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ROMAN LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 26TH  
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Our Lenten Recipe Ideas Begin On Page 11  
And Will Continue Throughout The Lenten Season



SPRING FORWARD  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
Begins March 8th, 2:00 a.m.

Did You Remember To Check Batteries And  
Carbon Monoxide Detectors? It Can Save Your Life!

SPRING BEGINS ON MARCH 19TH

## Casimir Pulaski Day — Monday, March 2nd

Casimir Pulaski Day is a holiday observed in Illinois on the first Monday of every March in memory of Casimir Pulaski (March 6, 1745 – October 11, 1779), a Revolutionary War cavalry officer born in Poland as Kazimierz Pułaski. He is praised for his contributions to the U.S. military in the American Revolution and known as “the father of the American cavalry”.

The day is celebrated mainly in areas that have large Polish populations, such as Chicago and Bloomington. The focus of official commemorations of Casimir Pulaski Day in Chicago is at the Polish Museum of America where various city and state officials congregate to pay tribute to Chicago’s Polish Community.

This is a separate holiday from the federal observance, General Pulaski Memorial Day, which commemorates Pulaski’s death from wounds suffered at the Siege of Savannah on October 9, 1779.

Illinois enacted a law on September 13, 1977, to celebrate the birthday of Casimir Pulaski and held the first official Pulaski Day celebrations in 1978. The bill was introduced by State Senator Norbert A. Kosinski, a Democrat from Chicago, and signed by Thomas Hynes, President of the Senate, on June 26, 1977. Cook County government offices, the Chicago Public Library, Springfield Public Schools, and state-wide public and private schools are closed on this holiday.

Wisconsin public schools also observe Casimir Pulaski Day. Banks in Illinois may close for the holiday.

Section 118.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that, “...when school is held or, if the day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, on a school day immediately preceding or following the respective day, the day shall be appropriately observed....” The use of “shall” denotes this as a mandatory requirement. Each public school in Wisconsin must observe Casimir Pulaski Day on March 4. How the day is observed — “appropriately” — allows for some discretion among the schools.

Buffalo, New York also acknowledges a “Pulaski Day,” which is held in the middle of July, and is celebrated with an annual parade.

On November 6, 2009, President Barack Obama signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives making Pulaski an honorary American citizen, 230 years after his death. He is one of eight people to be granted honorary United States citizenship.

Grand Rapids, Michigan hosts a “Pulaski Days” celebration annually on the first full weekend of October in recognition of General Pulaski and the Polish culture in general.



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Ongoing Hanging From  
The Street Poles Along  
Wabash Ave. Between  
Washington And  
Randolph Streets



DCASE, in partnership with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) artscape program, installed 45 Flying Creatures on street poles along Wabash Avenue between Washington and Randolph Streets. Many more Flying Creatures sculptures will eventually be installed up and down Wabash Avenue.

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NORTHWESTSIDE  
IRISH PARADE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15

www.northwestsideirish.org

The 17th annual Northwest Irish Parade is a celebration of faith, family, & heritage on the Northwest side of Chicago in Norwood Park.

(Turn to Page 5 for Full Details)



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There's Still Time For Sponsors And Participants To Sign Up

## Year of Chicago Music ~ 2020, Citywide



Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events have designated 2020 as the “Year of Chicago Music.” The citywide, year-long initiative includes the launch of a marketing campaign for Chicago music, financial grants for music projects, an industry dialog around inclusion and equity, and a call for civic, philanthropic, arts, and business leaders to support the music industry.

DCASE recently announced the 2020 dates of its marquee festivals, events and exhibitions. The year will highlight the upcoming “Year of Chicago Music,” Chicago’s Music Legacy and thousands of public programs in downtown Chicago and across the city’s neighborhoods. To see the 2020 schedule, visit cityofchicago.org/dcse.



Lions and  
Tigers and...  
Coyotes?  
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Larry Lamsa



Happy Anniversary to the Northwest Side Irish  
on 17 Years of Parade Celebrations

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## February 28: Opening in the Scharpenberg Gallery

Friday, February 28 • 6 PM – 9 PM  
 “Living Memory: German Americans In Their Own Words”

Come hear more than 20 oral history interviews that the DANK Haus recently conducted among Chicago’s German-speaking community, as well as remarks from the German-American Heritage Institute. (Opening Reception is Friday, February 28 – and the exhibit runs through April 17, 2020.) Free event. Light refreshments will be served.



DANK Haus German American Cultural Center  
 4740 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625



## 2020 CityArts Program Grant Applications are Open



DCASE is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2020 CityArts Program, offering grants to nonprofit arts and culture organizations of all sizes. This year’s program will include opportunities to apply for general operating grants across all artistic disciplines, as well as project grants in alignment with the City of Chicago’s Year of Chicago Music. Project grants will support initiatives that have the potential to impact the Chicago music sector at large. Complete eligibility criteria and applications are available at [chicagoculturalgrants.org](http://chicagoculturalgrants.org). Complete applications must be received by Friday, February, 28, at 5pm CST.



## Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society

### Join us March 8 for our Annual Member Meeting

#### Featured Speaker: Larry Shure on Ultra-Local Geography

Longtime RPWRHS member Larry Shure is a preservationist who brings a unique perspective to the topic on his blog, Ultra-Local Geography. Larry’s drawings, maps and observations shine a light on often-overlooked buildings and communities, including our own. As the featured speaker at our Annual Member Meeting, Larry will share favorite stories and illustrations of familiar and not-so-familiar Rogers Park and West Ridge locations.

Along with Larry’s talk, we’ll report on what we’ve done in the past year, share what we’re planning for 2020 and hold our annual Board of Directors election. The meeting and talk are open to all, but only current RPWRHS members may vote in the election. Light refreshments will be served.

Where: Northtown Library, 6800 North Western Avenue

When: Sunday, March 8, 2 to 4 p.m.

Cost: Free and open to all. Only members may vote in the election. Your registration helps us plan, but is not required.

Visit our website for more info and to register: [www.rpwrhs.org](http://www.rpwrhs.org)

## North Shore Art League 2020 Summer Art Camp Registration Is Now Open!

### MORNING ART DISCOVERY CAMP (AM)

Ages 5-7 years old

Time: 9:00-11:30am

Campers will produce fun projects that will uncover their creativity and imagination. Using a wide variety of materials, projects will include painting, ink prints, fabric media, drawing, clay, watercolor, sculpture and much, much more.

Teacher: Lillian Johnston



### AFTERNOON ART ADVENTURE CAMP (PM)

Ages 8-11 years old

Time: 1:00-3:30pm

Campers will work with a variety of media and processes including painting, drawing, printing, clay and more. Create independent original artwork in a fun supportive group environment.

Teacher: Jude Bamshad

Week 1: 6/22 - 6/25 Week 2: 6/29 - 7/2 (4 day session)

Week 3: 7/6 - 7/10 Week 4: 7/13 - 7/17

Week 5: 7/20 - 7/24 Week 6: 7/27 - 7/31

Week 7: 8/3 - 8/7 Week 8: 8/10 - 8/14

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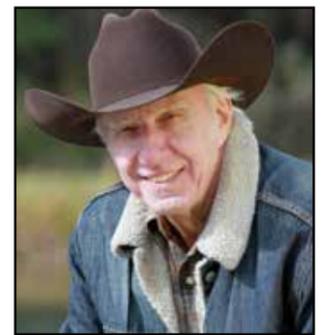
Cost: \$205/week (week 4: \$175), space is limited, so sign up soon!



North Shore Art League 620 Lincoln Ave. Winnetka, IL 60093 | 847-446-2870 | [info@northshoreartleague.org](mailto:info@northshoreartleague.org) | [www.northshoreartleague.org](http://www.northshoreartleague.org)

## Roadside History of Illinois

This is the thirty-fifth 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



### Historic Des Plaines, Illinois

Often, history and short road trips are in our own backyards and can offer a day of enjoyment and discovery without great expense. One of those places in the near northwest part of the Des Plaines River Valley is the Chicago suburb of Des Plaines. Before the arrival of settlers in the early 1830s, it was once the hunting and camping grounds of Potawatomi, Ottawa and Chippewa tribes. The Treaty of Chicago in 1833 ended most Indian presence and assured settlers of relative safety as they settled near the river. Many early immigrants were of German descent.

In 1852, a sawmill was built here to provide lumber for construction of the Illinois & Wisconsin Railway, which arrived in 1854. Three years later, after the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railroad bought out the Illinois & Wisconsin, the community of Rand, named after early settler Socrates Rand, was platted. In 1859, the railroad, now called the Chicago & North Western Railway, changed the station’s name to Des Plaines, after the nearby river. A decade later, the vicinity of the train station, including Rand, incorporated as the village of Des Plaines.

In 1867, a group of Chicago Methodist ministers purchased 25 acres of land from Socrates Rand and established the Des Plaines Methodist Camp Ground as an outdoor Christian meeting place, later adding indoor-assembly buildings and, eventually, more than a hundred cottages. The facility, which has remained in continuous operation since its founding, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Frequent early visitors to the Camp Ground were American evangelists Dwight L. Moody and Billy Sunday, and temperance reformer Frances Willard.

Des Plaines grew steadily, and in 1925 was incorporated as a city. In 1934, during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps built a work camp near the river. The CCC occupied the camp until World War II, when it became a prisoner-of-war camp named Camp Pine. It housed about 200 prisoners who were sent to work on nearby farms. After the war, Boy Scout

and Girl Scout troops used the camp’s buildings.

Des Plaines saw major growth in the 1950s with the opening of O’Hare International Airport to commercial flights in 1955 and the construction of two interstate highways a few years later.

The 1950s also brought to Des Plaines what would become an integral part of American popular culture—the first McDonald’s franchise restaurant. On April 15, 1955, future McDonald’s CEO Ray Kroc, a native of Oak Park, opened the first restaurant established under the McDonald’s Systems franchise company. Sales on the first day totaled less than \$400, but Kroc would eventually become a billionaire.

Although the original building was torn down in 1984, the company later created a replica restaurant using the McDonald brothers’ original blueprints. The McDonald’s First Store Museum featured original equipment and mannequins dressed in 1955 uniforms. The inside was open to the public until 2008; afterward, the museum grounds, where visitors looked into the windows, were open seasonally. Frequent flooding of the nearby Des Plaines River damaged the replica structure, and it was demolished in December 2017.

More recently, the Des Plaines Theatre, built in 1925 and in disrepair and vacant for nearly the past 10 years was purchased by the city in 2017. A pledge of more than \$2 million from the nearby Rivers Casino and other funds enabled the city to gut the Art Deco designed building, bring it up to modern building code requirements and redesign the interior. The renovation of the building in addition to the city’s plans to offer cultural events, live stage shows and other entertainment is expected to help revitalize downtown Des Plaines. Plans are underway to open the theatre this year.

Exhibits from the city’s colorful past are displayed at the Des Plaines History Center, located in a former savings and loan building, and at the restored 1907 Kinder House next door.

Copies of *Roadside History of Illinois* (Mountain Press, 2013) may be obtained at [Amazon.com](http://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](mailto:stantexbanash@aol.com) or visit his website [www.stantexbanash.com](http://www.stantexbanash.com)

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# Assessor Fritz Kaegi Celebrates Signing Of Automatic Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Bill By Governor Pritzker

**HB 961 provides for the automatic annual renewal of the senior citizen exemption**

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi joined Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and Illinois House Assistant Majority Leader Fred Crespo today as the Governor signed Illinois House Bill 961 into law.

The bill, championed by Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and sponsored by Rep. Crespo and Sen. Laura Ellman, amends the Illinois Property Tax Code so that a person who has been granted a Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption in Cook County will not need to reapply for the exemption every year, as was required.

Seniors who received the exemption last year do not have to re-apply. Seniors

not currently receiving the exemption, and homeowners turning 65, must apply for the senior exemption in 2020 and their exemption will then automatically renew each year. The Assessor's Office is sending out notices to those who already receive the renewal and others who may be eligible for it.

To allow for the automatic renewal of the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption and prevent fraud in its application, the Cook County Assessor's Office is required to conduct an audit on every Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption at least once every three years.



Governor J.B. Pritzker signs HB 961 into law at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, IL as Assessor Fritz Kaegi, Representative Fred Crespo, and other legislators observe.

## Pappas And Other Cook County, Chicago And Federal Elected Officials Urge Residents To Return The 2020 Census Questionnaire

More than 1.6 million people in Cook County live in areas that are the hardest for the U.S. Census Bureau to count in the nation, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today at a news conference where she was joined by other Chicago-area elected officials who urged residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

"If you want to count, you've got to be counted," Pappas said.

Most of these areas, called census tracts, are located on the South and West Sides of Chicago and south and west suburbs, Pappas said. A map is available here.

Joining Pappas at the news conference were: U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (8th); Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; Kim Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney; Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; and Marilyn Sanders, Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau.

Cook County Commissioners Stanley Moore (4th), Chairman, Complete Count Census Committee; John Daley (11th), Chairman of the Finance Committee; and Kevin Morrison (15th) also participated.

Aldermen Ariel Reboyras (30th), Chairman, Chicago City Council Special Legislative Committee on the Census; Howard Brookins Jr. (21st); Alderman Walter Burnett Jr. (27th); Felix Cardona Jr. (31st); and Byron Sigcho Lopez (25th) spoke.

Pappas and federal, Cook County and Chicago elected officials urge residents to return the 2020 Census questionnaire

Leaders of the Polish community who spoke were: Jan Kopec, President, Alliance of Polish Clubs and Honorary Cook County Deputy Treasurer; and Michael Niedzinski, President, Illinois Division, Polish American Congress.

The elected officials gathered around a dedicated computer workstation on the front counter of the Treasurer's Office where residents ran register for the 2020 Census starting in mid-March. It is the first such location in Cook County government. Brochures about the 2020 Census in Spanish, Polish and English are also available.

The hardest-to-count census tracts are designated by the Census Bureau. They are the areas where the fewest households mailed back the 2010 Census questionnaire.

## First installment tax bills due March 3

## Pappas: Total debts of local governments in Cook County soar to more than \$157 billion

The total debts and liabilities of all local governments in Cook County have shot up from \$131.6 billion in December, 2016, to \$157.1 billion in January, 2020, Treasurer Maria Pappas said today. The property tax bill due March 3, 2020, shows property owners how that touches their pocketbooks.

"The tax bills give each homeowner a snapshot of the financial challenges facing each of their local governments," Pappas said. "Many times, it is not a pretty picture."

Anywhere from five to 13 taxing districts — local governments and school districts — levy taxes on a given property, Pappas explained. On the front of every bill is a section called "Taxing District Debt and Financial Data," which provides detailed information for each taxing district, including:

- Money owed by your taxing districts
  - Pension and health care amounts promised by your taxing districts
  - Amount of pension and health care shortage
  - Percentage of pension and health care costs taxing districts can pay
- Pappas' Debt Study, with more detailed information, is available at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com). The First Installment for Tax Year 2019 is due March 3, 2020. The First Installment is always 55 percent of the prior year's total taxes. About 1.7 million property tax bills have been mailed to owners of homes, businesses and land, Pappas said. Property owners can download a copy of the new bill by going to [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com).

## Pappas: Tax relief program helps senior citizens struggling to pay Cook County property taxes

A program administered by the Cook County Treasurer's Office assists senior citizens who are hard-pressed to pay their property taxes, Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Seniors whose annual household income is \$55,000 or less can apply to the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program for loans to cover property tax payments.

"With drug prices and utilities rising faster than Social Security payments, too many of our elderly are forced to make difficult choices when property taxes are due," Pappas said. "This program is one way to ease their worries."

The State of Illinois issues the loans, which do not have to be repaid until the property is sold or the homeowner dies. An interest rate of 6 percent per year is charged by the state. The maximum loan is \$5,000 per year. To qualify, homeowners must be at least 65 years old by June 1 of the year in which the application is made.

To apply:

- Download the application from [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com)
- Submit the completed application and copies of the required documents to the Treasurer's Office
- The deadline is March 1, 2020. Applications after that date cannot be accepted
- The First Installment for Tax Year 2019 is due March 3, 2020
- Homeowners must reapply every year

## Commissioner Larry Suffredin Moves District Office To 2510 Green Bay Rd. In Evanston

Commissioner Larry Suffredin has moved his district office operation to 2510 Green Bay Rd. in Evanston. The former location, 820 Davis St., which Commissioner Suffredin was in for 17 years, is no longer his office.

"We look forward to providing the same excellent service at our new location," said Suffredin.

The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Fridays by appointment only.

Free, but limited, parking is available directly in front of the 2510 Green Bay Rd. building. Free parking is also available on Lincoln St. and Harrison St. after 9 a.m.

Commissioner Suffredin's office can still be reached at 312-603-6383, 847-864-1209, or [larry.suffredin@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:larry.suffredin@cookcountyil.gov).

The office is also accessible by public transportation:

- Directly across the street from the Central St. Metra station
- Less than one mile from the Central St. "El" station
- Along the routes of the 201 and 206 CTA buses and 213 PACE bus

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## Lions and Tigers and...Coyotes? Oh my!

Over the past few weeks, there have been several reports of coyote sightings in Evanston. Coyotes' natural habitat is the woods, but as humans occupy more land, coyotes are adapting to living in cities to find food. Here are a few tips for what to do if you see a coyote and how to help keep them off your property:

Coyotes are more afraid of humans than we are of them. If you see a coyote, make noise, wave your arms, or make yourself look big.

Don't leave small pets unattended outside, especially at night.

Keep your yard clean and remove any food or trash that might attract animals.

To report animal inquiries and concerns, please contact the Animal Warden at 847-448-4311.

## Chicago Park District Launches New e-Commerce Store

Now park lovers can show off their love for their favorite Chicago park with fresh designs and expanded merchandise from the Chicago Park Store.

From merchandise t-shirts to sweatshirts to travel mugs and weekend bags, there is a wide selection of products that will feature vintage images of iconic park locations like Soldier Field and Buckingham Fountain. Park store shoppers will also find an expanded collection of unique items like blankets, baby onesies, shower curtains, skateboards, notebooks, beach towels and more.

Take a bit of the parks home on a throw pillow or gift a skateboard with the name of your neighborhood park and the 'i ♡ chicago parks' slogan for the Chicago Parks fan in your life or for yourself.

With every purchase, the customer is supporting the Chicago Park District. A portion of every sale supports the Chicago Park District and signature programs like Summer Day Camp, Night Out in the Parks, We Move Chicago and more.

Check out [www.chicagoparkstore.com](http://www.chicagoparkstore.com) and start your holiday shopping now!

## Senior Citizen Exemption Deadline Extended Submit applications by mail or online

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi extended the deadline for the Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze Exemptions until Friday, February 28, 2020 so eligible seniors may take advantage of these important property tax saving exemptions. As a reminder, all exemptions appear as deductions on second-installment tax bills.

"Our office has made a tremendous effort to make the exemption application process easier, especially for seniors. It's why we worked with legislators to make the Senior Exemption automatically renew each year so seniors no longer have to come to our office," Kaegi said.

The Homeowner and Senior Homeowner Exemption renew automatically while property owners must reapply for the Senior Freeze Exemption every year as the qualification is based off annual household gross income of \$65,000 or less.

Many seniors were also mailed either a booklet or postcard from the Assessor's Office this year, notifying them of their status. Property owners can mail in their applications or apply for the exemption online.

Please see brief description and qualifications for the Senior and Senior Freeze Exemptions below.

Senior Exemption

Provides property tax savings and most homeowners who are 65 years and older qualify. Seniors receiving the Senior Exemption qualify for the Homeowner Exemption and do not have to apply for it separately.

Automatic Renewal: Yes, a new law allows for automatic renewal for seniors who received the exemption last year. Newly qualified seniors must file initial applications in 2020.

Apply Online: [cookcountyassessor.com/senior-citizen-exemption](http://cookcountyassessor.com/senior-citizen-exemption)

Senior Freeze Exemption

This exemption provides property tax savings for seniors and eligibility is based on an income qualification of \$65,000 or less annually. It is important to note that this exemption does not freeze the amount of a property tax bill. The property tax savings may fluctuate due to the state multiplier and tax rate based on the taxing district in which the property is located.

Automatic Renewal: No, you must apply annually.

Apply Online: [cookcountyassessor.com/senior-freeze-exemption](http://cookcountyassessor.com/senior-freeze-exemption)

Seniors who did not receive applications in the mail but believe they are entitled to an exemption(s), are encouraged to visit [www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions). They may also call (312) 443-7550 and request a form be mailed to them.

"I hope that the deadline extension will give seniors the time they need to get their exemption applications completed and returned to our office," Assessor Kaegi said. "We want to ensure that seniors in Cook County receive all the property tax saving exemptions to which they are eligible."

# Mayor Lightfoot Joins Federal, State And City Officials To Call For Federal Declaration Of Emergency For Chicago's Lakefront

**Chicago issues local emergency proclamation and calls for State and calls for State and Federal action to address damages in excess of \$25 million from January storm and ongoing challenges facing Chicago's lakefront**

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot today joined Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, US Senator Richard Durbin along with city officials and department heads to request emergency declarations from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This City is asking the federal government to act quickly and provide resources and funding to protect and rebuild the City's lakeshore. Earlier this week, the City and State both issued proclamations to declare a local disaster as the result of significant flooding and major damage to the City of Chicago's shoreline, infrastructure and recreational areas due to severe weather on January 10-11, 2020.

The Mayor is taking these actions today as the City has worked extensively for the past several months to monitor lakeshore conditions and address erosion and damage caused by near record-high lake levels. However, additional work and resources are still needed to address the scope of these unique challenges and damage that totals in excess of \$25 million for Chicago alone. Cook County has identified an additional \$12M in costs for a total of \$37M for Cook County, which includes Chicago's damage assessment.

"Chicagoans were once asked in a poll what they loved most about the city—Lake Michigan won by a large margin," U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin said. "The recent extreme weather combined with rising water levels has caused shoreline erosion and infrastructure damage to our treasured lakefront. We need to recognize the challenge climate change poses to the Great Lakes and Chicago's lakefront and meet that challenge with investments that address climate change through both mitigation and resiliency. I look forward to working with Mayor Lightfoot to help protect our lakeshore."

The City of Chicago is currently working to remedy damage from the January storm, which unleashed heavy rain, snow, ice, and localized flooding, followed by strong winds and widespread lakeshore flooding. Gusting winds in excess of 50 mph brought large, battering waves up to 23 feet high onto shoreline areas. The flooding from this storm resulted in full and partial road and trail closures near the lakefront and substantial damage to Chicago's beaches and recreational areas along the shoreline.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Lake Michigan water levels will remain high over the next several months. Over the past several months, the City has worked extensively to mitigate damage, prevent erosion and protect infrastructure along Chicago's North and South shorelines. The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), OEMC, the Chicago Park District and other City departments have been coordinating closely with the US Army Corps of Engineers on these efforts.

Beginning in November of 2019, the City of Chicago launched the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project to deploy emergency resources to the North and South shorelines. Since that time, CDOT has installed more than 10,000 cubic yards of rip rap over the last two months at Juneway, Howard and Rogers beaches on the far North Side to halt further damage and erosion caused by the recent storms. CDOT and the Park District are also coordinating with the Army Corps on a project to install rip rap from 48th to 50th streets starting in March.

In addition, the City has installed more than 5,000 feet of jersey barriers and 1,000 feet of sandbags at sensitive locations on the North and South shorelines to protect roadways from flooding during storms.

The Department of Water Management has also been supporting these efforts by ensuring catch-basins are kept clear along the lakefront. This plus the concrete barriers and sandbags are intended to stop the waves from flooding local streets, arterials such as Sheridan Road and Lake Shore Drive and South Shore Drive.

In order to help the City better understand the full scope of shoreline vulnerability, CDOT and the Park District have been working to gather data on the damage caused by recent storms and potential future impacts on private property. While the City's request for federal assistance will allow the City to conduct a thorough assessment of the recent damages, the City is also working with local, state and federal partners to examine ways to develop long term solutions for the imminent erosion and climate impacts to Chicago's lakefront terrain and infrastructure.

# Mayor Lightfoot Joins Chicago Department Of Aviation And Chicago Police Department Cut Ribbon On New Police Facility At O'hare International Airport

**New facility increases airport safety, marks progress on transformative O'Hare 21 project**

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) cut the ribbon on a new facility for CPD personnel assigned to O'Hare International Airport. Built by BOWA Construction, a local and minority-owned firm, this project is part of O'Hare 21, the historic plan by the City of Chicago and its airline partners to transform O'Hare for the 21st century, and maintain its status as the country's most-connected airport. More than 200 construction and support jobs were created during the course of the project.

"The new Chicago Police Department facility at O'Hare International Airport is not only the latest milestone for the O'Hare 21 project, but it demonstrates our continuing commitment to expand procurement opportunities for businesses owned by people of color, women and individuals with disabilities," said Mayor Lightfoot. "BOWA Construction—a City-certified Minority Business Enterprise—led the coordination of several sub-contractors to transform a former warehouse into a state-of-the-art CPD facility, which will improve airport safety as O'Hare continues to grow."

"The safety and security of the traveling public is our highest priority, and we have no better

partner in that effort than the Chicago Police Department," said CDA Commissioner Jamie L. Rhee. "This new facility will allow CPD to better serve the hundreds of thousands of passengers who use our airports every day, and to operate in a modern facility that allows them to better coordinate with other airport law enforcement agencies."

Over the next decade, the \$8.5 billion O'Hare 21 expansion program will totally transform the airport by delivering 25 percent more gate capacity, a more streamlined passenger experience, and enable O'Hare's future growth to better connect travelers to Chicago and Chicago to the world. The largest expansion in O'Hare history, the project includes a \$1.2 billion expansion of Terminal 5, which makes way for construction of the new and fully modern O'Hare Global Terminal and O'Hare Global Concourse. Over the course of the project, it is estimated that more than 60,000 construction and support jobs will be created. The expansion will be paid for by airport revenues, not taxpayer dollars.

## Citizen Police Academy Returns this April

The Lincolnwood Police Department is excited to announce the return of the Citizen Police Academy. The Citizen Police Academy is a free nine-week program for those interested in learning about standard police officer training, the typical experience of an officer, and expectations for officers when responding to incidents. The Academy will offer a hands-on experience and practical insight into the everyday operations and specialized services provided by the Department. Topics participants will learn more about each week include investigations, domestic violence, crime scene processing, crime prevention, and much more.

Lieutenant Travis Raypole stated, "This is a great experience for the Academy members and all of the Officers involved. Everyone comes away with a better understanding of how policing is performed and how it is perceived in the public. This is mutually beneficial to all involved."

The Academy will begin April 1, 2020, running for eight weeks on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Police/Fire Training Room at the Fire Department 6900 N Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. The final class will culminate in a Citizen Police Academy graduation where participants will be able to invite their family to celebrate their achievement.

Interested participants must be at least 18 years of age and work or live within the Village of Lincolnwood. Class size is limited to 25 students, so interested participants are encouraged to register early. For more information on this program, please e-mail Lieutenant Raypole at [traypole@lwd.org](mailto:traypole@lwd.org).



### Jill Doherty Memorial Scholarship

The Edison Park Community Council is proud to present the 2020 Jill Doherty Memorial Scholarship to an Edison Park student and resident who will be attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2020.

For scholarship information and application visit our website at: <https://www.edisonparkcc.com/jill-doherty-memorial-scholarship>.



## ROGERS PARK PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL SEMINARS

Learn how to appeal your property assessment through the Cook County Assessor.

<p>Wednesday, March 4</p> <p>Rogers Park Library 6907 N Clark St. Chicago 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, March 19</p> <p>Devon Bank 6445 N. Western Ave. Chicago 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, March 6</p> <p>Rogers Park Library 6907 N Clark St. Chicago 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Appointment only** Call 847-864-1209 or visit <a href="http://CommissionerSuffredin.timetap.com">CommissionerSuffredin.timetap.com</a> to reserve a spot</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 11</p> <p>Northtown Library 6800 N Western Ave. Chicago 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Appointment only** Call 847-864-1209 or visit <a href="http://CommissionerSuffredin.timetap.com">CommissionerSuffredin.timetap.com</a> to reserve a spot</p>

Residents can file appeals from Monday, February 24 - Friday, April 3.

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Questions? Contact 847-864-1209 or [mjordan@suffredin.org](mailto:mjordan@suffredin.org)



### Chicago Northside AARP Community Group

([northsideaarpcommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:northsideaarpcommunitygroup@gmail.com))

Invites you to join us at our monthly meeting at Lake View Presbyterian Church-12:30 pm  
CORNER OF: ADDISON & BROADWAY STREETS  
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**We always meet the first Tuesday, 12:30 pm**

This is the only AARP group on the North Side - there are no other groups meeting on the north side. This group is for everyone. Please forward, copy, post, announce for this next meeting.  
Next in our informational meetings to prepare us for the March Primaries  
**Next Meeting - March 3rd**

## TUES, MARCH 10 — Vaping & Teen Drug Use

At Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 West Talcott Ave.,  
Chicago. All parents and community members are welcome to attend the Resurrection Parents Club Speaker & Social on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 in the school library. The evening will begin with a time for parents to socialize and will feature a guest speaker at 7 pm. Lori Kehoe, a clinical mental health counselor and the Community Relations Coordinator for Rosecrance, will give a presentation on the topic Vaping & Teen Drug Use. Rosecrance is recognized as a leading addiction and mental health treatment provider for teens, adults, children and families.

Time: 6:30 pm • Cost: free



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](http://www.reshs.org).

# NORTHWEST SIDE IRISH PARADE

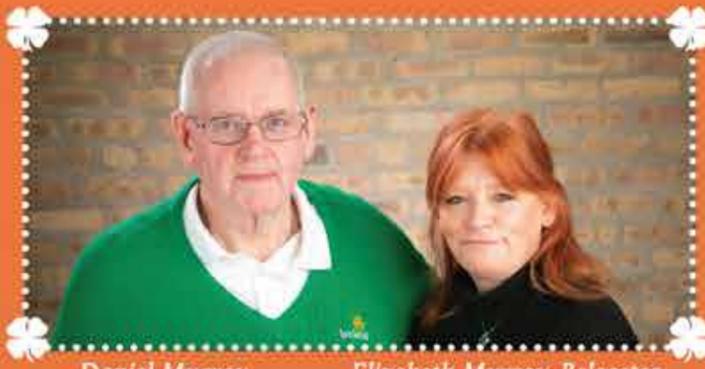


## SUNDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2020

### 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTHWEST SIDE IRISH PARADE SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, the North West Side Irish (NWSI) celebrates their 17th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration! The Parade is a celebration of faith, family, and heritage on the Northwest side of Chicago.

The NWSI Parade kick's off at 12:00pm from Onahan School 6634 W. Raven, south on Neola to Northwest Highway, north on Northwest Highway to Harlem. The NWSI review stand is at the corner of Northwest Highway and Raven.



**Daniel Murray**  
NWSI President and Founder

**Elizabeth Murray-Belcaster**  
NWSI Parade Organizer and Founder

The sole purpose of Northwest Side Irish is to promote our Irish Heritage, through organizing and managing the parade. NWSI takes great pride in raising awareness and funds for extended community efforts and charity organizations. We have raised funds and awareness for many charitable communities over the past 8 years. Misericordia, Muscular Dystrophy, Chicagoland Food Depository and Dixon Center for Veterans and Military Community Services are just a few. Veterans and Military Families have always had a special place with the parade as our founder Daniel Murray is an Army Veteran and co-Founder Elizabeth Murray Belcaster has been working with veterans and military families for the past ten years. For more information go to [www.northwestsideirish.org](http://www.northwestsideirish.org)

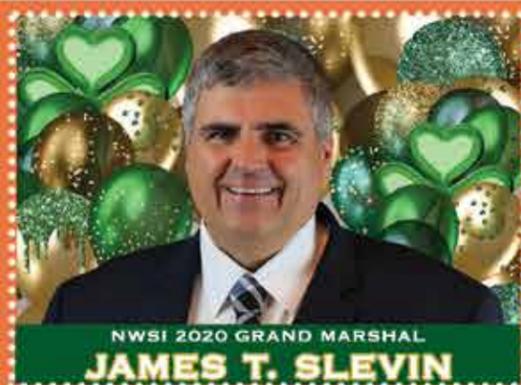
Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers  
(Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
For golden happy hours  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too.  
And a host of family and friends that never ends  
Each day your whole life through!

*Stáinte, Daniel Murray & Elizabeth Murray-Belcaster*



CONGRATULATIONS NWSI 2020 QUEEN  
**SHANNON KING**

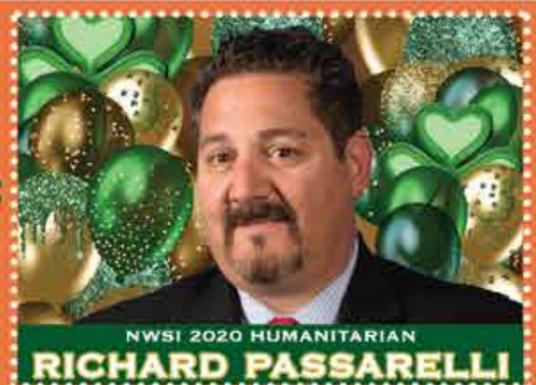
Shannon is a native North West Chicago resident. She is a graduate from St. Thecla School where she played basketball and softball as well as participated in cross country. She attended Christian Liberty High School where she continued cross country and played basketball for one year before joining the cheer team. For the past few years, Shannon has been back at St. Thecla School as a Teacher's Assistant on Pre-K. At Oakton Community College, Shannon completed general studies. Shannon enjoys outdoor activities such as snowmobiling, boating, and hiking with family and friends. She also enjoys traveling locally and abroad. Shannon is looking forward to going back to Ireland this July to visit both her Dad's family in Westport and her Mom's family in Castledermot. Shannon enjoyed her last trip to Ireland seeing the majestic landscapes and having a whole lot of craic with family!



NWSI 2020 GRAND MARSHAL  
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Many thanks to our Sponsors who make the NWSI Parade Possible:



#### PARADE LINE-UP

Starts at Onahan Elementary School: 6634 W. Raven St., Chicago ■ Parade Line-Up - 10am/Kick Off - 12pm

#### Official Northwest Side After Party - 1pm Start Time

**TICKETS**  
Admission: \$15.00 per person  
Drink Wristband (optional): \$5.00  
21 years & older only (includes beer & wine)  
Kids (10 and younger): \$10  
Kids (3 and younger): FREE  
with Admission ticket

The cost for adults includes corned beef and cabbage dinner, Hooter's Wings, beer and wine (wristband holders only), soda and Eli's Cheesecake for dessert. Children will be provided hot dog, chips, beverage, and a raffle ticket.

Live entertainment including the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, DJ, raffles and many Irish Dance groups. NWSI afterparty also provides face painting and balloon artists for the children.

[northwestsideirish.org](http://northwestsideirish.org)

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**Knights in Action- IC Usher Brigade**

*Pictured from left-to-right: Michael Podraza, William Oakley, Chet Moylan, Fr. Matt, Deacon Nick, Dennis White, Sam Furlan, and Steve Baggio. Afterwards, the Knights shared their fellowship over dinner to savor the experience.*

The Knights were on-hand to usher Fr. Matt's 6pm Sunday Mass on January 26th. It's amazing to see how happily devoted the Knights are to serving IC.

The Knights will be on hand Sunday 2/23 to usher and answer questions about becoming a Knight at the 6pm Mass. In the meantime, for more information about becoming a Knight, contact Mel Koenigs at 847-966-2293...Deacon Mike

**Former Norwood Crossing PR Director Honored For Organizing Veterans Day Program**

Stan "Tex" Banash (right) was presented with a plaque that recognized his establishment in 2004 of a Veterans Day program at Norwood Crossing, a non-profit long-term care retirement community. Making the presentation was 9th District American Legion Commander Dale Tippett. Banash, a member of American Legion Edison Park Post 541, and former public relations director at Norwood Crossing, coordinated and directed the program for 15 years until his retirement on December 31, 2018. During that time, the program included recognition of resident veterans, speakers and patriotic music. He insisted it was always a program "by veterans, about veterans and for veterans," which was his criteria for participating in it. Dale Tippett, Norwood Crossing Chaplain, continues the annual Veterans Day program that honors resident veterans along with those in the surrounding community.

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## Skate Millennium Park

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DJ Nights: February 6 & 20, 6-8pm • Millennium Park

Take a spin on the ice this winter at this Chicago tradition. For those looking for some extra guidance, check out the free lessons happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings and other select dates. And join us for DJ nights on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. More info at [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org).

Grant support for Winter Workouts ice skating lessons is provided by McDonald's Active Lifestyles Endowment, managed by the Millennium Park Foundation.

## Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Free to Illinois residents every Tuesday  
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## In Celebration of its 90th Anniversary, the Adler Planetarium Unveils New Brand



The universe may be 14 billion years old, but the Adler's look is brand new—for the first time in its 90 year history, the Adler Planetarium has unveiled a new brand. More than just a logo, the new Adler identity acts as a beacon of hope for anyone who ever thought science was inaccessible. It is a symbol that reminds us all to look up and explore the universe together because it takes EVERYONE to do science—only together, with our collective knowledge and skills, can we truly create a better world for everyone.

When Michelle Larson took the helm as CEO in 2013, she took this vision to heart and made it her mission to supercharge the experience and the enthusiasm the entire staff has for inspiring curiosity and connections to the sky. "We are an incubator for inclusive science. We spark curiosity because as humans, we all have a seat at the table."

Rooted in a solid foundation of more than eighteen months of work to define a strategic framework including a new mission, vision, brand promise, values, and personality, followed by another twelve months of visual positioning work that included stakeholder interviews, mood boards, workshops and presentations, the new Adler Planetarium brand brings to life an identity designed to challenge conventional expectations with unexpected moments of creativity and surprise.

Developed and designed by branding partners Pause for Thought and The Change Project, the Adler Planetarium's new brand boasts yellow as the primary color, leverages bold and welcoming fonts, features rich imagery, and community-created background illustrations. The move towards yellow was choiceful—it's bright, cheerful, and optimistic—like the Sun! To ensure this primary yellow color could be received equally and consistently across various channels by all current and future guests, the Adler conducted additional research using ADA guidelines and creative best practices to mitigate vision challenges associated with color blindness.

Through this collective work, the Adler Planetarium is poised for the next 90 years and beyond to advance its mission as we explore the universe together, and as our founder Max Adler once said, "find new interests and fresh inspiration so that science may be advanced."

Adler Planetarium • 1300 South Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605  
312.542.2424 • [adlerplanetarium.org](http://adlerplanetarium.org)

## Polish National Alliance "Song & Dance Concert – 2020"

More than 15 Polish-American Song and Dance Ensembles from the greater Chicago area will perform on stage at the Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 22nd.

Polish National Alliance proudly supports dozens of Polish Song and Dance Ensembles and Choral Groups. It is one of many ways in which PNA fulfills its mission to support and promote Polish culture in the USA.

The annual Concert is a perfect opportunity to meet up-close with rich Polish folklore and culture. Professionally choreographed dances, in stunning, colorful, hand-crafted costumes resembling diversity of various regions of Poland.

Tickets are available for purchase through the dance groups participating in the concert. \$23 – adults. \$13 children and seniors 65+. Space is limited, please get your tickets early. All seats require a ticket.

For more information about the Song and Dance Ensembles Concert 2020, please contact Mary Srodon at: 773-286-0500, Ext. 312 or [mary.srodon@pna-znp.org](mailto:mary.srodon@pna-znp.org)

# TEEN OPPORTUNITY FAIRS 2020

An opportunity for Chicago Teens, ages 13 to 19, to learn about programs and get information in the following fields:

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Advanced registration is encouraged at  
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SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

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## Chicago Conservatories OPEN Spring Flower Shows

Open to ALL visitors daily. Free admission.

The Garfield Park Conservatory brings the sunrise indoors for this year's Spring Flower Show. The show entitled 'Golden Hour' will celebrate the golden light of dawn and dusk with colorful displays of azalea, hydrangea, and calibrachoa. \*The exhibit is open until 8 pm today.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory's Spring Flower Show 'Renaissance,' features plants and flowers arranged in a way to replicate the still life paintings produced during the Renaissance period.

Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave.

Daily Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesdays: 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

The Garfield Park Conservatory's exhibit 'Golden Hour' will celebrate the golden light of dawn and dusk with colorful displays of azalea, hydrangea, and calibrachoa. Special features include immense hanging baskets overflowing with spring flowers, and two rope-art displays depicting the vibrant rays of the sun. On Valentine's Day, the exhibit's opening day, the local restaurant Inspiration Kitchens will offer a pre-fixe dinner through 8 p.m. For details, visit <https://www.yelp.com/reservations/inspiration-kitchens-chicago>

Visitors are encouraged to tag @gpconservatory on Instagram and use #goldenhourgpc and #SeeAtGPC. The showcase will be on display through Mother's Day, May 10, 2020. Admission to the Conservatory is free.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory is also showcasing a wide variety of spring blooms under the Victorian glass roof of this historic greenhouse until Sunday, May 10, 2020. Lincoln Park Conservatory's Spring Flower Show 'Renaissance,' will feature a spring array of plants such as tulips, dragon lilies, Persian buttercups, roses, and peonies in a rich tapestry of colors such as lavender, chocolate, pink, and scarlet. The show will also feature a soundtrack of period music.

The Spring Flower Show opened on Valentine's Day, February 14th and runs through Mother's Day, May 10th, 2020. The show is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is also free.

*The Chicago Park District is the 2014 Gold Medal Award winner, recognized for excellence in park and recreation management across the nation. For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 8,800 acres of parkland, more than 600 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 12 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 nature areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312/742.PLAY.*

## Grant Park Music Festival Announces A Season Celebrating One Of The Great Cultural Capitals Of The World: Chicago June 10—August 15 In Millennium Park

In 2020, the Festival takes a leading role in the Year of Chicago Music by shining a spotlight on the city's extraordinary legacy of local and international arts. Reflecting the city's dynamism, the Festival mixes Chicago inspirations with classical mainstays, presenting two genre-bending world premieres: Billy Childs' Violin Concerto No. 2, performed by Chicago violin virtuoso Rachel Barton Pine, and a new work by Chicago composer Mischa Zupko.

Other season highlights include Mozart's Jupiter Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty, Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique and Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, along with other programming in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth.

The 2020 Festival offers fun for the whole family with the annual Independence Day Salute, a Broadway extravaganza, the silver screen classic "Singin' in the Rain" with live orchestral accompaniment; and Prokofiev's beloved children's masterpiece Peter and the Wolf.

The Grant Park Music Festival today announced a season reflecting the breathtaking diversity of one of America's great cities. In this Year of Chicago Music, as proclaimed by the Honorable Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the Festival asserts its place at the heart of the city, offering the best of urban cultural life. Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar will lead the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus in a ten-week season taking place from June 10—August 15 at Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion and other venues throughout the city. Christopher Bell returns as Festival Chorus Director.

All concerts are free and most will take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (Note: there will be no concert on Friday, July 3.) A complete schedule follows and can be found at [gpmf.org](http://gpmf.org).

The Grant Park Music Festival is presented by the Grant Park Orchestral Association with key support from the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

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## The Merion and Evanston Symphony Orchestra Host Free Program with Violin Virtuoso Irina Muresanu

The Merion, in conjunction with the Evanston Symphony Orchestra, will host Musical Insights, a free lecture program open to the public, on Friday, March 13, 2020 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of The Merion, 1611 Chicago Avenue, Evanston.

Violinist Irina Muresanu, marking her fifth appearance with the ESO, will join Lawrence Eckerling, Music Director of the ESO, to discuss and analyze the Second Violin Concerto of Serge Prokofiev, which they will perform at the ESO concert on Sunday, March 13 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston. Maestro Eckerling and ESO General Manager David Ellis will preview the remainder of the program: Four Dances from Khachaturian's Gayane ballet and the Symphony No 4 of Tchaikovsky. This is the third of four subscription concerts in the ESO's "Great Composers" season.

The Merion has received the Evanston Arts Council's Leadership Award and is the sponsor of this popular lecture/recital series. These programs discuss the upcoming concert on the Friday afternoon prior to each ESO subscription concert. Maestro Eckerling and ESO General Manager David Ellis use recordings, DVDs, and the piano to demonstrate musical ideas and themes.

The program lasts about an hour and concludes with a question-and-answer session and free refreshments.



## Violinist Irina Muresanu Highlights Third Concert in Evanston Symphony Orchestra's Great Composers Season

The third concert of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra's 74th season—themed Great Composers—will feature the fifth ESO appearance of internationally acclaimed violinist Irina Muresanu, associate professor at the University of Maryland. She will perform the Second Violin Concerto by Serge Prokofiev in a program performed at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston conducted by Music Director Lawrence Eckerling on Sunday March 15, 2019 at 2:30 PM.

The remainder of this Russian/Armenian concert will feature Four Dances, including the famous "Sabre Dance", from the Gayane ballet of Aram Khachaturian and the spectacular Fourth Symphony of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Single tickets at \$5-32 are available on-line at [www.evanstonsymphony.org](http://www.evanstonsymphony.org) or by calling 847.864.8804. Free tickets for children aged 12 and under are only available by calling 847.864.8804.

Founded in 1945, the Evanston Symphony is the 2017 Illinois Council of Orchestra's "Orchestra of the Year". The ESO mission is to provide community members of all ages with convenient, affordable opportunities to perform and hear fine classical music from locally, nationally and internationally renowned artists.

**Resurrection College Prep High School**  
**Arts & Crafts Fair**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
 7500 W. Talcott, Chicago, IL 60631  
**All Are Welcome!**  
 Adult Admission - \$5; Seniors/Students - \$2; Children under 10 - Free  
**Get ready for Easter, Mother's Day, and spring gardening!**  
 Shop at over 100 crafters displays and vendors for hand crafted gifts, seasonal items, housewares, jewelry, tasty treats and more! Enjoy lunch in the cafeteria, browse and enjoy the day at Resurrection.  
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## Adoption Event

An adult continuing education class offers an in-depth look at "The Adoption Process from A to Z". Offered through the Clarendon Hills Public Library, one session will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 1:30 pm – 3:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Hills Public Library, 7 North Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. This program is free and open to the public.

This program is free and open to the public:

To register, call 630-323-8188 or view: <https://tinyurl.com/adoptionaz>

Registration by March 12, 2020 is requested.

## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor  
Our Village  
P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Editor:

Your article in the November 1, 2019 (Our Village) titled "Clarke House Museum" is incorrect. While the Clarke House Museum is operated by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events as the article notes, it is not "Chicago's oldest house." The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House on Chicago's far northwest side in Norwood Park is the city's oldest house and has been recognized as such by the City of Chicago since 1988. The Widow Clarke House was built in 1836 and moved several times since erected at its original location, and the Noble-Seymour-House (south wing and original home still on original foundation) was built in 1833. If my math is correct, 1833 is older than 1836, and the Department of Cultural Affairs should know that. Shame on them for misrepresenting Chicago history.

Sincerely,  
Stan "Tex" Banash  
5940 N. Neva Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631  
630-346-5533, [stantexbanash@aol.com](mailto:stantexbanash@aol.com)

## 2020 Book Discussion Titles

Date (Tues. & Fri.)	Title	Author
3/24 & 3/27	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Honeyman
4/28 & 4/24	The Overstory	Powers
5/26 & 5/29	Little Fires Everywhere	Ng
6/23 & 6/26	The Great Believers	Makkai
7/28 & 7/31	The Lake on Fire	Brown
8/25 & 8/28	Hillbilly Elegy	Vance
9/22 & 9/25	The Feather Thief	Johnson
10/27 & 10/30	OBOC	TBA
11/24 & 11/20	There, There	Orange

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to discuss recent or popular titles. A second group meets on the last Friday of the month at 10 a.m.. Copies of the current book will be available at the circulation desk one month before the discussion. Some meetings are held at other locations.

For more information, call 312-744-1478 or go online at [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org).

## 2019-20 Great Books Discussion Group

Every other Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

### Theme: Education/Bildungsroman

Date	Title	Author
2/27	Martin Eden	London
3/12	A Room of One's Own	Woolf
3/26	The Glass Bead Game (Magister Ludi)	Hesse
4/9	Democracy and Education	Dewey
4/23	Down and Out in Paris and London	Orwell
5/14	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Smith
5/28	The Headmaster	McPhee
6/11	Invisible Man	Ellis
6/25	The Future of Education	Egan

Please call 312-744-1478 for more information.

## Masterpiece Book Club

All Creatures Great and Small — James Herriot

Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m.

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## Social Security 10 Top Sites for 2019

By Josephine Mueller, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

We provide our online services to improve our service to you. Here are our top 10 websites of 2019:

1. Open your own personal my Social Security account, which will enable you to verify your earnings, get future benefit estimates, obtain benefit verification letters, update your Social Security information if you receive benefits, and more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). We've recently added some new features to make doing business with us easier than ever.
2. Need answers to your Social Security related questions? Our Frequently Asked Questions page is the authoritative source at [www.socialsecurity.gov/faq](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/faq).
3. Our hub for Social Security news and updates is our blog: Social Security Matters at [blog.socialsecurity.gov](http://blog.socialsecurity.gov). You can use social media to easily share these informative articles with friends and family.
4. Knowing how much money you may get in the future can help you plan your finances. Get instant, personalized estimates of your future Social Security benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).
5. In many states and the District of Columbia, you can request a replacement Social Security Card online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/replacement-card](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/replacement-card).
6. You can complete and submit our online application for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes at [www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/retirement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/retirement).
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## Chicago Students to Celebrate "LEAPs" Made through Personalized Learning Ahead of Leap Day 2020

Belmont-Cragin Elementary to host all-school assembly celebration featuring students reading of letters to their future selves, a time capsule dedication, and the Jesse White Tumblers!

**WHAT**—Convened by LEAP Innovations, a leap day event that's the culmination of a citywide campaign celebrating the exemplary growth, achievement, leadership and agency fostered in Chicago schools through personalized learning.

During the celebration at Belmont-Cragin, select students will read letters to their future selves about "leaps" they want to make by leap year 2024 to better themselves, their school, and their community. At the event, letters will be placed in a time capsule to be opened on leap day 2024.

More than 140 schools in Chicago have worked with LEAP to organize around the principle of personalized learning, which tailors the education experience to every student by creating rigorous learning experiences that leverage each student's individual needs, strengths and interests. Students work individually, in small groups, 1:1 with teachers, etc.—and at their own pace.

Leadership and agency (exemplified through the "letter to your future self" campaign) are core to the process.

### VISUALS

- Selected students will read their "letters to

their future selves"

- Students will place letters in a time capsule to revisit in four years

- In the spirit of "leaps," the Jesse White Tumblers will perform

**WHEN**—Friday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE**—Belmont-Cragin Elementary School Multipurpose Room (enter on Latrobe), 5252 W Palmer St, Chicago, IL

\*Street parking is available alongside Lockwood Ave, Latrobe and Palmer Streets.

**WHO**—400 students, parents and community members Stacy Stewart, Belmont-Cragin Elementary principal, and other CPS leaders Phyllis Lockett, LEAP Innovations Founder and CEO

**ABOUT LEAP**—LEAP Innovations is a national 501c3 organization headquartered in Chicago that connects innovation and education to transform how students learn. LEAP works directly with educators and innovators to discover, pilot and scale innovative personalized learning practices and technologies. In less than five years, LEAP has worked directly with more than 140 schools across Chicago to implement personalized learning. LEAP's work is anchored by the LEAP Learning Framework, a suite of resources that educators across the country are using to define, design, and implement personalized learning models. Visit [leapinnovations.org](http://leapinnovations.org) for more information.

## Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The J.P.N.A. will hold its next monthly general meeting on Wed., Feb. 26th, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

The main speaker will be a representative from the United State Census Bureau who will explain the importance of the census and applications for jobs that pay more than \$26.00 dollars an hour.

The meeting will be at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments. For more information call (773) 282-3879.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT COURSE AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Christianity and Discipleship in our Postmodern World

Winter/Spring 2020 Adult Spirituality Course

Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30 pm ~ February 18 and March 3, 17 & 31, 2020 ~ Course Fee \$50

All community members are welcome to participate in an Adult Spirituality course entitled *Christianity and Discipleship in our Postmodern World*. Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: February 18 and March 3, 17 & 31, 2020.

Participants will explore the world in which Jesus was born, lived and died and what it means to follow Jesus in our postmodern, multicultural society. Jesus' own world was very complex, with a blend of Greek ideas combined with Eastern philosophy known as Hellenism. The Empire and political system was Roman. Jesus grew up as a Jew in an occupied country controlled by the Roman government. How did this impact Jesus' life and teaching? How did this world help shape the Gospels? How do we live as a disciple of Jesus in the complexities of our world today?

These questions and issues will be explored and discussed in the Winter/Spring Adult Spirituality Course at Resurrection College Prep. The books for the course include the following: *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr and *Jesus: A Very Brief History* by Helen Bond.

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo, Chamber Orchestra director, and former Religious Studies teacher, who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University. The cost is \$50 and online registration is available at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by contacting Kathleen Heneghan at 773.775.6616 Ext 125 or [kheneghan@reshs.org](mailto:kheneghan@reshs.org).



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# Mayor Lightfoot Launches Open Application For Advisory Councils

## Expanded advisory councils to help improve representation of diverse populations in city policymaking

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR) today launched an open call for applications to fill vacancies in several community advisory councils, including the newly-formed LGBTQ+ advisory council, announced last month. The advisory councils will serve to support the Mayor's Office in engaging target populations and advising policy solutions to meet the needs of its community. Beginning today and running through mid-February, the Mayor's Office invites residents to apply to serve on the following community advisory councils:

- The Equity Advisory Council
- The LGBTQ+ Advisory Council
- The Women's Advisory Council
- The Veteran's Advisory Council
- The New American's Advisory Council

"City government must be a catalyst for uplifting the lives of every resident, but it cannot deliver on this basic compact if Chicagoans feel unheard or neglected," said Mayor Lightfoot. "By creating advisory councils comprised of residents with different perspectives and experiences, the City is ending business as usual and giving individuals a direct line to the Mayor's Office as well as City department and agencies."

Members of advisory councils will evaluate current municipal policies and programs, connect with residents and subject matter experts to assess structural improvements, act as a sounding board to consider new initiatives, and attend community events and meetings as a representative of the advisory council.

All advisory council members must live in the City of Chicago throughout the duration of the term and agree

to undergo a background check. Applications will be evaluated based on: (1) connection to targeted populations, both personal and professional; (2) evidence of engagement in local community, civic leadership, or volunteerism; (3) a personal commitment to equity and inclusion; and, (4) a demonstrated ability to engage the broader community of local networks, community members, and stakeholders. If selected, each advisory council member serves up to a three-year term and attends, at minimum, meetings each quarter.

Applications will be accepted up until February 22, 2020. Interested applicants should contact [communityengagement@cityofchicago.org](mailto:communityengagement@cityofchicago.org) with any questions. To apply to serve on one of the five advisory councils, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8X23NPD>.

## C.A.R.E. Pours On Third Annual 'Beer Tasting & Trivia'

Suds will flow and brains will be busted in order to benefit the kits and pups of Community Animal Rescue Effort Adoption Center in Skokie. This third annual Beer Tasting & Trivia Fundraiser, which sold out its first two years, will take place Sunday, March 29, 2020, from 3 pm to 7 pm, at Ten Ninety Brewing Co., 1025 Waukegan Rd., Glenview.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The ticket price includes:

- Pizza, snacks & desserts
- All-you-can-taste Ten Ninety brews from 3 pm to 6 pm
- Two-hour Trivia Game hosted by Pub Trivia USA from 4 pm to 6 pm. The game will be general-knowledge format.

- Trivia Prizes
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle

Attendees can bid on some remarkable Silent Auction items, including Ten Ninety Brewer Tour & Tasting for Eight; Lake Geneva Canopy Tours zipline adventure for two + photo package; and a Tito's Vodka Gift Basket. Items have also been donated by Glenview Jewelers, Glenview; Hackneys, Glenview; and Jameson's Charhouse, Skokie. More are yet to come.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Options include \$75 for individuals and \$400 for a six-person Team Table. Individual players who want to be seat with specific players should include their Team name and/or Team Captain's name when signing up. Otherwise individuals will be seated with fellow animal-loving trivia players. Team Table tickets are discounted, which allows players to form their own team with five other players. All attendees must be 21 or older. No tickets will be sold at the door.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

C.A.R.E.'s Beer Tasting & Trivia sponsors include Ten Ninety Brewing Co., Pub Trivia USA and Glenview State Bank.

Funds raised by the fundraiser will help pay for the care of the cats and dogs being rescued and rehomed by C.A.R.E. volunteers.



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People Since 1987

## Lincolnwood Approves Final Planned Unit Development For Iconic District 1860 Site

The Village of Lincolnwood Mayor and Board of Trustees approved the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the majority of the District 1860 Site at the November 19, 2019 Village Board meeting. The last remaining piece in the final approval process



is the hotel, which will be located on Lincoln Avenue, north of the proposed Village Green. It is anticipated that the hotel will be submitted for final approval in the next two months, after building design details have been approved by the hotel brand. For the past 18 months the Village has been working with Tucker Development, developer for the former Purple Hotel Site, located at the northeast intersection of Lincoln and Touhy Avenues. The PUD clears the way for the construction of the new development in early 2020. The District 1860 site envisions a new multi-use facility that includes commercial space, service areas, retail, restaurants, residential units, and a hotel.

In regards to this development, Mayor Bass said, "This is the culmination of 18 months of hard work by elected officials, Commissioners, the Developer Rich Tucker, and staff to achieve this historic and monumental feat." Mayor Bass continued, "During this almost two year process, I've had the pleasure of working directly with Rich Tucker to guide this project from inception to completion. I want to thank those elected officials, committees and staff who helped make this project possible and look forward to seeing this hard work come to fruition starting in early 2020."

It is anticipated that construction of the entire development will take approximately 18 months to complete. As tenants are announced for the project, that information will be shared with the public, at the permission of the Developer.

The status of the development will be provided through the Village's various social media platforms and website. For up to date information, please visit the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

## City Releases Evaluation Of 2019 Scooter Pilot And Recommends Second Pilot In 2020

### Over 800,000 rides taken in four-month scooter pilot in 2019, City looks to further test the mobility options in a second pilot later in 2020

Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) today released the results of the City's first-ever electric scooter pilot program which revealed more than 800,000 rides taken during a four-month period last year. The new report, conducted by the City in partnership with the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), aimed to evaluate the impact of emerging scooter technologies on communities, existing transportation systems and, most importantly, with regard to the safety of residents and riders.

Based on the results of this evaluation, the City will recommend a second pilot in 2020 to build on last year's successes, implement lessons learned and test new solutions with a goal of identifying ways to expand access to safe, reliable and equitable mobility options for Chicago residents.

"Access to safe, accessible and reliable transportation is one of the City's top priorities because it expands equity and strengthens our residents' quality of life. While the e-scooter program holds promise, it warrants additional review to determine how we hold vendors accountable, keep Chicagoans safe and improve citywide mobility," said Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. "While the initial pilot revealed mixed results, my team will continue to bring community members and all stakeholders to the table to identify improved guidelines and gauge if the scooter program is a viable long-term solution."

Focused specifically on neighborhoods on the city's northwest and west sides, last year's e-Scooter Pilot Program launched from June 15, 2019 to Oct. 15, 2019. Ten companies were issued Emerging Business Permits through BACP to operate 250 e-scooters each, and during the timeframe, over 800,000 e-scooter trips were reported by the participating companies. The service area enabled the City to evaluate the impact of e-scooters in a diverse demographic

and geographical area with variations in access to transit and other forms of mobility.

"The 2019 scooter program is an example of how a thoughtfully designed and carefully managed pilot can be used to effectively evaluate a new and innovative industry," said BACP Commissioner Rosa Escareno. "We learned a great deal from this pilot, including that there is significant demand for scooters as a transportation option. We look forward to a second pilot in 2020 that focuses on equity, parking solutions and safety."

While the initial evaluation found that e-scooter technology provides transportation benefits, the pilot also demonstrated a number of different challenges associated with the program that need to be more closely studied, including sidewalk clutter, equity and company compliance. As such, the City is recommending a second pilot to address these challenges and further test the benefits of this project in other community landscapes. This second pilot is necessary to determine proper regulations for this emerging and evolving business activity that balance the mobility goals of the City with the need for safe and responsible regulations.

"The City is committed to providing equitable, accessible, affordable, sustainable and safe transportation options for all of its residents, while specifically looking to provide better options to those with limited transportation access," said CDOT Commissioner Gia Biagi. "The Chicago Department of Transportation looks forward to continuing to study e-scooters in 2020 while implementing new tactics from information gathered following the 2019 pilot."

The Mayor's Office, the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection are committed to engaging all stakeholders in the development of future e-scooter policies and programs. To read the full evaluation, please visit [www.chicago.gov/scooters](http://www.chicago.gov/scooters).

## Chicago Park District 2020 Budget Proposal Expands Programming, Invests In Neighborhoods and Children

Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly today released recommendations for the Chicago Park District's 2020 budget which include the expansion of existing programming, launch of new programmatic opportunities, and making unprecedented investments in Chicago neighborhoods.

Highlights of the proposal include:

- Increasing after-school programming including CPS non-attendance days.
- Creating summer work experience opportunities for teens, ages 13 to 15 through the Sports and Recreation Leadership Apprentice Program
- Establish community sailing program at Monroe Harbor to expand awareness on water safety and recreation.
- Completion of the state-of-the-art, Gately Park Track and Field facility located in the Pullman and Roseland communities and capital improvements under the South Lakefront Framework Plan.

"This year has been one of accomplishments and challenges. In celebration of the District's 85th anniversary, we continued to lay the groundwork for programs, policies and capital investments that will carry Chicago's parks into the future. The 2020 proposed budget is the next step to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all residents, particularly our children. I am extremely proud of our accomplishments over the past year, including record program enrollments, the construction of unprecedented facilities on Chicago's south and west sides and new agreements with our labor partners. I believe through hard work, thoughtful planning and building strong partnerships, we are able to overcome any challenges we may face and deliver meaningful resources and services to our parks, our neighborhoods and most importantly, the children and families of this city," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent Michael Kelly. "

The Chicago Park District will hold the line on day camp

and other program fees while continuing to provide high-quality, engaging opportunities for children and teens. Families in need can still access more than \$3 million in financial assistance in addition to built-in discounts realized through our tiered pricing structure.

At \$324 million, property tax and personal property replacement tax remain the District's largest sources of revenue. In 2020, the District proposes a nominal tax increase of \$5 million that will cost the average homeowners \$3.99. This increase is vital to the financial well-being of the District and quality of service provided in our parks.

In the coming year, the Chicago Park District will offer its new permit fee structure to ensure usage fees are set in an equitable manner. Our parks are for everyone and this new fee scale will help ensure that spaces are accessible and affordable in all communities. In addition, the District will continue to pursue sponsorships and partnerships that benefit the District and the children and families of Chicago.



## Taste of Chicago Food Participant Applications are Now Open

This year's Taste will take place from Wednesday, July 8, through Sunday, July 12, 2020. With over a million visitors attending the five day event, Taste of Chicago provides an unprecedented opportunity for participating food vendors to gain exposure for their business. Applications are open through Monday, March 2, at [tasteofchicago.org](http://tasteofchicago.org).

## 2020 Fine Arts Show: June 13 & 14



Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope you will join us in Winnetka next summer!

Questions? [www.northshoreartleague.org](http://www.northshoreartleague.org) or 847-446-2870

## LENT

In Western Christianity, Lent is the forty day period preceding Easter lasting from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. The forty day period is symbolic of the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness and possibly the forty hours he spent entombed. The Lenten period of forty days owes its origin to the Latin word "quadragesima", signifying forty hours. This referred to the forty hours of total fast which preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church. Initially the word simply meant "spring", and later became associated with the fast. The English word "lent" derives from the Germanic root for "Spring".

There are traditionally forty days in Lent which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. In the Roman Catholic Church it is tradition to abstain from meat every Friday for the duration of Lent, although fish and dairy products are still permitted. Fasting during Lent is a way for Christians to identify with Jesus' suffering.

Many modern Protestants and Anglicans consider the observation of Lent to be a choice, rather than an obligation. They may decide to give up a favorite food or activity for Lent, or they may instead decide to take on a Lenten discipline such as devotions, volunteering for charity work, and so forth. Roman Catholics may also observe Lent in this way, in addition to the dietary restrictions outlined above, though observation is no longer mandatory under the threat of mortal sin. Many Christians who choose not to follow the dietary restrictions cite 1 Timothy 4:1-5 which warns of doctrines that "forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth."

Personally, I prefer Matthew 15:11, which, paraphrasing, warns man to be careful of what comes out of his mouth, rather than what goes in it.

One thing I think we all can agree on is that our taste buds don't have to suffer just because we're observing Lent. Even if you're not observing Lent, it's a great time to take advantage of special menu items that are not available all year round.

By Anthony Pinello, REX Italian Foods, Inc. Harwood Heights, IL

## Give It Up For Lent ... And Beyond

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| Give up complaining ... | Focus on Gratitude              |
| Give up pessimism ...   | Become an Optimist              |
| Give up worry ...       | Trust in Divine Providence      |
| Give up bitterness ...  | Turn to Forgiveness             |
| Give up hatred ...      | Return Good for Evil            |
| Give up negativism ...  | Be more Positive                |
| Give up anger ...       | Be more Patient                 |
| Give up pettiness ...   | Become Mature                   |
| Give up gloom ...       | Enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy ...    | Pray for Trust                  |
| Give up gossiping ...   | Control your tongue             |
| Give up sin ...         | Turn to Virtue                  |
| Give up giving up ...   | Hang in there!                  |



(From the GUIDE, the Queen of Angels Church Bulletin) Submitted by Maria Bappert

## Cooking Classes at DANK Haus Learn one new recipe every month.

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## Shop the Indoor Farmers' Market



Stock up on your favorite winter goods and support Midwest vendors at the Evanston Ecology Center's Indoor Farmers' Market on Saturday. The Market is open on select Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, through April 25.

## Jefferson Park Winter Farmers' Market

We would appreciate your publishing our indoor Farmers Market schedule for this coming season. A Jefferson Park Winter Farmers Market will, again, be held at the Copernicus Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence on the following dates: Sundays, December 22, January 26, April 5, and May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be produce, canned goods, meats, crafts & more. Brunch will also be available. There will also be free entertainment at every market event.

For more info: [www.JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com](http://www.JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com)

## Northtown Garden Society March 19, 2020 Meeting

The Northtown Garden Society March meeting will be 7:00 at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave., Chicago

**Attention: March Meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020 because Warren Park is a polling place.**

Our guest speaker will be our birding guide Matthew Igleski, he spoke to us about the Plovers at Montrose Beach and everyone liked him so we are bringing him back for an encore! Matthew is a member of the Illinois Ornithological Society dedicated to birds and birding where he heads the Conservation Committee and he will be speaking about birds native to Illinois; how to spot them and how to attract them to your yard. Also, address how climate issues are affecting our birds.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-NGS members, and refreshments will be served.

Northtown Garden Society  
[www.northtowngardensociety.org](http://www.northtowngardensociety.org)

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

### Lenten Chocolate Cake

A rich and moist chocolate cake recipe that tastes indulgent but still complies with the dietary restrictions of the Lenten season.

Ingredients:

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| 3 cups all-purpose flour         | 2 tsp. baking soda            |
| 6 tbsp. cocoa powder             | 1 tsp. salt                   |
| 2 cups granulated sugar          | 3 tbsp. white vinegar         |
| 2 tsp. vanilla extract           | 3/4 cup vegetable oil         |
| 2 cup cold water                 | 1 cup chopped nuts (optional) |
| Confectioner's sugar for dusting |                               |

Method: Sift the flour, baking soda, cocoa powder, and salt into a mixing bowl and mix using a whisk. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, vinegar, vanilla extract, vegetable oil, and water. Whisk together until the sugar is dissolved and the wet ingredients are combined.

Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until incorporated and a smooth batter forms. Mix in the chopped nuts if using.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly oil a 9 x 13 baking pan or spray with cooking spray to prevent sticking. Pour the batter and smooth the top with a spatula.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for approximately 45 minutes or until a tester inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

Note: This recipe can also be used to make cupcakes. It will yield approximately two dozen regular cupcakes or 48 mini cupcakes. For cupcakes, reduce the baking time to 20 minutes. When the cake has cooled, serve with a dusting of confectioner's sugar and enjoy.

Submitted by Eleni Andriatsakis

### Salmon Braise with Tomatoes and Peppers (Moroccan style)

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| 4 salmon steaks or fillets, about 1/2 pound each | 4 tbl. spoons of olive oil               |
| 3 tomatoes, cut in chunks                        | salt and pepper to taste                 |
| 2 red peppers                                    | 1 tsp. of paprika                        |
| 2 green bell peppers                             | 1/2 tsp. of cayenne pepper               |
| 3 garlic cloves - crushed                        | Bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, bay leaf) |
| 2 large shallots -chopped                        |  |

In a skillet, lightly brown the steaks/fillets of salmon on both sides in the oil. Cut the bell peppers open, remove the seeds, and cut it into wide strips.

Cut the tomatoes into large chunks.

In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over moderately low heat. Add the minced garlic and shallots and stir until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, peppers and bouquet garni and increase the heat to moderate.

Season with salt, pepper, paprika, and cayenne pepper. Cook for about 5 minutes until the flavors are well blended. Add salmon steaks/fillets and sauté for about 10 minutes. Discard the bouquet garni. Transfer to a deep serving dish, garnished with lemon slices and serve hot for the main course.

Submitted by Elizabeth Elkayam

## Game of Tiaras by Don Zolidis March 12-15, 2020

When the aging king of a Magical Kingdom (England) decides to split his empire between his three daughters, Cinderella, Belle, and the Snow Queen (who in no way resembles a copyrighted character), terrible tragedy ensues. Terrible, hilarious tragedy. Combining the gut-wrenching plot twists of Game of Thrones and the soul-numbing despair of Shakespearean tragedy, this adaptation of King Lear will leave you dying with laughter as the body count mounts.

When you play the Game of Tiaras, you win or you die.

**Thursday, March 12 - Matinee Performance for local grammar schools**

**Friday, March 13 - Performance at 7 pm**

**Saturday, March 14 - Performance at 7 pm**

**Sunday, March 15 - Closing Performance at 3 pm**

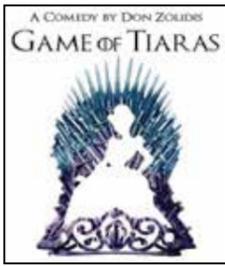
**Suggested audience ~ ages 10 to adult.**

**Tickets \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door**

**\$5 for Resurrection students & staff**

**Advance ticket reservations:**

**Call 773.775.6616 Ext 110 during school hours**



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Sponsored by the Resurrection Athletic Boosters

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

**Doors Open at 6:30 pm**

**Contest Begins at 7:00 pm**

Teams may bring their own snacks and appetizers and should be prepared for an evening of friendly competition to raise funds in support of the Resurrection College Prep Athletic Program.

**Entry fee per person ~ \$25 • Up to 8 players per team**  
**A Cash Bar will be available. • Participants must be 21+**

7500 W. Talcott Chicago, IL 60631 | P: 773.775.6616 |

To reserve your space, all the number above or visit our website, <https://www.reshs.org/support-res/events-2019-20/trivia-night-2020>



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**Sunday, March 29  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

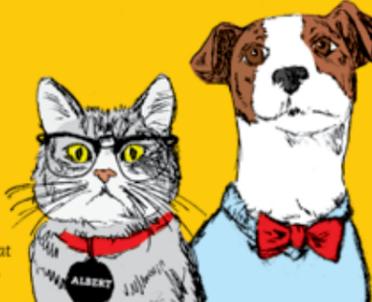
**Ten Ninety Brewery  
1025 N. Waukegan, Glenview, IL**

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE [CAREnorthshore.org/trivia](http://CAREnorthshore.org/trivia)**

**\$75 INDIVIDUAL TICKET &  
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**SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE**

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Trivia Teams consist of no more than 6 players. Must be 21.



## 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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**It's time to register for Spring programs with the Chicago Park District!**

# SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION

**Online registration begins:**

**Monday, February 24 at 9AM**

for parks **WEST** of California Ave. (2800 W.)

**Tuesday, February 25 at 9AM**

for parks **EAST** of California Ave. (2800 W.)

**Tuesday, February 25 at 12PM**

for gymnastics centers

**In-Person registration begins:**

**Saturday, February 29 for most parks.**

Some parks begin **Monday, March 2**

Activities start the week of  
**March 30** for most programs.

For more information visit

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or call 312.742.7529 or 312.747.2001 (TTY)

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