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## The American's Creed

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

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## More than 90 Christmas Trees and Holiday Displays in Pappas' Office for 14th Year

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



This is the 14th year of "Christmas Trees from Around the World," the display of three-foot-high trees which are decorated in Pappas' office by members of ethnic communities to show their cultural heritage. Presentations from other religious traditions are included.

"Diversity is one of Chicagoland's great strengths and can mean unity," Pappas said. "We see it in the way different ethnic groups decorate trees for the same vital holiday."

Ornaments, tinsel and lights are augmented with animals, flowers, fruit, balls, candles, plates, boats, stars, flags, dolls and other items on the trees in Pappas' office. The display will be up through the Christmas and New Year holiday period in Room 112 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago.

Also on display on counters in the Treasurer's Office are a Christian Nativity scene, an African American Kwanzaa Kinara, a Hindu Prayer Thali, a Jewish Menorah and a Muslim Ramadan Mubarak.

## Millennium Park - McCormick Tribune Ice Rink

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium park will kick off the winter season on Friday, November 17 (weather permitting), on the same day as the 104th Annual Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. The rink will open to the public at noon and remain open through Sunday, March 4, 2018.



The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink is located in Millennium Park on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Street. Skating is FREE and open to the public, with skate rentals available for \$12 Monday-Thursday and \$14 Friday-Sunday/Holidays.

## Caroling at Cloud Gate



Bundle up and get ready to belt out some holiday classics at these festive events that are part concert, part sing-along as local Chicago choral groups lead hundreds of celebrants in song. Note: Performance may be shortened in cases of extreme cold weather.

- Schedule:
- Nov. 24: Leo High School Choir
  - Dec. 1: Merit Conservatory Choir
  - Dec. 8: The Voices of Acme Choir (VOA)
  - Dec. 15: Broadway in Chicago

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**Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas from Our Village News**

## happy hanukkah

The Holiday Begins On December 12th



Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie is once again providing FREE menorah lighting kits for this Chanukah season.

We provide these kits to help fulfill the mitzvah (Jewish commandment) of lighting the menorah on Chanukah. Each kit contains everything necessary for the ritual - a menorah, candles, and step-by-step instructions and blessings for lighting the Chanukah candles.

To receive your FREE kit, call 847-677-1770 or contact us via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org/Chanukah.

## Donate to Evanston's Holiday Food & Toy Drive

Make the season bright for Evanston families in need by donating to Mayor Hagerty's Holiday Food & Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at locations throughout the city. In addition, financial contributions are being accepted online and by mail.

Please bring new, unwrapped toys and/or non-perishable food items to the lobby of one of our convenient Evanston drop-off sites starting Monday, Nov. 6 through Monday, Dec. 11. Call Evanston Parks Foundation at 847/448-4311.

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# Community First Medical Center December Health Events



Community First Medical Center,  
5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, will offer the  
following health events in December.

**Thursday, December 7**  
**Diabetes Support Group - 2:00–3:00 p.m.**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.  
This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education.

**Thursday, December 7, 14, 21, and 28**  
**Overeaters Anonymous – 7:00 p.m.**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Café Meeting Room  
A fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from compulsive eating. If you think you may be a compulsive eater, please feel free to attend our free meetings.

**Thursday, December 14 and 28**  
**Arthritis and Total Joint Replacement – Taking the Right Steps, 10:00–11:00 a.m.,**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.  
These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with staff from rehabilitation services.

Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. To register, please call 773-794-4640.

**Sunday, December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous – 9:30– 10:30 a.m.**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

Alcoholics anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they solve their common problem. If you think you have a drinking problem, please join our free AA Group.

**Friday, December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**  
**11th Step Meditation – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.,**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Conference Room C, 7th Floor

Silent meditation, a brief positive talk or reading followed by 12 step sharing. Open AA meeting format, everyone is welcome to attend. Coed, non-smoking. This is a fellowship open to learning how the art of listening leads to developing an improved ‘real’ relationship with their higher power and our fellows. For all who seek through prayer and meditation to improve their conscious.

**Friday, December 8**  
**Free Healthy Aging Program - 12:00 -1:00 p.m.,**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Conference Room A & B, 7th Floor.

This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guest’s lectures. Come for fun and games for the annual holiday party. To register, please call 773-282-7000.

**Thursday, Dec 7 & Friday, Dec 8**  
**The Nutman Company –**  
**December 7th 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**December 8th 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Community First Medical Center Main Lobby. The proceeds from the sales will go to The Ronald McDonald House.

**Monday, December 18**  
**CFMC Blood Drive. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.,**  
Community First Medical Center,  
Conference Room C, 7th Floor

Please schedule your appointment online at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org). Contact Ginamaria Briseno at (773) 794-7648 with questions or details. Photo ID needed, Drink plenty of fluids, Walk-ins are welcome. All Donors will receive along sleeve t-shirt!

## Baby Boomer Children Working with Parents Who Have Hearing Loss

It’s never easy when a parent has hearing loss. There are a number of challenges standing in your way, and many families tend to live with the issue longer than they should before getting their loved one the treatment he or she needs.

Some of the challenges children of aging parents face include:

1. The gradual progression of hearing loss — frequently, hearing loss happens slowly over time, which makes it harder for the person it’s happening to become aware of the problem. A person may begin to unknowingly do things to compensate for the hearing loss, such as standing closer to those who are speaking, or turning up the TV louder (which is why a loud TV is one of the clear signs of hearing loss).
2. A desire for independence — it’s perfectly natural for parents to want to maintain some level of personal independence. That may mean that they don’t want to admit they are experiencing hearing loss and they may be hesitant to agree to go in for a test and treatment. They may also think that some amount of hearing loss is normal as they age and just want to live with it.
3. Worries about cost of treatment — parents may think that hearing aids would cost a significant amount of money and be worried that they can’t afford the costs of treatment. That may lead them to ignore or minimize the importance of their hearing loss.

4. Lack of familiarity with advances in the field — parents may remember the bulky hearing aids of days gone by and be hesitant to commit to wearing such a device. Of course, they may not know that modern hearing aids are a fraction of the size of the old ones and are made to fit into a patient’s life much more seamlessly and conveniently.

One thing we do know is that again and again we’ve interacted with patients whose children have brought them in for a hearing test after having to do some convincing. In nearly every case, after the patient gets comfortable, reviews his or her options, and gets set up with a hearing device, they’ve reported dramatically improved quality of life. Their independence can be maintained as children know their parent is hearing optimally when at home or out.

Wondering how to approach the subject?

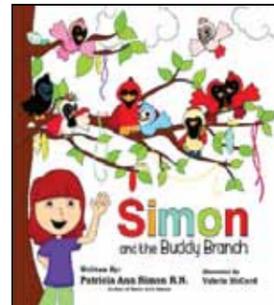
- **Start By Simply Asking**  
Ask your parent if they have had any problems hearing (in a non-threatening manner). Example: “When we were at dinner last night, I noticed you couldn’t understand the waitress, is that correct?”
- **Express Urgency for Treatment**  
Express urgency in getting hearing loss treated. Hearing loss can cause people to become isolated, depressed, and also have cognitive decline.



Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD is the owner and audiologist of Chicago Hearing Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and her Doctorate of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Dr. Vetter-Toalson is involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and Big Shoulders Fund Chairman’s Advisory Council. Chicago Hearing Services has served northwest Chicago since 1990.

### Simon Says...And Writes, Too

Nurse Patricia Simon from the northwest side has recently written two books aimed at kids and Simon says: “I was born with a cleft lip and palate. I had very supportive parents who were able to provide me with cleft surgeries and speech therapy and I could always count on the love and support of my four siblings and friends.” Simon says “Simon and the Buddy Branch” is about love and acceptance as told between two birds named Simon and Buddy. Simon says “Smile with Simon” is about a girl and a bird who bond over their being born with facial differences. Simon says a portion of the sales from her books will be donated to the Support Our Facial Differences Community. Simon says her website is [www.smilewithsimon.com](http://www.smilewithsimon.com)!



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# our flag



## (Part 9) "The History Of The Stars And Stripes"

We continue our series on the History of "Our Flag". This will continue over the next few editions and hope that it proves to be of interest and an educational reference for all of our readers - young, and not so young. (This is taken directly from the booklet titled "Our Flag" issued by the 105th Congress, 1st Session, and printed by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1998, under Senate Concurrent Resolution 61)

The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. The resolution read:

"Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes,

alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

The resolution gave no instruction as to how many points the stars should have, nor how the stars should be arranged on the blue union. Consequently, some flags had stars scattered on the blue field without any specific design, some arranged the stars in rows, and some in a circle. The first Navy Stars and Stripes had the stars arranged in staggered formation in alternate rows of threes and twos on a blue field. Other Stars and Stripes flags had stars arranged in alternate rows of four, five and four. Some stars had six points while others had eight.

Strong evidence indicates that Francis Hopkinson of New Jer-

sey, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was responsible for the stars in the U.S. flag. At the time that the flag resolution was adopted, Hopkinson was the Chairman of the Continental Navy Board's Middle Department. Hopkinson also helped design other devices for the Government including the Great Seal of the United States. For his services, Hopkinson submitted a letter to the Continental Admiralty Board asking "whether a Quarter Cask of the public Wine will not be a proper & reasonable Reward for these Labours of Fancy and a suitable Encouragement to future Exertions of a like Nature." His request was turned down since the Congress regarded him as a public servant.

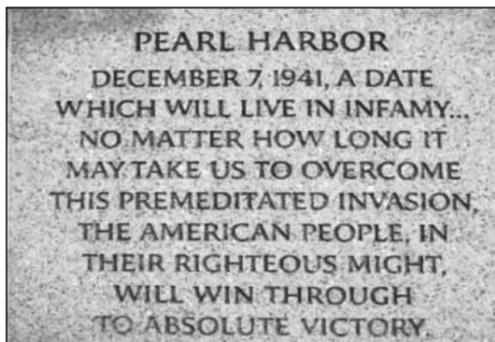
## 76 Years Ago Today – A Day That Will Live In Infamy National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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

### What do people do?

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

Many associations, especially those linked with Pearl Harbor



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

### Public Life

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

## Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

## Cell Phones For Soldiers

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



## Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"- 2018 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2017 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

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

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at [jac.charlier@gmail.com](mailto:jac.charlier@gmail.com) or visit ([www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org))

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



## Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



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

In recognition of Veterans Day 2017, The National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) extended the holiday into a week-long series of events. Beginning Friday, November 10th, NVAM opened its newest exhibit, VIETNAM-The Defining Moment, marking the 50th anniversary of the height of the Vietnam War. On Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th, NVAM teamed up with the Ed Paschke Art Center in Jefferson Park to co-host the center's monthly program Words and Music and featured music from world-renowned guitarist Willy Porter and discussion with Nicholas Tremulis. That evening, NVAM opened the acclaimed exhibit, 100 Faces of War Experience by artist Matt Mitchell at the Ed Paschke Art Center. On November 17th, coinciding with the Zhou B Art Center's popular 3rd Friday open studio event, NVAM opened Vietnam Transformed: The Art of Richard J. Olsen on the second floor of the art center.

The National Veterans Art Museum, located at 4041 N Milwaukee Avenue, inspires greater understanding of the real impact of war. For further details, visit [www.nvam.org](http://www.nvam.org) and follow NVAM on Facebook.com/ NationalVeteransArtMuseum.



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# Holidays in the Village



## 'Tis the Season to Prepare for the Holidays at Mather's—More Than a Café

The holiday season is upon us, and there are plenty of programs, classes, and special events at Mather's—More Than a Café in Portage Park to put you in a festive mood.

The Café, located at 3235 N. Central Avenue, serves up fresh, made-to-order meals from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Café is open to the public—and additionally, those age 50 and better can sign up for programs and events, including computer tutorials, live music concerts, exercise classes, and informative lectures.

"We have programs and events for every interest," says Jeff Rose, Café Manager. "And right now, we know our customers are interested in the holidays—both celebrating them and getting ready

for them. And for those who haven't been here before, holiday programming is a great way to try out the Café."

Some December holiday-themed events are listed below.

### Mather's Music Ensemble Holiday Breakfast

**Tuesday, December 5, 9:30 a.m.**

We'll kick off the holiday season in style with a holiday show from our own Mather's Music Ensemble. In addition to a delicious breakfast featuring Christmas Strata, you'll enjoy some songs of the season. Meal Cost \$8.50

### Ornament Painting

**Monday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.**

In just a short amount of time, you will leave with a finished piece of art to take home! All supplies included. Suggested Donation \$15

### Card-Making with Carole

**Monday, December 11, 1:00 p.m.**

You'll walk away with two or three completed cards. Different styles will be available, and the fee includes all materials. Suggested Donation \$10

### Wreath Decorating Class

**Tuesday, December 12, 12:30 p.m.**

Join Linda as she helps you make a unique and inventive wreath for the season. All supplies included. Suggested Donation \$12

### Holiday Jazz Luncheon

**Wednesday, December 13, 12:30 p.m.**

Experience the warmth of the season with swinging renditions of holiday classics by Petra van Nuis and Chris White. We'll dine on shrimp cocktail, chicken jambalaya, chocolate beignets, and ice cream. Meal Cost \$8.50; Suggested Entertainment Donation \$5

### Trip to see the Christmas Schooner

**Thursday, December 14, 12:00-6:30 p.m.**

Travel with us to the Mercury Theater to see the story of the first Christmas tree ship and the family who risked their lives to fill Chicago with the Christmas spirit. The live production features a moving story with an exquisite score of original music and holiday favorites. Trip includes transportation, lunch at Zia Lago Vista, and show. Cost \$80

### Make a Snow Globe

**Thursday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.**

Local artist Vivian Visser will guide you as make your own snow globe in this fun class. Choose from several designs. All supplies included. Suggested Donation \$12



With live music performances, craft workshops a theater outing, and a party, Mather's—More than a Café offers a wealth of opportunities to celebrate the holiday season.

## Christmas Puppet Show

**Wednesday, December 6th, 6-6:45 p.m.**

Join the Melikin Puppets as they present The Shoemaker and the Elves and The Night Before Christmas. You won't want to miss this holiday tradition!

For all ages. This program is sponsored by the Edgebrook Community Association.

## Holiday Cookie Decorating with Paige Tyler

**Saturday, December 9th, 2-3 p.m.**

A prized holiday cookie tradition is the camaraderie found when making and sharing them with others. Join Paige Tyler of the Edge of Sweetness Bakery to learn professional tips for achieving amazingly decorated roll-out cookies. Program will include a hands-on cookie decorating demonstration. Registration is required. Call (312)744-8313 or email the branch at [edgebrook@chipublib.org](mailto:edgebrook@chipublib.org) to register.

The above events will take place at: Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Ave., Chicago

## Family Holiday Concert

**Saturday, December 16, 2:00pm**

Join us for a special holiday concert by our own Mr. Ray. Hear your favorite holiday songs performed and stories shared. All ages are welcome!

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

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### Flower Arranging: Christmas Time

**Tuesday, December 19, 11:00 a.m.**

Create a beautiful holiday arrangement with help (and materials) from Robert Neri of Robert's Floral Design Studio. Payment is required in advance. Suggested Donation \$15

### Mather's New Year's Eve Party

**Friday, December 29, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Let's celebrate New Year's Eve a bit early, with a toast at noon and some music and dancing. This will be the Café's last program until 2018, so help us celebrate all the fun we had in 2017. FREE

You can also enjoy a bottomless mug of old-fashioned stovetop hot chocolate for just \$1 any Thursday in December. We make it from scratch!

All programs at Mather's—More than a Care require preregistration. You can reserve a spot at any of the events above by calling the Café at (773) 205.3300. The Café is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please note that the Mather's—More Than a Café location in Norwood Park (7134 W. Higgins) has its own programming, and is open 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information on Mather's—More Than a Café, visit [mathermorethanacafe.com](http://mathermorethanacafe.com).

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9:00 am to 11:30 am  
(Breakfast is served from 9 to 10:30 am)  
All are welcome to enjoy breakfast, photos with Santa, a theatre production by Resurrection drama students, Christmas arts and crafts, face painting and a special gift for each child.  
\$10 per person in advance  
\$12 per person at the door

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The Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to downtown on November 17th, 2017 for 38 days of festive shopping, delicious German foods, hot spiced wine (Glühwein), Imported beers, hand crafted ornaments, entertainment, family fun and much more! The Christkindlmarket is an outdoor traditional German holiday market that has, for the past 22 years, transformed Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago into a magical picturesque European Christmas village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and vendors from all around the world. As one of the largest authentic German market outside for Europe, the Christkindlmarket Chicago has become the most beloved holiday event in Chicago, attracting over a million visitors annually from Chicago, around the US and the world. Open daily from 11/17/17 to 12/24/17,



come experience this free event and enjoy the wondrous atmosphere and festive cheer of The Christkindlmarket Chicago.

Since 1996 German American Events, LLC., a subsidiary of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, has hosted the Christkindlmarket Chicago, featuring nearly 60 vendors boasting one-of-a-kind offerings that are destined to become treasured gifts for loved ones of all ages. The traditional wooden huts are filled with a wonderland of fine gifts including hand-made holiday ornaments, nutcrackers, cuckoo-clocks, beer steins, wooden toys, jewelry, wood carvings, and European sweets and treats. With more than 65% of the vendors travel from Germany to Chicago each year to share their fine wares and holiday traditions, The Christkindlmarket Chicago has various heated walk-in cabins that offer a cozy place to take time and shop for unique gifts. The Grand Timber House and Festival Tent also provide visitors a place to warm up, sit down, and enjoy delicious food and drinks such as specialty sausages, potato pancakes, schnitzel, Stollen, and pretzels. Guests can also quench their thirst with a refreshing imported German beer or warm up with a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), which is served in the popular annual collectable souvenir mug.

Throughout the 38-day event, the Christkindlmarket hosts live entertainment and performances including Theatre troupes, professional singers, dance groups and much more. On weekends, the roaming Alpine Brass band, with its festive German holiday music, is sure to stir and awaken the spirit of the season in all.

### "The Christmas Tree Ship" Docks in Chicago Again This Year On December 1st.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter, Mackinaw, sailed into Navy Pier this year carrying 1,500 Christmas tree to continue the tradition by re-acting the voyage of a Great Lakes schooner, Rouse Simmons, the "Original Christmas Tree Ship", captained by Herman Schuenemann, which sank in 1912 in route to Chicago. Each year the arriving trees are distributed to organizations which provide them to the Families in need throughout the Chicagoland area.



Full story of the history in our next edition

The popular "Kinder Club" boasts fun activities geared towards the youngest visitors. Children and the young-at-heart can go on a scavenger hunt to explore the market, interact with the vendors, and learn more about German holiday traditions. Collect an ornamental paper crown and the Christkindlmarket Passport activity book, which includes coloring pages, riddles and much more.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago 2017 is the perfect destination to get into the spirit of the holiday season, whether through an evening out with family and friends or a get-together with co-workers. The market offers the chance to plan holiday gatherings with reserved tables and food and beverage packages ranging from individual family tables up to 100 guests. Whether enjoying a "Stammtisch", which means small get-together with friends, or a full tent reception, the Christkindlmarket is the perfect place to celebrate the season.

### History of the Christkindlmarket Christkind

The Christkind, a fairy-like being dressed in gold and white robes with a crown upon her golden locks, is the namesake of the Christkindlmarket Chicago. Christkind folklore dates back to the 1500s and stems from traditional customs: parades during the holiday season were guided by one "grand" angel, the Christkind. Since then, and still today, she is the bearer of gifts to most children in German speaking countries, much like Santa Claus is in the United States. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged December 24th and delivered by the Christkind, who leaves gifts under the Christmas tree and disappears before the children can catch a glimpse of her.

For more information, please contact us and visit the official website at [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com).

### Christkind Visits the Market

Saturday, December 2, 2017  
Christkindlmarket Chicago, 50 W. Washington St.

Come meet the Christkind wandering the market every Wednesday & Saturday from 2-4pm!



### Kinder Tag & Children's Lantern Parade

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 3-7pm  
Christkindlmarket Chicago, 50 W. Washington St.

An afternoon full of activities and performances geared toward children and their families with a Lantern Parade around the market plaza while singing German and American Christmas carols as Christkind leads the parade. Registration begins at 4pm at which time paper lanterns can be constructed for free onsite or lighted lanterns purchased for \$10. Alternatively, lanterns may be brought from home.



### Dates & Times of Christkindlmarket Chicago

Friday, Nov. 17 – Saturday, Dec. 24  
Sundays - Thursdays 11am – 8pm • Fridays & Saturdays 11am – 9pm  
Special Hours: Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Eve: 11am - 4pm

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## Does Having A Will Help You Avoid Probate?



Izbela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

One of the most often asked questions from our clients is whether having a Will is helpful in avoiding probate upon death. The answer is that a Will, by itself, is usually not enough.

A Will is a legal document that provides instructions as to how you want your property to be distributed upon your death. It also designates a person, referred to as the Executor, who will be in charge of administering your estate, paying your taxes and other expenses, and distributing your assets to your beneficiaries (referred to as legatees). The Will is also the instrument that will designate the

guardians for your minor or disabled children. In order to be valid, in Illinois and in other states, a Will has to comply with strict legal formalities.

Probate is a public court proceeding where a judge declares whether your Will is valid, determines who your legal beneficiaries are, appoints your Executor and then title is transferred from your estate to your beneficiaries. A probate proceeding is also a forum for the decedent's creditors to file their claims and collect debts and for any other parties to file their complaint against the decedent.

Most people want to avoid probate because it is time consuming and can be very costly. In Illinois, the minimum time that the probate estate has to remain open is 6 months. This is the time period required under the law so that creditors can come forward to file their claims. In addition, with probate, not only the contents of your Will but also your family's personal affairs may become public knowledge. Rather than taking care of the distributions and any family issues that may exist in private, the judge may be the person that will need to rule on these issues. The judge will also make the final decision regarding distributions to beneficiaries. Often times, beneficiaries have to seek legal help and then time and resources are wasted on court appearances and proceedings.

Planning your estate with a living trust and properly funding the living trust can save you the time and expenses associated with probate. In addition, it can ensure that your property is distributed in accordance with your wishes and without interference from the court. A living trust will also serve as a vehicle to protect and manage your property in the event of a disability or incapacity during your life. This is because a person whom you know and trust can control your property for your benefit and on your behalf as trustee of your living trust.

If you would like more information about the benefits that a living trust can provide to you and your family please contact us at Otte & Czajkowska LLC at 773-631-7100 or [info@oclawyergroup.com](mailto:info@oclawyergroup.com). Our office is located at 5339 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60630.

## Norwood Crossing To Collect Christmas Gifts For Chicago Abused Women And Children

The community is invited to join employees of Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, in donating Christmas gifts for distribution to the Connection for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC). Collected gifts will be accepted through noon, on December 15, and delivered to the CAWC office on Kedzie Ave. in Chicago. Gifts should be new and unwrapped, and dropped off in the holiday sled located in the vestibule of the front lobby.

"Sharing during the holiday season is a great way to experience the Christmas spirit," said Chaplain Dale Tippett. "We hope that many Norwood Park residents and those in surrounding communities will join us at Norwood Crossing in bringing joy to these affected women and children."

Among the many helpful holiday wish list items are: 2018 pocket or monthly calendars; holiday gifts for infants, children, women, and adolescents; bath and lotion gift sets; transit cards (anything except a 30-day pass); pillows, blankets, sheets (twin size), family size toiletries; diapers up to size 6; baby wipes, lotion and shampoo; new underwear and socks; craft sets, paint and paint brushes. A complete list of needed items is available at the Norwood Crossing's reception desk in the Front Lobby.

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

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

## Support the 2017 Assist-A-Family Program

Please consider participating in the 2017 Skokie Assist-A-Family Program that helps Skokie families struggling with limited financial resources celebrate the winter holidays. Families receive gift cards for area businesses which they use to purchase food, household necessities and other items specific to each family member's needs and wants. Last year nearly 200 families received gift cards through the program.

Those interested in making a donation this year are asked to do so by Friday, December 1, 2017. Please make checks payable to the Village of Skokie, and add Skokie Assist-A-Family Program on the memo line. Send donations to Village of Skokie, Human Services Division, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077. For further information, please contact the Human Services Division at 847-933-8208.

## How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

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*If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at:*

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With your help last year Metropolitan served more than 53,000 individuals and families in the Chicago area, helping them become more self-sufficient and strengthening family bonds. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website, [metrofamily.org](http://metrofamily.org).

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

## St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

St. Thecla Seniors located at 6725 W. Devon meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Queen of Peace room. There is a short meeting followed by sweet rolls and coffee. Bingo and cards are played. We have parties!!! Please join us as you may like us! For information, please call Joanie at 312/608-4092.

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**Something for the family and something for the adults**

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director  
 Thanksgiving has come and gone, which means that the holidays have begun. It's that time of year where people look for activities to share with their families. But also, everyone needs to escape the holidays for a little "me time." Regardless of whether you've been naughty or nice, Skokie Theatre is here to help with both items on your list..



**For The Family.**

Dave Rudolf is a Grammy nominated, Gold Record winning, song-writer and self-proclaimed goof-ball, and he's bring his special brand of mirth and mayhem to Skokie for two different shows on Sunday, December 17.

Want to have a great time? Confused about the Holidays? Want to hear some great music? Want to laugh, too? Want your kids to have a blast? Boy, you want a lot, but you can find it here. Come catch the 15 time nominated National Association of Campus Activities Award winner, Gold Record, Grammy nominated Goof, singing tunes that have been featured on such diverse Radio programs as Dr Demento, NPR, WXRT, and more.

Dave loves to get the audience involved. Whether on stage being the rhythm section for "Twas the Night Before Christmas", hula dancing to "Christmas Island", or batting the snowball beach balls in the audience.

His first show is at 2 pm for the younger set, and tickets are only \$10. Rudolf's Kid's Christmas features kids twisting to the "Candy Cane Twist", hula hooping to "Santa's got a Zoot Suit", some traditional Christmas tunes, Christmas Parodies such as "Oh Come, Oh Come, I Read the Manual", "Frosty the Slow Man", and lots of Yuletide Joy.

The evening show at 7 pm appeals to the entire family. Completely Cracked Christmas includes classics such as "Frosty the Slowman," "Oh Tom got Bombed", "The Little Dumber Boy", or Bubba Christmas tunes, like "Out to the Outhouse, Quick, quick, quick," and "Bo Fell off of the Mountain," and "Holly's Poison Ivy." Brings a tear to your eye and a tickle to your funny bone, doesn't it? Dave is not above (or some might say below) singing serious Christmas tunes and throwing in some non seasonal madness as well. --- What could be more fun? And festive? Who knows what else this poor confused boy might come up with? Whatever it is it will be great fun!

**Now, Leave The Kids at Home**

I doubt that the kids are fans of Ella Fitzgerald. But everybody else is. Kimberly Gordon is bringing a 17-piece big band for her Ella Fitzgerald Centennial Salute. Kimberly and her big band (yes, 17 pieces) weave their way through the Ella Fitzgerald Songbook featuring classic arrangements by Nelson Riddle Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and more. This is definitely the concert of the season, and at only \$25 a ticket, it's the deal of the century.

Join Kimberly and the band on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for all events can be purchased by calling our box office at 847-677-7761, or visiting us online at SkokieTheatre.org

Looking for a holiday gift? Skokie Theatre gift certificates can purchased for any amount. Call 847-677-7761 for details.

**Jefferson Park Winter Sunday Market**

Winter Sunday Market - Jefferson Park, held at the Copernicus Center Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. December 17, 2017, January 28, 2018, March 18, 2018, April 29, 2018. Produce, canned goods, meats, crafts & more. Brunch available - Cash Bar. Free parking.

**Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association  
 "Holiday Party"**

The JPNA, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, will hold its annual Holiday Party on December 14th., at 6:00 p.m. at Paterno's Pizzeria and Bar, 5303 N. Milwaukee Av. This will serve as our December meeting. Meet your neighbors. Talk and

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- Saturday, February 10 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 24 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Call 847.635.1426 for information about Winter/Spring classes.



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**Lurie Garden Bird Feeder Workshop**

Sunday, December 10, 2017, 1-3pm  
 Millennium Park, Lurie Garden at Monroe St. and Columbus Dr.



Learn about the birds that remain here in the winter months and help them find much needed food. Each family will make one bird feeder; recommended for ages 6 to 12 years old. Free; advance registration requested.

**Holiday Light Recycling at Village of Skokie**

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Elgin Recycling and the Village of Skokie are offering a free Holiday Light Recycling Program.

All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, Monday through Friday from December 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Elgin Recycling is processing the material, www.elginrecycling.com.

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

**Main-Dempster Mile Offers The Chance To Make Mischief (And Take A Photo) With The Elf On The Shelf**

On December 9th, the Main-Dempster Mile will bring a real live Elf on the Shelf to two locations on the Mile -- Threads Boutique, a creative children's consignment store at 1304 Chicago Avenue, and Follow Your Nose / The Alchemist's Wife, a funky combination of pet shop and modern day apothecary. Santa Claus will also be on hand at Follow Your Nose.

Families are encouraged to bring props or costumes to create life-size moments of mischief (within reason, of course), and parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras to document their child's time with the Elf on the Shelf, Both locations are pet friendly, and treats will be served.

"The Elf on the Shelf has roared into the holiday zeitgeist," says Katherine Gotsick, Executive Director of the Main-Dempster Mile. "We're very happy the she found a moment to share with the kids in our neighborhood. And we hope there won't be too much mischief made."

**We Celebrate The Ethnic Diversity Of Chicago This Holiday Season  
 Village Cooking Corner**

**CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE**

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|--|-----------------------|
| Cake Ingredients                         | 1 cup water           |
| 5 Eggs                                   | Topping Ingredients   |
| 1 cup vegetable oil                      | 1/2 cup brown sugar   |
| 1 box of Duncan Hines Cake Mix           | 2 Tsp Cinnamon powder |
| 2 small boxes of instant vanilla pudding |                       |

Method: Combine top 5 Cake ingredients and mix well with electric hand mixer. Put half the batter in a greased bundt pan then, sprinkle half the topping. Pour remaining batter on top and sprinkle the remaining topping. Swirl batter with a knife. Bake @325\* in a preheated oven for an hour, check to see if fully baked with a tooth pick. If tooth pick doesn't come out clean bake it for 5 to 10 more minutes.

Remove from oven, let the cake cool to room temperature. Remove from pan by turning the pan upside down and tapping it off on a plate. Slice and serve!

This is a perfect dessert recipe for the Holiday Season. Goes well with coffee or dessert liquor.

For other recipes please visit my cooking channel Gastro Guru on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHEwy\_4i-CAcQBhLCgcAdQg. Happy Holidays!

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Makes 6-8 pies (yep they last through Christmas)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6-7 medium size sweet potatoes | 1 teaspoon of All Spice         |
| Pillsbury frozen pie crust     | 2 tablespoons of vanilla flavor |
| 6 eggs                         | 1/2 can of carnation milk       |
| 2-3 cups of sugar              | 2 sticks of butter              |
| 1 teaspoon of cinnamon         |                                 |

**Baking instructions:**

Remove skin while warm. Smash up the sweet potatoes. Add melted warm butter. Add everything else. Mix well. Fill pie crust to the first line. Bake 20-35 minutes at 325

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