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All Irish Eyes Were Smiling At The Northwest Side Irish Parade



Held on
March 15th

SPRING HAS SPRUNG.
NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN
(Open To Pages 6 & 7 For Happenings)

**STREET CLEANING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS
BEGINS ON APRIL 1st — WATCH FOR SIGNS**

(see Page 2 for Details)



Happy Easter and Passover



from the staff of

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Bears of Hope's founder Carolyn Reiner (middle) with volunteers aren Fronczak (left) and Yvonne Sloan (right). (See Page 5 For More)



St. Paul Lutheran Church

David J. Bass, Pastor



Palm Sunday, March 29th • Worship with Holy Communion 8:15am & 10:45am

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd • Worship with Holy Communion 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 3rd • 10:00am & 7:00pm

Easter Vigil, April 4th • 6:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 5th

Sunrise Holy Communion 6:00am • Holy Communion 8:15am & 10:45am

Easter Morning Breakfast After All Services

Visitors Welcome!

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HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

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

GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 PM ENGLISH ~ 6:30 PM POLISH

HOLY SATURDAY
6:00 PM POLISH ~ 8:30 PM ENGLISH

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION /
CONFESSION**

Saturday March 28 7:45 AM & 8:00 PM
Sunday March 29 7:30 PM
Monday-Wednesday 7:45 AM & 7:30 PM
Holy Thursday 7:45 AM & 9:00 PM
Good Friday 7:45 AM & 8:00 PM
Holy Saturday NO CONFESSIONS

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

ST. THECLA CHURCH

6725 West Devon Avenue, Chicago (773) 792-3077

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2015

Friday, March 27
1:30 and 6:30pm Living Stations
of the Cross presented by
St. Thecla 8th grade students

**Palm Sunday Weekend
March 28-29**
Sat. Mass at 5:00pm
Sun. Mass at 8:00; 10:00am in English;
11:30am in Polish
Confessions 11:30am to 3:00pm
in English & Polish

Holy Thursday, April 2
8:30am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and
Washing of the Feet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Mass until midnight

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

Holy Saturday, April 4
8:30am Morning Prayer
11:30am to 12:30pm Blessing the
Easter Food Baskets
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
(fulfills Sunday obligation)

Easter Sunday, April 5
5:30am Procession and Easter Mass in Polish;
8:00 and 10:00 Masses in English
11:30am Mass in Polish

Mayor Emanuel Starts Street Sweeping Early To Clean Up Chicago's Neighborhoods From Winter Debris

More Than 40 Sweepers Will Work During Regular Early Morning Hours In Communities Across The City; Regular Sweeping Season To Begin April 1

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced to Chicago residents that the City is getting a jump start on street cleaning this year to address the litter and debris that have accumulated along curb lanes, center lanes and viaducts throughout the winter.

"As the snow melts, we are launching an aggressive citywide street sweeping plan to clean our streets of the debris that has accumulated over the winter season," said Mayor Emanuel. "As our residents begin their own spring cleaning at home, our fleet of City sweepers will be working during the early morning hours to clean main streets across the City in an effort to improve neighborhood quality of life for residents in our communities."

The Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) began morning street sweeping this week and is done between 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, until March 31. There will be no temporary parking restrictions related to this overnight operation.

DSS is leveraging the existing overnight parking ban, still in effect until April 1, to begin cleaning arterial streets during the early morning hours. On April 1, DSS will begin its regular street sweeping season when both residential and main streets will be regularly swept Citywide.

More than 40 overnight street sweeping crews will work in all 50 wards to address areas in need of immediate cleaning as identified by each ward superintendent.

"Street sweeping is an essential service provided by Streets and Sanitation to ensure all neighborhoods streets are clean," said DSS Commissioner Charles L. Williams. "Street sweepers will focus on arterial routes during the early morning hours for the remainder of March before street sweeping begins on residential and side streets on April 1, 2015."

Throughout the winter months, DSS continues to sweep arterial streets as weather conditions permit. Since December 2014, DSS swept over 5,100 lane miles.

The annual street sweeping season begins Wednesday, April 1, 2015. During this time, temporary parking restrictions are posted the day before a street is scheduled to be swept. Some streets have permanently posted signs that outline days when parking is prohibited for street sweeping. The 2015 street sweeping schedule will be available beginning March 23, at www.cityofchicago.org/dss.

FREE Window Cleaning!

Belmont-Central Chamber is offering FREE Window Washing for local businesses. Please contact the chamber for more info at: (773) 647-1644.

Mather's More Than A Cafe Hiring!

Join our team of Culinary Delighters! We're looking for a skilled and friendly cook who enjoys plenty of face time with customers. This is not a standard kitchen job: not only will you prepare quality food in a timely fashion, you may host cooking demonstrations, dress in costume, and possibly sing and dance with customers. You'll work in a fun, ageless environment, for an organization that has been ranked as a Chicago Tribune Top Workplace multiple times. This position requires at least one year of cooking experience, with basic knowledge and understanding of cooking techniques; ability to communicate with supervisor, coworkers, and customers; ability to follow standardized recipes; ability to operate kitchen equipment; and a current sanitation certification. Preferred: Formal culinary training.



Please contact Mather LifeWays at (847) 492-7500 or apply here: <http://www.matherlifeways.com/jobs/view/cook-4>.

March Is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Dr. Henry R. Govekar, colorectal and general surgeon at Community First Medical Center wants to raise awareness of colorectal cancer. This preventable disease is the fourth most common cancer in the USA, and the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women. Colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in approximately 140,000 people this year alone. It will claim up to 56,000 lives. This is a highly preventable disease with appropriate screening and early intervention (i.e. colonoscopy). There are often no symptoms of colorectal cancer. Some people may develop vague abdominal pain or rectal bleeding, but at that point it may be too late. The only way to prevent colorectal cancer is through early screening with a colonoscopy. In fact, a recently published paper in Annals of Internal Medicine on March 5, 2013 found that a colonoscopy can decrease the likelihood of a colorectal cancer diagnosis by 70% in adults.

Most colon cancers start as polyps, which are precursors to cancer. If they are found and removed early, a cancer can be prevented. This also can prevent patients from having to undergo a major surgery to remove part of the colon or rectum.

Colorectal surgeons are experts in the surgical and nonsurgical treatment of colon and rectal issues. They play a pivotal role in the screening, prevention and treatment of colon and rectal disease. Studies have shown that patients treated by colorectal surgeons are more likely to survive colorectal cancer because of their advanced training and the large number of colon and rectal disease surgeries they perform.

ASCRS Screening Guidelines

The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), which is dedicated to advancing the treatment of patients with diseases affecting the colon, rectum and anus, supports the following colorectal cancer screening guidelines:

- For people at average risk of getting colorectal cancer, a digital rectal examination and fecal occult blood test, which screens for hidden blood in the stool, are recommended annually beginning at age 50.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy (a test that allows the physician to look directly at the lining of the lower colon and rectum) is recommended every 5 years at age 50 or older.
- A colonoscopy (a test that allows the physician to look directly at the lining of the entire colon and rectum) every 10 years or a barium enema (x-ray of the colon) every 5 to 10 years are acceptable alternatives.
- People at increased risk for colorectal cancer include those with a personal or family history of colorectal polyps or cancer, those with a personal history of breast, uterine or ovarian cancer, and those with chronic ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.
- Increased risk patients may need earlier and more frequent screening depending upon the recommendations of their healthcare provider.

Prevention Tips

- Dr. Govekar notes that in addition to timely and regular screening for colorectal cancer, people may be able to lower their risk of getting the disease by:
- Eating plenty of fiber. The recommended amount is 25 to 35 grams of fiber a day. Most people do not obtain this amount from fruits, vegetables and cereal so it is recommended to start a fiber supplement.
- Eating a low fat diet and including leafy green vegetables.
- Exercising at least 20 minutes a day, three days a week. This can include climbing steps and walking outside.
- Limiting excessive alcohol intake and stop smoking.
- Lastly, screening with a colonoscopy.

For more information call Dr. Henry R. Govekar at 708-453-6800 or visit his website at http://www.suburbansurgery.com/our_staff/doctor_henry_govekar/.

Jefferson Park Meeting

Do you want to know how real estate is rating in Jefferson Park? That will be the topic among others at the monthly meeting of the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, JPNA, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. held at Jefferson Park Congregational Church, 5320 W. Giddings, lower level. The main speakers will be Pat Liput, realtor, and Kelly Malitz, mortgage banker. The meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments provided. For more information, call 1773 282 3879 or see www.jpna.net.



Community First Medical Center

April Health Events For Area Residents

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

The diabetes support group will meet Tuesday, April 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education. For information call 773-794-8329.

A free grief support group for adults ages 18 and over who are dealing with the loss of a loved one will meet Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28; and May 5 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Enrollment is limited. Call 773-794-8386 to reserve your space.

A free caregiver support group for adults ages 18 and over who are caring for ill loved ones will meet Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29; and May 6 and 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 773-794-8386 for information and/or to enroll. Space is limited.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, April 10, in Centennial A on the 7th floor of the hospital from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. April is Alcohol Awareness Month and guest speaker Larry will discuss his road to sobriety. Registration is not required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Wednesday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

There will be a thyroid screening, a blood draw for TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone), Thursday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There is a \$10 fee. Neither fasting nor preparation are needed. Advanced registration required by calling, 773-794-8486. Results will be mailed.

Maryville Crisis Nursery will present a parenting session titled "Safety: Home Media, Community Safety Tips," Tuesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. A free dinner and childcare service will be provided. Registration is required by April 20, at 3 p.m., by calling 773-205-3637.

In honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, there will be a free lecture "Surviving through Alcoholism." Larry D. will tell his story from his darkest days to 33 years sobriety. Lecture will be held Wednesday, April 22 from 4-5 pm. In Conference room A. Registration required by calling 773-794-8486

The Arthritis Support Group will meet on Thursday, April 23, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

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Run Unified For Special Olympics Illinois At The Bank Of America Shamrock Shuffle On Sunday, March 29

Special Olympics Illinois is proud to be included in the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle on Sunday, March 29. The 8K (4.97-mile) run starts and finishes in Chicago's Grant Park.

After registering for the Shamrock Shuffle runners are encouraged to join Team Run Unified and show their support for Special Olympics Illinois. All members of Team Run Unified receive a Run Unified t-shirt and will be able to attend the Post-Race Party which will feature live music from The Chancey Brothers.

Special Olympics Illinois athletes including, Evanston's Christine Maxwell and Eckersall Park's Eddie Dobie, will hold the finish line tape with Bank of America executive and Special Olympics Illinois President and CEO Dave Breen.

Christine and her family have been long-time Shamrock Shuffle supporters. Christine's running career first began on the junior high track team, but the sport was always something her family did together. Joe Maxwell, Christine's father, first started running the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K in 1986. Since then, his family has continued

the tradition by running the race and rooting each other on as they cross the finish line.

Today, the Maxwell family tradition of running has expanded to yet another generation. Christine's father, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins will all run together in the 2015 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K.

She looks forward to telling everyone what a great job they did, just like her family, coaches and fellow athletes do for her when she competes in Special Olympics.

Funds raised through the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle will help provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities – giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

To register for the Shamrock Shuffle please visit <http://www.shamrockshuffle.com/>. To join Team Run Unified please visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/SpecialOlympicsIllinois>.

Special Olympics Illinois Unified Soccer Tryouts At Privatebank Fire Pitch On March 28

Special Olympics Illinois has partnered with the Chicago Fire MLS Soccer Team to create a Unified All Star Soccer Team. This team will travel with the Chicago Fire to their game against Portland the weekend of August 7, 2015. On Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Special Olympics Illinois and the Chicago Fire will hold tryouts for this team. Anyone ages 12-21 who has previously participated in Unified Soccer is welcome.

Tryouts will be held at the PrivateBank Fire Pitch, the new soccer center located on the city's north side that's providing year-round access to soccer fields.

This is an incredible opportunity for both Special Olympics Illinois athletes and Unified Partners. Unified Sports joins athletes both with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team to promote social inclusion through shared training and competition exercises with the principle that training and playing together is the quickest path to friendship and understanding.

Created with the goal of bringing people

together, Special Olympics Unified Sports teams have more than half a million participants worldwide who work together break down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for nearly 22,000 Traditional Athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 21,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at www.soill.org.

Prasia Chorus Performs On April 10

Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago, will host a special concert, at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, featuring Prasia (Personal Revival Asia).

Tickets are \$25 each and may be ordered by emailing to HYPERSLINK "mailto:edisonparkumc120@gmail.com" edisonparkumc120@gmail.com, or by leaving a message at 773-792-3030.

This well-known Christian choral group from the Philippines is on an international tour through the United States. The group, organized 19 years ago, features inspirational, life-changing music.

Preschool Applications Available At Stock School!

WHERE: 7507 W. Birchwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60631

WHO: Families interested in preschool registration for 2015-2016 school year

Beginning March 2, 2015, Stock School will serve as a Chicago Public School preschool registration site for families interested in applying for the 2015-2016 school year. Applications are available at Stock School and online at www.cps.edu/readytolearn. Parents must apply in-person between March 2, 2015 through May 1, 2015 between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Applicants also are required to show proof of residency, proof of income, and proof of child's age.

Families of preschool students with disabilities may inquire with Stock School or contact the Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services at 773-553-1800 for information about preschool registration and enrollment process for students with disabilities.

Stock School is offering tours on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00-10:30 am and 1:30-2:00 pm for any interested families. Additional tour dates or times are available as requested. Please call 773-534-1215 to schedule a tour.

About Stock School

Stock Early Childhood Center, "Where all children belong", fosters a love for learning in every child. An intentional focus on developmentally appropriate social/emotional growth, self-help needs, rigorous academics, fine arts and physical development maximizes each student's learning. Stock is committed to providing inclusive and differentiated programs that nurture and support all of our students by utilizing a culture of professional inquiry, shared leadership and mutual accountability of all staff, parents and community partners.

Stock School utilizes the classroom-based team approach to maximize the potential of all students. The teams consist of teachers and specialists, each with their own area of expertise, that collaborate and meet regularly to prioritize objectives, share information, and evaluate student progress. The goal of the Ready to Learn Blended Program is to emphasize that every experience and interaction in high quality preschool is intentional, and will prepare preschool children for the remainder of their educational careers. Students in the Cluster Program receive support from a Special Educator in an instructional classroom for 100% of their day, but are included with their age appropriate peers in as many opportunities as possible.

Stock School envisions a school climate that is warm, loving, stimulating, positive and productive. We feel each student will reach their greatest potential if they love school and love their teacher.

For further inquiry please contact Principal, Ann McNally at 773-534-1215.

SAVE THE DATE!

White Pines Golf Club • 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville



Monday,
June 22, 2015

We're thrilled to announce that for the first time, we're partnering with three additional chambers to bring you a bigger, better golf outing!

Call The Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce For Details and To Reserve Your Spot.



Bea McDonough

773.763.3606

www.norwoodpark.org

Northwestern University Guild Program

Northwestern University Campus, Scott Hall, in the Guild Lounge
601 University Place, Evanston

All programs are held on Monday and begin at 1:30 pm (unless noted)
Tea, coffee and cookies are served after the program.

April 6 Annual Meeting at 1:15 pm followed by our program

Chicago's Historic Prairie Avenue

William Tyre, Glessner House Museum Executive Director & Curator

Prairie Avenue, home of the National Historic Landmark Glessner House Museum, developed as Chicago's premier residential street in the last half of the 19th century. By the time of the World's Columbian Exposition, nearly 90 mansions lined a six-block section of the street which became known as the "sunny street that held the sifted few." This presentation will explore the development of the street, its residents and homes, the factors that led to its rapid decline in the first quarter of the 20th century, and the movement which led to the creation of the Prairie Avenue Historic District. Web site: <http://glessnerhouse.org>.

Enjoy Robert Crown Center's Spring Flea Market April 11

On Saturday, April 11, community members are invited to attend Robert Crown Center's Spring Flea Market, located at 1701 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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

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

Edison Park Farmers Market

We are excited to announce that the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a monthly farmers market! This family friendly event will have fresh produce, prepared foods, flowers, live acoustic entertainment, inflatable jump houses, and kids activities. The Edison Park Farmers Market will be located in the center Metra Parking Lot directly across from Moretti's and Edison Park Inn. The Edison Park Farmers Market will be held on the last Wednesday of the month and the hours are 4pm-8pm.

Dates for Edison Park Farmers Market: April 29th, May 27th, June 24th, July 29th, August 26th, September 30th, October (TBD).



Neighborhood Farmers Markets Will Open In May

Watch Future Editions For Markets In Your Area

Social Security to Expand Field Office Hours Nationwide

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 Allows Agency to Restore Some Service Hours

Social Security announces as a result of Congress' approval of the fiscal year 2015 budget, the agency will expand its hours nationwide and offices will be open to the public for an additional hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, effective March 16, 2015. A field office that is usually open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will remain open until 4:00 p.m. Offices will continue to close to the public at noon every Wednesday so employees have time to complete current work and reduce backlogs.

"This expansion of office hours reaffirms our commitment to providing the people we serve the option of top-notch, face-to-face assistance in field offices even as we work to expand online services for those who prefer that flexibility," said Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "The public expects and deserves world-class customer service and thanks to approved funding, I am pleased we will continue our tradition of exceptional service."

In recent years, Social Security reduced public office hours due to congressional budget cuts, growing backlogs and staffing losses. The agency began recovery in fiscal year 2014 by replacing some field office staffing losses and providing overtime support to process critical work. With the commitment of resources in fiscal year 2015, the agency is able to restore some service hours to the public.

Most Social Security business does not require a visit to a local field office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits, creating a my Social Security account, replacing a Medicare card, or reporting a change of address or telephone number are conveniently available anytime at www.socialsecurity.gov. Social Security also offers assistance via a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (Voice) and 1-800-325-0778 (TTY). Representatives are available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Mayor Emanuel Announces Nearly 125 Additional Miles Of Repaving

Part of Mayor's Commitment to Repave 300 Miles Annually;

More than 1,000 Miles Repaved During Mayor Emanuel's First Term in Office

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today the City has identified nearly 125 additional miles of streets to be repaved in neighborhoods throughout the City in 2015. The announcement is the next step in the Mayor's new annual standard of repaving at least 300 miles of roads, a significant increase from previous years.

"Every resident in the City of Chicago deserves streets that are paved and passable to get to work, school, or just around their neighborhood, which is why we are setting a new standard of paving at least 300 miles a year going forward," said Mayor Emanuel. "Whether it's paving more miles of roads or upgrading the water and sewer mains beneath them, we are making the essential investments to give our 21st century city a 21st century infrastructure and ensure a good quality of life for every neighborhood in the City of Chicago."

The work announced today is part of a strategy to replace aging water lines, which are on average more than 100 years old, and repave Chicago's streets. The 125 miles includes 90 miles of repaving following the installation of new water mains and 22 miles of repaving following the installation of new sewer mains. The remainder of this por-

tion of repaving work will take place on arterial streets to be conducted by CDOT, or in conjunction with work being completed by People's Gas. In January, Mayor Emanuel announced the City had identified the first 60 miles of streets that would be resurfaced.

At Mayor Emanuel's direction city departments and private utilizes have greatly increased paving efforts. Since 2011 more than 1,000 miles of streets have been repaved - nearly a quarter of Chicago's streets. In 2014 alone, CDOT, the Department of Water Management (DWM), private contractors and utilities combined to repave a record 343 miles of roadway.

To ensure the City is not only increasing repaving, but increasing the effectiveness of that work, the City has improved coordination on infrastructure projects. Mayor Emanuel is demanding better coordination between City agencies and private utilities to ensure newly paved streets aren't being torn up for other work.

To that end, CDOT's Project Coordination Office, City infrastructure departments and utilities have worked together to reduce the amount of project conflicts that would open up a street more than once.

Village of Skokie - Early Voting Spring 2015

Early voting period for the upcoming April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election for Cook County begins Monday, March 23, 2015 and ends on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie. Any registered voter in suburban Cook County may vote early at this location or any other designated early voting location.

Early voting hours are:

Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The offices up for election include positions for the following:

- Skokie School Boards
- Skokie Park District
- Skokie Public Library Board of Trustees

For further information please contact the office of Skokie Village Clerk Pramod Shah at 847/933-8203.

New Fitness Class at the Norwood Park Senior Center!

Exercise designed for you!

We want you to know about a continuing health and fitness program offered at the Norwood Park Senior Center. If you or a family member are 66 or older, has stiffness or pain in the lower back, hips, knees, ankles or feet, has arthritis and are someone who has not been exercising but wants to - the "Fit and Strong" program is just the ticket to feeling stronger and more agile.

"Fit and Strong," is an 8-week, 3 times per week, fitness and lifestyle program where you will learn about the benefits of physical activity, how to manage arthritis, how to exercise safely and how to develop and maintain a more active lifestyle. "Fit and Strong" starts on March 9th.

Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma, Chicago, IL 60631
Phone: 773-775-6071, info@npseniorcenter.org Join Today!



2015 Tax Law Changes You Should Know From AGT The Safe Money People

1) New Limitations on IRA Rollovers

Starting on January 1st, 2015 you are now limited to one IRA to IRA rollover. This is a limit on what is considered to be "indirect rollovers" or when the owner takes possession of the distribution and then moves it into another IRA. There is some good news though, there still is no limit on trustee to trustee transfers or on Roth IRA to traditional IRA conversions.

2) Changes in Health Care Expense Accounts

In 2015 you will no longer be able to carry over your balance in a FSA (Health Flexible Spending Account) and still be eligible to participate in a HSA (Health Savings Account). The annual contribution limit for FSA's & HSA's have also been increased by \$50.

3) Changes to Retirement Accounts

a) Increased Employer Plan (401k) Contribution Limits

You can contribute up to \$18,000 to your 401(k), 403(b), and most 457 plans. The catch up contribution rate for individuals over 50 has also increased to \$6,500.

4) Affordable Care Act penalties increasing

In 2015, under the Affordable Care Act, penalties for not having health insurance are increasing. The penalty in 2015 will increase to \$325 per adult (or 2% of income, whichever is greater).

The second large change is the introduction of the PTC (premium tax credit). This is a refund available to families who get their health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. There are eligibility requirements so check with your tax professional to see if you qualify.

AGT THE SAFE MONEY PEOPLE

5009 Oakton Street,
Skokie, IL 60077
Ph 847.933.9222

Door-to-Door Commercial Solicitors in Skokie

The Village allows commercial organizations to apply for door-to-door solicitation permits in Skokie. Approved door-to-door commercial solicitors are generally seeking to obtain potential customers by offering services or goods.

Please note that all commercial solicitors must be registered with the Village of Skokie Police Department and all solicitors must wear the identification badges supplied by the Skokie Police Department at all times during the solicitation period.

Below are some suggestions on how to respond when a commercial solicitor rings your doorbell:

- Don't open the door if you're uncomfortable with a solicitor's visit.
- Don't provide billing or financial information unless you completely understand what the solicitor is offering and you are interested in the offer.
- Do ask for identification and proof of solicitor's permit from the Village of Skokie.
- Do call the Skokie Police Department non-emergency number, 847/982-5900 to confirm the permit or 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity.
- Do request a no-solicitors sticker from the Village Clerk's office to avoid door-to-door solicitor visits by calling 847/933-8203.
- Do call 9-1-1 if a solicitor won't leave after being requested to do so. Solicitors must refrain from soliciting or knocking on doors where "No Solicitors Invited" signs are displayed.

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For more information on the event please contact the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5919.

Resurrection College Prep

Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting Trivia Night on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Resurrection, 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the trivia contest will begin at 7:30 pm. The entry fee is \$20 per person and there will be 8 players per team. Participants may bring their own snacks and appetizers. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit the Resurrection Athletic Program. Outside beverages will not be allowed. Reservations may be made on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org and questions may be directed to Katie Kikos at 773.775.6616 Ext 134 or kkikos@reshs.org.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.





Happy Easter and Passover



St. Paul Lutheran Church Easter Message

What is so amazing about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? The fact that it has occurred! Through-out history both secular and religious scholars have written extensively about Jesus Christ; His life, His death and certainly His Resurrection from death. Interestingly enough, Flavius Josephus, who was a First Century Roman-Jewish Historian and scholar, wrote about Jesus Christ, including His widely testified life after death in the Antiquities of the Jews.

Dr. Thomas Arnold, a 19th Century historian and professor at Oxford University wrote the following in his book , Christian Life, Its Hopes, Its Fears, and Its Close, 6th ed. (London: T. Fellowes, 1859), pp. 15-16. "I have been used for many years to study the histories of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind

which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God hath given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead."

For Christians, then, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is key and central to our faith. Easter Sunday is a reminder to us that the hope of something greater, something eternal is waiting for us. It is a reminder to us that Jesus has forged a path to the Father's house through His defeat over sin, death and the devil. Whoever believes in Him and trusts Him receives the gift of a never-ending inheritance. It is this reality that enables Christians to live in this Easter joy. It encourages us to serve others in our communities, and to reach out with the Love of God to everyone that touches our life.

St. Paul in writing to the Christians at Colossae expressed it this way: "So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ- that's where the action is. See things from His perspective." (Colossians 3:1-2 The Message Bible)

May the Resurrection of Jesus Christ offer you continued hope for this life and the life that is yet to come!

Rev. David J. Bass
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Norwood Park, Chicago, Illinois

Passover

Pre-Pesach Funday: We'll give your kids the time of their lives! From 10:30 am - 1:30 pm on 3/29/15, our caring and responsible staff will ensure that your child is happy, safe, fed, and well-entertained so that you are able to get some serious Pesach prep done! \$15/child includes activities, games, stories, crafts, and lunch. Pre-registration required at www.SkokieChabad.org/2894661

Storytime at Barnes & Noble: Enjoy the holiday festivities and get in the spirit with a Passover Story Hour complete with books, and puppet show and more! Join beloved educator Mrs. Zeesy Posner at Barnes & Noble on Sunday, March 29, 2015, 2:00pm at Barnes & Noble Village Crossing, 5405 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Koshering Utensils for Pesach

Do you need help koshering utensils for Pesach? Bring your stuff for an open house Koshering, on Monday, March 30, from 5 to 8 pm. We will have a large vat of boiling water ready to Kosher your utensils for Pesach, and personnel to do the koshering for you while you wait. Any utensils to be Koshered must be thoroughly cleaned at least 24 hours before. Only metal tableware or pots can be koshered. Bakeware, china, etc. cannot be done.

Learn more about Koshering for Pesach here: www.SkokieChabad.org/117233

Burning Chametz

Bring your Chametz for an open house Chametz burning on Friday, April 3, from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. Bring your Chametz packets, and we will take care of all of the practical stuff. Learn more about the custom of burning the Chametz here: www.SkokieChabad.org/266840

Seder Information: We invite your family to join ours. Would you like to join our seder? Please do let us know! Get Seder information here: www.SkokieChabad.org/2882474

Sale of Chametz: What am I selling, anyway? Here's some explanation about the sale of chametz: www.SkokieChabad.org/1689

Here's where you can fill out the form authorizing Rabbi Posner to sell your chametz: www.SkokieChabad.org/2882460

Maot What? Here's what you can do to help others. Local people, right here in Skokie, need help with basic Passover costs. It might be your neighbor, possibly your friend, or possibly the person who sits behind you in shul. "Maot Chitum" refers to the practice of helping the poor with food for Passover. You can help out by donating here, and Rabbi Posner will discretely give where needed: www.SkokieChabad.org/2513160

Request a Matzah Sample: Would you like a free sample of handmade Shmura Matza for yourself or a friend? We would be happy to provide it, please let us know at: www.SkokieChabad.org/2882468

Order Shmurah Matzah: If you would like to purchase Shmura Matza, you can still order some here: www.SkokieChabad.org/2882455

I Can't Believe There's More!

There is so much more about Pesach available here: www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover
Or just call us at 847-677-1770.

We wish you a kosher and happy Pesach!
Rabbi Yochanan Posner.

Thoughts This Easter

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Garden of Eden - in our first parents we hid from God in shame because of sin.

In the Garden of the Tomb - in Christ we receive a new message: sin is conquered - and so is death - and we are restored to LIFE!

In the Resurrection Christ has rescued us from death, from sin, from loneliness and has restored us to our real nature - to LOVE and to give of ourselves so as to form a communion of heaven on earth, His Kingdom.

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

But before you leave the tomb - allow Him to go with you ... and see His image and likeness in your neighbor and yourself!

Today - let His Word through you help others experience RESURRECTION!

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

ALLELUIA! PEACE! To all our readers!

Hop Into Spring With Bunny Events At Parks Citywide

The bunny is visting parks throughout the city this spring. There will be dozens of egg hunts, two of which include dogs and flashlights, along with a a few luncheons with the bunny. These family-friendly events take place March 21 - April 4 at various parks. Many of the events will feature treats, prizes, face painting, arts and crafts plus photo opportunities with the bunny. Some activities may require registration in advance due to limited space. Programs are free or have nominal entrance fees. Call your neighborhood park for additional information.

Bunny Bonanza at Welles Park

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., (312) 742-7511

Admission \$6, at least 1 but less than 6

Hop on over for this family friendly event. Activities such as face painting, craft project, inflatables and egg hunt. Make sure to bring your camera to capture a special photo with the bunny!

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Brunch with the Bunny at Merrimac Park

Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Merrimac Park, 6343 W. Irving Park Rd., (773) 685-3382

Admission \$10, at least 1 but less than 7

Lunch with the bunny, face painting, photo with the bunny and music!

Egg Hunt at Olympia Park

Friday, March 27, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Olympia Park, 6566 N. Avondale Ave., (773) 631-6861

Admission \$5, at least 1 but less than 6

Event includes egg hunt, inflatables, gift bag,

crafts and photo op with the Bunny.

Egg Hunt at Maggie Daley Park

Friday, March 27, 2015 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph St., (312) 742-3918

Admission \$5, at least 1 but less than 7

Egg Hunt, fun craft activities, and inflatables

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Egg Hunt in the Pool at Sheridan Park

Mar, 27, 2015 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sheridan Park, 910 S. Aberdeen St., (312) 746-5369

Admission \$2, ages 3 and up

Enjoy an Egg Hunt in the pool. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Event is co-sponsored with Alderman Solis. Attend this event and earn 250 Park Points. Learn more at chiparkpoints.com

Flashlight Egg Hunt at Donovan Park

Friday, March 27, 2015 from 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Donovan Playground Park, 3620 S. Lituania Ave., (312) 747-6111

Admission \$3, at least 6 but less than 11

Enjoy an egg hunt with the Bunny. Treats and music will be featured. Adults must accompany children. Please bring a flashlight and basket. Attend this event and earn 250 Park Points. Learn more at chiparkpoints.com

Great Opportunity To Observe Children Baking Matzosa!

Matzo - the traditional cracker like food is the centerpiece of the Jewish festival of Passover. Matzo is made exclusively from specially prepared flour and water ONLY - no yeast and no flavorings may be added.

Matzo is reminiscent on the unleavened cakes the ancient Israelites baked in the sun when the A-Mighty hastened them from Egyptian slavery more than 3300 years ago. Each year at the festival meals titled "The Seder;" Jewish people eat these unleavened breads as they reenact the Exodus.

Much meticulous care goes into the preparation of the carefully guarded flour and designated water used in baking Passover acceptable matzosa.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the more than 43 centers of Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois spread throughout the state and numerous Jewel gro-

ceries and with the help of Mr. Yakov M. Yarmove Ethnic Marketing and Specialty Foods Director of Jewel, thousands of children will have the chance to make their own (though NOT acceptable for Passover) model matzosa at Jewel locations throughout the state in addition to presentations at synagogues and community centers. The Model Matzo Bakery is a hands on teaching tool of the history and significance of Matzo!

The children will learn about how matzosa are made - and will get to mix their own dough, roll their own "paper thin" matzo and watch it being baked before their eyes. Fun for kids and their parents!

Passover this year is celebrated April 3- 11

See www.ChabadIllinois.com/Passover for loads of holiday information.

Jelly Beans By Maria Bappert

RED is for the blood He gave.
GREEN is for the grass He made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLUE is for the sins we made.
WHITE is for the grace He gave.

PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.
PINK is for our new tomorrow.
A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat!

HAPPY EASTER!.

History Of The Chocolate Easter Bunny

By Nicole Domico

Independent Chocolatier with Dove Chocolate Discoveries

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

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

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

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Red-hot Jazz to bring on the warm weather

By Wayne Mell – Managing Director

Did you know that April is Jazz Appreciation Month? Not many people do. It was started as recently as 2001 by the Smithsonian Museum and the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation in order to celebrate Jazz as an original American art form. It works for us. At Skokie Theatre, we like nothing better than a good party, so come join us for those sizzling beats that will chase the last remnants of the winter blues away.



Saxophonist Rob Haight

Lady T Marcelain returns to Skokie Theatre on April 9 with her show From Stage To Standards. Lady T (short for Toscanellie) is known internationally as “the American Lady with a lot of jazz to give.” An informal ambassador of jazz, she has created jazz programs and productions in all corners of the world including Europe, East-West-and-South Africa, Latin America and the former Soviet Union. She brings these influences back to us and infuses them to create a mellow and intimate blend of music from the hottest years of America’s vocal jazz. Her latest show puts our great American standards on display with help from Jim Pierce on guitar, Dennis Luxion on piano, Dan Delorenzo on bass, and Andre Beasley on drums.

Rob Haight will be appearing for the first time on our stage on April 26 in a tribute show featuring the music of two legendary jazz greats: John Coltrane and Billy Strayhorn.. Relatively new to the jazz arena, Rob has already performed in in Chicago, New York, Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Amsterdam and the 2009 Kennedy Center Honors in Washington, D.C.. A recent graduate of the Julliard School, Rob studied saxophone under Ron Blake (SNL, Roy Hargrove) and Steve Wilson (Chick Corea, Dave Holland). He brings an impressive band with him. On piano, bass and drums will be Dan Trudell, Dennis Carroll and George Fludas.

Come sample some of the finest jazz Chicago has to offer without crossing the city line. Tickets for either show can be ordered by phone at 847-677-7761, or online at SkokieTheatre.org.

And if jazz isn’t your thing, local “goy gone good” Russ Goeltenbodt also returns to Skokie Theatre on April 11 with an all-new hilarious cabaret review “My Goyfriend’s Back.” Join us for more of the music, mayhem and mishigas that made his previous show “Let’s Hear It For The Goy” a smash sell-out success.

**Reminder - Deadline Extension
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Join us! Art in the Village, Winnetka, IL
 Saturday, June 27th, 10am-6pm and Sunday,
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Find our application on Zapplication.com. If you would rather apply by mail, please print from the application PDF link on our website or contact our office and we can mail you a paper application. The jury will be meeting later in the week of 3/9.

Be a part of this early show and get the summer started in beautiful Winnetka! Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope you will join us at our show this summer! Thank you!

Questions? www.northshoreartleague.org or 847-446-2870.



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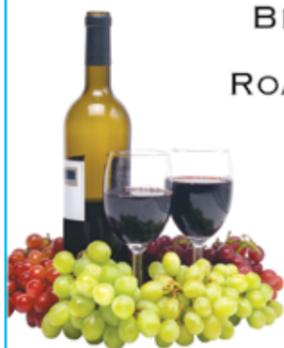
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Bark in the Park 2015
Sunday, May 3 ~ 51 days to go!

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Fundraising tips and ideas:

- If you work at an office, see if you can schedule a "Jeans Day." Your co-workers can wear jeans for a day if they make a donation to you. A small \$5 or \$10 suggested donation is usually appropriate. But you never know how much a person will end up giving!
- See if your company has a matching gift program. If they do, it's the easiest way to double your donation.
- Did you adopt from us? If so, ask people to donate on behalf of your cat or dog! Many fundraisers have found success by sharing their animal's "happy tail" adoption story.
- Start a team! Rally your friends, family, and coworkers together to start a team and pull your fundraising efforts together. To register and start a team, visit www.barkinthepark.org.

Thank you for supporting The Anti-Cruelty Society. We wouldn't be able to accomplish the live saving work we do every day without your help.



Jeff Heil On TV!

Brittney Payton, daughter of Bears great Walter Payton, with owner Jeff Heil at his Mirabell Restaurant & Lounge on Addison by the Kennedy Expressway. They were taping a future segment for her "Chicago's Best" show Sunday nights at 10 on WGN-TV. More details in our next issue!



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Chicago Public Library Presents Springtime Sensory Storytime Series For All Children, Including Those With Neurodevelopmental Disorders

During the Spring of 2015, Chicago Public Library presents Sensory Storytime, a series of learning, play and engagement programs designed for children—especially those who are on the Autism Spectrum, or those with other special needs—and their families. Sensory Storytime programs are part of Chicago Public Library's continuing efforts to develop wide-ranging services that support active learning through play and parental engagement.

The Sensory Storytime programs are offered for children (up to age 12) and families with the purpose of fostering literacy, engaging the senses, and having fun. The most significant component associated with Sensory Storytime is that it's designed to benefit children with neurodevelopmental disorders who have difficulty in large group settings.

Sensory Storytime will be presented at the following Chicago Public Library locations/times/dates:

- 10:00 a.m. at Sulzer Regional Library
4455 N. Lincoln Ave.
March 25; April 29; May 27
Expert help in designing the program model for Sensory Storytime was provided by Au-

tism Speaks and The National Lekotek Center. Autism Speaks is the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. The National Lekotek Center provides an array of services to improve the lives of children with special needs through the utilization of play-based family sessions to help children learn, develop and thrive in a world that presents them with many complex challenges.

Since 1873, the Chicago Public Library (CPL) has encouraged lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through innovative services and programs, as well as cutting-edge technology. Through its 80 locations, the Library provides free access to a rich collection of materials, both physical and digital, and presents the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children, teens and adults. CPL recently received the Social Innovator Award from Chicago Innovation

Awards; won a National Medal for Library Services from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and was ranked number one in the U.S. and third in the world by an international study

of major urban libraries conducted by the Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf in Germany. For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit chipublib.org.

Illinois State High School Fishing Championship Sunday, March 29th

The Bass Federation (TBF) and FLW, the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, have partnered to present the 2015 Illinois State High School Fishing Championship. The tournament is open to any High School Fishing team in the entire state of Illinois. Clinton Lake, Clinton Marina, 6599 Sailboat Road, Weldon, Ill.

NOTES: The Illinois State Championship is a two-person (team) event for students in grades 7-12. Registration for anglers and their coach, who will provide the boat they compete in, is online at HighSchoolFishing.org. Takeoff will be at 7 a.m. and weigh-in will be held at Clinton Marina, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. High School Fishing takeoffs and weigh-ins are free and open to the public. For more information about this event contact the TBF National Youth Director Mark Gintert at (580) 716-4251.

A preliminary list of schools participating will not be available as teams can still register up until the morning of the event.

Complete tournament details can be found at HighSchoolFishing.org.

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Author Talk Tuesday, March 31, 6-7:30pm

Join us as we welcome Jessie Ann Foley, author of *The Carnival at Bray*. It is the winner of the Helen Sheehan VA Book Prize, as well as a Printz Honor Book, and has received glowing reviews. Jessie Ann will speak about what inspired her book and the experience of writing her first novel. Audience members are encouraged to read this title in advance and discuss it with the author. Copies are available at the Roden Branch.

Spring Story Times!

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Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The group will discuss *The Whip* by Karen Kondazian. Contact Edgebrook branch at (312) 744-8313 or email the branch at edgebrook@chipublib.org for a copy of the book.

Melikin Puppet Show: The Beatrix Potter Collection

Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 6-7 p.m.

Giggle and gasp with delight as you watch three of Beatrix Potter's classic tales unfold: *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and *The Tale of Two Bad Mice*. For all ages. Registration is not required. This program is sponsored by the Edgebrook Woman's Club and the Edgebrook Community Association.

Open Play for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 1-3 p.m.

Drop in to play and learn. Puzzles, puppets, Legos, Duplos and more will be available for toddlers and preschoolers to enjoy during this time. For ages 1 to 5. Registration is not required.

Game On! Board Game Night for Adults

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn a new game, play an old favorite and meet new people. Bring your own board game or play one of ours. Registration is required. To register, please call (312) 744-8313 or email edgebrook@chipublib.org.

Money Smart: Wills and Trusts

Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Attorney Jacob Ehrensaff will discuss, wills, trusts, probate and powers of attorney, estate planning basics and the importance of planning ahead. Learn how to organize and update your documents in a timely manner to reflect changes in both the law and personal circumstances. Registration is not required.

Money Smart: Building Your Own Nest Egg – Real World Retirement Planning

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Randy Bruns, Director of Public Awareness for the Financial Planning Association of Illinois and a Certified Financial Planner professional, will discuss the key steps in building a retirement nest egg. Topics will include how much to save, the various types of accounts available, how to build an investment portfolio to accomplish your goals and tips to make it last through retirement. Registration is not required.

Eisenhower Public Library

4613 N. Oketo Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706
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District To Host Volunteer Fair

Eisenhower Public Library District will be hosting its first Volunteer Fair on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in their second floor meeting room.

Eisenhower's Volunteer Fair will give local citizens the chance to learn about ways they can take an active role in improving their community by volunteering. The fair is a way for community non-profits and service organizations to showcase their work and their need for volunteers. Community members will be able to meet with representatives from a variety of organizations in or near our community to find out about meaningful volunteer opportunities that are available. Please see our website for a list of participating organizations: www.eisenhowerlibrary.org/volunteerfair

"We have had many requests from the community looking for information on organizations in the area in need of volunteers," said Julie Stam, Marketing Specialist for Eisenhower Public Library District. "This fair gives people a chance to talk to a variety of organizations in a casual setting. We are connecting those who want to give back with organizations in need of their time and talents."

Eisenhower's fair coincides with the celebration of National Volunteer Week. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the celebration, demonstrating the enduring importance of volunteerism. National Volunteer Week is April 6 – 12, 2015.

District And Ridgewood High School LitWorks

Join Eisenhower Library and Ridgewood High School for our 6th annual LitWorks Teen Book Fest celebrating authors and reading on Saturday April 18, 2015. The event is free for all teens and only \$5.00 for adults.

This year attendees will meet these six amazing authors:

- Jessica Brody (*The Karma Club*, *My Life Undecided*, and *Unremembered*),
- Chris Crutcher (*Running Loose*, *Athletic Shorts*, and *The Crazy Horse Electric Game*),
- Cinda Williams Chima (*The Heir Chronicles* and *The Seven Realms Series*),
- Susane Colasanti (*When It Happens*, *Take Me There*, and *Now & Forever*),
- Paul Griffin (*Burning Blue*, *Stay With Me*, and *The Orange Houses*),
- Gene Ha (*Top Ten* and *Batman: Fortunate Son*).

Early Bird Special! Come to Eisenhower between 9:00 and 9:45 am and get treats courtesy of Fannie Schmo's Bakery, buy books at 10% off, get a chance to win one signed book from each author, and meet with our surprise LitWorks guest author.

For more information on LitWorks, please visit: <http://ridgewood.cyberschool.com/District/Department/98-Library/1928-LitWorks-Teen-Book-Fest.html>

For more information on Eisenhower Public Library District, please contact Julie Stam at 708-867-2290 or see our website: www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Evanston Library's Next Chapter Presents Workshops On Business Funding

Evanston Library is located at 1703 Orrington Avenue

The Evanston Public Library and Next Chapter present five, free workshops on obtaining small business financing. The workshops will be presented by Sheldon S. Rosenfeld, CEO of Creative Capital Corp. which he founded more than 40 years ago.

Entrepreneurs who are able to attend all five workshops will have a highly in-depth look at obtaining small business funding. Attendance at all five is not necessary, however. Patrons can register just for those sessions that interest them or that fit into their schedules.

All sessions will be held on Mondays at 5:30PM in the Seminar Room of the Main Library. Register online or call the Reference Desk at 847-448-8630.

- How to Fund Your Enterprise, Monday March 30
- What Bankers Need for Loan Approval, Monday, April 6
- The Creative Capital Resource Options, Monday, April 13
- Benefits of Alternative Funding Solutions, Monday, April 20
- Seeking Federal Funding Opportunities, Monday, April 27

These workshops are sponsored by FESII, Inc., a company that provides professional and educational services in Project Development, Management Administration, Marketing, Energy Conservation, Fraud Protection, Identity Theft, Information Technology, International Banking, and Mass Communications.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel And Metropolitan Planning Council Launch "Great Rivers Chicago"

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) today announced "Great Rivers Chicago," an unprecedented effort to create a coordinated long-term vision and plan for economic and community development along Chicago's riverfronts, building on the excitement around the ongoing Chicago Riverwalk expansion, as well as several new neighborhood amenities.

Over the next 15 months, the City of Chicago and MPC, in partnership with Friends of the Chicago River, topical experts and community stakeholders, will lead a plan for the future of Chicago's rivers and riverfronts through a series of rigorous community outreach efforts with residents and business owners. The process, entitled "Great Rivers Chicago," (www.greatriverschicago.com) will develop a long-term vision and action agenda, exploring all waterways within the city limits—the Calumet, Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers—and asking residents and businesses to think about what they would like to see their riverfronts become and strongly encouraging them to take part in the process.

"Much like Lake Michigan is Chicago's front yard, the Chicago River is our backyard, and should be an asset that people across the city enjoy," said Mayor Emanuel. "With the excitement seen around the Chicago Riverwalk expansion, now is the right time to ask residents how they want to interact with their rivers in all of Chicago's neighborhoods and today's partnership is the first of many steps that will lead to greater use of the river ways by Chicagoans."

Coupled with investment made throughout Chicago's neighborhoods along the river ways, the work will be funded by \$350,000 in grants from the Joyce Foundation, The Chicago Community Trust and ArcelorMittal.

Beyond riverfront appearance, Great Rivers Chicago also will lay out a pathway to improved water quality and balanced usage, from freight access to recreational options to invasive species management. Coupled with riverfront improvements, this vision has the potential to transform Chicago's rivers into a fully integrated network of economic, recreational and community amenities.

"With so many potentially vibrant riverfront neighborhoods, and efforts like Ping Tom Park in Chinatown and the development on Goose Island underway, it's essential to develop a clear vision for community development along our city's rivers," said Terry Mazany, president and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust. "New development along the rivers, as well as improvements to the river itself, are a key to the vibrancy of the city we live in."

MPC's unique regional perspective provides the depth and breadth of expertise to lead this multifaceted effort. The organization has provided hands-on technical assistance in Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs on retail, housing and community development, intermodal freight, stormwater and water supply issues.

"I love every one of Chicago's 28 miles of lakefront," said Josh Ellis, director at MPC and the lead for Great Rivers Chicago. "But we have more than 100 miles of riverfront. Our rivers link our economy, environment and communities, and they have incredible potential for so much more. We've made great progress. Great Rivers Chicago will determine what

comes next."

Mayor Emanuel has appointed a Leadership Commission to spearhead Great Rivers Chicago, in conjunction with MPC.

"As Chicago invests in its riverfront downtown and its many riverside neighborhoods, it's important to remember that our rivers are literally ecosystems that run through people's communities—and that people are part of those ecosystems," said Suzanne Malec-McKenna, executive director of Chicago Wilderness and a member of the Leadership Commission for Great Rivers Chicago. "Chicago Wilderness is excited to be involved in this effort to better connect all Chicago residents with the natural world."

Mayor Emanuel's goal of making the Chicago River the city's next recreational frontier launched in 2011 with the construction of three new boathouses throughout the city as well as a fourth in the Bridgeport neighborhood that is set to be completed by 2016. The City's commitment to investing in increased recreational usage of the river ways is also evident in the recent expansion of Ping Tom Memorial Park that opened along the Chicago River, north of 18th Street at the edge of the Chinatown and South Loop neighborhoods. The park reflects the City's pledge to river development with a \$6 million investment in new parkland, riverwalk, native plantings, topography, new vistas, boat landings and a "disappearing" staircase into the water.

For more information about Great Rivers Chicago, please contact MPC Communications Director Mandy Burrell Booth at 312 863 6018 or mburrell@metroplanning.org.

Bears Of Hope Volunteers Honored

Bears of Hope volunteers gathered together for the organization's annual Bears Camp on March 7th at McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant in Westfield Old Orchard. The all-volunteer organization makes handmade fabric bears for children and adults in crises. Carolyn Reiner, who founded the organization, thanked each volunteer and gave them a "Volunteer Appreciation Award" in recognition of what they do for Bears of Hope's cause. She told the volunteers, "You're a very special person! You care about others and willingly give your time to do something good for them. Thank you for being part of Bears of Hope." Reiner also thanked McCormick & Schmick's General Manager, Aaron Torricelli, for providing the room and lunch for Bears Camp. Torricelli told the volunteers, "What you do for others is amazing! McCormick & Schmick's is proud to do what it can for Bears of Hope."

Throughout the year, volunteers work on bears at their home and convenience. They choose the step in the construction process to do. Bears volunteer, Joan Shermach, remarked, "I like the flexibility of the organization. I can work on bears at my own pace,

without deadlines."

Bears are given to specific social service agencies. They, in turn, give them to those under their care. A women's shelter receiving bears related this story:

A young boy came to our shelter with his mother. He was scared and in trauma. A Bears of Hope bear was waiting for him. His mother gave him the bear. The boy reached out, grabbed it and hugged it tight. The bear was something he held, hugged or cuddled whenever he needed comfort and hope.

Carolyn added, "This is one of many stories we're told about how meaningful our bears are to those having a trying time in their life."

With the continued commitment of their volunteers and financial supporters, Bears of Hope will make more huggable bears for children and adults struggling with difficult times in their life." The organization is 'Making a Difference' one bear at a time.

Contact Bears of Hope to see how you can help:

Bears@bearsofhope or 847-673-4098
www.bearsofhope.com.

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion Next Meeting Is March 27th



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

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

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

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

Co-Ed Summer Programs And Girls Athletic Camps At Resurrection College Prep

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering Summer Programs for grammar school and high school students in a variety of academic courses and athletic camps. Academic programs for high school and junior high students are open to all students in the community, including male and female students attending other schools.

Academic Programs for High School Students are open to students entering grades 9-12 and include classes that are offered for credit and enrichment in art and music, mathematics, science, religious studies and world languages. Technology classes include digital literacy and research, 3D Animation and a Maker's Lab Workshop that will introduce students to 3D design, 3D printing, basic robotics, video/movie creation and physical computing. Classes are also offered in Writing for Honor and AP Classes, Math ACT Prep, Study Skills and College Essay Writing.

Academic Programs for Junior High Students are open to students entering grades 6-8 and include enrichment classes in mathematics, digital literacy and research, drama, forensic science and Latin. Technology classes include a Maker's Lab Workshop that will introduce students to 3D design, 3D printing, basic robotics, video/movie creation and physical computing. Classes will also be offered by Computer Explorers® in Minecraft® and Minestorm® Robotics.

Athletic Camps for Girls are open to girls entering grades 5-12, with limited availability for girls entering grades 1-4. Athletic Camps are offered for the following sports: Basket-

ball, Bowling, Golf, Lacrosse, Running, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball. Camps run at various times for different age groups and camp schedules and registration forms are available on the Resurrection College Prep High School website at www.reshs.org or by calling 773.775.6616 Ext. 110. Questions regarding summer athletic camps at Resurrection can be directed to Athletic Director Katie Kikos at 773.775.6616 Ext 134.

Resurrection will also be hosting the Camp Invention® Illuminate! Program, a week-long science camp for girls and boys entering grades 1-6 from June 29-July 3, 2015 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Sponsored by Invent Now® Kids, a subsidiary of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation, Camp Invention® is a hands-on program exploring science applications through inventions, experiments and games. Camp Invention information and registration is available at 800.968.4332 or www.campinvention.org. Program information is also available at www.reshs.org. Questions regarding the program at Resurrection can be directed to Camp Director Dawn Konow at dkonow@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 110.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.



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A Few Of The Pitfalls Of Planning Your Estate With Joint Tenancy



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Our office finds a number of people feel that they have covered all their bases when they use joint tenancy as their main estate planning tool. They are aware that if a piece of property or bank account is held in joint tenancy, it avoids probate for the surviving individual after the death of the first individual. This is true, and for some individuals it works without any complications. However, when Joint Tenancy goes awry, it can cause a number of unanticipated problems.

Let's look at an example of a widowed mother, who puts her only asset, her home, into joint tenancy with her only child, a daughter. The daughter is an industrious and trustworthy individual who decided to start a business with a partner who was definitely not as trustworthy as she was. The business partner made a number of bad financial decisions for the business without telling the daughter. The end result was bankruptcy for both partners. To make matters even worse, the daughter's business partner quickly left town and

left her holding the bag. When the court searched the records for the daughter's assets, her mother's house was discovered with her owning one-half of the property in joint tenancy. The judge ordered the sale of the house to use the daughter's one-half share of the house to pay her creditors. What the mother did not realize was that joint tenancy conveyed one-half ownership of the residence, putting it at risk if her daughter had a judgment against her.

A similar scenario can take place when a parent puts bank accounts or property into a joint tenancy situation with a child who later is in a divorce situation. Even "amicable" divorces can get nasty when money is involved, and a soon-to-be-ex spouse claims that the property that is held in joint tenancy with a parent should be part of the settlement.

With more and more individuals living longer lives, the chance of a surviving spouse later having a new relationship increases. Let's say a widowed dad has put all three of his children on the deed to the family residence and feels this is the easiest way to pass on his home to his children when he dies. However, he is still in good health and meets a lovely woman with whom he would like to spend his remaining years. They seem to be a great couple and look forward to beating the ice and snow of a Chicago winter and moving down to Sarasota, Florida. All dad has to do is ask his three children to sign over their rights to the family home so he can sell it and use the money for his new home in warmer climes. What is their reaction to dad's request?? Wait! Not so fast! Maybe his children are truly concerned about his welfare, or maybe they are afraid of losing their share of the property to his new partner. Whatever the reason, they can essentially block any move to Florida by their father.

Why take a risk with joint tenancy when there are better ways to plan your estate?.

Chester M. Przybylo is a founding member of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, a nationally acclaimed organization whose members are dedicated to the highest standards of estate planning and elder law. His Chicago-based firm, Chester M. Przybylo and Associates, has served its clients for over 45 years. Visit the firm website for helpful information on estate planning: www.PlanOurEstate.com, or call 773-631-7100 for an appointment.

Polish American Association Chairman's Brunch - April 26, 2015

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For more info please visit our website: polish.org/brunch2015 or call: 773-427-6307.

Protect Yourself From Springtime Scams

As springtime blooms, so do new scams. Scammers will be going door-to-door with plans to rip-off the residents. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises consumers that now is the time to be on their guard.

"Most of the scams aren't new but because con artists know how to work them they appear year after year," says Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "What we want to do is educate consumers on what to look for so they can stay one step ahead."

Alarm System Scams

No one wants to have their home burglarized and many homeowners pay substantial sums to have their homes protected by security systems. These scam artists, who are often alarm company sales people, comb neighborhoods looking for signs posted in yards warning that the home has a security system. They knock on the door and tell you the system needs to be upgraded. Once inside they give you the bad news that the system cannot protect you against today's modern theft techniques and offer to "upgrade" your system. In reality, they are disconnecting your service provider and installing a system from their company. If you agree to the "upgrade" and sign their agreement you could be locked into a multi-year contract that can end with a costly penalty if you try to break it.

How to protect yourself:

Never allow anyone into your home who claims to be from your alarm company without contacting the company first.

Ask questions if they are reluctant to provide answers - that's a red flag

Don't be frightened by reports from them of an increase of burglaries in your area.

Never sign any agreement where you feel pressured to do so.

Do not sign anything that you have not read thoroughly.

Storm Chasers

Spring can bring severe weather leaving behind hail-damaged roofs. Following the storms are fraudsters known as "storm chasers". These scam artists sell themselves as roofing contractors. They go town-to-town, door-to door, taking money for work, under performing or not performing at all, and then

moving on to the next town before the homeowners can get their money back.

Homeowners can lose thousands of dollars in these scams.

The BBB offers these tips before choosing a roofing contractor:

If approached by a contractor, ask for proof of licensing, insurance and bonding.

Try to get at least 3-4 quotes from contractors and insist that payments be made to the company, not an individual.

Resist high-pressure sales tactics such as the "good deal" you'll get only if you hire the contractor on the spot.

Check out the company first with the BBB at www.bbb.org/chicago and deal only with reputable contractors.

Get a written contract that specifies the price and the work to be done and a time frame. In Illinois, state law requires a written contract with all costs enumerated for home repair or remodeling work over \$1,000.

Prices are often high in the immediate aftermath of a storm. Only buy the services that are necessary to make your home safe and habitable. Wait at least a few days to hire other contractors because the rates are likely to drop.

Pay by credit card, if possible; you may have additional protection if there's a problem. Otherwise, pay by check. Never pay in cash.

Be sure that all promises made are put in writing.

Magazine Sales Scams

You open your door to find someone selling subscriptions to magazines. They say it's a great deal but often the prices are as much as three times the regular price. You pay with a check or credit card and then you receive nothing in return.

What to do to avoid being scammed:

Many municipalities require door-to-door solicitors to have a permit. Ask to see it.

Before paying, check out the businesses at bbb.org.

If the cost of the subscriptions is \$25 or more, you must be informed of your 3-day right to cancel. If they do not, assume it is a scam.

For more information on scams, visit www.bbb.org/chicago, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or add us on Pinterest.

Can You Design A Life Jacket That Boaters Will Wear?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know why boaters don't like to wear life jackets. They can be hot and bulky. Some are too expensive. Or, at least that's what some boaters say. So here's your big chance: design a better life jacket that more folks will wear, and you could be \$10,000 richer. The deadline for design entries with the 2015 Innovations in Life Jacket Design Competition is April 15. The competition's sponsors, the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water and the Personal Floatation Device Manufacturers Association, are encouraging boaters, armchair inventors, design, engineering or high school students to submit their design soon to BoatUS.org/design.

Entries can be as simple as hand-drawn theoretical designs to working prototypes, and there are no rules regarding types of materials to be used or whether the design meets any current US standards.

The design contest entries will be judged based on four criteria: wearability, reliability, cost and innovation. "Wearability" relates to the level of comfort. "Reliability" will take into account the chances for potential failure, while "cost" will look at the affordability of the design. "Innovation" will take into account originality or the utilization of new technologies.

The best entries will be posted on the BoatUS Foundation website and Facebook page for voting by the public in June and those votes will assist a panel of experts who will ultimately pick the winner to be announced at the September 2015 International Boat Builders Exhibition and Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Additional cash prizes are offered for second and third place.

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Mom's Will Love This Refreshing Salad From The Motherland!

1 cup sliced strawberries	1 cup grapes
1 cup sliced kiwi	1 cup pitted cherries, halved
1 tablespoon fresh chopped mint	1/4 cup toasted pecans
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice	1 cup sliced fresh peach
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice	1 tablespoon honey
Mint leaves for garnish	

Combine fruit, mint and pecans in a large bowl. Set aside. Whisk together orange juice, lemon juice and honey. Garnish with mint leaves. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Chef Michael, La Bottega Saladino's

MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix (with pudding is best) 4 eggs
1 11 oz. can Mandarin Oranges in juice 1/2 cup oil
Mix all above ingredients including juice to oranges.
Grease and flour a 9" x 13" pan and bake for 35 min. at 325°

FROSTING

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple and juice 1 small instant vanilla pudding
1 8 oz. container Cool Whip.
Put pineapple and juice in bowl.
Sprinkle pudding over that and fold in cool whip.
Frost cake as usual.

Recipe from Rose Suter

RTA Encourages Riders To Say "Thank You" To Public Transit Employees

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is asking riders to recognize the contributions of the hard-working public transit employees at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace during Transit Employee Appreciation Day on March 18.

The RTA is encouraging riders to show their appreciation by simply thanking their driver or ticket attendant for his or her dedicated service, and follow it up with a smile or wave when boarding a bus or train, or entering a transit station.

"We all know the familiar faces we see

each day, whether it's the man or woman who works at the station or the operators who makes sure we get to our destination. They become part of our daily commute and it's nice to show we know them and appreciate them," said Leanne Redden, RTA Executive Director.

Riders can help spread the word about this special day by posting on their social media pages using the hashtag #ihearttransit. Official commendations are also welcomed and can be submitted to the CTA, Metra and Pace.

Mayor Emanuel Announces City Crews Equipped With Additional Resources For Spring Pothole Season

As temperatures warm up, City crews are staffed with reinforcements to tackle the challenges of pothole season this year thanks to additional resources Mayor Rahm Emanuel directed to the City budget for street repairs.

"Whether it's plowing our roads, patching potholes, or repaving streets, we're making sure Chicago residents can keep moving in all seasons," said Mayor Emanuel. "City workers have been doing a great job, and as we get closer to the peak of pothole season we will all be doing everything we can to ensure our streets are patched, paved and passable."

Mayor Emanuel added \$10 million to his 2015 budget so additional street repair crews would be available full time to patch potholes through the winter months. The Mayor's additional funding doubled the Department's budget for pothole and pavement maintenance, allowing CDOT to enter pothole season at peak staffing strength. Today the City has 32 pothole crews deployed in neighborhoods throughout Chicago, with the ability to ramp up pothole crews further as needed. Crews are even assigned to fill potholes on the weekends, giving the City coverage seven days a week.

The increased resources for the City's street patching operations will help reduce CDOT's turnaround time compared to last year, and on average it currently takes less than two-and-a-half days to

respond to pothole repair requests. As of today, there are 465 pending street pothole requests, though the City will remain vigilant heading into peak pothole season.

As a result of last year's harsh winter, the city filled a record 920,172 potholes in streets and alleys in 2014. At the same time, Mayor Emanuel believes you can't just patch your way to passable streets. At Mayor Emanuel's direction city departments and private utilities have greatly increased paving efforts and since 2011 more than 1,000 miles of streets have been repaved - nearly a quarter of Chicago's streets. In 2014, CDOT, the Department of Water Management (DWM), private contractors and utilities combined to repave a record 343 miles of roadway.

Chicagoans can track pothole patching efforts, and see a week's worth of CDOT's work, on the City's Pothole Tracker: www.cityofchicago.org/potholetracker.

CDOT encourages Chicagoans to use one of the following three methods to report potholes:

- Calling 311
- Using the City's website at www.cityofchicago.org/311 or various Open 311 smartphone apps including: SeeClick-Fix and Chicago Works. For more web and smartphone civic apps, visit Chicago Digital.
- Using ChiText by texting "Chicago" to 311311 to start the reporting process.

Evanston Named 2015 U.S. Earth Hour City Capital In World Wildlife Fund Challenge



Evanston will represent the United States in World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Earth Hour City Challenge. WWF acknowledges that cities of all sizes can make important contributions to fighting climate change and Evanston's success makes for a wonderful role model. Voting for #WeLoveEvanston continues until Fri., March 27.

Arbor Day Foundation Selects Tahoe National Forest For 2015 Trees In Memory And Trees In Celebration Commemorative Tree Planting

The Arbor Day Foundation announced today that they will work with on-the-ground partners to plant 608,000 trees in California's Tahoe National Forest through the Trees in Memory and Trees in Celebration commemorative tree planting programs in an effort to accelerate the development of mature forest habitat in areas that experienced moderate to very high burn severity during the 2013 American Fire.

Trees in Memory/Trees in Celebration is a commemorative program that honors friends and loved ones by planting a tree in their name. This year, each dollar donated through the program plants a tree in the Tahoe National Forest.

Located in the north central region of the Sierra Nevada Range in northeastern California, Tahoe National Forest encompasses more than 850,000 acres of public land. In 2013, the American Fire burned roughly 27,440 acres, including 22,500 acres of National Forest System lands. The reforestation strategy includes the establishment of small (approximately 1 acre) "founder stands" intermixed in large seedless landscapes. The new tree stands would be strategically located for seed dispersal and efficient management.

Replanting efforts will begin in April and include ponderosa pine, Jeffrey pine, Douglasfir, sugar pine, and incense cedar tree varieties.

"The Tahoe National Forest is very excited to partner with the Arbor Day Foundation to work together in restoring areas of the Forest affected by the 2013 American Fire," said Tom Quinn, Forest Supervisor. "Partners are the key to accomplishing ecological restoration in the Sierra Nevada national forests."

The newly planted trees will help accelerate the development of mature forest habitat, which will benefit species such as California spotted owl and American marten. Many other species will benefit from the additional cover and forage as the newly planted trees mature to replace the stands that were lost during the American Fire. Tahoe National Forest provides habitat for nearly 400 species of wildlife that make their homes in the various forest ecosystems.

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member non-profit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org.

Redesigned RTA Website Makes it Easier to Find Best Route And Locate Regional Transit Information Site Is Home To RTA Trip Planner And Overall Transit Information

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is announcing the launch of its newly redesigned website.

The new site provides a wide-range of resources, ranging from the RTA Trip Planner which received more than 5 million visits last year, to a variety of documents and studies that offer information about the transit region, the RTA and the CTA, Metra, Pace and ADA Paratransit. This information on the site continues to range from budget information to ridership numbers, but the new design and new palette of colors makes it easier and more pleasant to use. In addition, rotating features on the home page highlights the accomplishments of the RTA. The site is designed to convert easily to

many formats, so riders can easily visit and use the site from a smart phone, tablet or desktop. Additionally, the site conforms to accessibility standards to ensure easy access for people with disabilities, including vision impaired individuals who use screen readers.

"Our online visitors will now experience a more vibrant and seamless view of how the RTA works as a whole with the service boards, municipalities and transit advocates," said Leanne Redden, RTA Executive Director. "We hope visitors will find this website easy to use, whether they come on line to plan a trip or examine the latest regional budget information."

The RTA website address is the same and can be viewed by visiting www.RTAchicago.org.

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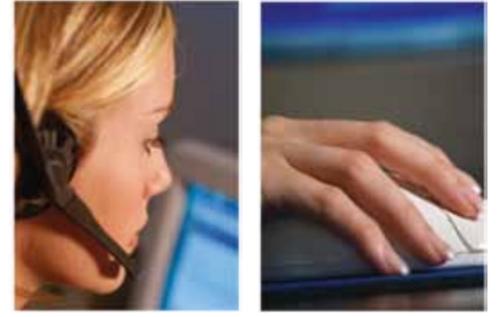
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