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Respect. Honor. Remember

The City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events are pleased to announce the Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying on Saturday, May 24. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the Eternal Flame on Daley Plaza (Dearborn and Washington Streets). The parade will step off at noon and proceed south on State Street from Lake Street to Van Buren Street. Lt. Col. Tammy Duckworth, Congresswoman, Illinois' 8th District, will serve as the parade's Grand Marshal.

Lt. Col. Tammy Duckworth is an Iraq war veteran and former Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Currently, Lt. Col. Duckworth represents the residents of Illinois' 8th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a Blackhawk helicopter pilot serving in Iraq for the Illinois Army National Guard, Duckworth was seriously injured when her helicopter was hit by an RPG on November 12, 2004. Duckworth was awarded a Purple Heart for her combat injuries and has since become an advocate for her fellow soldiers, veterans and wounded warriors. Duckworth declined a medical retirement and continues to serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Illinois Army National Guard.

The City of Chicago will give special recognition to our fallen heroes and their survivors at the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony and Memorial Day Parade. Gold Star family members are identified by the Gold Star Lapel Pin and the Next of Kin Lapel Pin that are presented to families who have lost a loved one in the United States Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty. Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, the Gold Star Pins are not an award, but symbols of honor worn by family members in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and the ultimate sacrifice they made.

Gold Star families are supported through the tireless efforts from countless individuals, including the recipient of the 2014 Major General John A. Logan Patriot Award, James L. Frazier. Frazier will be honored at the ceremony for his leadership, patriotism and selfless devotion to the Illinois Gold Star Families and to the men and women of America's Armed Forces. In 2003, Frazier's son Staff Sgt. Jacob Frazier, USAF Special Operations, was killed in action in Afghanistan. Since the death of his son, Frazier has fully committed his time and efforts to supporting Illinois Gold Star Families as the Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator for the U.S. Army, Northern Illinois.

Memorial Day has a rich history. It began shortly after the Civil War ended when General John Logan proclaimed that the 30th day of May be designated for the purpose of decorating the graves of soldiers who died; the day was called Decoration Day. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. The modern day event is similar, but the original idea has been expanded and now honors all fallen soldiers.

The Chicago parade is considered one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the nation. Participants in the parade include area high school marching bands, drum and bugle corps as well as many veterans' groups, 6,000 JROTC cadets and the military. The Chicago Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony is presented by the City of Chicago. For more information about the Illinois Gold Star visit, goldstarpins.org and for more information regarding the parade, please call the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events at 312.744.3316 or visit cityofchicago.org/dcse

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is one of our most patriotic holidays in the United States of America. It is the day we have set aside to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and for all of us.

These fallen heroes, recent and past, fought for the United States to create and preserve the freedoms and liberties with which we are blessed, that go far beyond those that any other nation on earth has ever had.

One day, reserved for so many, is very little time taken out of 365 days in the entire year to remember and to thank our heroes. This is also a time when we should ask the question of ourselves how to best contribute our efforts to insure that all the world knows how very special we are as a Country.

Although America is having difficult times right now, we are fortunate to still have those who are still giving their all in defending our amazing American way of life.

We are forever grateful for their service and we pray that God blesses them in their mission.



(See Page 4 For Local Tributes)

ARMED FORCES DAY



Armed Forces Day honors all branches of the armed forces of the United States. It is celebrated on the third Saturday of May with military exercises on land, at sea, and in the air. Military installations are usually open to the public on Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman proclaimed Armed Forces Day, and it was first celebrated in May, 1950. It replaced three separate celebrations for the Air Force, Army, and Navy. James V. Forrestal, the first secretary of defense, helped unite the armed services under the Department of Defense after World War II ended in 1945. (Taken from World Book, 1999 Edition)

We honor all of our men and women of the military everyday of the year for their selfless patriotism and service to all of us.

They keep us safe and watch over us not only at home but in the far corners of the earth where they are assigned. We can never express deeply enough our unwavering support and pride in these exceptional people, past, present and future.

St. Thecla First Annual Block Party – May 31st

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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Monday, May 26th, 2014
Gather at 10am — Kickoff at 11am
Tribute Ceremony 12:15pm

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east to Nina to East Circle
to Hulbut to Natoma to Taft

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2nd Annual 'Dance for Dementia' Offers A Chance To Kick Up Your Heels!

On Sunday, May 18th, the Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter along with North Shore Dance Therapy is holding its 2nd annual 'Dance for Dementia' from 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Avenue, in Evanston. 'Dance for Dementia' is a social event and fundraiser focused on bringing together individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Anyone looking for an opportunity to dance or listen to live music is encouraged to attend. Admission is free (though donations are greatly appreciated--all proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter). This event will include live music by Chicago Grandstand, a resource fair, performances, dance showcases, raffle prizes, snacks, and refreshments.

For additional information or to register please go to www.northshoredancetherapy.com/dancefordementia.html or call 847-848-0697.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The May 28 meeting of the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, JPNA, will have as its guest speaker a representative of the Water Commission and Abatement Commission who speak about steps to take to prevent flooding. It was about 10 years ago in August when Veteran's Square and parts of Jeff Park were completely flooded. Since then, various parts of this area have flooded at times. The speaker will tell of ways to avoid flooding as well as steps to take after flooding. The meeting is free and open to the public at 5320 W. Giddings at 7:00 p.m. with light refreshments. There will be a question and answer period.

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.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SAVE THE DATE! All Kiwanis Club members, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend a special event hosted by Division One and the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood. Here are the details: Luncheon Meeting at the Barba Yianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago on Thursday, May 22, beginning at Noon. We will enjoy delicious Greek specialties served family style, which includes coffee and baklava for dessert, all for a nominal \$25.00 per person in advance or \$30.00 at the door. Cash bar is available at reasonable prices. FREE PARKING is available in the mb Financial Bank on the north side of Lawrence Avenue. Turn west on Giddings Street, off of Western Avenue and south of McDonald's Restaurant.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please make your check payable to: Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood and mail to Maria Bappert, 4710 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60625-2933, tel. 773-728-8127, or email your reservations to Dr. Ronald Heiderman at rheiderman@sbcglobal.net. The deadline is Monday, May 19. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Angela Golden, Development Manager at WTTW 11 and the classical music station WFMT at 98.7 FM will be our guest speaker. She will tell us all about the station's "BACH TO SCHOOL" program which over the years has introduced many youngsters in the Chicago area to the richness of classical music.

MAY, 2014 DATES – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 26 – Memorial Day

Inspirational quotation from Albert Schweitzer: *"The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."*

Registration Open for Evanston's Senior Citizen Spelling Bee May 31

Registration is now open for Evanston's Senior Citizen Spelling Bee on Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m., at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St.

Spellers ages 50 and older can sign up for the free event in person at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.; Main Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.; and the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center. Registration can also be completed online (Class# 554104-C4) at cityofevanston.org/register, or by calling 311 (847-448-4311 outside of Evanston).

Community members of all ages are invited to attend and witness the exciting competitive linguistic challenge, and enjoy fun family activities before the spelling begins. Festivities begin at 2 p.m., and the spelling bee begins at 3 p.m.

Evanston's Spelling Bee champion will advance to the regional competition in Park Ridge on June 6, and the regional champion will qualify for the State Finals in Springfield. Last year, an Evanston resident made it to the State Finals.

The event is hosted by Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, the Levy Senior Center and the Evanston Public Library.

For more information, email seniorsspellingbee@cityofevanston.org or call 311.

Senior Citizens Mardi Gras Celebration May 31

To commemorate Older American's Month, Evanston residents ages 55 and older are invited to the Senior Citizen Mardi Gras on Saturday, May 31 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St.

The community center will be transformed into Bourbon Street, flowing with Louisiana-style virgin cocktails and a buffet table complete with Cajun-style hors d'oeuvres. Additionally, participants will get to enjoy friendly games of Black Jack, Bingo, Bid Whist, or try their luck at the Vegas-style roulette table. Jazz and Zydeco music will be played by DJ Phat Kat for all to enjoy.

Admission to the event is \$5. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes! Beads and feathered masks will be provided.

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New Exhibit Opens For Memorial Day At National Veterans' Art Museum

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014, the National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) will honor Memorial Day with the opening reception of Surrealism and War, an exhibition of veterans' artwork that explores the relationship between surrealism and the experience of war.

The National Veterans Art Museum, located at 4041 N Milwaukee Avenue, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. For group admission reservations, call the Museum at 312/326-0270 or visit www.nvam.org.

Pat Brickhouse Greets Local Northsiders At Zanies



Two northwest siders at Zanies in Chicago on May 8: Violet Espinosa and Edgebrook's own comedian Tim Walkoe, who ran into Pat Brickhouse - widow of the legendary sports announcer Jack Brickhouse.

Local News From Lincolnwood-Sauganash

Left to right are NW siders Lin Brehmer of WXRT & YakZies bar owner Joe Spagnoli watching a Cubs game with music star Cesar Rosas of the group Los Lobos.



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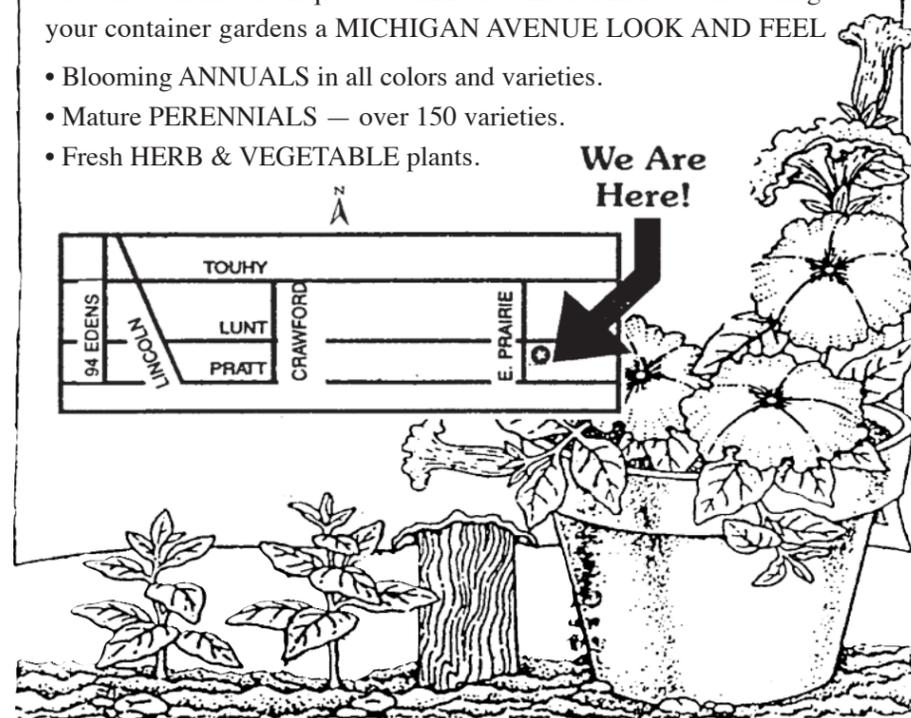
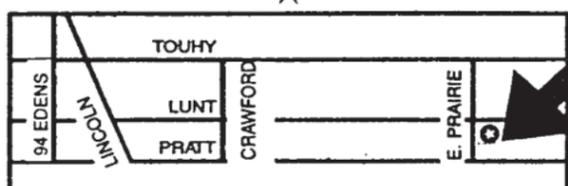
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(See Our Article On "Container Gardening" on Page 7)

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May 29 – June 1, 2014

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DANK Haus is excited to be a vendor at Maifest, sharing our love of German culture, food, and fun with the public. Every sausage and stein you purchase from the DANK Haus booth supports arts and language programming at the Center. The menu may be the same at all the booths, but only your purchases on Western Avenue stay in Lincoln Square, Chicago's German home, and helps the organization preserve German heritage for the entire Chicagoland community.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

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Thursday May 29, 2014: 5pm to 9:30pm - Live bands, snacks, and beverages

Friday May 30, 2014: 5pm to 11pm - Live bands, full kitchen, and beverages. 8pm - Official Keg Tapping

Saturday May 31, 2014: Noon to 11pm - Live bands, full kitchen, and beverages

Sunday June 1, 2014 Noon to 10pm - Ethnic program, live bands, full kitchen, and beverages

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Skokie Festival of Cultures Set For May 17 & 18

More than 30,000 people are expected to visit the 24th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures on May 17 and 18, where they will savor exotic cuisine, thrill to the traditional sounds of ethnic music, and experience the dozens of cultures, languages and traditions that make up the Skokie community.

"Visitors this year will enjoy a showcase of more than 60 cultures over two days, which will include of folk music and dance, a wide range of food, unique arts and crafts, a merchandise marketplace, a children's area, and booths featuring 36 cultures," said festival chairman Jon Marquardt. "And best of all, a good portion of the the festival's attractions — as always — are free."

The 2014 edition of the festival will also feature an International Beer Tasting from 12-4 p.m. on both days.

Skokie's unique cultural journey launches at Oakton Park in Skokie and will kick off when visitors receive their free "Passport to the World," the official guide to all festival happenings. The passport will include a schedule of ethnic performances, educational information, and a festival map, which will help attendees make their way through the 19-acre park full of attractions.

The festival will offer something for the younger set, too, with a children's area featuring hands-on exhibits and a place for children to learn and create.

The 36 cultures represented at the festival will range from Azerbaijani to Assyrian, Luxembourgian to Laotian — and Haitian to Hellenic.

Oakton Park is located at the corner of Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard in Skokie, at 4701 Oakton St. The festival will begin at 11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, ending at 7 p.m.

The 24th Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures is sponsored by ComEd, NorthShore University HealthSystem-Skokie Hospital, First Bank & Trust — Skokie, the Illinois Arts Council, Rotary Club of Skokie Valley, and Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley. The event is organized by leaders of the 36 cultures, with the assistance of the Skokie Park District, the Village of Skokie, and the Skokie Public Library.

For more information about the festival, call the Skokie Park District, (847) 674-1500 or visit the official Skokie Festival of Cultures Web site at www.SkokieCultureFest.org.

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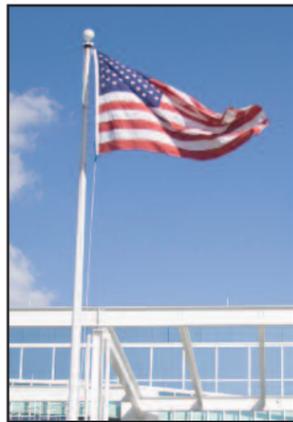
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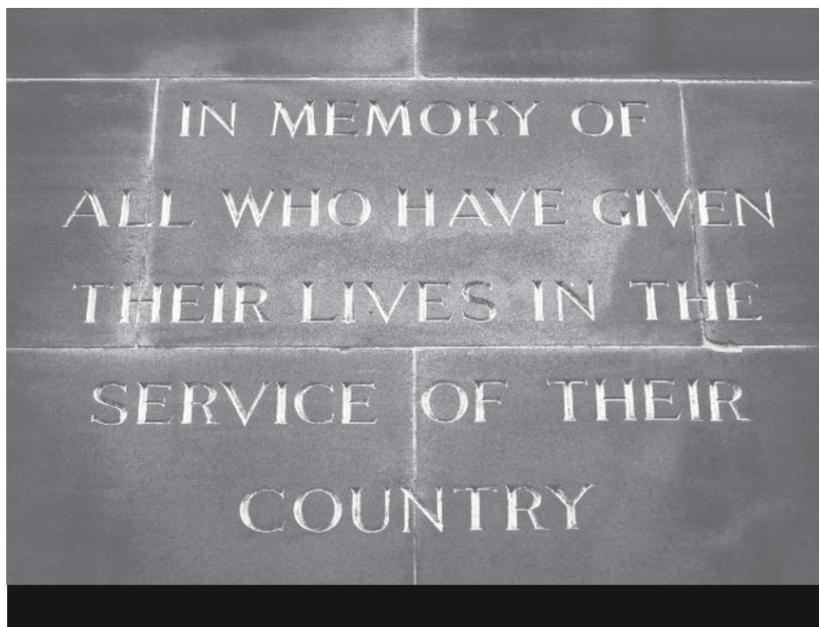
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Four generations of the Haben Family and the staff of Haben Funeral Home in Skokie have been decorating the graves of war veterans buried at the three church-based cemeteries in Skokie for many years. Over 500 flags are placed on the graves of our war veterans each Memorial Day weekend. The flags are provided by Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion. The manpower is provided by John Haben, a third generation funeral director at Haben Funeral Home and Crematory, his family and staff. Veterans' records have been kept by the funeral home for over 85 years. Ray Haben, founder of Haben Funeral Home, began the volunteer project many years ago. He served in the U.S. Army during WWI, was a longtime member of Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion, the Skokie Valley Post No. 3854 Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past member and Past Commander of the Morton Grove Post No. 134 of the American Legion. Bill Haben served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was also a member of the Skokie American Legion Post and Skokie Valley V.F.W.. Gary J. Haben, recently retired U.S. Navy Captain after 29 years of service to his Country, is the third generation of the Haben Family to have served our Country during wartime. "It's an honor to recognize our past military heroes who so selflessly served our Country for the preservation of our freedom. We willingly and gratefully dedicate our time to remember these courageous men and women", says John Haben. Those families who would like a flag to decorate a grave of a veteran that happens to be buried in another cemetery may pick up a flag from Haben Funeral Home at 8057 Niles Center Road in Skokie.

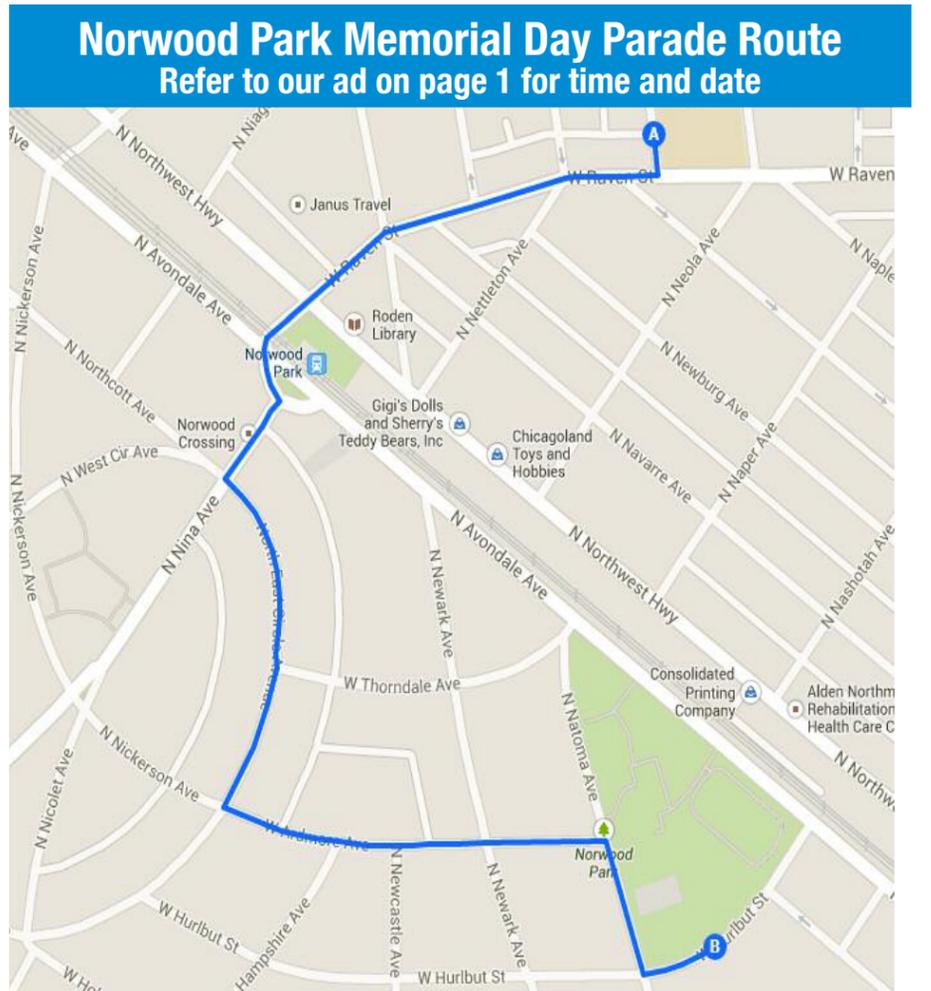


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Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade Route

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Skokie Memorial Day

The Village of Skokie 2014 Memorial Day observance ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 26, 2014. The ceremony takes place at Veterans Park at the intersection of Lincoln and Cleveland Avenues due to construction activity in Downtown Skokie. Local Veterans posts will be present at the ceremony and Taps will be performed. Village Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014. For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.

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Attend all or part for the same low price! The event opens at 2 pm. The Lag B'omer Bonfire evening experience starring Lior Adaki begins at 7pm.

All inclusive admission is just \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or for advance admission sales please visit www.JewishFamilyFest.com or call 773-262-2770.

Queen of All Saints Class of 1979 Reunion



Queen of All Saints Class of 1979

Thanks to a recent note in *Our Village Chicago*, "Queen of All Saints 1979" just had a great 35th reunion. Classmates & guests included: John Bernath, Casey Conaghan, Mike Coyne, Bill Farrell, Brian Flannery, Frances Gaddini, Jenny Johnson, Christine Kafka, Brian Kelly, Donald Klein, John Lesner, Carol Majcher, Manette Manisco, Robert Muriel, Jenny Needhan, Peter Nilson, Andrea Pape, Cristine Pope, Leanne Printz, Beth Rochford, Andrea Starsiak, John Valenziano, Tom Ward, Mike Ward, Jeff Williams. Only 5 years until the 40th! Photo by Peter Nilson

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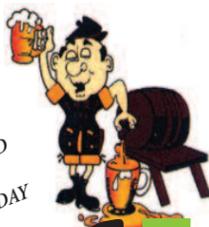
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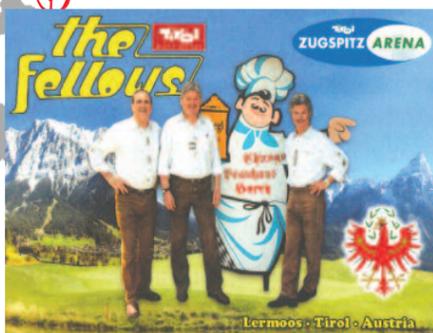
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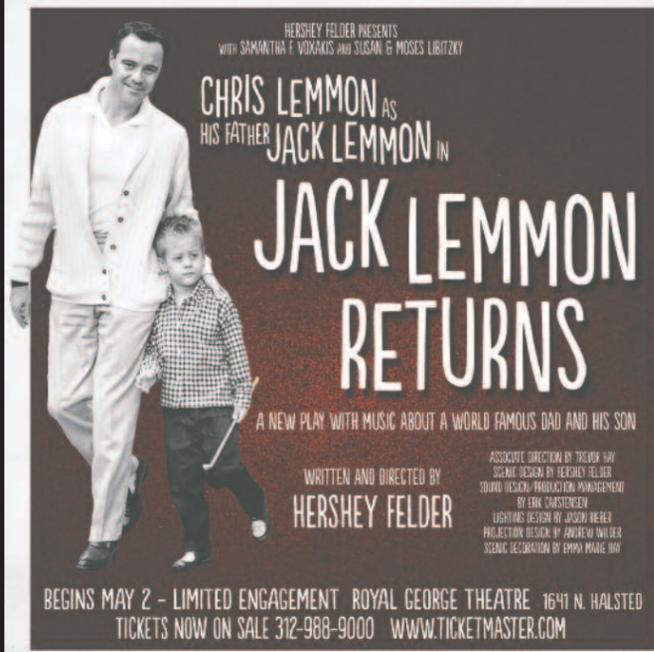
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What Happens If You Die Without an Estate Plan



Chester M. Przybylo

Most of us expect that tomorrow will be another day like any other. But, as Euripides said, "no one can confidently say that he will still be living tomorrow." In fact thousands of people die in the United States every single day. Some of them die of long-term illnesses. But, many of them die unexpectedly from accidents, heart attacks, and other tragedies.

Let's look at what would happen if you died without planning in advance. First, if your death were preceded by a period of incapacity, your family might not be able to access funds that were needed during your illness. Without a Durable Power of Attorney for Prop-

erty, financial institutions and other companies and organizations (Social Security Administration, utility companies, etc.) will not speak with anyone trying to assist you. Next, if you had not legally expressed your wishes with regard to your end-of-life care, your family might not be able to carry out your wishes. A Health Care Power of Attorney, Advance Health Care Directive, Health Care Proxy or Living Will would be needed to empower the person whom you designate to assist you.

After your death, the probate court would appoint an executor or administrator for your assets. In some states this can be a time-consuming and expensive process. Often, this process can be made less burdensome if you had planned with a Trust. But, in the absence of planning, there are no legal instructions with regard to the disposition of your assets. In other words, you were "intestate."

When you die intestate, the distribution of your assets is set by a pre-determined list for intestate succession that varies from state to state. Typically, it is some combination of your spouse, descendants, and family of origin. But, without a valid Will, you do not get to specify who gets how much. You have to rely on what your state has set as the default for distribution. This may be far from what you have in mind. For example, if you have an unmarried partner, he or she would get nothing.

Even more importantly, without a Will, you would have no input into who will raise your minor children or provide assistance for an adult child with special needs. State law and the judge will determine that for you. Of course, the judge would not be privy to your experiences and may make a different decision without the benefit of your guidance.

Unfortunately, the question is not if you will die, but when will you die. When you die, you can leave a plan to achieve your goals and care for your family or you can leave it to chance. Your family and your hard-earned assets are too important to pass without your direction. Contact a qualified estate planning attorney today. They can prepare a plan for you which achieves your goals of passing your assets to whom you wish and make sure that your selection of guardians for your children are heard by the court.

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

"TAKING CARE OF YOUR HEARING" IS TIMELY TALK AT NORWOOD CROSSING ON MAY 21

Diminished hearing is a gradual process that is part of aging, but it is treatable. About one-third of people aged 65 or older have some degree of hearing loss. To learn more, attend the Timely Talk, "Taking Care of Your Hearing," at 2 p.m., on May 21, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Dr. Erica Wenner, an audiologist with SONUS Hearing in Park Ridge who specializes in audiologic rehabilitation and hearing loss prevention, will discuss causes of hearing loss, associated medical conditions and the effects of hearing loss on communication abilities and quality of life. She has worked in private practice and medical settings, as well as mentored audiology students from Northwestern University and trained technicians to perform hearing evaluations.

A question and answer session, raffle and light refreshments will follow the program. To RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Village Cooking Corner

KOTA KAPAMA (CHICKEN IN TOMATO SAUCE)

This is a dish served in many parts of Greece, especially in Arcadia in the Peloponnese - to guests and a special menu on Sundays.

1 whole chicken cut into parts ½ cup of Canola or Olive Oil
½ tsp. salt ½ tsp. pepper
1-1/2 tsp of cinnamon

Sauce:

1 tbsp of drippings
1 tbsp of all-purpose flour
2-3 cups of water
1 cup of canned diced tomatoes (no salt added)
1 cup of tomato sauce (no salt added)
½ cup of dry white wine (optional)
1 whole cinnamon stick 6 whole cloves
½ tsp oregano Juice of one lemon
2 tbsp of grated Kefalotyri cheese (found in Greek markets*) or Parmesan or Romano)

Cut the chicken in parts, wash and dry and then place in a bowl. Sprinkle with lemon juice, salt and pepper and 1-1/2 tsp. of cinnamon Marinate for about 15 minutes. Heat oil in a Dutch Oven or large pot and saute the chicken until golden. Add the wine, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes. In the meantime prepare the sauce in another pan by mixing the flour with a little of the water to a paste consistency. Combine the rest of the ingredients but not the cheese. Cook the sauce on a low/ medium fire on top of the range for about 10 minutes stirring to combine. Add the sauce to the chicken and continue to cook another 20 to 25 minutes or until the chicken is well done.

Prepare the pasta Macaroni* or Spaghetti as directed by the pasta maker. Drain and place on a platter sprinkling the pasta with the grated Kefalotyri, Parmesan or Romano as desired. Place the Chicken and the Sauce into an appropriate serving dish along with the platter of pasta and present to your family and/or guests. Bon Appetite (Kali Orexi)

* Kefalotyri and Macaroni is sold at Northeastern Fruit Market, 6000 N. Lincoln, Chicago and at Market Place at 4817 North Oakton, Skokie, IL

From the Kitchen of Anastasia E. Weaver

SOCIAL SECURITY HONORS ALL WHO SERVE

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Chicago

Every day of the year, Americans across the nation remember friends and family members who have served and sacrificed for their country. Memorial Day is a day when we all come together to honor those who have given their lives in the defense of freedom and the principles we hold dear in this country.

May is also National Military Appreciation Month. As we observe Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month, we would like to let members of our military know how much we value what they do for our nation.

At Social Security, we offer a wide range of services for our service members.

Families of fallen military heroes may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. Learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

For service members who return home with injuries, Social Security is here to help. Visit our Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. We use an expedited process for military service members who become disabled while on active military service, regardless of where the disability occurs.

The Wounded Warriors website answers a number of commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. It is important to note that benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they are unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay does not necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

If you've served in the Armed Forces and you're planning your retirement, you'll want to read our publication, Military Service and Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.pdf.

You also may want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm.

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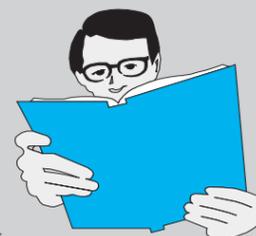
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Neighborhood Farmers Markets Will Open In May

DOWNTOWN EVANSTON FARMERS' MARKET SEASON BEGINS MAY 10

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market kicks off its 39th year this Saturday, May 10. It features fresh and locally grown fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants, along with meat, cheese, eggs and bakery items.

The market will take place every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November 8 at the intersection of University Pl. and Oak Ave., behind the Hilton Garden Inn. Parking is free in the adjacent 1800 Maple Avenue Self Park Garage with ticket validation at the City of Evanston tent (click on map to expand).

LINK cards are accepted and reusable bags are sold on site. Popular canning and food preservation workshops will be back at the market again this year in June, July and August, with exact dates to be announced.

For more information, visit cityofevanston.org/market, or call 311 (847-448-4311 outside of Evanston). Community members can also sign up to receive information about Farmers' Market vendors, upcoming programs and events at cityofevanston.org/newsletter.

THE LONG WINTER COMES TO AN END AND CHICAGO FARMERS MARKETS BEGIN WITH AN OFFICIAL OPENING AT DALEY PLAZA ON MAY 15 . COUNTRY Financial 7th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest winner to be announced

Chicago Farmers Markets, presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) and COUNTRY Financial, open across the city this spring and run through October, downtown and in the neighborhoods. The City-run markets selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers open on Saturday, May 10 at Lincoln Park (Armitage & Orchard) and Division Street (Division & Dearborn) and Sunday, May 11 at Beverly (95th & Longwood) before the official opening at Daley Plaza (Washington & Dearborn) on Thursday, May 15. A complete list of all markets with dates and times can be found at chicagofarmersmarkets.us.

New for 2014, some markets will become Community Markets. This is a new concept being introduced, as a market is reflective of the neighborhood it serves. Each market will have what you would expect at a typical farmers market with items like fresh produce, with the addition of music programming and non-food vendors like local artisans – adding a unique vibe to each market and expanding the neighborhood's cultural assets, a priority of the Chicago Cultural Plan. Vendor selection has not been finalized to date.

"Chicagoans understand the importance of eating healthy but also, buying locally," said DCASE Commissioner Michelle T. Boone. "This year's Community Market program will build on each neighborhood's personality with a variety of food vendors and unique works by local artists."

The official kick-off of the Farmers Markets season will be at the Daley Plaza Market on Thursday, May 15, at which COUNTRY Financial will reveal the winner of the 7th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest during the 11 a.m. program. This year's artistic theme is "Grow Your Own Way" and the winning design will appear on thousands of bags distributed throughout the season. Finalists are: Francesca Cedro, 11th grade, Lincoln Park High School; Alejandro Gomez, 12th grade, Lincoln Park High School; and David A. Paredes, 10th grade, Mather High School.

"Opening day for the Chicago Farmers Markets can't come soon enough after an especially long, cold and snowy winter," said Mike Fisher, COUNTRY Financial Agency Field Executive, New Market Development. "We're excited to see all the vendors and shoppers as we introduce our 7th annual reusable shopping bags – and award scholarships to three talented students."

Additionally, after a popular run last year, the Farmers Markets program will offer three night markets in three neighborhood market locations: Fulton Randolph Market District/Union Park Community Market (location

TBD) each Tuesday beginning June 10 through September 2 from 4-8 p.m.; Devon Night Market (2720 W. Devon Ave.) each Wednesday beginning July 9 through September 10 from 4-8 p.m. and the Argyle Night Market (Argyle and Sheridan Rd.) each Thursday beginning July 10 through September 4 from 5-9 p.m.

While the new stand-alone Night Markets will happen weekly and include some vendors from the City's other farmers markets, these will be unique, multifaceted events which will include live performances and arts & crafts, with local artisans and local restaurants participating.

The City of Chicago and DCASE have once again partnered with Experimental Station to accept the LINK card at 15 markets including the six markets in food deserts. The Englewood Market at Anchor House is new this year and they have partnered with Urban Canopy to train urban farmers to grow and sell their produce on site.

The majority of the 2014 Chicago Farmers Markets will open during the month of June. (See below for complete list of markets.)

The Chicago Farmers Markets program is presented by DCASE and COUNTRY Financial, and sponsored in part by 93 XRT, CBS 2 Chicago, WLS 890 AM & WLS 94.7 FM, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and the Chicago Tribune. For more information, call 312.744.3316 or visit chicagofarmersmarkets.us. Join us on Facebook at Chicago Farmers Markets and on Twitter, @ChicagoDCASE (#ChiFarmersMarkets).

2014 SCHEDULE OF DOWNTOWN AND NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS MARKETS

Downtown Markets

TUESDAYS

***Federal Plaza**
(Adams & Dearborn)
May 20 – October 28; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA)
(Chicago & Mies van der Rohe Way)
June 3 – October 28; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

THURSDAYS

***Daley Plaza**
(Washington & Dearborn)
May 15 – October 30; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Willis Tower
(233 S. Wacker Dr.)
June 26 – October 30; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Weekly Neighborhood Markets

TUESDAYS

***Lincoln Square**
(Lincoln/Leland/Western)
June 3 – October 28; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Devon Community Night Market - New Market
(2720 W. Devon Ave.)
July 9 – September 10; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Argyle Night Market

(Argyle & Sheridan Rd.)
July 10 – September 4; 5-9 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Lincoln Park
(Armitage & Orchard)
May 10 – October 25; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Northcenter

(Belle Plaine/Damen/Lincoln)
June 14 – October 25; 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Container Gardening

By Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

Even if you live in a condo and only have a confined space like a balcony or a small deck, you can still experience a bit of nature with a container garden. A container garden is a collection of plants grown in a container or planter.

Whether you choose to buy a container which is already planted, or you decide to plant your own, there are a few things to remember.

First, realize that the size of the container will impact how frequently you will have to water. There is an old saying that "container gardening is container watering" implying that in a container, unlike the soil in the ground, you must supply all the water. I think larger containers are easier to care for over a long season.

Second, determine how much sun and shade your area has. This is very important because it will impact how your plants perform. If you put a sun loving plant in the shade it will not bloom as well as it should. Conversely shade loving plants may not be able to take the heat generated by the sun, and will struggle to live. You must determine the level of light over the course of a whole day from sun-up to sun down. With the information you will be able to select the right plants for your space.

Third, try to come up with a theme for your container. Your theme could be simple, symmetrical and elegant with a combination of something like geraniums and petunias or it could be more sophisticated with an asymmetrical blend of many different plants. Many people are copying the natural look best demonstrated by the public planters seen around the City of Chicago. On higher balconies, I would limit the use of really tall plants as one must consider the effect of the wind.

Fourth, you must maintain the planter. Any spent blooms should be discarded along with yellow leaves. Water the container when you see wilt in the plants or when the soil mix feels dry to the touch. Observe the weather - hot windy periods will always require more watering than rainy cooler periods.

The easiest way to keep your planter looking good is to fertilize the plants every two weeks with a well balance fertilizer. There are many brands to choose from and they all get the job done. Follow the directions - don't fall in the trap of thinking if it says 1 scoop per gallon, then I'll really make my planter beautiful by using 2 scoops. This is wrong because too much fertilizer could make your planter perform as poorly as neglecting it would.

Fifth, enjoy your little slice of nature both visually and sensually with the various fragrances the plants give off.

Urhausen Greenhouses is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Phone 847-675-1573; Website urhausengreenhouses.com

Bicycle Safety Day is Sunday June 1!

Join your friends and neighbors at the annual Village of Skokie Bicycle Safety Day, Sunday, June 1, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oakton Park's Parking lot (Oakton Street at Knox Avenue). The rain date for this event is Sunday, June 8, 2014.

Children through age 14 can participate in games and win prizes. A bicycle safety course will test their knowledge of the law and their ability to properly handle a bicycle. Bicyclists can register their bicycles with the Skokie Police Department this day as well.

Members of the Skokie Park District, Skokie Police Department and the Skokie Fire Department will be on hand to promote pedestrian and traffic safety.

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