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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 2 and concludes the evening of Monday, December 10. 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

Pappas' Office Decorated With 90 Christmas Trees And Holiday Displays For 15th Year



"Christmas Trees from Around the World" highlights different traditions for the holiday season

Ninety Christmas trees and religious displays that show different ways of celebrating the holidays will be on display in the downtown Chicago office of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

This is the 15th 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 show 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, a Jewish Menorah and a Muslim Ramadan Mubarak.

"Diversity is one of the Chicago area's great strengths. It is very powerful when people come together," Pappas said. "We see that unity in the way different ethnic groups decorate trees for the same vital holiday."

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. 26,

2018, until Jan. 2, 2019, in Room 112 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago.

The countries and traditions represented by the trees include:

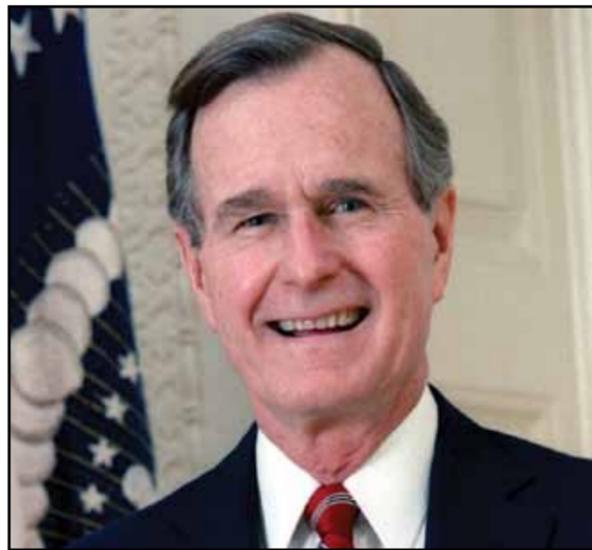
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Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Mexico, Native American, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Wales.

1924 - 2018 41st President of the United States George H.W. Bush

We cherish and honor the memories of this man and his extraordinary life of integrity, service and love of our Country.

We bid farewell on behalf of a grateful and mournful Nation and celebrate having the privilege of being able to call our own, one from the greatest generation. Our heartfelt sympathy extends to the entire Bush Family.



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7

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Wreaths Across America



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Santa House

No need for a trip to the North Pole! Santa and his crew have set up their Midwest headquarters right alongside the great tree in the plaza. Step into the colorful workshop and find out if you made the Naughty or Nice list.

Make plans to stop by the UL Santa House throughout the season from November 25 to December 24, 2014. Be sure to bring along your camera for a souvenir photo.

Daily hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 11:00am - 8:00pm

Resurrection Hosts Breakfast With Santa



The Resurrection Alumnae Association is hosting its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8, 2018, 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.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Story Time and Santa Photo-Op Saturday, December 8th from 10-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy cookies and a cup of hot cocoa during this Christmas-themed story time for children ages 2-7. After story time each child will have a chance to visit with Santa and take a photo with him in front of a festive backdrop. Be sure to bring your camera or use your camera phone! Sponsored by the Edgebrook Community Association. Registration is required. Space is limited. Please call (312) 744-8313 to register.

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Norwood Crossing to Collect Christmas Gifts for Chicago Abused Women and Children

The community is invited to join employees of Norwood Crossing in collecting and donating Christmas gifts for distribution to the Connection for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC). Collected gifts will be accepted through noon, on Dec. 17, and delivered to the CAWC office on Kedzie Ave. in Chicago. Gifts should be new and unwrapped, and dropped off in the holiday sled located in the front lobby vestibule at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

"The spirit of Christmas giving can be celebrated in many ways. One way is by sharing with those who are less fortunate," said Norwood Crossing Chaplain Dale Tippett. "We are asking Norwood Park residents and those in surrounding communities to join our Norwood Crossing employees in helping to bring joy to these affected women and children."

Among the many helpful holiday wish list items are: 2019 pocket or monthly calendars; holiday gifts for infants, children, women, and adolescents; bath and lotion gift sets; transit cards (anything except a 30-day pass); pillows, blankets, sheets (twin size), family size toiletries; diapers up to size 6; baby wipes, lotions and shampoos; new underwear and socks; craft sets, and paint and paint brushes. A complete list of needed items is available at Norwood Crossing's reception desk in the Front Lobby.

Cash donations also will be accepted and should be brought to Norwood Crossing's Main Office on the first floor.

For more information, please call Chaplain Tippett, at (773) 577-5368 or email him at dtippett@norwoodcrossing.org.

Volunteer to be a VITA Literacy/ESL Tutor at Oakton Community College.

Help adults learn to read and/or speak English. Learn about methods and materials especially suited for tutoring individuals new to the U.S. or American-born residents who need help improving their reading and writing skills.

Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:

Thursday, January 10, 2019, 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 2, 2019 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16, 2019 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Call 847.635.1426 for information about upcoming classes.



7701 N. Lincoln Avenue,
Skokie, IL 60077

TOYS FOR TOTS LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria as we celebrate the season, community, and the annual tradition to collect toys with the Village of Lincolnwood, Lincolnwood Police & the U.S. Marine Corps.

6649 Lincoln Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Questions? Call 847-752-4111 or info@lincolnwoodchamber.com

Watch For Signs In Your Communities For All Toys For Tots Drop Off Points.

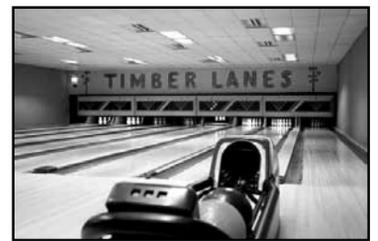


Toys for Tots drop off locations in Lincoln Square/Ravenswood:

- State Farm, Adam Garcia - 2525 W Montrose Ave
- Ravenswood Chiropractic & Wellness Center - 4256 N Ravenswood Ave
- Century21 Affiliated, Donna Manella - 4528 N Lincoln Ave
- American Legion Tattler Post #973 - 4355 N Western Ave
- Timeless Tots - 4757 N Lincoln Ave

Toys For Tots At **TIMBER LANES**

"Toys For Tots" was recently the recipient of 53 gifts thanks to Timber Lanes on Irving Park near Damen and Lincoln. Many bowlers showed up and brought unwrapped toys, and those who couldn't make it simply sent their gifts with someone else. Thank you to the bowlers and donors who included: Brian, Cele, Jill, Karen, Laura, Laurie, Leah, Mark, Mary, Ryan, Scott, and Trudi - and thank you to everyone else for your generosity - these gifts will certainly make the Holidays brighter!



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION

Online Registration Begins:

Monday, December 3 at 9AM for parks WEST of California Ave. (2800 W.)

Tuesday, December 4 at 9AM for parks EAST of California Ave. (2800 W.)

Gymnastics Centers will begin registration on Tuesday, December 4 at 12PM

In-Person Registration Begins:

Saturday, December 8 for most parks. Some parks begin Monday, December 10.

Please note: registration dates vary for gymnastics centers as well as Morgan Park Sports Center & McFetridge Sports Center.

It's time to

Register for Winter Programs with the Chicago Park District!

Activities start the week of January 7 for most programs.

Learn more and register at

www.ChicagoParkDistrict.com

312.742.7529 or 312.747.2001 (TTY)

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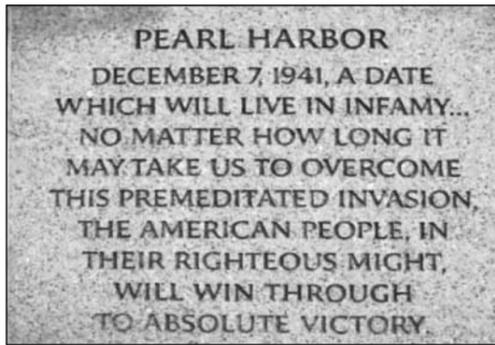
77 Years Ago Today – A Day That Will Live In Infamy

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 26th 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.

The American's Creed



I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. (Authorized Version)

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion

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"- 2019 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 2019 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.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

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.



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Illinois Celebrates its 200th Birthday with Grand Bicentennial Party

Celebrities, original performances, videos highlight an emotional night on Chicago's Navy Pier

Two hundred years ago today Illinois became the Union's 21st state, and tonight Illinois celebrities, dignitaries, veterans and citizens came together to celebrate at the Bicentennial Birthday Party on Chicago's Navy Pier.

Legendary journalist Bill Kurtis hosted the program, which opened with Wayne Messmer belting out the national anthem and Gov. Bruce Rauner welcoming a crowd of more than 2,300 party-goers.

"Tonight, we recognize some of the great contributions Illinois has made to society and the world," said Gov. Rauner. "The milestones featured during our 200th birthday represent opportunities to reflect on our past and understand the great assets our state has to build on for the future. We have a lot to be proud of ... and lot to build on."

Rauner noted the contributions of Bicentennial sponsors who made it possible to conduct a year's worth of Bicentennial activities without spending taxpayer money. The key sponsors included Wintrust, which served as the Official Bank of the Bicentennial, Walgreens, Abbott, Boeing, BMO Harris, Illinois Office of Tourism, Comcast and United Airlines.

Act 1 of the program started with features to establish the Bicentennial theme of things Born, Built and Grown in Illinois. While members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performed Happy Birthday, Gov. Rauner joined Eli Cheesecake's Mark Schulman to cut a 1,000-pound Honest Abe Apple Cheesecake that was shaped like the Illinois State Capitol. Chicago vocalist Simone Green added a stirring rendition of the Illinois state song.

Governor-elect JB Pritzker also addressed the crowd. "We are celebrating our bicentennial as one Illinois," he said, "ringing in our third century with hope and optimism to build on the progress of our first 200 years."

A Celebration in Six High Energy Acts

- In Act 2, members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra paid tribute to the Bicentennial Honor 200 Veterans with a piece composed by John Williams from the movie "Lincoln." After a video on Illinois military history narrated by Illinoisan Joe Mantegna, Major General Richard Hayes, head of the Illinois National Guard, recognized Honor 200 veterans from 50 counties. The members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra added to the emotion of the segment by performing the Armed Forces Medley.

- In Act 3, a video highlighted iconic Illinois theater, movie, and television productions, actors and actresses. Second City and SNL alum Robert Smigel and George Wendt reenacted their Superfan 'Da Bears' skit.

- In Act 4, Smigel and Wendt introduced video on the birth of the NFL and the Bears. The piece featured legendary Papa Bear George Halas as his grandson, Bears CEO and President George McCaskey, looked on. The Bears will celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2019.

- Also in Act 4, East St. Louis native and Olympic Champion Jackie Joyner Kersee hosted a salute to Illinois Champions. For the first time ever all six major league professional team championship trophies were together. She focused on the trophies one at a time as spot lights illuminated trophies of the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs, Fire and White Sox. Representatives of each of the teams were joined by Olympic Champions and two members of the Women's League Champion Rockford Peaches.

- In Act 5 on History and Culture, the audience was treated to special video tributes to the men from Illinois who became US Presidents. Under the direction of Broadway in

Chicago, Miguel Cervantes (Hamilton in Chicago) performed an original composition of the "Gettysburg Rap." Cervantes was accompanied by Illinois High School Musical Theater Awardees from all over the state. "I am so excited to be a part of the celebration, to reflect on this historical speech and deliver what will be a powerful message," Cervantes said.

- Act 6 featured Illinois Music with a special acoustical performance by Kevin Cronin of REO Speedwagon. Cronin reminisced about being from Illinois, "I am thrilled and honored to come home and celebrate Illinois' 200th birthday." REO Speedwagon was named the number one musical band in an Illinois Top 200 Bicentennial survey this past year.

- Act 6 also included a video chronicling the migration of Jazz and Blues from the Deep South to East St. Louis to Chicago showing what a great contribution Illinois gave to the music industry. The Real Deal of Chicago, Buddy Guy, and his band performed. Then a number of the evening's performers joined Guy for a finale, 'Sweet Home Chicago'.

It's Our 200th Birthday And We Are #IllinoisProud

- JOIN THE CELEBRATION -



200 years ago, on December 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the Union. Now is the perfect time to pay tribute to the amazing people, places, and things that are being born, built & grown in Illinois every single day.

About Illinois Bicentennial

On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the union. The Illinois Bicentennial is a yearlong celebration of what has been BORN, BUILT & GROWN in the state and a reminder of why we are Illinois Proud.

For more information about the Illinois Bicentennial celebration visit www.illinois200.com and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by using the hash tag #IllinoisProud.



"Families First Adventures" series premieres October 21 at The People's House

The Illinois Governor's Mansion Association has announced the upcoming schedule for their complimentary "Families First Adventures" series on the third Sunday of each month from October through January. Art of Illinois family tours are designed for families with children ages 3-12 to encourage children and adults to enjoy art exhibitions together at the Governor's Mansion located at 410 E. Jackson Street.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

December 16 - "Sculpture Safari"

January 20 - "Art Investigation"

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (217) 782-6450. No large bags will be allowed on the Mansion grounds. Photography of the exhibits will not be permitted.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity for families to experience these unique art exhibits together," said First Lady Diana Rauner, Chair of the Illinois Governor's Mansion Association, a not-for-profit organization. "Each month will showcase a different theme and exhibits, making this a fun family-friendly outing children can enjoy all season long."

Then Art of Illinois exhibit features more than 100 works of fine and decorative art as well as industrial arts dating back 750 years. Pieces in the collection are on loan from museums and organizations across Illinois, including the Chicago History Museum, the Illinois State Museum's Legacy Collection, and the Peoria Riverfront Museum, among others.

Art of Illinois was made possible by the support of private individuals, corporations and foundations, including grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency & the Terra Foundation for American Art as part of its Art Design Chicago initiative.

Youth talent performance series scheduled at Illinois Governor's Mansion

The Illinois Governor's Mansion Association announced today that it is staging a series of youth-in-the-arts performances at the newly renovated People's House. The series is part of a Families First initiative undertaken by the association to showcase the work of talented Illinois youth.

The performances, which will take place at 3 p.m. the first three Saturdays in December, are designed to appeal to families with children ages 3 through 12. Admission to each performance is free. Seating is limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All are at the Governor's Mansion, located at 410 E. Jackson St. in Springfield.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to showcase the talents of Central Illinois youth in the performing arts," said Diana Rauner, who also is chairwoman of the Illinois Governor's Mansion Association, a private, nonprofit organization. "We welcome local families and guests to attend these unique performances by exceptional students this holiday season."

For more information, click on "upcoming events" at illinoismansion.org, or call 217-782-6450 for performance dates and how to register.

The mansion will be decorated for the holidays courtesy of many volunteers and numerous donations. Additionally, the Illinois Christmas Tree Association has generously donated fresh evergreens for outdoor decorations.

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Chicago Author Stan "Tex" Banash to Discuss "Illinois—the Road to Statehood" at Edgebrook Historical Society Meeting on December 10

The public is invited to hear award-winning Chicago author Stan "Tex" Banash discuss "Illinois—The Road to Statehood," at 6:15 p.m., on Dec. 10, at a meeting of the Edgebrook Historical Society, at the Edgebrook Branch, Chicago Public Library, 5331 W. Devon Ave. in Chicago.

Banash's hour-long power point presentation begins in 1673 with the arrival of early French explorers and concludes in 1818 when Congress granted statehood to Illinois. Using maps and images of key participants, the audience is taken on a path that helps them understand the roles of France, Great Britain and Spain in early America, the impact of wars, battles and treaties on establishing territorial and state borders along with other events related to creation of the Northwest Territory and the formation of Illinois and the other four related states.

Banash has a long history of voluntary service to his local communities in Chicago, and received an award for his book, Roadside History of Illinois, from the Illinois State Historical Society and recognition by the Illinois state legislature for promoting Illinois history. Most recently, he was named an Illinois Bicentennial Honor 200 honoree. His two earlier books were Best of Dee Brown's West and Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology. He also reviews books for a number of western publications, and is a member of Western Writers of America, Illinois State Historical Society, the Society of Midland Authors, Western History Association, American Legion Edison Park Post 541, and the Westerners—Chicago Corral, where he served as its sheriff for five years.

Copies of his three books will be available for purchase and inscription following the program.



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Feel the Holiday Spirit at Chicago's Traditional Christkindlmarket

The smell of fresh pretzels, bratwurst, and hot spiced wine (Glühwein), the sound of Christmas music, and the glimmer of sparkling Christmas ornaments, all in a cozy atmosphere – this is the Christkindlmarket Chicago experience. From November 16 to December 24, 2018, visitors can enjoy the outdoor market with various vendors from Germany and around the world, watch performers, try out different foods and buy special gifts. Since 1996, German American Events, LLC, a subsidiary of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, has hosted the Christkindlmarket Chicago as a free event, featuring nearly 60 vendors with unique offerings for all ages.

The youngest visitors have the opportunity to participate in the "Kinder Club". They will receive a free paper passport with coloring pages and learning games, in which they can collect stamps from different vendors on a scavenger hunt to win prizes. Other fun activities include the Lantern Parade on Kinder Tag when children get to march around and sing American and German Holiday songs with the Christkind, the namesake of the market. This fairy-like being, dressed in gold and white robes with a crown upon her golden locks, is the bearer of gifts to most children in German-speaking countries, much like Santa Claus is in the United States.

Guests may also enjoy a "Stammtisch" experience, a popular German tradition of a shared table gather, be it for a family, a business meeting, or a get-together with friends. Visitors can reserve a private table for up to eight people inside the heated Timber Haus where they can enjoy delicious food and drinks, such as sausages, potato pancakes, hot chocolate, and Glühwein.

This year, Christkindlmarket lovers do not only get the chance to experience the traditional markets in Chicago and Naperville, but also in Milwaukee. For the first time, the Christkindlmarket is taking place right next to Fiserv Forum where it will be open November 17 until December 31. All three markets offer a broad variety of entertainment, ranging from theater plays to professional singers and dance groups.

Ready to make some wonderful memories, collect a specialty souvenir mug from each location for your collection, and get into the holiday spirit? Mark your calendars, bring your loved ones, and enjoy one of the largest traditional Christkindlmarkets outside of Europe.

More information, Stammtisch table reservations, and mug sales are available on the Christkindlmarket's website: www.christkindlmarket.com

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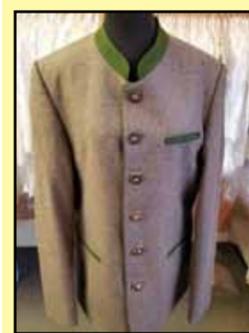
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Grammy-award winning Chicago locals Corky Siegel and Howard Levy bring a fresh lyrical approach to whatever they play. This duo has perfected their distinctive sound from years of touring nationally and performing at renowned jazz venues and music festivals. As composers, multi-instrumentalists and singer/songwriters, they have a well-earned reputation as a Chicago institution and national treasure. According to All About Jazz, "These musicians have come together to prove, once again, that it's not necessary to only look to New York for the best in American Jazz."

The Jamming Jean Music Series is made possible by a gift to the Levy Senior Center Foundation in honor of a former Levy Center member. Showcasing a wide array of musical talent, the free concert series is truly a multigenerational, multicultural experience representing the best Evanston has to offer.

The Levy Senior Center provides outstanding programs and support for thousands of adults 55+. The services and programs offered help make it possible for seniors in the Evanston area to remain active, independent, and connected to their community. For more information about the Levy Senior Center Foundation, their upcoming events and opportunities to support future programming please visit www.levyseniorcenterfoundation.org.

BRING LOVE HOME WEEK

Saturday, December 8 - Saturday, December 15

Join C.A.R.E., ASPCA & Subaru USA in December's 'Share The Love/Bring Love Home' Week

With the support of a grant from ASPCA and Subaru USA, C.A.R.E. will partner with Evanston Subaru in Skokie to host an eight-day adoption event called 'Share the Love / Bring Love Home.' The goal for Share the Love / Bring Love Home week, which runs from Saturday, Dec. 8 through Saturday, Dec. 15, is to find homes for at least 10 C.A.R.E. cats and six C.A.R.E. dogs.



Thanks to support of the grant, C.A.R.E. will be able to offer animals at a 50% reduced adoption fee during Share the Love/Bring Love Home week.

The Share the Love/Bring Love Home program launches on Saturday, Dec. 8, with a 'Share the Love' Adoption Event at Evanston Subaru in 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.

Ride the Allstate CTA Holiday Train on the Purple Line December 12, 14, 15 and 20

The Allstate CTA Holiday Train will visit Evanston on the Purple Line on December 12, 14, 15 and 20, bringing food baskets to local community organizations as well as good cheer to any passerby. On Saturday, December 15, the Elves' Workshop Train will follow directly behind the CTA Holiday Train to help ensure everyone has a chance to enjoy this exciting tradition.



The Holiday Train usually operates from about 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Normal CTA fares apply.

Santa and his elves will personally be visiting every stop along the respective lines passing out holiday cheer. The Holiday Train shines with bright lights and seasonal images, sparkling and twinkling its way along its route. The interiors of the train cars are just as festive, featuring lights, bows, garlands and even some candy canes for the younger passengers.

In addition, the Allstate CTA Holiday Bus will travel through Evanston during the afternoon of Saturday, December 1 on the #97 Skokie route. The bus will depart the Howard Terminal at 12:40 p.m. Visit transitchicago.com/holidayfleet for a complete schedule, travel tips and more.

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.

New Holiday-themed Event on the Main-Dempster Mile

1st Annual Holiday Treat Walk December 13, 2018 5:00pm-8:00pm

On Thursday, December 13th from 5:00pm-8:00pm, more than 30 businesses on the Main-Dempster Mile will stay open late and offer traditional (or not so traditional) holiday treats for guests during the inaugural MDM Holiday Treat Walk!



Tickets are free and the event is open to the public, but reservations are requested to help with planning. The event is family and kid-friendly, and pets are welcome at many, but not all locations. Participating businesses include Stumble & Relish, Firehouse Grill, YoFresh Cafe, Belgian Chocolatier Piron, and Follow Your Nose.

Visit the businesses on the map to get a holiday treat while you browse a great selection of gifts and holiday offerings. Many businesses will conduct special promotions during the event. Ask for details when you stop in.

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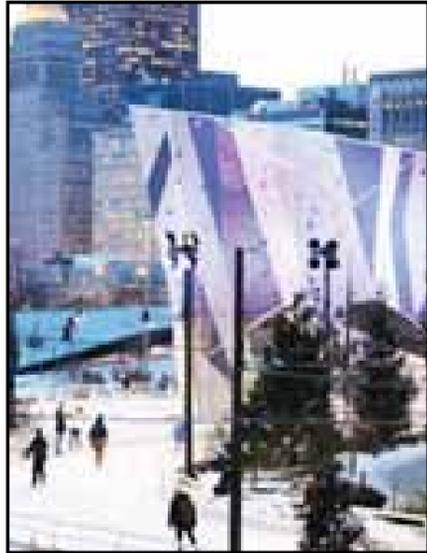
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Skokie Idol Begins January 12, 2019

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

We'd like to divert your mind from the holidays for a moment. The 5th Annual Skokie Idol competition is coming. Our annual winter event is open to everyone, regardless of what community you are from or how much experience you have. Contestants can come from everywhere. We've had students and retirees, business people and home makers, Since we're surrounded by lots of local talent, we're sure it's going to be an exciting contest.

Contestants will compete in one of three divisions based on age: Junior Division (Grades 4 - 7), Teen Division (Grades 8 - 12), and Adults (Everyone else). People bring in their very best songs and can be accompanied by a karaoke tracks on a CD, the piano at the theatre, another musical instrument they bring in, or they may even sing a Capella.

Auditions are held at the theatre on January 12, 2019. Contestants perform in front of our judges and the top contestants in each division will be selected to return for weekly sing-offs.

Weekly sing-offs will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 on Saturday afternoons starting January 26, and are open to the public. In fact, the public is crucial. Each week, the audience vote along with a smaller panel of judges and select the contestants in each category that are invited to return the next week. This continues until March 16 (with March 9th off for spring break). The last three contestants left in each division will move on to the finals.

Contestants can come from anywhere. We've had students and retirees, business people and home makers, professional singers and enthusiastic new comers. Audience votes determine who moves forward, so everyone has an equal chance. Since we're surrounded by lots of local talent, we're sure it's going to be an exciting contest.

Every week there is a different theme for the sing-offs. Last year, Saturday audiences were



2018 Jr. Division Winner Molly McDonagh

entertained themes such as 50's week, Elvis week, Broadway week, Country week and even the Billboard Top 100 from 1999. Many contestants have said that the most fun part of the contest is getting to sing songs in a style they don't normally pick for themselves.

The final round for the Junior Division will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 7:30 pm. The final round for the Teen and Adult divisions will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 pm. The finals will consist of 3 songs to be sung by each contestant with a special guest accompanist. The winner of the finals from each category will win the GRAND PRIZE, a solo program during the winner's concert on July 10 as part of Skokie's Wednesdays on the Green.

The contest will be held at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave in Downtown Skokie and it open to everyone, regardless of where they live or their experience. There is a \$25 registration fee. For complete contest rules and registration, please visit SkokieTheatre.org or call the Skokie Idol Hotline at 847-677-7761 ext. 4.





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Chicago Bar Association Bringing Christmas Comfort To Shelter Animals

This holiday season the Chicago Bar Association is working to make the lives of Chicago-area shelter animals a little brighter by sponsoring a drive to collect much-needed supplies to help feed and comfort animals confined to shelters.

The CBA's Animal Law Committee is asking members and the public to remember the plight of shelter animals by donating food, supplies and toys for the benefit of Chicago animal shelters and their furry friends.

Proceeds from the drive will go directly to Red Door Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter on Chicago's north side that is committed to promoting respect for animals in need through education, rescue, sheltering and adoption. The primary focus of Red Door Shelter is on cats, dogs and rabbits, the three most popular pets in the United States.

Tracy McGonigle, Chair of the Animal Law Committee, said donations being sought include unopened pet food and treats and supplies such as blankets, towels, toys, collars and leashes.

"There are so many shelter animals who won't be waking up in a loving home on Christmas morning. Any donation, big or small, will provide much needed support," said McGonigle.

Donations can be dropped off or messengered to the Chicago Bar Association at 321 S. Plymouth Court in Chicago.



CBA Animal Law Committee Chair Tracy McGonigle (left) and CBA President Steven Elrod are encouraging Christmas drive donations for the benefit of a Chicago no-kill animal shelter.

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Holiday Flower Shows At Garfield Park & Lincoln Park Conservatories Each Feature Over 500 Poinsettias In A Variety Of Colors

2018 Holiday Flower Shows "Tickled Pink" & "Holiday Memories" Run Through January 6

Both holiday shows open to the public Friday, November 23 and run through Sunday, January 6 from 9am -5 pm; and on Wednesdays from 9am to 8pm at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave.

Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

Garfield Park Conservatory's Holiday Flower "Tickled Pink" is a celebration of pink poinsettias. In addition to the traditional holiday evergreens, this year's show features non-traditional varieties of poinsettias in pink and blush. Pink lights and other pink plants cast a rosy glow for all holiday visitors. There are 12 different kinds of pink poinsettia plants that adorn the green house's Show Room. Guests are invited to come and search amongst the 600 pink holiday plants for the Luv U Pink, Freedom Pink, Polly's Pink and Venus Hot Pink poinsettias.

Lincoln Park Conservatory's Show House turns into a Winter Wonderland filled with more than 700 poinsettias, trees, sparkling lights, and model trains that traverse through the plantings. Bright red, green and white poinsettias create a majestic backdrop, while Radio Flyer Red Tricycle and wagons add to the whimsical and vintage-inspired holiday display. For this year's "Holiday Memories" showcase, exhibit curators dug out photos taken at the Conservatory in the 40s, 50s and 60s. These memories of holidays past are highlighted by a sky-high tree that is decorated with old-fashioned lights and Christmas ornaments of all colors, shapes and sizes. This winter, everyone is invited to come and make their own holiday memories at the Conservatory.

Admission to the 2018 holiday flower shows is free.

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Mayor Emanuel, The Chicago Park District And Ken Griffin Announce The Lakefront Chill 5K On Saturday, December 15

To Celebrate Completing, The Lakefront Trail Separation Project, The Free Fun Run Will Bring Together Chicago Residents From Neighborhoods Across The City Participants Will Receive Beanies And Mittens

Mayor Rahm Emanuel will join the Chicago Park District and Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Citadel Ken Griffin to announce the Lakefront Chill 5K, a fun run to celebrate the completion of the Lakefront Trail Separation project. The fun run kicks off at Museum Campus Drive and Waldron Drive on Saturday, December 15 at 8:00AM.

“Finishing the Lakefront Trail Separation is a major celebration for thousands of people who use the trail every day, and in true Chicago spirit, we’ll be marking this accomplishment with the Lakefront Chill 5K,” said Mayor Emanuel. “I invite you to join me and hundreds of our fellow Chicagoans as we cut the ribbon on our world-class trail by running through the tape together.”

The Lakefront Chill 5K will bring together hundreds of

runners, walkers and wheelchair pushers of every skill level. The 3.1 mile course runs from Museum Campus Drive, up the Lakefront Bike Path and back down the Lakefront Running Path and ending at the North Burnham Harbor Lot by Soldier Field.

Registration is FREE, and participants can sign up at <http://bit.ly/LakefrontChill5K>. Bib pickup is available onsite, and will include a timing tab. Participants will receive beanies and mittens, as well as water, snacks and hot chocolate.

Participants are encouraged to arrive at 7:00AM, and the race will begin at 8:00AM. Discounted parking is available in the Waldron Garage for \$10. The course is wheelchair, stroller and dog friendly. Cyclists are encouraged to strap on their sneakers for the run.

The Lakefront Chill 5K is a celebration of the completed separation of Chicago’s entire 18-mile Lakefront Trail, which runs from Ardmore Avenue on the north to 71st Street on the south. The trail is now separated into two distinct paths for cyclists and pedestrians to alleviate areas of congestion. Initial funding was provided by the Chicago Park District. Completion of the project was made possible by a generous donation from Ken Griffin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Citadel.

Chicago’s Lakefront Trail is one of the busiest in the United States. Used by cyclists, joggers and people enjoying the scenery, it is estimated that more than 100,000 people per day use the trail during summer weekends according to a recent study by the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA).

Mayor Emanuel Announces New Milestones On The 312 Riverrun

The Ice Rink At Mcfettridge Sports Center Opens As Work At California And Horner Parks Continues And Construction On The Irving Park Bridge Begins

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced new milestones at the 312 RiverRun, nearly two mile recreational hub connecting the Irving Park, North Center, Avondale and Albany Park neighborhoods to three parks with one path. Led by the Chicago Park District, the new studio ice rink and expansion of McFettridge Sports Center is now complete, and work is continuing to improve California Park and Horner Park. The Chicago Department of Transportation will also begin construction of the Irving Park Road Bridge. The 312 RiverRun projects are part of the Mayor’s Building on Burnham plan to invest in projects that create new recreational opportunities across Chicago.

“The 312 RiverRun project is yet another example the invaluable resources the Chicago River provides to our residents,” said Mayor Emanuel. “While not complete, it is already clear that the 312 RiverRun will create an unparalleled network of outdoor recreational opportunities

for residents while boosting neighborhood vibrancy and economic growth.”

The newly opened studio ice rink and expansions at McFettridge Sports Center is one of the first completed projects at the 312 RiverRun. The facility now houses a 200 feet by 85 feet ice sheet and the new 100 feet by 85 feet studio ice rink for competitive and recreational ice skating, hockey and tennis programs and special events.

Improvements to Horner Park and California Parks will also continue. Construction to extend the bike trail and renovate the baseball fields will start in 2019, following the recently completed addition of soccer mini-pitches and resurfaced four tennis courts at Horner Park. The Chicago Park District recently restored the riverbank at the Park in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which had previously faced erosion and was inaccessible to visitors. Construction at California Park will include resurfacing four tennis courts and two basketball courts.

Work will also begin on the Irving Park Road Bridge and Multi-Use Path, which will create a new pedestrian and bike path under Irving Park Road along the west bank of the North Branch. The new underbridge multi-use path will link California Park to Horner Park to the north. Work on the Irving Park Road Bridge will also replace the existing 104-year-old structure and widen the roadway. The new bridge and path are expected to be complete in summer 2020.

Construction is proceeding through the winter on another CDOT project, the Riverview Bridge, which will cross over the North Branch of the Chicago River and under the Addison Road Bridge. The bridge will provide a new connection for runners, bicyclists and pedestrians between the paths in Clark Park to the south and California Park to the north. Extending more than 1,000 feet in length and 16 feet wide, the new Riverview Bridge will be the longest pedestrian river bridge in the city. It will have an elevation of more than 18 feet where it crosses the river to accommodate recreational use by boaters. Its unobstructed access will also eliminate the need for residents to cross major streets, enhancing pedestrian safety.

Completion of the Riverview Bridge, expected in summer 2019, and the Irving Park Road Bridge project will establish the full 312 RiverRun, providing a continuous path from Belmont to Montrose.

Winter Break Camps In Local Parks Check Out The North Side Park Offering Camps

Are you a parent wondering what your kids will do for the holiday break? The Chicago Park District will offer Winter Break Camps at several parks across the north side. Children ages 6-12 will enjoy sports, games, arts and crafts, and fun! Prices vary and spaces are limited so pre-registration is encouraged online at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or in person at the park. Parents are asked to provide a daily lunch and snack.

Park Name	Address	Phone	Time/Dates	Fees
Amundsen Park	6200 W. Bloomingdale Ave.	312.746.5003	M, Wed-Fri, 10am-4pm Dec. 24-Jan. 4, 2019	\$18
Eugene Field Park	5100 N. Ridgeway Ave.	773.478.9744	Wed-Fri, 9:30am-4:30pm Jan. 2-Jan. 4, 2019	\$35
Galewood Park	5729 W. Bloomingdale Ave.	312.746.5089	Mon-Fri, 11am-4pm Dec. 21-Jan. 4, 2019	\$13
Kosciuszko Park	2732 N. Avers Ave.	312.742.7546	Wed-Fri, 10am-4pm Dec. 26-28, 2018	\$16
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Loyola Park	1230 W. Greenleaf Ave.	773.262.8605	Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm Dec. 26-Jan. 4, 2019	\$29
Margate Park	4921 N. Marine Dr.	312.742.7522	Wed-Fri, 9am-6pm Dec. 26-28, 2018	\$36
Margate Park	4921 N. Marine Dr.	312.742.7522	Wed-Fri, 9am-6pm Jan. 2-4, 2019	\$36
Mayfair Park	4550 W. Sunnyside Ave.	773.685.3361	Mon, Wed-Fri, 10am-2pm Dec. 24- Jan. 4, 2019	\$46
Schreiber Park	1552 W. Schreiber Ave.	773.262.6741	Tues-Thurs, 10am-1pm Dec. 18-Dec. 27, 2018	\$14
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The Adler Planetarium

See the Moon In a Whole New Light This Winter

The Moon has always inspired creativity, imagination, and exploration as a source of wonder for all of human history. This winter and coinciding with the 50th anniversary of NASA’s Apollo missions, the Adler Planetarium will celebrate our cosmic companion with programming, events, and a new sky show premiering in January. Come see the Moon in a whole new light, and make your own special connection to the Universe.

Infinite Possibilities installation: Featuring Moon by UK artist Luke Jerram, this installation located in our north and south stairwells shines a light on humanity’s fascination with the Moon throughout history, the exploration it inspires, and the mysteries it still holds. Opens December 8, 2018. Included in museum admission.

Full Moon Fest (in partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry):

Celebrate the last Full Moon of 2018 with a nighttime, all-ages festival curated to launch your curiosity more than 200,000 miles above Earth’s atmosphere. MSI’s Full Moon Fest blasts off after the Sun goes down—Join Adler astronomers in the Smart Park for telescope viewing (weather permitting), by the Apollo 8 spacecraft to hear stories from the mission, and to take on a space-related design challenge. December 22, 2018 at MSI; 5:00-9:00 pm

The Presence of the Moon Google Arts & Culture exhibition:

This online exhibition tells the story of the Moon through a selection of lunar depictions from the Adler’s collections. Coming December 19, 2018

For more information, visit: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/choose-the-moon/>

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Chicago Park District Neighborhood Ice Rinks To Open Friday, November 23

The Ice Rink At Mcfettridge Sports Center Opens As Work At California And Horner Parks Continues And Construction On The Irving Park Bridge Begins

The Chicago Park District announced today that the Chicago Blackhawks ice rinks at parks citywide will open for the season Friday, November 23, weather permitting. Skate rentals are available at all rinks. Patrons may also bring their own and enjoy amazing views of Chicago’s skyline and city parks while skating.

Child ice skater trainers and sled assisted skates are available to allow people of all abilities to skate together. These specialty sleds for both children and adults are designed with a foot guard, ABS bucket seat, foot rest and pusher handle.

Maggie Daley Park’s popular ribbon, which is twice the length of a normal ice rink, is open.

Chicago Blackhawk neighborhood ice rinks The Chicago Park District opened its five neighborhood Chicago Blackhawks outdoor ice rinks November 23, weather permitting. Open skate and family skate opportunities are available throughout the season at all of the rink locations. Come learn to skate or participate in popular programs like Stick & Puck, Pond Hockey and Rat Hockey. Participants start by learning the basics of balance, forward stride, starting and stopping, and backward skating. Admission is free to all five neighborhood ice rinks. Skating rental is \$7 for all ages.

The North Side Locations are:
Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave., 773-262-6314
Please be advised that Riis Park, 6100 W. Fullerton Ave. is not opening at this time. Check the Chicago Park District website for updates.

Chicago Blackhawks Hockey Clinics
The Chicago Blackhawks offer kids, ages 5 to 12 years old, the opportunity to participate in free learn-to-play ice hockey clinics. Use of skates and professional equipment will be provided at no cost to the participating skaters.

Participants will also receive a free Chicago Blackhawks jersey. Skating experience is not required, but participants should plan on arriving 20 to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson. Spots are limited; interested individuals should register online at <https://www.nhl.com/blackhawks/community/cpd-clinics>.

- Warren Park- December 8, January 16 & 23
- Riis Park- February 2
- Silver Skate Competitions

Competitive skaters are invited to participate in seven local speed skating competitions and a citywide championship. Silver Skates is open to children and adults. Distance to skate is determined by the age of each participant. Distances range from 100 meters to 10,000 meters. Participants must register on site an hour prior to the meet. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 20 participants from each age group and gender. Helmets and skates are available free of charge at all meets.

Park: McFettridge Sports Center
Date: Tue., January 15, 2019
Registration: 5 p.m.; races begin at 6 p.m.
Park: Riis Park
Date: Wed., January 16, 2019
Registration: 5 p.m.; races begin at 6 p.m.
Park: Warren Park
Date: Thurs., January 17, 2019
Registration: 5 p.m.; races begin at 6 p.m.
Citywide Championship
Park: McFettridge Sports Center
Date: Tue., January 19, 2019
Registration: 9 a.m.; races begin at 10 a.m.

For Zamboni hours, holiday hours, visit <https://maggiedaley.com/things-to-do-see/skating-ribbon>.

For more information about the Chicago Park District and its ice rinks please visit <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/ice-rinks>.

Roadside History of Illinois

This is the twenty-third 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



Pullman—A Planned Community

Pullman was one of the nation's first planned communities, built as a self-contained industrial village, or company town. Entrepreneurial visionary George M. Pullman, owner of the Pullman Palace Car Company, established Pullman as an ideal living environment for his employees and their families. But what started as an experiment in capitalist paternalism eventually drove the workers to revolt.

Pullman formed his luxury railcar manufacturing company in 1867. Because Chicago, the railroad center of the country, was the perfect place for his national headquarters, he acquired some 4,000 acres south of the city in 1879, setting aside six hundred acres for housing, stores, and recreational facilities for his employees. Construction of the town, designed with attractive Victorian architecture and verdant landscaping, began on May 25, 1880. The first residents, the Edwin A. Benson family, moved in on January 1, 1881.

The community of Pullman, designed by architect Solon S. Beman, featured such amenities as gas lighting, indoor plumbing, and a sewer system, was one of the most technically advanced towns in the country. It had its own market, restaurants, hospital, bank, church, library, theater, and more, including a three-acre manmade lake called Lake Vista. The Pullman Company provided its workers with decent wages and a pleasant, stable living environment—revolutionary for its time. By 1883 the town had 4,512 residents, and within two years, that number had nearly doubled. It hit its peak around 1892, when the population reached 14,702.

After a few years, however, employees began to balk at George Pullman's near-total control over their lives. The unrest escalated during the 1893 economic depression, when the company closed shops, laid off workers, and reduced wages while rent and utilities—automatically deducted from workers' paychecks—remained the same, creating severe hardships for families solely dependent on the boss.

Before long, national labor leader Eugene V. Debs stepped into the fray, organiz-

ing the Pullman employees and pressing for wage increases and rent reductions. When Pullman refused the demands, Debs called a strike, which began on May 10, 1894. A month later, in sympathy, American Railway Union members boycotted Pullman cars, creating transportation havoc and disrupting mail service.

In July, in an unprecedented move, President Grover Cleveland sent thousands of federal troops to Chicago to put down the strike. Violence erupted. A series of riots led to the death of at least 12 strikers, dozens of injuries, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage. By early August, the strike had broken down and workers returned to their posts with nothing to show for it. Debs was imprisoned for six months in the McHenry County Jail in Woodstock for violating a federal injunction against the strike.

George Pullman, embittered by his workers' ingratitude, died of a heart attack in 1897. His family, fearing his body would be stolen or desecrated, buried him under eight feet of concrete at Chicago's Graceland Cemetery. Shortly after Pullman's death, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that all of the Pullman Company's industrial property had to be sold to private interests.

The community got along for several more decades, but the Great Depression triggered a decline that continued into the 1960s, when historical preservationists stepped in to save the Pullman neighborhood from demolition. Pullman was designated an Illinois Landmark in 1969, a National Historic Landmark District in 1971, a City of Chicago Landmark in 1972, and a National Monument in 2015.

The posh, sixty-five room Hotel Florence, built in 1881 as the showpiece of Pullman's utopia, is now a public museum. Other highlights of the Pullman Historic District include the former Administration Building, with its striking Clock Tower (heavily damaged by a 1998 arson fire); the former Greenstone Church; and the elegant row houses that still line the neighborhood's quiet streets.

Copies of *Roadside History of Illinois* (Mountain Press, 2013) may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. More information about the author can be found by visiting his website www.stantexbanash.com

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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Chicago Park District Is Looking For Artists & Cultural Organizations To Participate In Night Out In The Parks

Online Submissions Will Be Accepted Through December 14, 2018

Calling all local arts performers and community organizations, the Chicago Park District is looking to partner with Chicago-based organizations and talented individual artists to be a part of the 7th edition of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Night Out in the Parks cultural and arts programming event series. Applicants should apply at www.nightoutintheparks.com.

“Night Out in the Parks has provided a platform for more than 120 arts and community organizations each year to showcase their work as part of this successful year-round, city-wide initiative,” said Chicago Park District Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly. “In 2019, we aim to continue to foster creativity and cultural celebration in Chicago's 77 community areas by hosting over 1,000 varied, free cultural events in our neighborhood parks.”

Projects have varied from traditional performances and concerts to community workshops, nature-based programs, interactive dance, festivals, and more. Still, there is always a place for new and creative concepts in Night Out in the Parks.

Night Out in the Parks seeks to continue to uncover partners that find creative ways to celebrate nature and the great outdoors, highlight the parks' historic and natural assets through site inspired pieces, and engage youth in the arts through their incredible programming and community engagement.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) are designating 2019 as the “Year of Theater.” The Night Out in the Parks initiative will support the campaign by seeking out performance opportunities for youth citywide. DCASE is a proud partner and a primary funder of this year-round, city-wide initiative.

To be eligible to participate in the free, city-wide event series, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Chicago-based organization or artist (residency within the city of Chicago);
- Organizations must have \$1 million general liability insurance naming the Chicago Park District an additional insured for all events.
- Have the ability to travel to and from a scheduled park with all equipment, performers and staff.
- Be able to confirm a performance schedule by mid-March, if selected.

Non-profit status is not a requirement for interested participants. Eligible neighborhood arts organizations and artists can apply at www.nightoutintheparks.com. All proposals are due by midnight, Friday, December 14, 2018.



Young At Heart Christmas Dinner Dance

Friday, December 14, 2018 6pm - 10pm
at the American Legion, 9757 W. Pacific, Franklin Park, IL
Four course plated dinner, wine served during dinner with local high school choir singing during dinner. Band is Variety Pak.
Members \$35, Guests \$40 - Cash Bar
Large dance floor and plenty of free parking.
Reservations only. For more information please call 773-203-2053.

Winter Farmers Market in Jefferson Park

December 23, 2018, January 27, 2019, April 7, 2019, May 5, 2019. Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Produce, Canned Goods, Meats, Crafts & More! Brunch available - Cash Bar. Also see www.JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com

Masterpiece Book Club Event

Queen Victoria: The Legendary Life of a Glorious Monarch
Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Roden Branch, 6083 N. Northwest Hwy

In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., chronicles the life of Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and sovereign of an empire on which the sun never set. Using a wealth of photographs and images, we'll explore Victoria's rise to the throne at age 18, her marriage to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, and her astonishing reign for 64 years. Meet the woman behind the official images, who could be formidable and majestic, but also emotional, passionate and deeply sentimental. Why, more than 100 years after her death, does Victoria's influence endure today?

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It's a Wonderful Life: The Making of a Holiday Classic

Wednesday, December 12th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W Devon Ave

Rediscover Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* like you've never seen it before with an illustrated lecture by historian Leslie Goddard. Did you know Cary Grant was supposed to star in the film? That the famous gym-floor-turned-swimming-pool was real? That the movie bombed at the box office? Leslie will explore the story of the movie's creation, how the cast was chosen, and the technical challenges that were overcome. You'll find out what happened to the cast and enjoy rare photographs taken behind the scenes. Sponsored by the Edgebrook Community Association. Registration is required. Please call (312) 744-8313 to register.

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Holiday Toy Drive Supports Children Of Niles Township Food Pantry's Clientele

Niles Township Government has launched its annual holiday toy drive to bring some joy to the children whose families rely on the support of the Niles Township Food Pantry, which provides food and personal hygiene items to more than 1,800 families living in Niles Township every month.

Township officials wish to thank all of the area businesses, organizations, villages, and libraries which have offered support through having a toy drive donation box at their location now through mid-December.

In addition to the Niles Township Government offices at 5255 Lincoln Ave. in Skokie, residents can visit the following locations to make a donation:

Skokie

- Culver's, 9455 N. Skokie Blvd.
- Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St.
- Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St.
- Niles West High School (Athletic Dept.), 5701 Oakton St.
- Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St.
- Orange Theory Fitness, 5230 Touhy Ave.



The Niles West High School Athletic Department, which has been feverishly collecting toys on behalf of the Niles Township Food Pantry.

- Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.
- Skatium Ice Arena, 9340 Weber Park Pl.
- Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Pl.

Lincolnwood

- Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt

Red Lobster, 3301 West Touhy
Morton Grove— Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

Niles— Niles-Maine District Library, 6960 Oakton St.
 "Right now there are children and young adults in our community who are going to bed and going to school hungry," said Food Pantry Director Tony Araque. "We rely on the generosity of our Niles Township residents to help make a difference in the lives of their neighbors."

For more information on the Niles Township Food Pantry along with volunteer opportunities and how you can make a monetary donation, visit www.nilestownshipgov.com or call (847) 673-9300.

Holiday Food Drive

Drop-off at the New Hope Community Food Pantry any Monday between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

To make additional special arrangements for drop-off of food, please contact Rev. Marilyn K. Doering, at director@newhopechicago.org



We Celebrate The Ethnic Diversity Of Chicago's Heritage Village Cooking Corner

Pecan Tassies

This recipe is from my sister-in-law, Elisabeth. The "tassies" look like miniature pies and they taste simply heavenly! Here's the recipe:

For the dough you need one 8 oz. pkg of cream cheese, two sticks of butter and two cups of flour. Mix the ingredients as you would for a pie crust. Divide the dough into four equal parts. Roll out on a floured board to about 1/8" thickness and cut out 2" or 2-1/2" diameter rounds.

Filling: 1-1/2 cups brown sugar, 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans or walnuts, 2 tsp. vanilla, 2 eggs, 2 tbsp. melted butter and a

dash of salt.

Ease the circles of dough into a cup, using a couple of small-size cupcake pans, which you have sprayed with no-stick spray. Spoon one teaspoon of the filling into each cup. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Carefully remove the tassies from the pan and place on a cookie rack to cool completely before storing. Yummy, yummy for the tummy!

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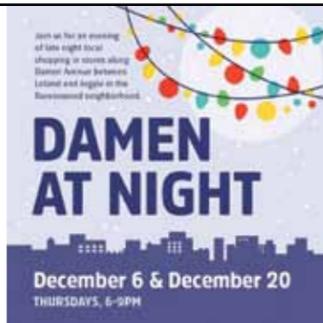
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