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*Have a Very Merry
Christmas and a Happy
and Prosperous New Year
From Village Publications*



happy hanukkah

*To All Of Our Jewish
Friends And Neighbors*



ABOUT CHANUKAH: Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, begins this year on the evening of Sunday, December 22 and concludes the evening of Monday, December 30. It recalls the victory of a militarily weak Jewish people who defeated the Syrian Greeks who had overrun ancient Israel and sought to impose restrictions on the Jewish way of life and prohibit religious freedom. They also desecrated and defiled the Temple and the oils prepared for the lighting of the menorah, which was part of the daily service. Upon recapturing the Temple only one jar of undefiled oil was found, enough to burn only one day, but it lasted miraculously for eight. In commemoration, Jews celebrate Chanukah for eight days by lighting an eight-branched candelabrum known as a menorah. Today, people of all faiths consider the holiday a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness. Chabad popularized celebrating Chanukah with public Menorah's around the world. Additional information about the Chanukah holiday is available at www.ChabadIllinois.com/Chanukah

Holiday Season is Here



**Begin to Plan for
Celebrations and Events!**
Ideas Listed Throughout This Edition

**Watch For Signs In Your
Communities For Toys For Tots**



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Suggestions



WINTER
BEGINS DECEMBER 21ST

Snow Route Parking Restrictions

Chicago's annual Winter Overnight Parking Ban begins Saturday, December 1 at 3:00 am. The parking ban, indicated throughout the city with signage, will be enforced along 107 miles of critical arterial streets through March 31, 2018. The parking ban does not allow vehicles to park on marked arterial streets from 3:00 am to 7:00 am, regardless of snow.

Cars violating the overnight parking ban restrictions prevent critical routes from being fully plowed and salted when it snows. Vehicle owners are also eligible to receive a minimum \$150 towing fee, a \$60 ticket, and a storage fee of \$20 per day when they violate the overnight parking ban.



Knights in Action



Just in time for Thanksgiving this year, the Knights of Columbus Council 4338 were on hand Sunday, November 24th and on Monday, November 25th, to deliver Thanksgiving dinner kits to seven Families. Each kit included Turkey, ready-to-eat vegetables, bread, wine & pie.

Pictured is Colleen Mulligan of St. Vincent DePaul Society with Jim Lange and Steve Baggio of Knights of Columbus Council 4338.

*National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day December 7*

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joy of the holiday
season lift your spirit.



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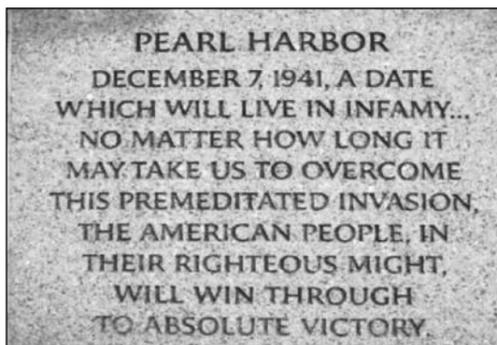
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is annually on December 7, commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on December 7, 1941. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day.

What do people do?

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings. The flag should be flown at half-mast to honor those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Many associations, especially those linked with Pearl Harbor



survivors or those who died from the attack participate in special services to commemorate the event. Memorial services are held at venues such as the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Other activities include: wreath-laying ceremonies; keynote speeches by those associated with the event; luncheons; media stories on survivors' recollections of the Pearl Harbor attack; and school activities to educate students about the attack on Pearl Harbor in relation to World War II history.

Public Life

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is not a federal holiday. Government offices, schools, businesses and other organizations do not close. Public transit systems run on their regular schedules.

Wreaths Across America

In its 27th year, Wreaths Across America has grown into a massive organization, honoring veterans and their families. Each year a convoy with thousands of wreaths makes the trek from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery to lay them on the graves of fallen soldiers. It was first started by Morrill and Karen Worcester when their wreath company had a surplus of 5,000 wreaths, and they wanted to do something special with them. Today, they send more than a million wreaths across the country to remember, honor and teach. We join them on their week-long tour.

Sponsor Remembrance Wreaths In Your Local Communities

We're on a mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. Join us by sponsoring a wreath to be placed in honor or in memory of a veteran this December. Help us ensure that the sacrifices of our heroes are never forgotten.

Honor and Remember

A child, a parent, a neighbor, a friend: What better way to honor the service of a loved one and remember their sacrifice than by sponsoring a wreath in their honor or in their memory?

Pairs: Give a Wreath and Get a Wreath

When you sponsor a Patriot Pair, one wreath will be placed at one of 1,200 cemeteries across the nation and a second wreath will be sent to the address of your choice.

Go To www.wreathscrossamerica.org or call (207) 470-0967 or Toll Free: (877) 385-9504 for information on how to participate and donate.

Pappas: Download your property tax bill due March 3rd at cookcountytreasurer.com if you want to pay this year

Next year's First Installment Cook County property tax bills are available on cookcountytreasurer.com, three months before the due date, Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

Tax Year 2019 First Installment taxes, due March 3, 2020, are 55 percent of the previous year's total tax, Pappas said. Property owners should consult with a tax professional about income tax deductions for this year.

"By knowing now what the tax bill is, homeowners can decide whether to pay next year's taxes before December 31," Pappas said.

You may look up your tax bill on cookcountytreasurer.com by using your address or 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN). The website is the most convenient way to pay.

To make a payment, go to cookcountytreasurer.com:

- elect the blue box labeled "Pay Online for Free"
- Enter your address or PIN
- There is no fee if you pay from your bank account

The Treasurer's Office accepts partial payments. However, all taxes must be paid by the due date to avoid the interest charge of 1.5 percent per month mandated by Illinois law.

Pappas asks: Military members and veterans, are you getting the property tax relief you deserve?

Members of the military can defer Cook County property taxes interest-free while on active duty, one way to ease the financial sacrifice of service to our country, Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

"We owe more than we can ever repay to the men and women of the armed services and their families," Pappas said. "The property tax deferment at least helps them make ends meet while they protect us."

To obtain the deferment, members of the military must apply at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Service members pay no interest on property tax payments that come due from the start of active duty until 180 days after release from duty,

Pappas said. After that, the interest rate is just 6 percent per year, well below the 1.5 percent per month (or 18 percent per year) mandated by state law for unpaid taxes.

Illinois law also offers property tax benefits to veterans, including:

- Returning Veterans Exemption
- Disabled Veterans Exemption

To verify your exemptions (going back four years) and to see if you are entitled to a refund (going back 20 years), go to cookcountytreasurer.com:

- Select "Your Property Tax Overview"
- Search by address or by Property Index Number (PIN)

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 members would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Edison Park 541 of The American Legion invites Veterans and Sons of Veterans on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., to attend our informational meeting. Location is Edison Park Field House 1st floor North at 6755 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron are looking for Sons of Veterans to be members. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. This is an informational meeting. All Veterans are invited and if you qualify we would love for you to join us. Veterans qualifications are for service during the periods stated above. Contact: Past 9th District Commander Bob Fuggiti 847-921-8738 Edison Park Post 541 — AmerLegion541@aol.com 6755 W. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.




Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"- 2020 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 2020 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.



By Josephine Mueller, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Scammers have become more aggressive and sophisticated in the digital age. With millions of people relying on Social Security and Medicare, scammers target audiences who are looking for legitimate program and benefit information. Scammers sometimes try to scare people into giving out their personal information. Never give someone who called you any personal information unless you absolutely know who they are.

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- A Social Security number for a child.

You can learn more about how we combat fraudulent advertisers by reading our publication What You Need to Know About Misleading Advertising at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10005.pdf.

Cell Phones For Soldiers

Representative D'Amico has partnered with Cell Phones For Soldiers, a nonprofit serving troops and veterans, to collect gently used cell phones for members of our military. Donated phones will be used to provide free communication services to military members so they can connect with their loved ones. Donations will be accepted in Representative D'Amico's public service office located at 4404 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Office hours are 9 AM to 4:30 PM.

Be A Good Neighbor This Winter

Shoveling your sidewalk is the neighborly thing to do! Help make your Communities safe and accessible for everyone by keeping sidewalks clear of ice and snow.

What to know: Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours when there's an accumulation of four inches of snow; paths must be at least 36 inches wide.

Pitch in: Help seniors and those with disabilities by volunteering. Need a hand? Call us at the Our Village

News and we will do our best to connect you with the help you need.

Stay tuned: Next week is Winter Weather Preparedness Week. We'll be sharing helpful tips and reminders throughout the Fall and Winter Seasons.

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.

Oakton Community College is seeking qualified instructors to teach in the Adult Education Program.

Instructors who have experience in teaching Adult Basic Education, Literacy, Special Education, High School Equivalency (GED), and English as a Second Language are encouraged to call 847.635.1486 for more information.



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Holidays in the Village



"The Christmas Tree Ship" Docked in Chicago Again This Year In December

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter, Mackinaw, sailed into Navy Pier this year carrying 1,200 Christmas trees to continue the tradition by reenacting the voyage of a Great Lakes schooner, Rouse Simmons, the "Original Christmas Tree Ship", captained by Herman Schuenemann, which sank in 1912 in route to Chicago. Each year the arriving trees are distributed to organizations which provide them to the Families in need throughout the Chicagoland area.



All Christmas trees will be donated to families in need. The tradition began in 2000 as a reenactment of Chicago's original Christmas Tree ships from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Shop Small & Win in Norwood Park

Spend \$150 Shopping Small In Norwood, From 11/24-12/25 and Be Entered To Win Gift Cards From Local Businesses! Send a picture of your receipts to info@norwoodpark.org by 12/24 Contact Info@norwoodpark.org with questions, or visit www.norwoodpark.org



Pappas' office decorated with more than 90 Christmas trees and holiday displays for 16th year

More than 90 Christmas trees and religious displays that show different ways of celebrating the holidays are on display in the downtown Chicago office of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.



This is the 16th year of "Christmas Trees from Around the World," the display of three-foot-high trees which are decorated by members of ethnic and religious communities to represent their heritage. Also on display on counters in the Treasurer's Office are a Christian Nativity scene, an African American Kwanzaa Kinara, a Hindu Prayer Thali and a Jewish Menorah.

Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Venezuela and Wales.

"Diversity is a great strength of the Chicago area, as shown by the way different groups celebrate the holiday season," Pappas said. "We are stronger as a community when we learn about and respect religions, cultures and heritages that are different from our own."

The trees are adorned not only with ornaments, tinsel and lights, but also animals, flowers, fruit, balls, candles, plates, boats, stars, flags, dolls and other items. The display will be up from Nov. 25, 2019, until Jan. 2, 2020, in Room 112 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago.

The countries and traditions represented by the trees include: African American, Albania, Armenia, Assyrian, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Barbie Doll, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cajun-New Orleans, Canada, Canada-Quebec, China, Colombia, Cornwall, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Estonia, Ethiopia.

Also represented: Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Mexico, Native American, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria,



Watch for Signs in Your Communities for Toys for Tots Locations



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TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate the holiday season, community, and the annual tradition to collect toys with the Village of Lincolnwood, Lincolnwood Police & the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lincolnwood Community Center
4170 Morse Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Become an event sponsor for our Toys for Tots event. For details, see back side. For questions, call 847-752-4111 or email director@lincolnwoodchamber.com.

Holiday Toy Drive Fundraiser

2019 marks the 17th NAAAP Chicago Toy Drive. Be a part of this great event by donating today. Just \$25 will buy gifts for a child. Help a child's wish come true for the holidays! Visit our website for more details: <http://www.naaapchicago.org/>

Evanston's Toy, Food and Book Drive

Help ensure every Evanston family gets to celebrate this holiday season by donating new toys, staple food items for holiday meals, and new and gently used children's books to Mayor Hagerty's Holiday Food, Book and Toy Drive! Make a donation or financial contribution through December 13.



Visit our website at www.cityofevanston.org for more.

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 baingo, 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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Roadside History of Illinois

This is the thirty-fourth in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago, nearby suburbs and elsewhere in the state that can be visited by those who seek to learn more about local history. The articles are partial excerpts from the book, *Roadside History of Illinois* (Mountain Press, 2013), by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash.



National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Unveiled in the fall of 2012, the new National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini was built at the site of the original shrine, where the chapel of the old Columbus Hospital once stood. The first shrine, dedicated in 1955, remained at the Columbus Hospital chapel until the hospital was torn down in 2002 to make way for condominiums. The shrine was closed to the public and carefully preserved until a new sanctuary was installed a decade later. The lovely new space, a block east of Clark Street at 2520 N. Lakeview Avenue in Chicago, includes landscaped gardens, a marble statue of Mother Cabrini, and a small chapel.

Francesca Cabrini was born in 1850 in Lombardy, Italy. She took her vows as a Roman Catholic nun in 1877, and three years later she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1889 she asked for papal permission to go to China to set up missions there; instead, Pope Leo XIII sent her and six other nuns to New York City to help Italian immigrant families. Her first accomplishment was establishing an orphanage in Ulster County, New York. She went on to found 66 more institutions in the United States, Central and South America, and Europe.

Beginning in 1899, Chicago became a hub of Mother Cabrini's work when she established the Assumption School, the first Italian immigrant school in Chicago. It remained open at 319 W. Erie Street until 1945. The Beaux Arts-style structure was declared a Chicago Landmark in 2003, and has

since been renovated into residential condominiums.

In 1903, with the help of some wealthy benefactors, she purchased the old North Shore Hotel in the Lincoln Park area and transformed it into Columbus Hospital. A few years later she established the Columbus Extension Hospital (later renamed St. Cabrini Hospital) on the Near West Side in Chicago's Little Italy community. Neither institution exists today: St. Cabrini Hospital closed in 1996, and Columbus Hospital was torn down in 2002.

Mother Cabrini became an American citizen in 1909. She continued to travel throughout the United States and abroad, visiting Rome for the last time in 1912. Finally, with her health failing, she returned to Chicago in April 1917. On December 22, 1917, while in her quarters at Columbus Hospital preparing for a children's Christmas party, she died of a sudden heart attack. Her body was moved to West Park, New York, for internment. In 1933 her remains were exhumed and moved to the chapel at Mother Cabrini High School in New York City. Later, as part of the canonization process, her body was examined by church officials and subsequently enshrined at the school chapel.

On July 7, 1946, only 29 years after her death, Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized by Pope Pius XII, making her the first American to be declared a Catholic saint. Because of her life's work in America, she is known as the patron saint of immigrants.

Copies of *Roadside History of Illinois* (Mountain Press, 2013) may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. To arrange for speaking appearances or for more information about the author, please email him at stantexbanash@aol.com or visit his website www.stantexbanash.com.

Home for the Holidays Trolley Tour

Home for the Holidays is a 4-hour trolley extravaganza co-created with the help of the Lincoln Square Ravenswood + Andersonville Chambers of Commerce.

Hop on Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Bus Co.'s charming trolley for a magical holiday-tinged tour of Lincoln Square and Andersonville with their German and Swedish roots respectively. Not simply a 'drive by' tour - you'll be treated to surprise appearances by local proprietors and given time to explore the multitude of unique and locally-owned shops.

And after November 30th, the streets will be aglow with unrivaled and picture perfect holiday decor to set the mood. This is the perfect trip to show of these two fabulous neighborhoods to out of town guests over the holidays!

Visit our website for ticketing information: <https://chicagotrolley.com/home-for-the-holidays>



CTA Holiday Train

Santa is coming to the Brown Line! The Allstate CTA Holiday Train is a holiday tradition unique to Chicago, which, due to popular demand, is now accompanied by the Elves' Workshop Train. Two trains provide twice the amount of fun and festivities to make your holiday extra special.

Just as dazzling and decked out as the Holiday Train, the Elves' Workshop Train is a six-car train of magic and memories, just like its popular counterpart. It follows the Holiday Train on Saturdays, which are the busiest days, to help ensure everyone has an opportunity to experience this one-of-kind, tradition.

Visit transitchicago.com/holidayfleet for a complete schedule, travel tips and more.



Get Tickets for First Night Evanston 12/31



First Night Evanston is a family-friendly community celebration of the arts that takes place on New Year's Eve around Raymond Park near downtown Evanston. For one special night, several churches become stages as the community celebrates with music, dance, the spoken word, and arts & crafts, and ring in the new year together. First Night Evanston strives to make the event accessible, welcoming, and affordable to all. Visit our website for more info: <http://firstnightevanston.org/wp>

Holiday Magic at the Brookfield Zoo

Regular parking and admission fees apply. Free with zoo membership.

Chicagoland's largest lights festival surrounds you in the cheer of over 1,000,000 twinkling lights, caroling to the animals, ice carving, laser light shows, and live entertainment. You're sure to feel the magic of the holidays!

Many of our indoor exhibits will be open for viewing favorite animals, plus there will be Singing to the Animals and special Zoo Chats. In addition, the zoo restaurants and food stands will be open with full menus and holiday treats, and gift shops will have hundreds of unique items for those hard-to-shop-for loved ones.

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Christmas Around The World And Holidays Of Light



Experience the Museum of Science and Industry's beloved annual holiday tradition, now in its 75th year.

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Caroling at Cloud Gate

Fridays, November 29,
December 6, 13, 20
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Millennium Park, Cloud Gate

All are invited to bundle up and belt out holiday classics during Caroling at Cloud Gate located on the park's iconic Cloud Gate Plaza. The festive series is part concert, part sing-along with some of our city's most entertaining choirs on Fridays from November 29 through December 20 beginning at 6pm.



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C.A.R.E. Launches December's 'Share The Love/Bring Love Home' Week



Community Animal Rescue Effort, with the support of a grant from ASPCA and Subaru USA, will partner with Evanston Subaru in Skokie to host an eight-day adoption event called 'Share the Love / Bring Love Home.' The goal for this special week, which runs from Saturday, Dec. 7 through Saturday, Dec. 14, is to find homes for at least 15 C.A.R.E. cats and 10 C.A.R.E. dogs.

The Share the Love/Bring Love Home program launches on Saturday, Dec. 7, with a 'Share the Love' Adoption Event at Evanston Subaru in Skokie, 3340 Oakton, Skokie.

The next seven days take place at C.A.R.E.'s Adoption Center, 4927 Main St., Skokie. Highlights of each day include Adoption Hours, hot beverages and snacks, games, and chances to meet C.A.R.E. animals.

Skate Millennium Park

November 15-March 8, 2020

Millennium Park,

McCormick Tribune Ice Rink

Take a spin on the ice during the 18th season of this Chicago winter tradition.

Admission: Skating is FREE and open to the public. Rentals available.



Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Christmas Party

The J.P.N.A. will hold its annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 20th, 2019 from 7:00P.M. to 9:00P.M. at Dino's Restaurant at 7004 W. Higgins Ave. Anyone who has a small "White Elephant" type object they don't want can bring it wrapped to the party for "grab bag" gift. The party is open to all members their guests and friends. For more information call 1 (773) 282-3879.

Resurrection Hosts Breakfast With Santa

The Resurrection Alumnae Association is hosting its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 9:00 to 11:30 am. All are welcome to this annual event held at Resurrection College Prep. Participants can enjoy breakfast, photos with Santa, a theatre production by Resurrection drama students, Christmas arts and crafts, face painting, and a special gift for each child. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance and \$12 per person at the door.

Advance tickets are strongly recommended to secure a space. Tickets are available at www.reshs.org or by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 136.



Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.



Friday, Dec. 20th, 7:30PM Stammtisch

Relax and unwind from the busy holidays and enjoy a get together with friends for our annual Weihnachts-Stammtisch on Friday, December 20th. Doors open at 7:30 PM. www.dankhaus.com • 773-561-9181

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Norwood Park Historical Society to Host Holiday House Tour on Dec. 14 in Historic Norwood Park

A long-standing tradition during the holiday season continues in Norwood Park when the Norwood Park Historical Society offers four beautifully decorated and architecturally attractive homes and two unique buildings in its 2019 Holiday House Tour. The event will take place on Dec. 14, from noon to 4 p.m. in the section of the Norwood Park community listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The selected houses represent a cross-section of the neighborhood's different architecture. Homes range from those built in the late 1800s to the 1900s, and showcase the many ways current homeowners blend the past and present in their historic homes. Among the four houses is the one-time home of Frank Buck, an animal collector, adventurer, author, actor, director, and producer, who lived in Norwood Park during the early 1900s. The two buildings are the Danish Home, a long-term care retirement community, and the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the oldest house in Chicago. The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House will be highly decorated and also offer various sweet dessert od Park neighborhood has seen over past years. Visitors may ask questions of local historians, and pick up their tour book, which includes a history of each home and a map of the tour route that can be completed by car or on foot.

Early bird tickets can be obtained for \$20 now through Nov. 30. Beginning Dec. 1, tickets are \$30 per person. Tickets can be obtained by mailing a check to the Norwood Park Historical Society, 5624 N. Newark Ave, Chicago 60631 or can be purchased online through Eventbrite (fees apply) prior to the event and will be mailed back if time permits or may be picked up on the day of the event at the Norwood Park Senior Center. Tickets also may be bought at the event on Dec. 14 at the Norwood Park Senior Center.

For more information, please contact the Norwood Park Historical Society at (773) 631-4633 or email them at info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Polar Adventure Days Return to Northerly Island with Three Dates of Winter Fun

December 14, January 25 & February 29 from noon to 4 p.m.

Chicagoans and tourists are invited to explore Northerly Island, located at 1521 S. Linn White Dr., and engage in exciting winter activities, come face-to-face with live animals and create nature inspired crafts during the 15th annual Polar Adventure Days.

The annual winter series will treat visitors to a number of fun-filled activities that are both educational and fun for all ages. Participants will tour Northerly Island's Natural Area, either on foot or in snowshoes depending on weather, and learn about winter animals including Siberian huskies, wolves and birds of prey. Park patrons can also work together to create a nature inspired winter craft, while sipping on a cup of hot cocoa. Guests are invited to warm up around the bonfire as they learn the art of starting a fire and roasting the perfect marshmallow to build a delicious s'more.

"Polar Adventure Days has quickly become a winter tradition for Chicagoans and visitors alike," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly. "This unique series connects city dwellers to nature and wildlife and offers an experience unlike any other during Chicago's colder months."

All Polar Adventure Days take place from 12 p.m. -4 p.m. The first 500 visitors will be treated to hot cocoa. Polar Adventure Days is sponsored in part by WTTW.

For more information about Polar Adventure Days, visit the Chicago Park District's website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/polar-adventure-days.

Holiday Flower Shows At Garfield Park & Lincoln Park Conservatories Open November 29

"Invisible Forces" & "Ice Age" Run Through January 5

WHO: All ages

WHAT: 2019 Lincoln Park Conservatory Holiday Flower Show "Invisible Forces" 2019 Garfield Park Conservatory Holiday Flower & Train Show "Ice Age"

WHEN: Both holiday shows open to the public Friday, November 29 and run through Sunday, January 5 from 9am -5 pm; and on Wednesdays from 9am to 8pm at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

WHERE: Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

MORE: Garfield Park Conservatory's 2019 Holiday Flower "Invisible Forces" highlights what we cannot see. Visitors will learn about the hidden environmental elements around us and learn how plants react to all the forces we cannot see. The display will feature towering fir trees, poinsettias of maroon and gold, massive birch chandeliers and some gentle music produced by the wind.

Lincoln Park Conservatory's Show House will freeze up and transport visitors to the "Ice Age." The Lincoln Park Conservatory's Winter Flower and Train Show will feature imagery of glaciers, a woolly mammoth, and hundreds of white poinsettias and plants. Two trains will move throughout the wintery landscape dotted with white and blue sparkling lights. A large fir tree with lights will greet visitors in the Palm House.

Admission to the holiday flower shows is free. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.



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Tis the season for estate planning!



Izabela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

When you think about the holiday season, estate planning may not be the first thing that comes to mind. However, if you really think about it, this is a time when everyone is gathered together. It is a perfect time to take advantage of the opportunity to discuss your estate planning wishes with your family.

How you approach the discussion depends on the generation. If you are a parent of adult children and you are a new grandparent, you might want to discuss with your child the importance of having a plan in place to take care of your grandchild in the event something happens to both parents. This includes planning for your minor grandchild's financial security as well as making sure that an appropriate guardian to care for the grandchild is designated. It may be worth it to

use this opportunity to discuss who the appropriate person or persons may be among the family members that are present at the holiday dinner table.

If you recently finalized your estate plan or if you are just thinking about creating one, you may want to have an honest discussion with your family about who you would like to be in charge in the event that you become incapacitated or die. Discuss with them what the expectations are with respect to the role that you would like them to have as well as your wishes for your medical choices and disposition of your property. You may want to discuss any current pre-paid plans that you have in place, such as prepaid burial arrangements, long term care insurance, life insurance or other financial or health plans. You should also tell your loved ones that are part of your estate plan who your advisors are, including your attorney, accountant and financial advisors. Your family should know how to get in touch with these individuals in the event that something happens to you.

In addition to thinking through and discussing your estate plan with your loved ones, the end of the year is a great time to make and update your lists. Do you have the most recent asset list such as a balance sheet and income statement? Are there specific items of personal property that you wish to give to your loved ones after your passing? Are there any particular assets that you own that need to be transferred during life?

If this holiday is the time that you decide to finally talk to your family about your estate plan or encourage them to create their own estate plan, please remember that you will need an expert to help you finalize the important details. Please contact one of our attorneys at Otte & Czajkowska LLC at 773-631-7100 or info@oclawyergroup.com.

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We will be happy to assist you. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

"My Favorite Christmas Story"

This is Father Rog's "51st Year" of Christmas Greetings, but this one from 2010 is one of our favorites.

From Rev. Francis S. Rog, CR

Let me share with you, my greatest Christmas story. As often as I reflect on it... I have reason to ask myself... who, what and where?

Wally was nine years old and in the second grade, though he should have been in the fourth. He was big and clumsy, slow in movement and mind, but well liked by the other children in class, all of whom were smaller than he. At times the boys did have trouble hiding their irritation when the uncoordinated Wally would ask to play ball with them. He would stand by – not sulking, but HOPING – always a helpful boy, willing and smiling, the natural protector of any child he felt was being mistreated.

As Christmas time approached, plans were made for the annual school pageant. Children were being assigned their parts – angels, shepherds, wisemen, Mary, Joseph. Wally stood by EXPECTANTLY – then suddenly his joy knew no bounds, for he heard the teacher say, "Wally, I want you to be the innkeeper." (Not many lines to learn, she reasons – and his size would make his refusal of lodging to Joseph more forceful). Little did the teacher dream the lesson that such a tender hearted boy would teach to all who would attend that program!

Then came rehearsals – the cloaks and manger, beards, crowns, halos and a stage full of squeaky voices. Most caught up in the magic of the night was Wally. He would stand in the wings, watch the performance with fascination; his teacher had to make sure he did not wander onstage before this cue.

Finally came the long awaited night, and Wally stood holding a lantern by the door of the inn, watching as the children who portrayed Mary and Joseph came near him. "What do you want?" Wally asked with a brusque gesture. "We seek

lodging." "Seek it elsewhere – the inn is filled."

"Sir, we have asked everywhere in vain. We have traveled far and are very weary." "There is no room in this inn for you." Wally looked properly stern.

"Please, innkeeper, this is my wife. She is heavy with child and needs a place to rest. Surely you must have some small corner for her. She's so tired."

Now, for the first time, the innkeeper relaxed his stiff stance and looked down at Mary. With that there was a LONG PAUSE – the audience became a bit tense: "No, begone!" the prompter whispered in the wings.

"No, begone!" Wally repeated automatically.

Joseph sadly placed his arms around Mary, and Mary laid her head upon her husband's shoulder, and the two of them started to move away. The innkeeper, however, did not return inside his inn. Wally stood there in the doorway, watching the forlorn couple. His mouth was open, his brow creased with concern, his eyes filling unmistakably with tears.

And suddenly this Christmas pageant became different from all others.

"Don't go, Joseph." Wally called out. "Bring Mary back." And Wally's face grew into a bright smile. "YOU CAN HAVE MY ROOM!"

A burst of laughter – then silence – then tears flowed freely as the message came through to the listeners. Wally, the boy considered "slow," had made room for Jesus. He could not turn Mary and Joseph away – God's only begotten Son would be welcomed by him! His tender heart had made room for the Savior.

Have you made room for Him, Who loved you so much to even die on the cross?

Holiday Travel Tips And Storm Preparedness

DOT advises drivers to take extra precautions when driving during storms – slow down and watch for snow plows. Also keep an emergency kit in each of your vehicles in case they break down or get stuck during severe weather.

A basic safety kit should include the following items:

- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and small broom
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Water
- Snack food, including energy bars
- Matches and small candles
- Extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt, sand or cat litter for traction
- Jumper cables
- Emergency flares and reflectors
- Fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter

Kit tips:

Reverse batteries in flashlights to avoid accidentally switching them on and running down the battery.

Store items in the passenger compartment in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.

Other tips:

Gas tanks should be kept at least half full.

Travelers should always tell someone where they're going and the route they'll take.

Stranded drivers should stay with their vehicles; walking in a storm can be very dangerous. Other vehicles may not see you or you may become lost or exhausted.

Always check conditions in and around your vehicle; snow can plug a vehicle's exhaust system and cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter the car.

If stranded for a prolonged period, only run the engine for 10 minutes an hour to conserve gas and make sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow.

Keeping a window open a crack while running the engine, is advised to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

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St. Juliana Friendship Club is open to all "50+ Seniors" in the area! Women, men, singles, couples, married, widowed, parishioners & non-parishioners... all are welcome! We meet on the second Thursday of each month (March-November) at the St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 N. Osceola Ave., Chicago.

We have a wide variety of activities at our monthly meetings including luncheons, guest speakers, book exchange, bingo, entertainment & more! We also sponsor special events & day trips throughout the year including casinos, theatres, shrines, boat trips... as well as our very popular off-site Christmas Party!

Please consider joining this cordial social group & feel free to bring a friend, guests are always welcome! For more information keep reading the Sunday bulletins, E-newsletters & SJ-Facebook... or call the Parish office at 773-631-4127. Special inquiries will be directed to our "friendly" Friendship Club Officers!



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Village "Holiday" Cooking Corner

Enjoy these great ideas for your Holiday entertaining. Don't forget to begin the New Year by partaking of a bit of Pickled Herring. It will bring you good luck!!

Mini Cannoli Dessert

20 cannolis
2 pounds Sorrento ricotta cheese
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 ounces white crème de cocoa liqueur
1 ounce vanilla extract
6 ounces cool whip
1/2 cup chocolate chips
1 cup chrused pistachio
20 mini cannoli shells (find in any italian store)

In a bowl, mix together 2 pounds Sorrento ricotta cheese, 1/2 ounce granulated sugar, 2 ounces white crème de cocoa liqueur and 1 ounce vanilla extract, mix for 2-3 minutes. Add 6 ounces cool whip and 1/2 cup chocolate chips, mix until equally combined. Fill mini cannoli shells. Finish by sprinkling crushed pistachio on each end of the cannolis.

Submitted by Vines Italian Restaurant, Harwood Heights

Rock Cookies For The Holidays

Raisins, dates, nuts and spices such as cinnamon and cloves are classic ingredients in Holiday baking, along with brown sugar. These drop cookies will become one of your favorites, and with ingredients such as raisins, dates and nuts, they are not just delicious, but healthy as well. you can substitute dried cranberries if you want to.

Ingredients: 1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in a little warm water
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups flour
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon
8 oz. each raisins & dates
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
2/3 cup butter, 2 eggs
1/2 tsp. cloves

Preparation: Cream butter with sugar and eggs until fluffy. Slowly beat in flour which has been sifted with the cinnamon and cloves. Add the dissolved baking soda. Stir in chopped nuts, raisins and diced dates. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 375 degrees.

From the kitchen of Maria Bappert

Piquant Meat Balls

2 pounds ground beef
1 egg
2 tablespoons bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt
pepper to taste
12-oz. bottle of chili sauce
6 ounces grape jelly
Juice of 1 lemon

Combine meat, egg, bread crumbs, and seasonings. Shape into balls the size of a walnut. Heat chili sauce, jelly, and lemon juice in a heavy skillet or Dutch oven until blended. Add the meat balls, cover, and simmer for 30 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. Serves 8 to 10. Keep hot in a chafing dish.

From the kitchen of Rose Suter

Wassail of Old England

3 qt. apple cider
1 tsp. vanilla
2 tbsp. honey or brown sugar
1 bottle brandy
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
2 tsp. whole cloves
1 stick of cinnamon
Apple Slices, Lemon Peel

Simmer the cider and spices for a few minutes. Then warm the brandy slightly. Pour 24 jiggers of brandy in the bowl and set ablaze. Then pour the cider and spices into the bowl. Float the apple slices and lemon peel on top.

From The Kitchens of K. Roberts

Kugel

8oz. of egg noodles
1 tsp. salt
1 large cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 lb. butter
1 cup milk
4 eggs
1 large can crushed pineapple

Boil & drain noodles. Rinse in cold water. Soften cream cheese & add eggs one at a time. Mix salt, sugar & milk. Melt butter. Mix noodles with mixture. Add drained pineapple. Put in 13 x 9 pan. Add topping.

Topping: 3/4 cup crushed corn flakes
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar
Mix together, spread on top. Bake at 375 for 1 1/2 hours.

From The Kitchens of Chris

Boursin Cheese

8 oz. cream cheese
1 clove crushed garlic
3 tsp. fresh minced parsley
1 tsp. basil leaves
2 T chopped chives
1 T dry white vermouth
lemon pepper

Blend cream cheese and garlic and add everything else. Serve with crackers or in celery.

From the kitchen of Rose Suter

Walnut Cake "Karithopita"

1/2 cup butter
1 tsp. soda
1 cup sugar
2 tbs. cognac
5 eggs
1 cups of water
1 tsp. cinnamon
2 tbs. cognac
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1 tbs. lemon juice
1 1/2 cups dry bread crumbs
1 tbs. orange juice
1 1/2 cups flour
1 cinnamon stick
3 tsp. baking powder

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter and flour a 13 x 9 baking pan. In a bowl combine the walnuts, cinnamon, cloves, breadcrumbs, flour, and baking powder. In a small glass, dilute the soda with the cognac. In a large bowl of a mixer, cream the butter with the sugar and then add the eggs. Mix in the soda with cognac, and add the milk and the walnut mixture, beating until well combined. Spread into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 45-60 minutes, or until the center is firm. Prepare the syrup by mixing all the ingredients together in a medium sauce pan. Bring it to a boil and pour it over the baked cake. Let the cake cool completely before serving.

By Eleni Andritsakis

Water Chestnut Hors d'oeuvres

Soak drained, whole water chestnuts in soy sauce 1/2 hour. Roll in sugar.

Cut strips of bacon lengthwise, and crosswise wrap bacon around chestnuts, securing with toothpicks. Bake: 400 20 minutes. Drain Grease and Bake again: 350 5 minutes.

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Holiday Safety Tips Regarding Children and Food Safety

The holidays are an exciting time of year for children and families. To help ensure they have a safe holiday season, here are just a few tips from the Skokie Fire and Police Departments as published in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) regarding toy, food and visiting safety:

- Toy Safety
 - Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced may pose safety hazards for younger children.
 - Keep batteries and magnets away from young children and call your health care provider immediately if your child swallows one.
 - Children under age eight can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children.
 - Watch for pull toys with strings that are more than 12 inches in length.
 - Parents should store toys in a designated location, such as on a shelf or in a toy chest, and keep older kids' toys away from young children.
- Food Safety
 - Wash your hands frequently, and make sure your children do the same.
 - Bacteria are often present in raw foods. Fully cook meats and poultry, and thoroughly wash raw

vegetables and fruits.

- Be sure to keep hot liquids and foods away from the edges of counters and tables, where they can be easily knocked over by a young child's exploring hands.
 - Never put a spoon used to taste food back into food without washing it.
 - Always thaw meat in the refrigerator, never on the countertop.
 - Foods that require refrigeration should never be left at room temperature for more than two hours.
 - Happy Visiting
 - Remember that the homes you visit may not be childproofed. Keep an eye out for danger spots and clean up immediately after a holiday party.
 - Keep a list with all of the important phone numbers you or babysitters are likely to need in case of an emergency. Include the police and fire department, your pediatrician and the national Poison Help Line, 1-800-222-1222.
 - Maintaining your child's usual routines, including sleep schedules and timing of naps, can help you and your child enjoy the holidays and reduce stress.
- For more information or additional safety tips please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 or visit www.skokie.org.

Xfinity Store To Open In Chicago's Uptown Neighborhood

New Customer-Focused Store Showcases Xfinity's Innovative Technology



Comcast announced today that a new Xfinity Store is slated to open early next year in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood at 4407 N. Clarendon Ave. in the retail portion of the Eight Eleven Uptown development. The store is designed entirely around the needs of customers, providing them with the opportunity to explore, learn about and interact directly with the latest Xfinity services or get help if they need it.

The store will feature contemporary displays designed to give visitors hands-on experience with Xfinity's range of products and services, from the company's mobile phone service, Xfinity Mobile, high-speed Internet and cable TV, to its home security and automation platform, Xfinity Home. The store also will feature iPads and other mobile devices visitors can use to explore Xfinity's mobile apps. Apps range from: Xfinity Stream, which allows customers to watch live TV anywhere at home over WiFi, watch more than 200 live channels outside their homes, stream more than 70,000 On Demand choices on-the-go and download movies and TV shows; and Xfinity WiFi, which allows customers to search for locations of the network's more than 19 million hotspots across the country and nearly 1.8 million in the region; to xFi, which allows high-speed Internet customers to personalize and control their home WiFi experience.

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The new store will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information about Xfinity products, services and retail stores, call 1-(800)-XFINITY or visit www.xfinity.com.

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