6071.



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The **Edgebrook Book Club** begins this summer's adult reading program: Reading is Art-Rageous: Summer Reads for Adults with the selection *The Gardner Heist: The True Story of the World's Largest Unsolved Art Theft* by Ulrich Boser on Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Avenue. On March 18, 1990, two men dressed as policemen broke into Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and walked out with a dozen masterpieces worth \$500 million. To date, not one painting has been recovered. Before he died, Harold Smith, one of the world's greatest art detectives, believed he was close to cracking the case. After Smith's family gave journalist Ulrich Boser access to his research, Boser explored Smith's unfinished leads. This work is a true story that reads like a police procedural mystery. For more information please telephone the library at 312-744-8313.

Media Advisory - Senator Schoenberg & Mayor Tisdahl to Unveil Branch Library Plan

Assistant Senate Majority Leader Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston) and Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl will announce a proposed partnership between the City of Evanston and the State of Illinois that could pave the way for restoring branch libraries.

Under a plan crafted by Senator Schoenberg, an Evanston-based office of the state's Department of Employment Security and the Evanston South Branch Library would seek to relocate jointly in a location in South/Southwest Evanston. The joint arrangement would provide significant cost savings for both the state and the city while reshaping the delivery system for providing information and job-related services in the community.

Faced with a sizable budget deficit entering into the current fiscal year, the Evanston City Council had initially called for the closure of the North and South Branch Libraries in an effort to help eliminate part of that deficit. Just prior to the passage of the final city budget, the Council funded the branch libraries through August and allowed for community members and organizations to raise, through private sources, the necessary monies to cover the operations for the remaining six months.

"This can be a win-win solution for everyone," said Mayor Tisdahl. "Sen. Schoenberg's proposal would save money at the South Branch Library, thus freeing up resources for the total Evanston Library System."

Volunteer to Become a Wish Granter

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois is seeking volunteers who would like first-hand experience in granting wishes to courageous children battling life-threatening medical conditions. The Foundation is especially looking for volunteers bilingual in English and Spanish to fill a continuing need for bilingual wish granters.

The next training session for bilingual volunteers is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Make-A-Wish offices, located at 640 N. LaSalle Drive in Chicago. Visit wishes.org for more information.

Wish-Granting volunteers work in teams of two to help grant the wishes of children in their community. Volunteers plan and carry out wishes from start to finish with support from the Make-A-Wish Foundation staff. Wish Granters are asked to give 10-12 hours per month to grant at least three wishes per year. This is a fun and rewarding opportunity for adults of all ages.

To attend the training, potential volunteers must complete the volunteer application and online training in advance; therefore RSVP is required ten days prior to training. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please RSVP for this session to Jamie Staab at staab@wishes.org or 312.602.9413. All volunteers must be over 18 and submit an application, reference and background check; and complete an online and brief in-person training to begin granting wishes.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their lives with hope, strength and joy.

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Wednesdays in June, beginning June 16 Join our preschool and toddler story times. Toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) meet from 10:15 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. Preschoolers meet from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for stories and crafts. No pre-registration is required. Contact the children's librarian for more information.

Thursdays in June, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The social worker is in! Are you confused about the maze of social services and assistance programs? Library Volunteer Susan Fox-Larkin, LCSW, is a professional social worker with 20 years of experience. She will be able to refer you to the proper agency or service for help.

Saturday, June 19 at 2 p.m. Join local author/illustrator Tim Broderick and learn about comic strips and graphic novels; practice drawing art in panes. Ages 10 to 14. Registration required.

Monday, June 21 at 4:30 p.m. Join our family reading club as they discuss *Mary Cassett* by Mike Venezia. Ages 6 to 9 (grades 1 to 3) and their parents. Call to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. Join artist Bernadette Foch and learn to draw like Paul Klee. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. Join our pre-teen book discussion group as they discuss *Calder Game* by Blue Balliett. Ages 10-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. An author visit with Bob Raczka, who will show how looking at two pieces of art at the same time is twice the fun. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

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Friday Films. July 2, 3-5:15pm. July 9, 3-5:15pm. July 16, 3-5:15pm., July 23, 3-5:15pm., July 30, 3-5:15pm.

July Weekend Family Films – *The Little Mermaid: Ariel's Beginning*. July 3, 2-3pm. *Free Willy: Escape From Pirate's Cove*. July 17 & 18, 2-3:45pm

Tuesday Night Family Films – *Flipper*. July 6, 7-8:45pm. *March of the Penguins*. July 20, 7-8:30pm. *Shark Tale*. July 13, 7-8:45pm. *Surf's Up*. July 27, 7-8:30pm.

AAL Book Discussion Group, July 13, 7-9pm.

Make a T-Shirt Handbag! Teens. July 14, 4-5pm.

Father/Son Book Group: *Bang!* by Sharon Flake. Teens and Dads. July 15, 7-8:15pm.

Monday Movie: *Storm*. July 19, 7-8:30pm.

Circuit Bending Workshop - Create Your Own Instrument. Teens. July 22, 3-4:30pm.

FHA Certification workshops. July 24, 1-3:30pm.

Chicago YIVO Society Lecture: "Our Pal God: Reflections on Humor and Theology." July 26, 12:15-1:15pm.

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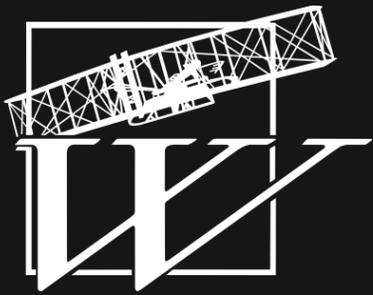
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