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Mary Marth from Edgebrook was on the TV show "Chicago Fire" last month. After filming her scene Mary told Debbie O'Donnell & Alicja Grajny: "What an awesome experience I had today. I saw all my favorite Chicago Fire firemen and believe me they look even better in person! Actually got to talk to a few too. Also so many real CPD and CFD awesome extras too!" Mary played a teacher in the season 2 cliffhanger finale. (L-R: Deb, Alicja, Mary)



SALSA, SWING & STEP TO THE BEAT AT THE 18TH ANNUAL CHICAGO SUMMERDANCE

Friday, June 27 – Sunday, September 14 in the
Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park

The largest annual outdoor live music and dancing series in the United States, Chicago SummerDance, returns for its 18th year – and Chicagoans who love to dance will flock to the Spirit of Music Garden as it blossoms into a unique multi-dimensional, urban dance space. Chicago SummerDance is FREE and takes place in Grant Park's Spirit of Music Garden (601 South Michigan Avenue) Friday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 4 to 7 p.m. between June 27 and September 14.

The Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park will also serve as a venue for World Music Festival Chicago 2014 on its opening weekend, September 12–14. These events will follow the Chicago SummerDance format with dance lessons and live music. World Music Festival Chicago 2014 runs Thursday, September 11 – Sunday, September 21. The complete schedule will be available at a later date at worldmusicfestivalchicago.org.

Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), Chicago SummerDance brings people of all ages and skill levels together on a 4,900-square-foot, open-air dance floor made of 100% recycled plastic. The series offers FREE, introductory one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors followed by live music and dancing. The diverse lineup showcases various traditional and modern dance styles from all corners of the globe.

Chicagoans and visitors are also invited to enjoy SummerDance in the Parks at five different locations every Thursday, July 10 – September 4 beginning with dance lessons from 6-7 p.m. and live music and dancing from 7-9 p.m. SummerDance in the Parks is presented as part of an ongoing collaboration between the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and the Chicago Park District. Arts programming in neighborhoods advances the goals of the Chicago Cultural Plan and the Night Out in the Parks initiative. For more information on SummerDance in the Parks including locations and participating artists visit chicagoparkdistrict.com or nightoutintheparks.com.

Updates and announcements (including weather delays or cancellations) will be posted on Facebook and on Twitter @SummerDanceChi. For more information, visit chicagosummerdance.org or call the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events at 312.744.3316.

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Saturday, July 12, 2014

Evanston Township High School
1600 Dodge Avenue
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Glenview Police Department
2500 E. Lake Avenue
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Typical documents that can be

shredded include medical records, bank statements, personal files, retired tax forms, etc. Staples and paper clips are acceptable, but binders should be removed. Residents will be limited to six file-sized boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. Please do not bring paper in plastic bags.

Only the following electronics will be accepted: Computers, DVD Players, DVR/Cable Boxes, Fax Machines, Mobile Phones, Monitors, MP3 Players, PDAs, Peripherals (mice, keyboards, zip drives), Printers, Scanners, Televisions, VHS Players and Video Game Consoles. For more information on recycling or for permanent drop-off locations, please visit www.swancc.org or call 847/724-9205.

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.

COMMON SENSE

Drrrrones!!

It used to be that if you saw a stop sign or a traffic light, you assumed that there probably was an accident at that intersection that prompted its installation.

Drones, because of the "fast-food" way in which we are living now, are potentially a big problem. We only hope that one doesn't go "out-of-control" and hit a building,

collide with an airplane, or bump into us. There have already been some small incidents, i.e., college kids peeping into dorm windows (boys will be boys), but let's pray that the occasions of "mishaps" are few, far between and minor.

Motto: SLOW DOWN AND DO IT RIGHT!! (This subject will be continued)



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RTA Announces Ride Free Permit Expiration Date Extensions

Extensions Granted to Permits with June 30 and September 30 Expiration Dates

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) today announced that the expiration dates on the Ride Free Permits used by qualifying persons with disabilities and seniors will be extended to ensure there is no interruption in their use of transit.

Approximately 100,000 riders—30,000 persons with disabilities and 70,000 seniors—currently use Ride Free permits with expiration dates of June 30 or September 30, 2014. The RTA is required by law to issue these permits to individuals who have been approved by the State of Illinois Benefit Access Program (BAP), formerly known as Circuit Breaker. The Persons with Disability Ride Free permits currently expire on June 30; these cards will now be useable until September 30, 2014. The Senior Ride Free permits that expire on September 30 will now be useable until November 30, 2014.

"As the issuing agency, the RTA recently became aware that many permit holders need additional time to apply for the BAP program. Due to the large number of riders applying, additional time is required in order to process the applications," said Leanne Redden, Acting Executive Director of the RTA. "To assure the remaining renewals are processed smoothly and that, most importantly, no qualified rider is unable to ride the transit system, we are extending the expiration dates of all of these permits by several months."

Because it may take up to 4-6

weeks for eligibility to be approved through BAP, riders should not delay in submitting their eligibility application through the State of Illinois Benefit Access Program. Any rider who does not have a new card on its expiration date will be granted an extension from that date. Riders do not need to take any action to receive this extension as the smart cards will automatically be updated.

There are two ways to confirm eligibility through BAP:

1. From any computer or mobile device, visit the Illinois Department of Aging Benefit Access Program website at www.illinois.gov/aging and click on the "Benefit Access" tab.

- The State only allows applications online, not in writing or over the telephone

- The applicant must submit documentation online, which may require scanning documents to a computer to submit them online

2. If assistance is needed filling out the online form to confirm eligibility for the Illinois Benefit Access Program, an applicant may do one of the following:

- Call the Illinois Department of Aging at (800) 252-8966 to find a conveniently located center where staff can assist in filling the application or

- the City of Chicago's six Regional Senior Centers Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM and 3:30PM. Riders can call 311 to find the closest Regional Senior Center.

Chicago Being Selected As the Host of Third-Annual World Basketball Festival

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON CHICAGO BEING SELECTED AS THE HOST OF THIRD-ANNUAL WORLD BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

"I am pleased that Nike and USA Basketball have chosen Chicago to host the third-annual World Basketball Festival this summer, providing another opportunity to showcase our great City as a first-class sports and

tourism destination. With our rich basketball culture that has created a host of basketball legends, Chicago is a natural fit for this festival. This event complements the variety of Chicago Park District basketball programs designed to help Chicago's youth stay active and build skills that will be essential both on and off the court."

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

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Timely Talk at Norwood Crossing

Whether you are planning a car trip this summer or simply starting to think about preparing your car for cooler weather, your vehicle needs to remain in a safe operating condition. To learn more about preventive maintenance and routine car repair, be sure to attend the Timely Talk, "Car Care 101," presented by Edison Park businessman, Steve Ek, owner of Ek Automotive. The talk will take place at 2:00 p.m., on July 16, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Ek, who opened his own business in 1991 and serves as a board member of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, will discuss the basics of understanding auto repair and service, knowing your mechanic, and asking the right questions. A question and answer session, raffle and light refreshments will follow the talk.

Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or emailing info@norwood-crossing.org.

Skokie Merchant of the Year Award

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission will honor the winners of the 2014 Merchant of the Year award at the July 21, 2014 Village Board meeting. The Consumer Affairs Commission received over 400 ballots nominating 35 different Skokie businesses. Ballot entries were available in NewSkokie, at www.skokie.org and at the Shop Local Skokie Facebook page.

The winners for the 2014 Merchant of the Year:

- Merchant of the Year 1st Place - Randy Ramos Salon located at 8350 Keystone Avenue
- 2nd Runner Up – Main-Crawford Auto Repair located at 8359 Crawford Avenue

- 3rd Runner Up - Illinois Nut and Candy located at 3745 Dempster Street

Randy Ramos Salon will receive a plaque and a perpetual Merchant of the Year trophy that has their business name engraved. The trophy will be on display at Randy Ramos Salon for one year.

The Consumer Affairs Commission sponsors the Skokie Farmers' Market and makes recommendations on ordinances and regulations related to consumer affairs. All recommendations are presented to the Mayor and the Village Board. For further information please contact Terry Oline at 847/933-8400.

Adult Enrichment Weekend "Historic Gettysburg" At Resurrection College Prep H.S.

Community members are welcome to join Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo on an adult enrichment weekend from Friday, July 11 to Sunday, July 13, 2014 to explore the rich history of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania - the site of the 1863 battle and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The three-day, two-night trip includes round-trip airfare from O'Hare to Washington DC, all restaurant reservations, transportation, admission charges and accommodations.

Please contact Jim at Diplomat Travel for complete itinerary and pricing at 773.774.2727 or jmo6835@aol.com. The guide for this trip will be Mr. Mike Longo, who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University, teaches Religious Studies and directs the Chamber Orchestra at Resurrection, and offers Adult Enrichment courses at Resurrection each fall and spring.

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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New Trash Collection Boats



Debra Shore

Commissioner Debra Shore, Chairman of Public Information and Education Committee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater

conditions prohibit safe operations. Currently the MWRD operates two 28-foot pontoons to collect floatables that wind up in the CAWS during rainstorms. Workers remove debris along the South Branch to the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Commissioner Shore stated, "The Chicago Area Waterways are a vital amenity for people in Cook County. These new debris collection boats will improve water quality and recreational experience for thousands of people canoeing, kayaking, boating and enjoying the waterways".

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Engagement Announcement Leipold-Hellickson

Jacqueline Leipold of Skokie and Mary Clare Marth of Edgebrook announce that granddaughter Amanda Leipold is engaged to Justin Hellickson. Mark Leipold & wife Mary Marth of Bensenville are the parents of Amanda, and Delaine & Ann Hellickson of Wisconsin are the parents of Justin.

Amanda is a new attorney in Madison (WI) and Justin is a music writer whose song "A Body of Water" is in the Ethan Hawke movie Sinister. Justin asked Amanda to marry him at the romantic Fallison Lake in Vilas County, Wisconsin.



Pack your Picnic with the Grant Park Music Festival

Invite your friends, choose a team name, pack a festive picnic, and enter to win the third annual Grant Park Music Festival Picnic Contest on the Great Lawn at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. The contest takes place on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. before the Grant Park Orchestra takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. to play Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. Admission for the contest and the performance is free.

The grand prize winner will receive the Grand Golden Picnic Basket which includes a \$50 gift card to Mariano's, the Festival's Official Picnic Sponsor, and an assortment of Festival merchandise. Two runners-up will receive a \$25 gift card to Mariano's along with Festival merchandise.

Contestants are asked to create a picnic around the themes of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, which include a love of nature and the countryside, shepherds, peasants, birds, a babbling brook, and a storm. Picnics will be judged on the following criteria: how well the picnic embraces the contest theme; creativity of décor; imaginative menu; presentation of food and drink and clever team name.

To enter the competition, individuals must complete and return a registration form by Monday, July 14, 2014. Registration forms are available at www.gpmf.org and can be returned to info@gpmf.org

Lucas Museum of Narrative Art

Statement From Mayor Rahm Emanuel On The Lucas Museum Of Narrative Art

"George Lucas has revolutionized the art of storytelling over the last four decades and we are honored to be the recipient of this incredible legacy investment that will allow everyone to learn about and experience narrative arts. Like Marshall Field, John G. Shedd and Max Adler before him, George's philanthropy will inspire and educate for generations. No other museum like this exists in the world, making it a tremendous educational, cultural and job creation asset for all Chicagoans, as well as an unparalleled draw for international tourists."

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July Showcases An Interesting Bunch of Gals

By Wayne Mell – Managing Director

My big summer news is that Megon McDonough is coming to Skokie Theatre. She stars in Her Way: An Interesting Bunch of Gals on July 19. I saw Megon in concert last summer and became an immediate fan. She is a remarkable singer who brings humor and depth to every song she sings, and I was hooked within the first eight bars. She has performed everywhere from The Cellar Door to Carnegie Hall, and her work has been featured on stage in shows like Pump Boys and Dinettes and Always ... Patsy Cline, and on TV and in movies.

In Her Way, Megon highlights some of the most prolific and memorable female singers of the last sixty years including Cher, Dusty Springfield, Billie Holiday, Doris Day, Patsy Cline, Edith Piaf, Diana Ross, Joni Mitchell, Ella Fitzgerald, Lulu, Bonnie Raitt, and Janis Joplin. She intertwines jazz, pop, country, folk and rock with her wittiness and snappy patter for what is sure to be an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

But these aren't the only interesting gals that will be in town this summer. As we put Megon into the calendar, I realized how many remarkable women we have

Don't Let Summer Pass You By

By Nick Urhausen

Summer officially begins on June 21st, and yet some feel that the planting season is already over. The large chain retailers, hardware stores, and supermarkets have either picked-over left-overs or no plants left to buy. The experts who run these retail enterprises have determined that you don't need any more plants!

For many plants, both annual and perennial, the arrival of summer weather provides the growing conditions which allow plants to finally thrive. Tender annuals like coleus, non-stop begonias, and zinnias, perennials like ornamental grasses and hardy hibiscus, and vegetables and herbs like cucumbers and basil do not really grow well until both air and soil temperatures warm up. The rays from the sun are also strongest which help all plants and especially tropicals grow and thrive.

The beginning of summer also means that any plants you do plant now have the whole summer to grow. One can enjoy the beauty from their plants during July, August, and Sep-

tember—the summer months when people spend the most time outdoors. With the beautiful falls we have been experiencing the past few years, it is not difficult to keep your annuals looking good until Halloween. All you have to do is protect them from early frosts by covering the few nights when temperatures drop below freezing.

So if you haven't planted anything yet this season, or you just need a few fill-ins, then try visiting Urhausen Greenhouses this summer. We are still planting, growing, and maintaining fresh plants to meet your beautification needs. We will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don't let these summer months slip by, as we know winter will be back soon enough!

Urhausen Greenhouses is located at 6973 n. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Their phone number 847-675-1573. www.urhausengreenhouses.com



performing here just for us. These are talented women, of national and even international renown, and they're coming to our back yard.

On July 25, Ester Hana, 'Lady T' Marcelain and Yoko Noge team up for Chicago Women in Blues, Jazz and Popular Song. Don't let this unassuming title disguise what a gem this is. These women are all international sensations who have brought their talents to the states and the Chicago area.

Yoko Noge settled in Chicago in the 80's but still performs annually in Japan. Her music style is a fusion of American jazz and blues, mixed with Japanese folk and traditional music. Her original compositions find a commonality between African-rooted music and the music of Japan.

'Lady T' returned to Chicago in the late 1990s, after living and working in Europe, East-West-and-South Africa, Latin America and the former Soviet Union. She's known as "the American lady with a lot of jazz to give." She was the manager of a jazz club in Ghana, and originated the very first Jazz Festival in Zambia. She has also been promoting "Jazz Appreciation Month" on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution since the observance began in 2002. Lady T's performances are a mellow and intimate blend of music from the hottest years of America's vocal jazz, with some African and European influences.

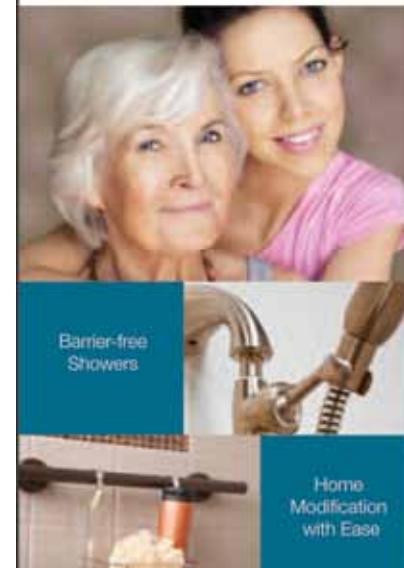
Ester Hana is from Dalaguete, Cebu in central Philippines, and is an internationally known singer and pianist. Ester's musical career brought her to Chicago, after successful performances in Manila and Bangkok. She is a phenomenal talent, whose performances are a mixture of ethnic and popular music, in over a dozen languages, embodying her Filipino roots. She is amazingly versatile. Ester is also appearing with Carla Gordon, Jan Slavin and the Americana Ensemble of the Old Town School of Folk Music in Give a Hootenanny, a folk music sing-a-long for the entire family on July 20.

Let's not forget Caryn Bark and the Funny Old Broads. She's been seen nationally on Catch a Rising Star and Lifetime's Girl's Night Out, but the star of Diary of a Skokie Girl is still a local girl at heart, and bring the Funny Old Broads home on Thursday nights for six weeks starting July 10.

Finally, Vicki Quade and Nuns4Fun are also back on July 11 with Movie Bingo: Good, Bad, or Condemned?! People weren't sure what to expect from Vicki when she first performed in June. A bingo game? Is she a real nun? I'm not Catholic, will I find it funny? The answers, from back to front, are Yes, No, and Yes. 80% of our audience in June was lovingly teased for being "heathens," and they all laughed harder than the Catholics. And there is plenty of Catholic school humor to amuse those who've been. But no one is safe from former nun Mary Margaret O'Brien who insists on order, participation, and no faulty bingo calls. She gives away plenty of fun prizes. It's a show unlike any you've ever experienced and you have one night left.

Mention this article or use code GALS at checkout to save \$5 off your tickets (\$2 off for the Hootenanny). SkokieTheatre.org or call the box office at 847-677-7761. 7924 Lincoln Ave with plenty of free, public parking all around. It's hard to imagine a more interesting bunch of gals. Come meet them at the theatre.

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Preparing for the Unthinkable



Chester M. Przybylo

Nobody thinks they will be in an auto accident, have a heart attack, have a stroke, or a myriad of other unexpected, sudden incidents. Those are events that happen to other, unfortunate people - not to us.

Yet, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, auto accidents injure over 2.5 million people in the United States each year. Over 42,000 of those accidents result in death.

In addition, according to the American Heart Association, over 80 million Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease, resulting in over 5 million incidents of stroke and 5 million incidents of heart failure each year.

Of course, these only happen to other people. That's about 13 million "other" people involved in strokes, heart failure, and traffic accidents each year.

What can we do? Of course we can do what we can to minimize the risk of these events. We can wear our seat belts, drive prudently, and follow our doctors' orders. But, the risk of the unexpected remains.

We can prepare now to make sure that things are taken care of in the way we want. That way, we will rest easy knowing that we've done everything we can and can focus on the process of recovering from the incident.

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A qualified Legacy Wealth Planner can help you set forth what is really important to you, to handle not just your financial assets, but the wealth of experiences and wisdom you've built over a lifetime. With the Legacy Wealth Plan in place, if some unthinkable event should happen, you and your family can rest assured that everything's taken care of and you can go about the process of recovering.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

Millennium Park 10th Anniversary Summer Celebration

The Millennium Park 10th Anniversary Summer Celebration will feature dozens of FREE events and exhibitions including new, monumental sculptures by Spanish artist Jaume Plensa, designer of Crown Fountain; indie rock, electronica, jazz, classical and world music; films, simulcasts and documentaries shown on an outdoor, 40-foot LED screen; family activities; workouts and more.

Millennium Park is located on

Michigan Avenue, bordered by Randolph St. to the north, Columbus Dr. to the east and Monroe St. to the south. The Park is open 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage (entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph) and Grant Park North. For the latest news and events, visit millenniumpark.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @Millennium_Park.

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12th Annual After Supper Visions Exhibit Raises \$10,000 for Catholic Charities Supper Guests

Program gives a voice and vision to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; Exhibit featured 60 artists

The 12th Annual Catholic Charities After Supper Visions photography exhibit on June 6 and 7 raised more than \$10,000 to support the photography artists. The photographers who displayed their artwork can't be found in the pages of magazines or on the walls of art museums – they are not professionals. They are guests of the Catholic Charities supper program. Many of the photographers are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Most had never picked up a camera before, but their photographs provide an opportunity to see Chicago from a different point of view – their point of view.

The annual exhibit, set up like an art gallery at Catholic Charities headquarters in the River North neighborhood, was just one opportunity the public had to support the artists and see photography unlike any other in Chicago. Prints and notecards are always available for purchase on the program's website at www.aftersupervisions.com. The artists use the profits to help with security deposits for apartments, paying utility bills, buying food or purchasing digital cameras to encourage their new passion.

"Catholic Charities and this program have given me a purpose and I am grateful for that," said Amie Davis, an artist and participant in the After Supper Visions program. "I want people to remember that when they buy a print from us they aren't just buying a nice photo, they may be helping someone pay a bill or buy food or take care of themselves. It is more than just artwork."

The After Supper Visions program was founded 12 years ago by staff at Catholic Charities and volunteers who served dinner to the guests at the Tuesday evening supper program. Supper guests are given a disposable camera and encouraged to photograph the city from their point of view. Volunteers develop the photographs and the artists choose the best three to four photos to display at the exhibit.

"We want to give our supper guests an opportunity to share their perspective," said Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. "The After Supper Visions program has given more than 200 artists an opportunity to express themselves through photography. To date more than 23,000 photos have been taken, and \$110,000 has been raised to help our guests become more self-sufficient."

To learn more about the artists or to purchase prints and notecards, visit aftersupervisions.com.

Summer Events and Festivals Mean Fun in RTA Region

RTA Trip Planner Offers Easy Way to Plan Routes; Avoid Traffic Jams on the Way to "Jam "

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is continuing to remind riders that the fastest and most convenient way to get around this summer is by taking transit. The fun is just a short ride away on a bus or train and a great way to avoid the second weekend of construction delays along the Kennedy Expressway and other congested areas in the region.

Choices include:

- Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and hop on Metra's North Central Service Line at Union Station to Long Grove for the Strawberry Festival (June 20) to immerse yourself in the scenery of a small historic town while taking in some great food and entertainment.

- Take Metra's Burlington Santa Fe line into Union Station from the western suburbs and make your way to the Gold Coast Art Fair at Grant Park (June 21-22). Enjoy incredible demonstrations by artists, live music, and interactive art projects.

- The annual Swedish Days fest (June 20-22) in downtown Geneva will be filled with live music, a parade, a carnival, food vendors and kids games. Jump on the Metra Union Pa-

cific/West Line at the Ogilvie Transportation Center.

"Our transit system is the best way to reach your favorite destinations, whether it's planning a mid-week visit to the museum, enjoying a night out for dinner or participating with hundreds of concert goers at one of the many free performances held at Chicago's Grant Park," said Acting RTA Executive Director Leanne Redden.

Riders can use the RTA's Trip Planner to plan travel and select routes with handicap accessible services when necessary. It is the only online site in the region that provides a variety of options for getting around our region, including transit, walking, bicycling and driving. For more information about how the RTA Trip Planner can help you plan your next trip, visit www.RTAchicago.org. Not sure where to go? Visit websites like Metromix (<http://chicago.metromix.com>) and Choose Chicago (<http://www.choosechicago.com/articles/view/CHICAGO-EVENTS-FESTIVALS-2014-CALENDAR-HIGHLIGHTS/1243/#June>), for a full listing of summer events in the Chicago region.

International Youth Soccer Teams to Join Chicago's KICS Cup Tournament in July!

Over 10 international teams committed to the Chicago KICS Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament that will take place July 19 - July 26.

The Chicago KICS Cup is looking forward to hosting local, national and international teams this July and providing an experience of a lifetime for the players, their family and friends. In recent months, the tournament has received commitments from multiple youth soccer teams including over 10 international teams. The support of the public as well as community organizations has helped the KICS Cup organization reach many of the teams that have registered for the tournament.

The most recent committed team is from Collegio Gallio (Gallio School) in Como, Italy. The KICS Cup organizers worked with the Milan Committee of Chicago Sister Cities to invite this team to be a part of this international event that will take place in one of the world's renowned metropolitan areas, Chicago.

In addition, the partnership with another global organization, love.fútbol, lead to the invitation and participation of two teams from Guatemala. These teams competed for the chance to participate and travel to the KICS Cup

in which they will proudly represent their localities and country. The organization love.fútbol is a non-profit organization that creates community soccer fields that act as catalysts for sustainable social change. In collaboration with the KICS Cup, both organizations hope to raise donations to provide soccer shoes for the participating players.

"As one of the main sponsors and supporters of the event, Chirch Global Manufacturing is excited to be a part of an international event of this magnitude," said CEO Anthony Chirchirillo. "We hope that the Chicagoland community comes together to help and support such a great cause and event that will be host to local and national teams, as well as guests from Guatemala, Italy, Ghana, Puerto Rico and Ukraine, among others."

For more information on how to support the teams and the KICS Cup, please visit www.KICSCup.com. The KICS Cup has set up a crowd funding site to help teams with donations at <http://www.gofundme.com/7ofdt0>.

Local High School Student Could Win A Trip To Washington, D.C. And A \$30,000 Scholarship

Commander John Davin of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of Illinois today announced the kick-off of the 68th year of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students begin by competing at the local Post level with a deadline of Nov 1, 2014. Post winners advance to District and then the first place District winner advances to the state competition. All state winners receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C. A total of \$152,000 is awarded to national finalists. First place is a \$30,000 college scholarship.

Annually the VFW provides more than \$2 million in scholarships. Each year, around 40,000 students participate in the competition.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on this theme for 2014-2015: "Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future" on an audio cassette tape or audio CD and present their recording, typed essay, and entry form at their local VFW Post by November 1, 2014.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at their local VFW Post or contact the Department of Illinois at vfwil.org to find the location of their nearest Post.

For more information and entry forms please visit: <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>

Cong. Ezras Israel "Sweet Singers" To Perform At Lincolnwood Manor

The "Sweet Singers of Cong. Ezras Israel" will perform a program of Yiddish, Hebrew, Israeli and English songs with Jewish content for the seniors at Lincolnwood Manor, 7000 N. McCormick Blvd., Lincolnwood, on Monday, July 7, starting at 11:00 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Selections will include Sabbath songs, wedding music, Israeli tunes and songs about women in Jewish music. Director of the "Sweet Singers" is Leona Molotsky, who also

Village Cooking Corner

From the Kitchen of Anastasia E. Weaver

This is one of my favorite go to recipes for summer eating whether I am entertaining a small group or having dinner with my husband. It is a side dish whether the main course is vegetarian, chicken, fish or hamburgers on the grill. This is a great potato salad for a picnic side also. It is delicious served warm or cold or the next day.

Greek Potato Salad

4 Large Potatoes – I usually use Russet but Yukon Gold work well also
1 small onion in circles – my preference is Vidalia Sweet Onions or a Red Onion (both work well)

4 green onions washed and chopped in small pieces
2 tsps Fresh Parsley

For the Dressing

1/3 cup of Olive Oil
1/3 cup Juice of Lemon
1tbsp of Dried and crushed Oregano
Salt and Pepper to taste

This is a serving for 4 and the approximate preparation and cooking time is about 45 minutes. Wash the potatoes well and boil in enough water to cover the potatoes.. Cook until softened. You will want to check periodically to make sure they are soft but not melted down. Drain the potatoes and permit to cool so that they will be easily handled while peeling them. Cut the potatoes in small cubes and place in a bowl. Combine the onion as well as the green onion and the parsley with the potatoes . Note: you may substitute fresh dill or fresh mint for the parsley, depending on your preference. I often substitute dill for parsley. Beat the dressing ingredients together and mix gently into the potato/onion mixture. Permit to sit for an hour or two prior to serving so that the seasonings permeate the potatoes. Serve on a platter or in a bowl.

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

LAST CALL TO PARTICIPATE! Community Photo Exhibit - Skokie Through the Lens 2014

Do you see beautiful things around the community and are tempted to snap a photo? Go for it and then submit it to the *Skokie through the Lens* Community Photo Exhibit! It's simple and doesn't require an expensive professional-grade camera - you can use your smart phone.

If you live, work or play in Skokie, this exhibit is a chance to celebrate the uniqueness of the community by capturing photos that reflect the colorful character of everyday life in the Village. Images can reflect anything seen throughout a year in Skokie from kids playing in the many beautiful parks, fall leaves at the sculpture park, spring flowers in a neighbor's garden... let your creative energy flow.

Submission Guidelines

This exhibition is for amateur photographers of all ages who live, work or play in Skokie. Phoneography/Instagram images are welcomed. Each individual may submit up to three images of approximately one to eight megabytes each. Label digital files as such: `firstname_lastname_01, 02 or 03` and email them to info@skokie.org with the subject line "Skokie through the Lens Entry." Please include the application form which can be found at www.skokie.org/FineArtsCommission.cfm. As the Fine Arts Commission wishes to capture images of Skokie throughout all four seasons, the deadline to submit photos is July

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