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POSTAL NEWS

Military and Diplomatic Holiday Mailing Deadlines.
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Evanston Raises Age to Purchase and Sell Tobacco from 18 to 21

On Monday, October 27, 2014, the Evanston City Council passed an ordinance to change the minimum age to purchase and sell tobacco products from 18 years of age to 21.

Under the new law, which becomes effective on November 8, 2014, it will be illegal for any person under the age of 21 to purchase or sell cigarettes, tobacco products, or liquid nicotine products (such as electronic cigarettes) in the City of Evanston. Reports estimate that 90 percent of tobacco products purchased for distribution to minors were by individuals under the age of 21.

Director Thomas-Smith additionally notes that Quitline services are available for those who want to quit smoking at 1-866-QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937) or by visiting www.quityes.org.

Commemorate Veterans' Day, November 11th

We honor our vets every day of the year, but we observe November 11th as a special time to give thanks and prayers for all those who have served, and continue to serve, our great Country.



November Is Military Families Month

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

(Authorized Version)

Statement from Mayor Emanuel on Nik Wallenda's High-Wire Walk

"The City of Chicago is where the modern skyscraper was born, so it is only fitting that Nik Wallenda chose our city's iconic skyline for his greatest high-wire walk yet. This was a spectacular event and his accomplishment speaks to the true spirit of Chicago. On behalf of the City of Big Shoulders, well done Nik."

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS IN THE MIDWEST AND SOUTHWEST



Monday,
November 17th
6:30 p.m.

This free program will explore a sampling of American Indian fine art from the Midwest and Southwest. Presented by Patricia Marroquin Norby, Director of the McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies, this lecture/discussion will discuss how Native American art from these regions relates to historical events, American Indian treaties, and natural resources. Dr. Norby is an award-winning artist and scholar of American Indian art and visual culture. This program is presented in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Registration is not required.

Chicago Public Library, Austin-Irving Branch, 6100 W. Irving Park Road, 312-744-6222.

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ADMISSION \$1.00

St. Thecla Women's Council is looking for Exhibitors for their 12th Annual. Holiday Craft and Gift Show. Saturday, November 22, 2014, 9 am - 4 pm. Set-up at 8 am Contact Maribeth 773-266-3831 or email mruehlman@aol.com

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.

Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope and Opportunity to Families

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.

Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

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

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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.

Northtown Garden Club

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 P.M. at Warren Park Field House, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Gregory Berlowitz is the founder of Chicago Market, a new local, sustainable, cooperative grocery store coming to the North Side of Chicago in 2015. Greg will present the vision, values and timeline for the Market's opening. Come hear how Chicago Market,

which has already grown to over 500 Owners, is building the co-op community and changing the local food landscape. Greg is an advocate for sustainable agriculture, vice-chair of the Chicago Bar Association Food Law Committee and member of the Chicago Public Schools Food Advisory Committee. He is also the father of two, a lawyer, playwright, and organic gardener.

Firewood Sale Begins November 8

The City of Evanston's annual firewood sale starts Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 2310 Oakton St. (between the Recycling Center and the Evanston Animal Shelter). Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays through the end of February 2015, or until supplies are exhausted.

Prices are:
 (4'x4'x1.5') x 2: \$150
 4'x4'x1.5': \$80
 2'x4'x1.5': \$50
 1'x4'x1.5': \$30

Payment by personal check is preferred. Payment also can be made with

cash; exact change is appreciated. Credit cards are not accepted. Employees will be available to assist with loading firewood into your vehicle, but the city cannot deliver firewood. For more information, please call or text 847-448-4311.

Do you need woodchips for your fall clean-up? Free woodchips are available at the base of the hill in adjacent James Park, accessible by the drive at 300 Dodge Avenue (at Mulford). Residents are welcome to take as much of the woodchips as they like.

Twice As Many Women Die of Stroke Than Breast Cancer Each Year

Presence Neuroscience Institute Stroke Experts Get Patients to the Right Level of Care via Telehealth

Stroke is the third leading cause of death for women in the United States, killing twice as many women as breast cancer every year yet in a recent survey women believed breast cancer was five times more prevalent than stroke, according to the National Stroke Association. Most women also don't realize they are more likely than men to have a stroke.

Anamaria Chavez, 56, who has always been in general good health, didn't know she was at risk for stroke, or that she was experiencing stroke symptoms when her gums and teeth went numb and she couldn't talk. "My husband and son were sitting next to me and I had to text them to let them know something was wrong," recalls Chavez, who sat on the couch because she was overwhelmed by a sudden general weakness. "I felt so sleepy, but it was too early for bed so I sat on the couch to rest and that's when it started."

Chavez was immediately taken to Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center where she was diagnosed with stroke via Telestroke webcam technology by a Presence neurologist at another hospital. Chavez received tPA, a clot-busting medication, and her symptoms subsided, but only temporarily. She had to be transferred to Presence Neuroscience Institute located at Presence Resurrection Medical Center for a thrombectomy, a surgery to remove the blood clot that was causing the stroke. Following her discharge from the hospital five days later on September 19, Chavez started intensive

half-day physical rehabilitation twice a week through the Presence Day Rehab program to help her achieve the highest level of ability.

"One of the biggest advantages of working within a comprehensive health care system like Presence Health, is having the distinct advantage of getting our patients to the right level of care immediately. We are able to serve our patients quickly and effectively from diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitation and the safe return home," said Aamir Badruddin, M.D., director of stroke and neuroendovascular surgery at Presence Neuroscience Institute. "The time saved with our advanced technology offers immediate diagnosis and treatment of stroke across our system, and our rapid transfer protocol to one of the [Presence Neuroscience] Institute's can mean the difference between life and death, full recovery and disability."

For Chavez, she is well on her way to a strong recovery. She has completely recovered her memory through various therapeutic activities, now she is working on regaining full mobility of her right side with arm and leg exercises.

But stroke in women is an issue that yields greater attention. Women should know they are at a greater risk for stroke than men and what symptoms to watch for since women report symptoms uniquely their own. Some of those symptoms include sudden face and limb pain, sudden hiccups or nausea, or sudden general weakness like Chavez experienced.

Jefferson Park Meeting

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, JPNA, will hold its November meeting one week early on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings, 1/2 block west of Milwaukee Av. In keeping with Thanksgiving, the speaker will be culinary specialist, baker and an owner of Delightful Pastries, on the 5900 W. block of Lawrence. It will be a tasteful demonstration. The meetings are free and open to the public, with a question and answer period and light refreshments. For more information, call 773 282 3879 or email jpna@jpna.net.

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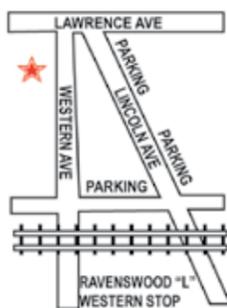
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Chicago Post Office Delivers the Holidays to Diplomatic and Military Service Members Worldwide Postal Service Recommended Mailing Dates

There may not be snow on the ground, but now is the time to start thinking about holiday mailing deadlines for military and diplomatic service members overseas.

"Making sure those serving in the nation's armed forces and diplomatic service receive their presents and care packages in time for the holidays is our priority," said Chicago Postmaster Tangela Bush. "We want to help their friends and family send mail worldwide in time for the holidays."

Helping to get packages on their way, the Postal Service offers a \$2 per box postage discount on its largest Priority Mail Flat Rate box at, \$15.45, for mail being sent to APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office and Diplomatic Post Office) destinations worldwide.

Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes are available at no cost at either local Post Offices, or ordered online at shop.usps.com. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online anytime using Click-N-Ship at <https://cns.usps.com/go>.

To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25, send cards and packages to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas no later than the mailing dates listed below.

Military Mail Addressed To	Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS) ¹	First-Class Mail —Letters and Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Air Lift (PAL) ²	Space Available Mail (SAM) ³	Standard Post
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 3	Dec 3	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AA ZIP 340	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8

¹ PMEMS is available to selected military. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

² PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Standard Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

³ SAM parcels are paid at Standard Post prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

Use the Military Care Kit to Send Presents and/or Care Packages

With Priority Mail supplies as the packaging of choice for families preparing care packages for service members overseas, the Postal Service created a free "Military Care Kit" based on the items most frequently requested by military families.

The kit contains:

- Two Priority Mail APO/FPO Flat Rate Boxes.
- Two Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Boxes.
- Priority Mail tape.
- Priority Mail address labels.
- Appropriate customs forms.

To order the free kit, call 800-610-8734. Guidelines for packing, addressing, and shipping items to U.S. troops can be found at usps.com/ship/apo-fpo-guidelines.htm.

Addressing the Package

1. Write out the service member's full name in the address.
2. Include the unit and APO/FPO/DPO address with the 9-digit ZIP Code (if one is assigned). For example:

CPT JOHN DOE UNIT 2050 BOX 4190 APO AP 96278-2050	SEAMAN JOSEPH SMITH USCGC HAMILTON FPO AP 96667-3931
SGT ROBERT SMITH PSC 802 BOX 74 APO AE 09499-0074	MSG JANE DOE CMR 1250 APO AA 09045-1000

3. Include a return address.
4. Include the service member's name and address as well as the sender's name and address on an index card inside the package in case the label is damaged.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation: 152 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. With more than 31,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, usps.com, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$65 billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private-sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 42nd in the 2012 Fortune 500. The Postal Service has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency for seven years and the fourth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute.

Spectacular Christkindlmarket Chicago Celebrates 19 years

Once a year, Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago transforms into a European holiday village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and twinkling lights that harkens back to the traditional holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany. The magical atmosphere of the Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to Daley Plaza for its 19th year, opening its doors from November 21 until December 24, 2014.

Since 1996 German American Services, Inc. has hosted one of the largest traditional Christmas markets outside of Europe. More than 65% of the vendors actually travel from Germany to Chicago each year to share their culture and holiday traditions. Visitors have plenty of opportunity to not only pick up some German language essentials but also to learn more about German culture without having to travel to Europe. With free admission, it comes as no surprise that this event attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from the greater Chicagoland area, the entire nation, and around the world.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago is host to over 50 vendors boasting one-of-a-kind offerings that are destined to become treasured gifts for loved ones of all ages. The vendors' traditional wooden huts are filled with holiday ornaments of all colors, materials and sizes, nutcrackers, cuckoo-clocks, beer steins, wooden toys, jewelry, wood carvings, and European sweets and treats. The market also has various heated walk-in cabins that offer a cozy place to take time and shop for unique gifts. The Grand Timber House and Festival Tent provide visitors with a place to warm up, relax, sit down, and enjoy delicious food and drinks.

The air at the Christkindlmarket is filled with aromas of holiday spices, sweets and treats. German delicacies such as sausages, potato pancakes, and schnitzel sizzle at every corner of the market and the aroma of the traditional holiday goods like stollen, strudel, pretzels, and roasted nuts seize the senses. Visitors can enjoy an abundance of delicious fare and quench their thirst with a refreshing imported German beer or warm up with a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), which is served in a unique collectable souvenir mug.

Throughout the 30-day event, the Christkindlmarket hosts live entertainment and performances. School groups, professional singers, and dance groups perform for the delight of all visitors. On weekends, the roaming Alpine Brass band with its festive German popular holiday music is sure to stir and awaken the spirit of the season in all. Special events include appearances by the Christkind, the namesake and symbol of the market, the annual Children's Lantern Parade, which celebrates St. Martin's Day, and the Alpine Trio that plays upbeat tunes Friday and Saturday evenings in the Festival Tent and Grand Timber House. One of the most popular events is the daily Advent Calendar starting December 1st. One lucky visitor gets to open a door on the larger-than-life 6 ft. tall Advent Calendar, featuring a different gift from one of the market's vendors each day.

The popular "Kinder Korner" boasts fun activities geared towards the youngest visitors. Ornamental paper crowns are handed out and the Christkindlmarket Passport, which includes passport stamping stations, coloring pages, riddles, a scavenger hunt, and much more, gives children and the young at heart the opportunity to explore the market, interact with the vendors, and learn more about German holiday traditions.

Experience this unique holiday spectacle in the heart of downtown Chicago. The market will be open daily from 11am until 8pm Sundays through Thursdays, and until 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays. On Thanksgiving Day November 27, and Christmas Eve December 24, the market will close at 4pm. Admission is always FREE!

For more information, please contact us and visit the official website at www.christkindlmarket.com. High resolution photos and HD video are available upon request.

Location

On the Daley Plaza in the Chicago Loop (between Dearborn, Washington and Clark Street)

Dates & Times of the Christkindlmarket Chicago

Friday, November 21 – Tuesday, December 23

- Sundays - Thursdays 11am – 8pm
- Fridays & Saturdays 11am – 9pm

Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Eve

- 11am - 4pm

Illinois Farm Families Searching For The Next Crop Of 'City Moms'

Illinois family farmers are looking for the next crop of 'City Moms' to visit their farms and get answers to questions about how food is grown and shipped from farm gate to plate.

For the fourth year in a row, Illinois Farm Families are asking Chicago-area moms who have questions about food and farming to join farm tours throughout northern Illinois in 2015. Illinois Farm Families will be opening their doors, welcoming City Moms and answering any questions they have about animal care, pesticides, biotechnology and more.

The 2015 City Moms will tour a grocery store, pig farm, corn and soybean farm, dairy farm and beef farm throughout the year. During the tours, moms will have a chance to talk with a dietitian about food label claims and how to read nutrition panels and talk to farmers about GMOs, antibiotics, hormones, and animal welfare.

"I learned much more than what I set out to," said 2013 City Mom Katie Grossart, Riverside. "I learned about both science and conscience. I learned about both profit and providing. But mostly, I learned the value of hard work."

The experience was much the same for 2014 City Mom Sara McGuire of Chicago. But for McGuire, getting the answers to tough questions was just as important.

I have been able to ask hard questions about animal welfare, husbandry, bees, GMOs, crop cycles, weather and food of the persons directly involved," McGuire said. "I have seen a farmer emotionally moved about the loss of an infant pig. I have seen a farmer plea with us to understand that science is not our enemy."

Chicago-area moms interested in applying to be a City Mom can find more information and an online application at www.WatchUsGrow.org/about-us/tour-our-farms

During their time as City Moms, participants will be asked to record their days on the farms by taking photos, videos and journaling their observations. After each farm tour, the City Moms' pictures and observations will be shared on www.WatchUsGrow.org, www.facebook.com/IllinoisFarmFamilies and <http://twitter.com/ILFarmFamilies>.

Illinois Farm Families are Illinois farmers who support Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Beef Association and Midwest Dairy Association through farmer membership and checkoff programs. We are committed to having conversations with consumers, answering their questions about food, farmers and farming, and sharing what really happens on today's Illinois family farms. More than 94 percent of Illinois farms are family owned and operated. We are passionate about showing consumers how we grow safe, healthy food for their families and ours.

Norwood Crossing To Commemorate Veterans Day On Nov. 10 With Recognition Program

Veterans, residents, friends, and families are invited to attend and participate in a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program, on Mon., Nov. 10, at 2:00 p.m., at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available on the street or in the parking lot behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue).

The program, "for veterans, about veterans, and by veterans," will include posting of the Colors by the American Legion Edison Park Post 541 Color Guard; National Anthem sung by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir; pledge of allegiance led by Norwood Crossing resident Mary Cormack, former First Vice President of VFW Post 1284 Ladies Auxiliary; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); individual recognition of veterans present in addition to extending a special tribute to one of the last surviving members of a specific military group; and a special performance of patriotic songs by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I.

All active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to complete a form upon arrival that asks for their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where stationed, and dates of service in order to be properly recognized. Refreshments will be available.

Norwood Crossing is a not-for-profit senior living community, serving Norwood Park and surrounding Chicago and suburban communities since 1896. Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324 or email sbanash@norwoodlifecare.org.

Mayor Emanuel, Senator Durbin, Alderman Thompson, Community Leaders And Veterans Of The U.S. Military Open Hope Manor II

Investment Will Help the City Deliver of Mayor Emanuel's Goal of Ending Homelessness Among Veterans by the End of 2015

Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined Senator Dick Durbin, Alderman JoAnn Thompson, community leaders and Veterans of the U.S. Military and their families today to open Hope Manor II Apartments, a 73-unit affordable housing and supportive services complex located on the southwest corner of 60th and Halsted streets in Englewood. The \$23.5 million campus-style complex developed by Volunteers of America of Illinois, includes a mix of studios, one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments for Veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

"Hope Manor II is a down payment on our promise that if you fight for the homeland of America, you will always have a home here in the City of Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "Whether it is housing or health care, educational opportunities or job opportunities, we are making the City of Chicago the gold standard for meeting our obligations to our Veterans and their families."

Ending veteran homelessness will require nearly \$5 million each year to provide subsidized housing, supportive services and other forms of assistance. More than 80 percent of the funding will come from the Federal government. Mayor Emanuel's 2015 budget will invest more than \$800,000 and close the gap on the remaining funding.

"I applaud the opening of this unique facility that will not only provide assistance to Chicago area veterans in need, but their families as well. The rate of homelessness among veterans with families has been increasing by more than 5 percent every year for the past four years -- a troubling trend that makes this project all the more important," Senator Durbin said. "We have an obligation to see that every person who sacrificed to serve our country has a place to call home and today's opening is a sign of progress on that front."

The rate of homelessness among Veterans with families has been increasing by more than five percent every year for the past five years. And female Veterans are becoming a growing percentage of the homeless Veteran population -- female Veterans are twice as likely to be homeless as male Veterans and four-times more likely than non-Veteran females to be homeless.

City financial support included the sale of 25 parcels of City-owned land for \$1 each, a \$1.9 million loan, and \$1.6 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits that generated \$16.7 million in equity for the project.

"Hope Manor II has been a tremendous project for us. When I see the amazing strides

we continue to make in the 16th ward, I can only be thankful for our tenacity and steadfast persistence," said Alderman JoAnn Thompson. "Thank you to Volunteers of America of Illinois and the Mayor for being such great partners in this development."

Additional funding includes an Energy Efficiency Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, a Federal Home Loan grant and Supportive Housing Program funds from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The Hope Manor II development offers a unique and innovative approach to veteran's housing by combining services to assist these men and women in transforming their lives. The facility includes six six-flats, five townhouses, and a three-story main building containing a community room and social services for veterans suffering from substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental illnesses. Residents can receive job training, mental health counseling and legal assistance, as well as have the opportunity to be part of a strong support network that will help build self-sufficiency.

Under Mayor Emanuel's leadership, the City of Chicago engaged with more than 500 stakeholders in 2012 to develop Plan 2.0 to Prevent and End Homelessness, a broad-ranging, seven-year action that focuses on homeless prevention, housing first and wrap-around services while identifying new strategies to improve access and opportunity for those most in need. Since 2012, the City has:

- Invested \$27 million to establish two new permanent supportive housing developments for homeless veterans: Hope Manor II and Veterans New Beginnings in Auburn Gresham (54 units);
- Provided \$1.8 million to build first new domestic violence shelter in more than a decade, now under construction;
- Invested \$2 million to create 74 new year-round shelter beds and a network of four regional drop-in centers for homeless youth, including runaway, LGBTQ, and pregnant and parenting youth;
- Housed 262 homeless households through the Rapid Rehousing Program.
- And launched a program to help up to 100 chronically homeless people move from the street to permanent supportive housing in collaboration with the Chicago Low-Income Housing Trust Fund and the Center for Housing and Health.

Mayor Emanuel has supported initia-

tives to keep faith with America's Veterans throughout his career, including, as a member of Congress, introducing the Welcome Home GI Bill in 2005 and co-sponsoring and helping to pass the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. As chief of staff to President Obama, Mayor Emanuel

helped to develop the President's call to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015, and during his tenure as senior advisor to President Clinton, the federal government greatly increased its investment in veterans benefits by increasing the VA's budget by 33 percent between 1993 and 2001.

Remembering the Meaning of Veteran's Day

Red, white, and blue circulars announcing 50% off all mattresses. No school! The gas station's flag flying at half mast. For too many of us, these are our Veteran's Day associations. For those of us not directly impacted by the war in Iraq, for those without friends and family who have served, it is far too easy to forget the meaning of this important day.

Veteran's Day began as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I -- optimistically coined "the war to end all wars." President Woodrow Wilson declared, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice..."

Though the War did not officially end until June 28, 1919, an informal armistice was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of the preceding year. For this reason, Veteran's Day falls on November 11. This was not always the case. Attempts were made to change the date so it would fall on Monday, making for convenient three-day weekends. Recognizing that this was not a holiday about a getaway to the Dells or shopping sprees at the mattress store, and realizing the significance of this important historic commemoration, President Gerald Ford responded to the American people and returned the holiday to November 11.

Most of us do not like war. But, we must separate those feelings from the gratitude we owe to those who have served. It is important that we take pause from our busy lives and imagine a day in the life of those in service -- sleepless nights, grueling work, physical hardship, separation from loved ones, fear, and loss. It is important that we take a moment to thank the men and women who have made supreme sacrifices for our country. Come Wednesday, November 11, bake cookies for your local VFW; ask a veteran to share his or her remembrances of service; send a care package to our troops; gaze at the gas station's flag at half mast and remember exactly what that means.

A Veteran's Last Farewell

By Raymond C. Gugel

With hushed and metered steps

The small procession strode.

They bore a casket, humbly carved --

A Comrade to his last abode.

The Nation's flag was soft unfurled.

And draped across the bier.

For this was not a common grave --

A veteran would be buried here.

Around the grave the mourners stood

A quiet stillness filled the air

The Chaplain stood and bowed his head,

And offered quiet prayer.

"Lord, bless our faithful Comrade here

And lead him to his rest.

He served his land in time of war.

He served and passed the test."

"What battles won, or battles lost

We do not keep the score.

His youth, his courage he gave of all.

He was a Veteran -- nothing more."

"This man was precious to his country.

A son who heard the call

He served to keep his Nation free;

He fought to save us all."

"And so we come to pay respects

To an honored veteran son.

In praising him we praise them all

Who fought with word and gun."

Farewell, loyal son, we leave you here.

Our debt to you is vast.

To you and every Veteran

Our gratitude will last."

The Chaplain paused and closed his book.

And thus he ended prayer.

The honor Guard retrieved the flag,

And folded it with care.

READY! FIRE!

Three times the last command rang out.

Three times shots broke the lull.

A muffled bugle sounded taps.

The Veteran's last farewell

Sleep here, brave son;

Your Nation bids you well.

You earned your place in Paradise --

Now rest where heroes dwell.

Veterans' Breakfast

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - 9:00am to 10:30am

For veterans, and spouses or caregivers. Please join us for breakfast, then meet at the Norridge Veterans Memorial for a short program honoring our fighting men and women.

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"The Soldiers"

Written by Anita Pildes

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First just to our sons.

Now to our daughters too.

To War.

To battlefields.

In our homeland

and to countries unknown.

Now in our classrooms.

We pray for their safe return.

Sailors are returning after completing a nine-month deployment

More than 4,000 Sailors and Marines serving in the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BAT ARG) are scheduled to arrive at their homeports in Norfolk, Va. and Virginia Beach, Va. Oct. 31; and Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 28.

Chicago, Ill. Sailors are returning after completing a nine-month deployment in which the ships supported maritime security operations, theater security cooperation, and provided a forward naval presence in the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation.

BAT ARG is commanded by Capt. Neil A. Karnes, Commodore, Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6, and comprised of multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), amphibious transport dock ship USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), and amphibious dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LDS 44). Bataan and Mesa Verde are homeported at Naval Station Norfolk, Va.; and Gunston Hall is homeported at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.

The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., is commanded by Col. William R. Dunn, and comprised of a ground combat element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; aviation combat element, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 263 (Reinforced); logistics combat element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22; and its command element.

For more information, visit: www.navy.mil. Media queries email usffmediaoffice.fct@navy.mil

Lessons Learned From My Father

Ted S. Przybylo - Original Owner and Founder of the White Eagle

A few weeks ago, a local detective, already 25 years on the force, shared a heartfelt story with me. He said he had to work Christmas Eve, way back during his first year on the force. Lonely and a bit sad, he knew he had to overcome these feelings and do his job. So he stopped in at the White Eagle to make sure all was okay. It was mid-afternoon and we were ready to close. My Dad greeted him and found out that he would be spending Christmas on duty — with NO Dinner to celebrate the holiday. So Dad mustered up the one or two people still in the building and prepared the officer a bountiful Christmas Dinner. He sat down with him, so he wouldn't have to eat alone. They shared a handshake and a warm hug and went their separate ways.

I was so happy he shared this little story with me. Stories keep my Dad's memory alive. With that, I decided to share some of my personal lessons taught to me by my Dad. I hope you enjoy them. He was a very special man and he left his mark in a very special way.

LESSON 1 CHRISTMAS MORNING 1957

At this time, we were a family of five children and I had just turned 10. We had celebrated Christmas Eve with the large extended family (40 or so) and today was the special time with more gifts for each of us... as kids it was all about the presents. After opening the LOOT, and watching the little ones roll around in all the ripped up wrapping paper, Dad asked us to show him our favorite gift. My sister Althea and I proudly stepped forward and presented the really cool stuffed animals we bought for each other. (They were the craze at that time and we had saved our allowance to buy the coolest ones ever.) My 6 yr. old brother and 3 yr. old sister showed him an authentic Roy Rogers cowboy gun and a cute baby doll. He then collected these items and placed them in a basket next to an overflowing food basket and said: "There is a poor family in the neighborhood, with 5 children, who didn't get any presents this year; I know you want to give them some of yours" and he walked out the door.

Temporarily paralyzed with disbelief, dozens of questions danced in my head... 'Who were these people? Does my Dad love them more than us? Maybe that wasn't my dad - maybe it was scrooge disguised like him! Was all of this a dream... or better yet a nightmare? Why didn't I give him the long underwear (gatzkis) that my Busia bought for me? And then the flood gates opened, the tears poured out and I ran to my closet to cry alone.

After what seemed like an hour of feeling sorry for myself, the guilty feelings of selfishness took over. Mom and Dad gave us so much and that family had so little. How can I act like this on Christmas?? Just then I heard the front door open. Now that I finally started feeling generous, I couldn't wait to find out how much the children loved my beautiful, cuddly gift. Just envisioning their happy faces would make me feel so good. So I ran to my Dad and asked how they looked, were they happy, what did they say?

Having lived through a depression, my Dad understood all about charity, gift giving, humiliation and pride. He looked at me with a smile and said "Dzjecko, (which means child in Polish) these gifts were not about you. I never saw their faces. I placed the items on the porch, rang the doorbell and quickly drove away. I'm sure they were pleased but, more importantly, their pride was intact. The best gift is the anonymous one... Someday, you'll understand!"

This was a memory from long ago - I hope you enjoyed my Dads' lesson.

Merry Christmas from Vivian

Honor Flight Chicago – “Operation Locate a Hero” - 2015 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2015 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

There are approximately (21,000) WWII Veterans remaining in the Chicago area – which HFC is requesting assistance from the public to help locate these WWII Heroes.

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit (www.honorflightchicago.org)

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of flying our World War II veterans to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial built in their honor.

“Tips For Managing Holiday Stress” Is The Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On November 19

With the holidays beginning to hit full stride, the time to think about managing stress is now. Many factors contribute to stress, but stress is controllable and can be greatly reduced, using some simple procedures at home that will help to make the holiday season more enjoyable. Hear Vera Kulezic, co-owner of AcuBalance Wellness Center in Norwood Park, discuss “Tips For Managing Holiday Stress,” at 2:00 p.m., on Nov. 19, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, as part of its monthly Timely Talk series.

Nationally licensed and board certified in Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine, Kulezic holds a Master of Science degree in Traditional Oriental Medicine from the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in Chicago. Her presentation will include a discussion of Chinese medicine (offered as a complementary health approach in the United States), meditation/breathing techniques and Qigong exercises, all part of the healing arts. Qigong is a form of gentle exercise composed of movements that

are repeated, such as stretching the body, increasing fluid movement and building awareness of how the body moves through space. It has been practiced in China for thousands of years.

“Stress can be alleviated with the right exercises, movements, stretches, and relaxation techniques,” said Kulezic. “This is exactly what Qigong exercises are designed to do. It's about tapping into your innate ability to heal so that the inevitable stress and tensions of life make you more productive, rather than becoming self-destructive. Health is a daily journey; you are either taking steps toward health or away from it every day. That is the beauty of Qigong; you only need 10 minutes a day to increase your energy, vitality and overall health.”

A question and answer session will follow, and light refreshments will be available. For more information or to register for the free program, call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

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Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 - 9:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 24, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 7, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



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Shadow Days

8th grade girls welcome now on select dates to shadow a current Resurrection student

7th grade girls welcome to an "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 13, 2015
Register at www.reshs.org

Math Olympics

Saturday, December 9, 2014
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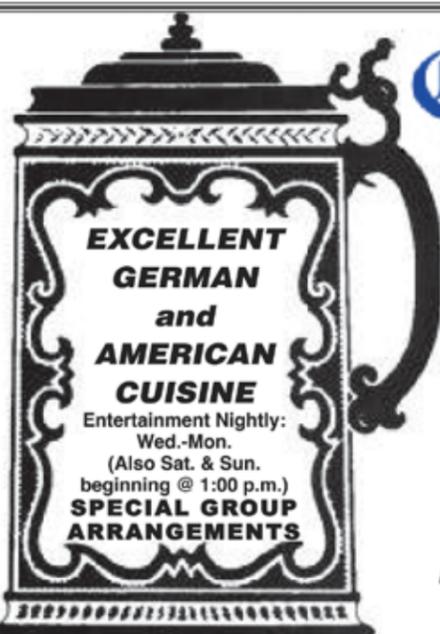
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Polish National Alliance Seniors To Meet

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA North Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. This will be a general meeting. This month there will be a guest speaker. Our speaker will be Roberta Wachowicz, who along with her sister Ann Malon published a book titled "Perhaps Tomorrow" written by their mother Erna Russnak. Erna wrote the manuscript over 40 years ago and it was found by her daughters in 1991 when the Erna died. They started in 1997 to get the book published. Roberta will join us to speak about the book. We ask for those who would be attending to call the Vice President's Office at 1-800-621-3723 ext. 316 by Monday November 10, 2014.



All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the PNA building.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880.

For additional information about the PNA Seniors Group and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org.

Skokie Thru the Lens

Community Photo Exhibit - Skokie Through the Lens 2014

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission, along with the Skokie Photographic Society, is proud to present the first annual Skokie Through The Lens photo exhibit. The purpose of the exhibit is to capture moments in Skokie from fall 2013 through summer 2014 that make the community a great place to live, work and play.

Participating photographers will be recognized for their achievements at the November 3, 2014, Village Board meeting at 8 p.m. in Village Hall. The photo exhibit will be on display at the following three locations:

Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street - November 3 through 14

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Boulevard - November 17 through 28

Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place - December 1 through 12

Are you interested in photography? Join the Skokie Photographic Society at www.skokiephotosociety.org and take photography classes at Oakton Community College. An announcement for Skokie Through the Lens 2015 will be included in a future addition of NewSkokie.

SACA Elects New President

Katherine Amari O'Dell, Senior Associate with the Law Office of Amari & Locallo, has been elected President of the Sicilian American Cultural Association (SACA)



The Sicilian American Cultural Association's mission has and continues to support, publicize and promote a greater public awareness in Sicily and to increase the mutual understanding and friendship of it's members and others.

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Option 4: Six Thursday evenings, starting November 6, 2014 | 8:00pm-9:30pm

Where is it?

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What it is like?

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How can I get more information or register?

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See the curriculum here: http://www.myjli.com/index.html?task=courses_detail&cid=1036

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and spa services, announces "Massages for Military" - an event honoring military personnel and veterans - at participating locations in honor of Veteran's Day on November 11, 2014. In appreciation for their service, Massage Envy Spa will provide military participants complimentary 1-hour massage sessions. This special one-day event will take place at all 37 Chicagoland Massage Envy locations from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., and those who qualify are encouraged

to call their local Massage Envy Spa or visit www.massageenvy.com/regions/IL/Chicago to pre-book an ap-

pointment. A valid military identification must be presented at the time of service and appointments are based on availability.

"We are excited to be able to give back to the men and women who have dedicated their lives for the safety and freedom of our country," said Peter Carlson, Regional Developer / Partner at Massage Envy. "Massage is a tremendous stress reducer and the perfect gift for us to provide to our military personnel to thank them for their service."

Arts & Entertainment



Last time, I sang the praises for Crimes of the Heart, the Pulitzer prize-winning comedy we have on our stage from November 7 to 23. But that's not all we have on the boards for November. There is plenty of music to sing about as well.

Russ Goeltenbodt kicks it off on November 13 with his show "Let's Hear It for the Goy!" Was Russ a little outnumbered in his youth? We'll find out as he takes us on a musical journey of his life growing up in Skokie. Musical director Bob Moreen and the doyenne of cabaret herself, Carla Gordon, will perform with Russ in a show that seems tailor-made for the Skokie Theatre. One night only. The show starts at 7:30 and tickets are only \$20.

Are you looking for entertainment options for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend? You'll find them right here in your own backyard. Judy Rossignuolo-Rice, Denise McGowan Tracy, and Beckie Menzie debut their newest cabaret show "When Harry Met Irving" on Friday, November 28 at 8 pm. Harry is Harold Arlen, not only of Wizard of Oz fame but also the man responsible for classics like "Get Happy," "Paper Moon," and "Stormy Weather." Irving is the incomparable Irving Berlin who wrote "Blue Skies," "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band," just to scratch the surface. These three ladies of song and stage promise a trip down memory lane with a fresh new spin on these great songs and a few laughs along the way. One night only. Tickets are \$20.



Thanksgiving weekend also heralds the return of the incomparable Megon McDonough, who returns to Skokie Theatre after her sold-out performance last July. Megon will be singing the Great American Songwriters of our generation, such as Carole King, Burt Bacharach, James Taylor, Dolly Parton and more. You'll be surprised at the number of famous songs they wrote for themselves to perform, as well as for others. And Megon is inviting the audience to help her create the show. Do you have a favorite song? Email it to her by November 11 at MegonsRequests@gmail.com for a chance to have it included in the show. Megon's show is Saturday, November 29 at 8 pm. Tickets are only \$30.

Don't be left out in the cold. Come inside for some heart-warming entertainment. Tickets are available online at SkokieTheatre.org or by phone at 847-677-7761.

Governor Quinn Announces Investment in Chicago's Lincoln Park Cultural Center

Investment Will Improve Recreational Facilities and Create Jobs
Tours five sculptures along lakefront from 48th Street to Adler Planetarium

Governor Pat Quinn today announced an investment to improve an iconic cultural center in Chicago's Lincoln Park. Supported by the Governor's Illinois Jobs Now! construction program, the project is part of Governor Quinn's agenda to increase recreational opportunities, create jobs and drive Illinois' economy forward.

"The Lincoln Park Cultural Center is an iconic structure used and enjoyed by thousands of people every year," Governor Quinn said. "It's important that we invest and maintain our historic parks. Improvements to this cultural gem will ensure that we can continue to provide quality, safe service to our residents."

The Chicago Park District will receive \$937,500 to rehabilitate the exterior and interior of the Lincoln Park Cultural Center. The project focuses on restoration that will ensure safe conditions for the building to continue to provide quality services to residents. Improvements include tuck pointing, roof replacement including gutters and downspouts, improvements to exterior brick masonry and stone walls, rehabilitation of interior water damaged finishes, clearing all roof drain lines and excavating and restoring

collapsed underground drain lines. The total estimated project cost is \$1.25 million.

"In 2009, our Illinois Jobs Now! program proved we were serious about moving Illinois forward and putting people back to work," Illinois Senate President John J. Cullerton (D-Chicago) said. "We've used that program to preserve public facilities such as this one and invest in new ones to ensure Illinois remains a great place to live, work, learn and play."

"Maintaining and upgrading our urban green spaces and related facilities is an important part of our mission to provide recreation that is safe and accessible to all," Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller said. "Chicago's parks also are an important part of the city's cultural history, and these resources will help preserve that history for future generations."

The park project is part of Governor Quinn's \$31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! program, which will support more than 439,000 jobs over six years. Illinois Jobs Now! is the largest construction program in Illinois history, and is one of the largest construction programs in the nation.

Norwood Park Senior Center Unveils Public Art Murals

Seven murals depicting abstract scenes of the Norwood Park historical community were officially dedicated recently at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago. The pieces of public art reflect primarily early Norwood Park and the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the oldest house in Chicago which also serves as the headquarters of the Norwood Park Historical Society.

The art was produced by Chicago artist Thomas Lucas, who became acquainted with the community by taking photos of local places, such as the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the railroad and the prairie. Afterward, a meeting was held to get some Senior Center members involved with the painting of the wood-panel murals, working primarily on color backgrounds. Some of the photos, taken earlier, were incorporated into the backgrounds, using printmaking and other image transfer techniques to create the final works.

"The main focus for these murals is to recognize the Norwood Park neighborhood," said Lucas. "The hope is to make a direct connection with members of the



Features of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House and other elements of the Norwood Park community can be identified in this 4' x 11' abstract mural on the south wall of the multi-purpose room.

Senior Center and the community who come to this space. I would like them to enhance their experience here."

This is Lucas' second commission of public art and took him about nine months to complete, from conception to installation. The artwork is part of the Percent-for-Art projects and is now a part of the more than 700 works of art exhibited at more than 150 municipal facilities.

The Norwood Park Senior Center is a public/private partnership of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Chicago Park

Mayor Emanuel Joins Members Of Arts Community On Tour Of Newly Installed Public Art Along Lakefront

Tours five sculptures along lakefront from 48th Street to Adler Planetarium

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Chicago Park District General Superintendent Mike Kelly, James Rondeau, the curator of the Art Institute of Chicago, artist Robert Lowe and members of the arts community today toured five sculptures that have been recently installed in public areas along the lakefront.

"Public art installations allow Chicagoans to be active participants in arts and culture, and as part of the Chicago Cultural Plan, we've made progress on a number of fronts to bring the arts directly to Chicago neighborhoods," said Mayor Emanuel. "From Sculpture on the Boulevards to art installations on the lake front to more than 1,000 events through Night out in the Parks, we're embracing the City's thriving arts community and making it more accessible to all residents in neighborhoods throughout the City."

These public art installations are part of Mayor Emanuel's efforts to bring public art directly to Chicago neighborhoods and fits into his citywide vision for art and culture, as outlined under the Chicago Cultural Plan. The temporary art installations will be on display for one year.

"The Chicago Park District is pleased to provide access to art and culture in its parks," said Superintendent Kelly. "Public art serves as a vehicle for community engagement, and creates a positive impact on park users."

The group first viewed three sculptures by Alice Aycock. Painted aluminum sculptures Twin Vortexes and Spin the Spin have been installed on Lake Shore Drive bike path at 47th and 48th streets. A third reinforced fiberglass sculpture, Waltzing Matilda, has been in-

stalled on Lake Shore Drive bike path at 46th street. The artist describes these sculptures as the movement of wind energy, and all three were previously displayed on Park Avenue in New York City.

The group then traveled to the Museum Park Campus at the intersection of McFetridge and Museum Drive near Soldier Field to view artist Robert Lobe's sculpture, entitled Nature's Clock. The artist described his piece to the group; this sculpture fits a set of boulder and tree forms snugly into the lawn like a forest in the garden. Trees in the piece cross as if hands on a clock suggest that time is ticking. Another installation by Robert Lobe is Eastern Hophornbeam, which is located at Diversey Harbor Inlet North, but was not part of the tour. The artist describes the sculpture's embracing limbs as "lovers in the forest."

For the final stop, the group visited Adler Planetarium to view Ai Wewei's sculpture, entitled Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads. In this piece, the Chinese contemporary artist has reinterpreted the twelve bronze animal heads representing the traditional Chinese zodiac that once adorned the famed fountain-clock of the Yuanming Yuan, an imperial retreat in Beijing. It is the centerpiece of a global, multi-year touring exhibition that is being presented in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Each artist donated their artwork for display and the Park District covered the installation costs.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312.742.PLAY, 312.747.2001 (TTY).



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Resurrection College Prep To Honor Alumna Veteran Ramina Orahá '03 At Salute Assembly

Honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans, the Resurrection College Prep High School students, staff and faculty will honor veterans from the community at a Salute Assembly on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 8:30 to 9:15 am in observance of Veteran's Day. The assembly is being coordinated along with Salute, Inc., a non-profit organization based in the northwest suburbs that actively supports military families. In a special way, Resurrection will be honoring U.S. Air Force veteran Ramina Orahá '03, Resurrection alumna from the Class of 2003. Ramina was a Senior Airman who was deployed to Iraq in 2006. On her birthday, February 17, 2008, she suffered a stroke.

While her recovery has been difficult and her speech has been profoundly impacted, Ramina Orahá continues to have a positive attitude and will be attending the assembly. Ramina has received assistance from her family, friends, medical staff and Salute, Inc. With the work of a speech therapist, Ramina has a recorded message that will be shared at the assembly.

Resurrection College Prep will also be honoring other veterans and active military personnel at this assembly and Salute, Inc. will make a special presentation. Along with family, friends and previous teachers, several elected officials have accepted the invitation to attend the assembly. Members of the media are welcome to attend. Questions may be directed to Tamara Bernardin at 773.775.6616 Ext 113 or tbernardin@reshs.org.

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Veteran's of Foreign Wars

ABOUT THE VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans' service organization comprised of combat veterans and eligible military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and its oldest major veterans' organization. With nearly 1.9 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in almost 7,000 Posts worldwide, "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS." The VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs worldwide. For more information or to join, visit our website at www.vfw.org.

ChillFest Returns to Wicker Park & Bucktown, Nov 15 Chicago's biggest neighborhood music fest is back!

Chicago's biggest interconnected neighborhood music fest is taking over Wicker Park and Bucktown for a second consecutive year on Saturday, November 15. ChillFest is a free event that features over 100 local musicians of all genres playing live, acoustic "living room" sets within the intimacy approximately 30 unconventional locations, everything from boutiques to restaurants to galleries. At its core, the mission of ChillFest is to celebrate the artistic roots of historic Wicker Park & Bucktown. It's also an opportunity for emerging musicians to gain great exposure by performing in Chicago's live music epicenter.

"We are thrilled to bring back the year's largest pop-up music event to the neighborhood," said Beth Sholtis, interim executive director of the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce. "ChillFest is unique in that it aims to unite the strong musical heritage of the neighborhood with the wide selection of shops and restaurants."

In its first year, ChillFest generated buzz all over Chicago, gaining front page recognition from many major press outlets, and ultimately even reaching Austin, where as a result of appearing at ChillFest, six artists were called to play special ChillFest sets during the SXSW festival. The 2014 edition of ChillFest intends to make even more of a splash than 2013, when an estimated 10,000 music lovers turned out to experience one of the distinctive neighborhood-wide music fest.

Stewart Riske, event co-producer and member of ChillFest band The Root Cause, also hopes that the festival will shine a bright spotlight on the budding scene in a city that often gets overlooked by the music communities of New York, LA, or Austin. "From an acoustic stand-

point, we are very strong," Stuart said of the local music scene. "We want ChillFest to give Chicago its rightful buzz so more people around the country will start looking in our direction."

Every ChillFest venue stages four or more musicians (or musical groups) in a dedicated portion of their space. Curated by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber's ChillFest Planning Committee, each artist plays one acoustic 20 to 60-minute set matched to the ambiance of the host venue. All artists go through a selection process by the ChillFest Planning Committee.

For an up-to-date performance schedule and list of venues, please visit www.chillfestchicago.com.

About the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce:

The Wicker Park and Bucktown Chamber of Commerce serves as a cornerstone of the Wicker Park and Bucktown commercial districts, advancing the financial goals of neighborhood businesses through the creation of a dynamic economic climate, increasing the neighborhood's visibility and viability, and encouraging profitable relationships within the community. Read more at wickerparkbucktown.com.

About the WPB SSA #33:

The Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce administers the WPB Special Service Area (SSA #33). SSAs, often known as Business Improvement Districts in other cities, provide a fair and transparent way to finance and manage programs to create, maintain and manage clean, attractive and competitive commercial districts. The SSA is overseen by a Commission of 12 stakeholders in the SSA. We are guided by a Master Plan adopted in 2009 after extensive public input, and we accomplish our work through active committees.

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Our programs are partially supported by a City Arts Program 3 grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

City Of Chicago Wants Input From Public To Implement A Taxicab Centralized Electronic Dispatch System

Deadline to Provide a Response is Nov. 14, 2014

The City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) is seeking feedback from the public as it evaluates and assesses specifications for a City of Chicago Taxicab Centralized Electronic Dispatch System option.

The function of the system would be to connect licensed City of Chicago taxicabs with prospective passengers through an Internet-enabled application, digital platform and/or telephone.

"We want to hear directly from the residents who use public vehicles throughout the City and the people who work in the taxicab industry," said Commissioner Maria Guerra Lapacek of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. "Receiving constructive feedback is another way to find solutions to integrate innovative industries in Chicago."

BACP wants input, ideas and feedback from the public. Anyone — passengers, taxicab drivers, taxicab owners, technology companies, or any concerned resident of the City of Chicago — is urged to provide responses to the following question:

What capabilities and options would you like to see in a City of Chicago Centralized Taxicab Electronic Dispatch System?

The to provide a response is Friday, Nov. 14, 2014. Responses can be sent via e-mail to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org with "Centralized Dispatch Comments" in subject line or mailed to ATTN: Centralized Dispatch Comments, BACP Public Vehicle Operations, 2350 W. Ogden Ave., 1st Floor, Chicago, IL 60608.

BACP oversees the licensing of Chicago's public chauffeurs and public vehicles including taxicabs, liveries, charter and site seeing buses, horse drawn carriages, ambulances, water taxis and tour boats. The department also oversees the purchasing of taxicab medallions, vehicle inspections and rates of fare. Learn more about BACP's Public Vehicle Operations at www.cityofchicago.org/BACP.

Young Women's Math Olympics At Resurrection College Prep High School

The Resurrection College Prep Mathematics Department, together with the Resurrection Math Club, is sponsoring The Young Women's Math Olympics on Saturday, December 6, 2014. This academic competition is open to all seventh and eighth grade girls. Admission is free of charge and participants will receive refreshments and prizes.

Participants will compete individually and top scorers will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Algebra and Geometry. Fourth and Fifth Place will receive certificates and everyone who participates will receive a small token for their participation. Participants are asked to bring a calculator and #2 pencils. Check-in begins at 9 am. The contest begins promptly at 9:30

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am and the Award Presentation will be at noon. Registration and information is available on the Resurrection website at www.resh.org or by calling 773.775.6616.

All participants must be registered by Thursday, December 4.

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The Department Of Cultural Affairs And Special Events Announces It's Fall Theater And Dance Schedule

Performances include the SpinOff dance series, newly commissioned works and premieres at the Chicago Cultural Center, Storefront Theater and Millennium Park

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is pleased to announce its fall season of theater and dance performances and residencies. The DCASE Theater and Dance series presents critically-acclaimed local, national and international music, theater, dance and multidisciplinary artists, newly commissioned works and Chicago premieres.

Returning to the Chicago Cultural Center and the Storefront Theater is the

second annual SpinOff dance series, November 7-22. This month-long celebration of contemporary dance will present work by Midwest-based choreographers and dance companies. All performances are free and feature Chicago and world premieres and excerpts from works-in-progress. A complete schedule will be released in September.

Performance locations include the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) and the Storefront Theater (66 E. Randolph St.). Admission is free or low cost for all DCASE Theater and Dance events. For event details, visit cityofchicago.org/dcase.

Evanston Innovators and Small Businesses to Celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week November 17-23

Evanston is joining Global Entrepreneurship Week, the global celebration of innovators and job creators. From November 17-23, Evanston Entrepreneurship Week will introduce activities each day to showcase the rising tide of entrepreneurial activity in Evanston, which was recently named one of the top five cities in the country in which to live!

Mirroring celebrations in over 50 countries, the Evanston gathering is hosted by The City of Evanston and Now We're Cookin', Evanston's food business incubator. It enables participants to join new and experienced entrepreneurs, coaches and mentors, share-space operators, angel financiers, service providers, University talent, and City officials in exploring the breadth of entrepreneurial engagement here on Chicago's northern edge.

"We recognize that entrepreneurial activity is one of the key drivers of Evanston's economy, and we are fortunate to have both Northwestern University and an independent entrepreneurial community rich in talent and energy. Taking one week out of the year to recognize our thriving entrepreneurial culture is an important, exciting prospect," said City of Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl.

Co-sponsored by Creative Coworking and the ownership of 820 Davis/825 Chicago, two of the City's premier spaces for coworking and flexible office leases, the week promises to engage and inspire. Whether you live in Evanston, the City of Chicago or on the North Shore, there is a buzz in Evanston that is worth checking out!

Major events during the week include:

Monday, 11/17: Shared Workspace Open Houses

Visit the various co-working spaces throughout Evanston where entrepreneurs can work and get support.

Tuesday, 11/18: EvanstonEdge Startup Showcase

A gathering of entrepreneurs, students, funders, developers, and designers in support of Evanston's most innovative startups. Evanston companies pitch their latest products, services and technologies. Free admission. Register at cityofevanston.org/startupshowcasetickets.

Wednesday, 11/19: Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED)

Hosted by/at Now We're Cookin', academics, angels, entrepreneurs and enthusiasts are coming together to acknowledge the major contribution female entrepreneurs are making to

the Evanston economy. Registration required, Wednesday, 11/19: Networking Evening

Join Startup-Evanston, Course Pioneer, and CoLab Evanston for a unique and insightful evening of networking. The guest speaker is Jason Jacobsohn, a business professional known as the "connector." Jacobsohn has devoted the past 12 years to helping grow, maintain, prepare, develop, and train entrepreneurs in Chicago.

Thursday, 11/20: Evanston Brewery Crawl

Catch the aroma of the newest craze in town as the program goes on the road, visiting the new brewers who have turned on their taps in Evanston. Registration details forthcoming at evanstonentrepreneur.com

Friday, 11/21: Cornucopia Holiday Gift Show 2014

Nearly 60 local and regional artisans sell handcrafted and specialty items at this juried event. For over 20 years, the Woman's Club of Evanston's holiday gift show has been a go-to source for women's and children's apparel and accessories, unique home décor, gourmet food, and one-of-a-kind jewelry. Event info at www.wcofe.org.

Saturday/Sunday, 11/22-23: Wild-Hacks NU (Northwestern University's Largest Intercollegiate Hackathon)

Upwards of 400 of the region's best hackers will travel to Evanston on Nov. 22-23 to spend 24 hours turning ideas into reality. They compete for cash prizes while united in their desire to turn visions into reality. Students and employers alike flock to Northwestern University for the outsized talent and the brilliant minds that it cultivates.

According to Richard Branson, founder and chairman of Virgin Group, "In a way, the biggest risk to an entrepreneur's success is the fear of starting." Participating in Evanston Entrepreneurship Week is a way to ease that fear by joining the local community in support of those who want to launch ideas, engage with successful start-ups, learn from local innovators, and celebrate the diversity of Evanston's business environment.

For event details, visit evanstonentrepreneur.com. NOTE: some events require advance registration.

Inquires should be directed to Paul Zalmezak, Senior Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Evanston, at 847-448-8013 or pzalmezak@cityofevanston.org.

Chicago Public Library Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Join the Chicago Public Library in "Celebrating Diversity" with its first annual observance of Native American Heritage Month. Throughout the month of November, the Library offers a variety of programs highlighting the history, culture, traditions, as well as the contributions Native Americans have made to the nation and Chicago. In addition, a selected bibliography and the Library's 2014 Native American Heritage Month Calendar of Events are available at chipublib.org.

The opening program for Native American Heritage Month takes place on Saturday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m., at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue. The event features exciting presentations by Native American Chicagoans including the keynote speaker Susan Kelly Power, co-founder of the American Indian Center of Chicago, Red Line Drum and Dancers performing traditional music and dance, and Urban Rez, a film about the lasting effects and the legacy of the Urban Relocation Program (1952-1973).

During Native American Heritage Month, the Library will present interesting, entertaining and informative programs for all ages, including storytelling and crafts for children, lectures, film screenings, art exhibitions and workshops, and adult book discussions.

Here are some highlights from the 2014 Native American Heritage Month Celebration:

Spiral Storytelling

Fawn E. Pochel a lifelong member of the Chicago American Indian Community and a former Miss Indian Chicago teaches children about spiral storytelling. Instead of using written words to narrate a story, participants are encouraged to draw pictures to recreate life events. Pictures are drawn in a spiral to represent the creation, evolution and revelations of life.

Hip Hop Beats, Indigenous

Kyle T. Mays a multidisciplinary scholar of race relations, popular culture, U.S. history and indigenous studies, presents an interactive audiovisual tour of indigenous peoples' experiences in the United States, past and present, through Hip Hop culture.

American Indian Politics Since 1945

This panel discussion explores major themes in Native American politics since the World War II. Panelists include Kurt Peters, co-editor, with Terry Straus, of the 2009 book *Voices and Visions: American Indian Activism and the Civil Rights Movement*, Terry Straus, author of *Native Chicago* and Dorene Wiese, President of the American Indian Association of Illinois.

Film Screenings

The Library presents six selected Native American themed feature films. For more information about the film series, or for the complete listing of Native American Heritage Month events, dates and locations, please visit chipublib.org.

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, visit chipublib.org or call the Chicago Public Library at (312) 747-4050.

Make a Lasting, Positive Impact This Holiday Season: Give Family and Friends Gifts from the Arbor Day Foundation

Celebrate this year's holiday season with friends and loved ones while supporting conservation and tree planting with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation.

•Returning for the sixth season in a row, Give-A-Tree cards from the Arbor Day Foundation offer a unique holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations. And again this year, Give-A-Tree cards can be purchased individually and with customized text.

•Purchasing the Arbor Day Foundation's specialty coffee helps preserve rain forests in Central and South America. The Foundation's Specialty Coffee is shade-grown under the canopy of Latin American rain forests. Unlike sun-grown coffee plantations, this traditional shade-grown method gives the coffee a rich and delicious flavor, while preventing the destruction of forestland.

•The Foundation's Trees in Celebration program allows the giver to honor loved ones while supporting crucial conservation efforts. For each dollar donated, one tree is planted in a high-need forest, and recipients are given a certificate showing them where the trees were planted.

•By giving friends the gift of membership to the Arbor Day Foundation, recipients will also be sent 10 free trees, which will be shipped at the right time of year for planting.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the Earth," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We encourage everyone to give gifts that will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit arborday.org.

4 Deaths, 3 Estate Planning Mistakes



Chester M. Przybylo

What would you want to leave behind for your family? If your choices were A) a contentious mess, or B) a well-coordinated estate plan, you would choose option B, right? All too many of us end up with option A. In fact, a recent national survey discovered that only 44% of Americans have a simple Will, much less a well-coordinated estate plan.

This is a story of four best friends from school: Charlie, Keith, Mike, and Stu. Each of them lived very successful lives, but their deaths brought very different outcomes.

Charlie was the first of the friends to pass away. His death was quite a shock to everyone because he died in a car accident at a young age. Unfortunately, Charlie never got around to planning his estate and died without a Will. So, not only did his assets have to go through the court process called "probate," his assets also passed by "intestacy," which is a fixed formula set by the state legislature for those dying without an estate plan. Charlie was unmarried but had a long-term partner. Unfortunately, the state's formula did not take that into consideration. So, all of Charlie's assets went to his blood relatives and none went to the person who mattered most to him, his long-term partner.

Keith learned from Charlie's mistake. Shortly after Charlie's death, he went to an attorney and created an estate plan. However, he stuck the plan in a drawer for the many years since it was created and forgot about it. When Keith passed away, he had not updated his estate plan in almost twenty years. While his plan avoided intestacy, it did not reflect his current relationships and intentions, meaning that his estate was not distributed as he wanted at his death. Keith, who had been married to Linda for more than a decade, would want everything to go to her. However, Linda was shocked to discover that his outdated estate plan left everything, including the house they had shared for years, to his former girlfriend from 18 years ago, Betty.

Mike learned from both Charlie's and Keith's mistakes. Not only did he put an estate plan in place, he made sure that he kept it updated with his current dispositive wishes. However, he forgot to think about beneficiary designations. Like many of us, the majority of Mike's wealth was controlled by beneficiary designations. Mike had been with the same employer since graduation. The beneficiary designation on his retirement plan listed his mother; at that time, he was unmarried and had no children. His designation sent the bulk of his wealth to his mother, who was in a nursing home. Not only did it deprive his wife and children of money they desperately needed, it ended up reimbursing the state Medicaid agency for paying for his mother's nursing home care.

When Stu died, he had seen the personal and financial tragedies that could occur with improper planning. Stu went to an attorney who focused his practice in estate planning. The attorney prepared a well-coordinated estate plan that considered all of Stu's assets, including those controlled by beneficiary designation. Stu did his part, too. He made sure to follow up with the attorney periodically and whenever there were significant changes in his life. While Stu's family was saddened by his passing, their grief was not compounded by poor planning.

The four friends each had the best of intentions, to provide for their loved ones after their passing. However, only Stu had an updated, well-coordinated estate plan and only Stu achieved the goal of caring for his loved ones who were left behind.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Cong. Offers Free Program On Domestic Abuse From Shalva

All aspects of domestic abuse will be discussed in a 60 minute inter-active program, "Not In Our Backyard!" presented by SHALVA at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, on Sunday, November 16, starting at 10:00 a.m. The program is presented under the auspices of the EHNTJC's Social Action Committee.

It is free and open to the public. A light brunch will be served. Presented by Bobbie Gordon, Executive Director of SHALVA, the hour will cover verbal, physical, sexual and domestic abuse as

well as the effects of abuse on children, the profile of an abuser, warning signs and a list of reasons that people stay in a relationship with an abuser.

SHALVA is the oldest independent Jewish domestic abuse agency in the United States. It has been instrumental in facilitating national and international dialogues on the specific needs of Jewish families experiencing domestic abuse.

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

President Kathleen Therese Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently accompanied newly appointed Brigadier General Richard G. Kaiser and Chicago District Commander Col. Christopher T. Drew on a tour of MWRD's Mainstream pumping station in Hodgkins, Illinois. The General was in town touring district facilities.



Pictured are, left to right, Brigadier General Richard G. Kaiser, President Meany and Chicago District Commander Col. Christopher T. Drew.

Social Security Serves Those Who've Served

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

On November 11, we honor our Nation's veterans for their service to America. What better time than now to tell you — and for you to help spread the word — about the many benefits and wealth of information Social Security has available for veterans and military personnel? Social Security recognizes those who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. Members of the armed forces receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability applications. The expedited process is available for any military service member who became disabled during active duty on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. Some dependent children and spouses of military personnel may also be eligible to receive benefits.

Visit our website designed specifically for our wounded veterans: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits available under the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. Please pay special attention to the fact sheet available on that website, Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors. You'll also find a webinar that explains the faster disability process available to wounded warriors. The program covers general information about Social Security disability benefits as well as topics unique to wounded service members. The online video is less than three minutes and a great introduction to disability benefits for veterans and active duty military. On the same webpage, you'll also find links to useful Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense websites. The requirements for disability benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

Military service members are covered for the same Social Security survivors, disability, and retirement benefits as everyone else. Although the expedited service is relatively new, military personnel have been covered under Social Security since 1957, and people who were in the service prior to that may be able to get special credit for some of their service. To learn more about Social Security for current and former military service members, read Military Service and Social Security. It's available in our digital library at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

But first, take a look at the wounded warrior page at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. The webinar, factsheet, and pertinent links will brief you on everything you need to know to "maneuver" your way through the Social Security process.

Mayor Emanuel Welcomes Former President Of The State Of Israel Shimon Peres To Chicago

Mayor Rahm Emanuel welcomed the former President of the State of Israel Shimon Peres to the City of Chicago today, as President Peres arrived to speak at the annual Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago Vanguard Dinner.

"I am delighted to welcome former President Peres to Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "Shimon Peres is a demonstrated leader, and his visit exemplifies the possibilities for collaboration between the City of Chicago and the international community."

SOS Children's Villages Illinois Opens New Village In Roosevelt Square For Children In Foster Care

What: Government officials, business and nonprofit leaders will celebrate the grand opening of the third Village for SOS Children's Villages Illinois, a nonprofit organization that provides unique community of homes for children in foster care. Located along the 1200 and 1300 blocks of West Washburne Avenue, in the Roosevelt Square community, the new Village consists of 14 individual homes for up to 84 children from birth to age 21.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois is an innovative alternative to traditional foster care that focuses on keeping siblings together, while being cared for by a full-time, professionally trained foster parent. National statistics show children in traditional foster care move on average twice for every year they are in care. SOS Children's Villages Illinois creates stability by developing a purposeful community of support, which helps each child grow into a caring, productive, and self-reliant adult.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois operates two other Villages, in Lockport, Illinois and the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood of Chicago.

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Autumn's Colorful Reminder – The Importance of Investing in our Street Trees

Autumn is upon us. This time of year, we experience the arrival of fall, and we take comfort in the crisp evenings and enjoy the splendor of autumn color. Walking or driving through town is a delight for the senses. This benefit of trees – this experience – provides warm feelings and emotions, and creates fond memories that are priceless.

We all have fond memories of traveling along a boulevard lined with grand street trees that formed a welcoming natural archway of tree canopy above. As the leaves begin to show glorious color, let's pause to ask ourselves: Are we investing enough time and money in our street trees? Street trees – those trees planted between the sidewalk and the road – are perhaps the most valuable city trees, and it is vitally important that local communities manage them well. Street trees are a valuable community asset. The most visible swath of any community forest is its street trees.

We all have experienced a neighborhood with abundant, well cared-for street trees. In these places of resplendent natural beauty, we are calmed, we are refreshed. These positive emotions are brought forth by a healthy tree canopy and the benefits it provides – higher property values, decreased energy costs, cleaner air and water, reduced stormwater runoff, and more beautiful environments...all because of trees.

Before 1976, when Tree City USA was launched by the Arbor Day Foundation with our National Association of State Foresters and U.S. Forest Service partners, community forestry across our nation was haphazard at best. Today, more than 140 million Americans call a Tree City USA home. Our experience growing the Tree City USA program into more than 3,400 communities during the past 40 years leads us to conclude that larger cities with a professional staff, and smaller towns with a qualified, committed volunteer citizen tree board, are able to take an effective, efficient and comprehensive approach to municipal tree care.

Forward-looking communities are taking notice and continuing to make needed in-

vestments in tree planting and care. "Given a limited budget, the most effective expenditure of funds to improve a street would probably be on trees," wrote Allan Jacobs, a professor of city and regional planning at the University of California, Berkeley, in his book *Great Streets*.

Indeed, the value of a dollar invested in street trees is far-reaching. U.S. Forest Service scientists have found that for every dollar spent on planting and caring for a street tree, the benefits that it provides are as much as five times that investment.

The need for effective community tree care and management is more important today than ever due to greater threats of drought, storms, and insects. In this increasingly challenging time, proper pruning, careful selection and proactive planting, replacement, and maintenance of our street trees is paramount to the continued success of our nation's urban and community trees.

The overall care and management of our street trees has proven time and again to be an excellent investment with high returns. Investments in our urban and community forest are worthy of the strong support of our elected and appointed officials, of the community at large, and of each and every one of us. It is to our benefit to encourage our elected and appointed officials across the nation to continue to give high priority to critical investments in our urban and community forests on behalf of our local municipalities.

As we experience the arrival of fall, as the leaves change and we celebrate the joy of bright autumn colors, let's commit ourselves to appreciating the trees for all they give us and to recognizing their importance. Please join me and thousands of others as we continue to encourage appropriate investments of time and money in our communities so that we may plant trees whose benefits will be enjoyed for many seasons to come.

Dan Lambe, president
Arbor Day Foundation

Cultural Grants Program – Polish- English Application Assistance Workshop

The mission of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is to enrich Chicago's artistic vitality and cultural vibrancy. To support this overarching mission, the Cultural Grants Program's goal is to serve as a catalyst to foster a robust, healthy arts community where artists, nonprofit arts and culture organizations and creative industries thrive.

DCASE provides more than \$1.7 million annually in direct funding for Chicago's arts community through this program which is designed to reach artists and nonprofit arts organizations across the City of Chicago. Grants provide operating funds for nonprofit arts and culture organizations, as well as project-specific funding for individual artists and creative professionals to make artistic work or engage in professional development activities. Grants are awarded through a competitive panel review process.

2014 Cultural Grants Programs Individual Artists Program (IAP):

The goal of IAP is to discover, nurture, and expand Chicago's artists and creative professionals. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois arts Council, a state agency through federal funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. DCASE will accept applications from Chicago-based artists over 18 years of age, at all career levels and working across numerous disciplines. The

2015 IAP includes two different programs for project-based support: (1) focused on supporting creative projects, (2) focused on supporting unique, high-quality professional development opportunities for artists and creatives. Applications for both are due in December 2014.

CityArts:

The goal of CityArts is to encourage the attainment of artistic excellence and financial stability through general operating support for Chicago-based 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organizations. Through this program, DCASE provides one-year general operating support grants to arts organization with vibrant artistic or cultural programming. General operating support funds may be used for artistic, administrative and/or program activities. Applications are due in January 2015.

Workshop Information

In advance of the upcoming application deadlines for 2015, DCASE and the Lira Ensemble will provide a free workshop to provide more information on the grant application and review process and to allow applicants for all DCASE Cultural Grants Program applicants (both artists and non-profit entities) to ask questions pertaining to proposed projects/applications. All information will be provided in English and Polish.

Village Cooking Corner

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

1 envelope plain gelatin	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup cold water	3 egg yolks
Mix and let stand	Salt
1 1/4 cups pumpkin	1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/2 cup milk	1/2 teaspoon nutmet
1/2 cup brown sugar	

Cook in double boiler, add dissolved gelatin. Cool. Add beaten egg whites to which 1/2 cup sugar has been added. Put into a previously baked pie shell. Keeps well in ice box.

Submitted by Bernice Faye

Pumpkin Cookies

1 can Pumpkin	2 tsp Cinnamon
2 Eggs, beaten	2 tsp Baking Soda
1 cup Salad Oil	(dissolved in 2 tblsp milk)
2 cups Sugar	4 cups Flour
4 tsp Baking Powder	2 tsp Vanilla
1-1/2 tsp Salt	

Mix all ingredients together, well, after which you may fold in Chocolate Chips and/or Raisins and/or Nuts (Optional).

Drop, by teaspoon full, on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes.

From the Kitchens of Helen Marcou



Mayor Emanuel And Choose Chicago Announce Microsoft Ignite In Chicago In May 2015 Conference Will Bring 20,000 Visitors And Nearly \$50 Million In Estimated Direct Expenditures

Mayor Rahm Emanuel was joined by Choose Chicago President and CEO Don Welsh, members of organized labor and Microsoft general manager Julia White today to announce Microsoft Ignite, a new technology conference to take place in Chicago from May 4 through May 8, 2015 at McCormick Place. Approximately 20,000 visitors are expected to attend the convention that could bring in more than \$47 million in estimated spending.

"Microsoft Ignite will play an important role in helping us reach our goal of attracting 55 million visitors in Chicago annually by 2020," said Mayor Emanuel. "This conference is an opportunity to showcase our growing strength in the tech economy and an opportunity to bring more visitors to our city – which means more jobs for people in our neighborhoods and communities."

Microsoft Ignite is a new, signature event for the company, focused on helping businesses succeed in the new era of mobile and cloud computing. The conference combines five previously separate events and will cover a broad range of important topics for attending technology professionals, including cloud management, big data & analytics, productivity, unified communications, mobile devices and operating systems. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella will deliver the keynote address, joined by many of the company's top executives and engineers.

"Microsoft's decision to hold this new technology conference in Chicago reinforces Mayor Emanuel's and the city's commitment to technology and innovation," said Choose Chicago President and CEO Don Welsh. "It also reinforces that the labor reforms and service improvements at McCormick Place are working."

Chicago secured the Microsoft Ignite as a result of a coordinated effort that included the Trade Show Promotion Fund Committee, which was created following the implementation of reforms at McCormick Place in 2011. The Committee is comprised of four representatives from the Carpenters' Union and four representatives from the Mayor's office, all of who have worked collaboratively with

Choose Chicago to identify opportunities to bring new business to Chicago.

"Over the last couple of years, Labor and the City have come together to boost the tourism and trade show industry by attracting new shows, restoring partnerships with shows that have left, and focusing our attention on creating a one-of-a-kind visitor experience that will bring more conventioners and tourists to our world-class city," said Jorge Ramirez, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor. "We have the most skilled workforce in the country, so this is a tremendous opportunity for us to grow our economy and create additional jobs for the hardworking men and women of the Chicago area."

Microsoft Ignite is the latest event announced in 2014 and will join the James Beard Foundation Awards and the NFL Draft also taking place in Chicago in 2015. In May 2014, Mayor Emanuel and Choose Chicago announced Automechanika Chicago, the leading international automotive trade show, will come to McCormick Place April 24 through April 26, 2015. This further supports the 133,000 jobs and more than \$13 billion in spending generated as a result of annual visitation to Chicago.

"Chicago is an ideal setting for Microsoft Ignite," said Microsoft's Julia White. "It is accessible to technology professionals from around the world and home to many of our corporate customers. We know the city won't disappoint when it comes to providing our attendees with great accommodations and entertainment."

Trade shows and conventions are crucial drivers of Chicago's tourism industry. When Mayor Emanuel took office in 2011, the City of Chicago had approximately 40 million visitors a year. Three years later there are over 48 million visitors a year. In September 2014, Mayor Emanuel and Choose Chicago announced that that Chicago set multiple tourism records for the summer 2014 travel season and is on pace to achieve Mayor Emanuel's goal of 55 million visitors a year by the year 2020 and create 30,000 additional jobs.

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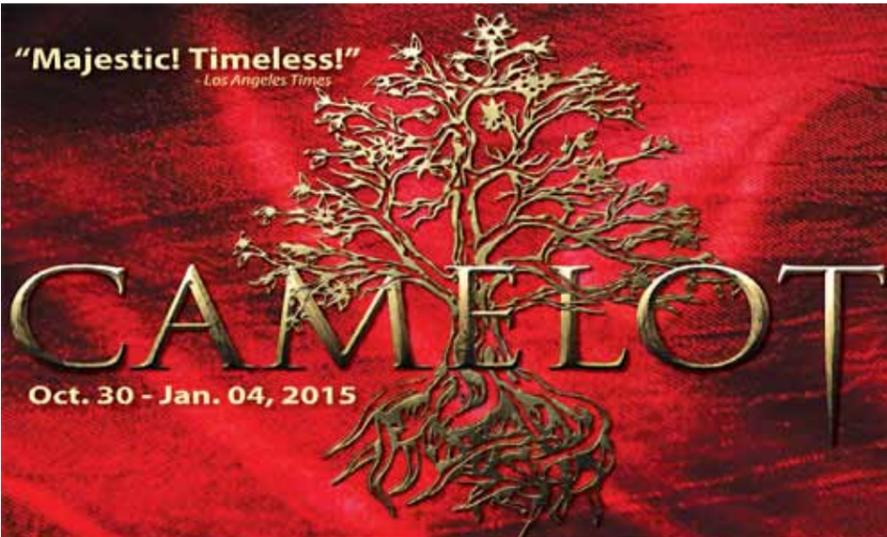
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