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

Thinking about joint replacement? Community First Medical Center will offer free joint replacement information sessions Thursdays, March 10th and 24th, from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Community Education room. 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. Registration not required.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, March 11, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Irene Flebbe, a naturalist from Cook Count Forest Preserve, will discuss gardening for fun and health. Registration is not required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Monday, March 14, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

Thursday, March 24, is American Diabetes Alert Day. Community First Medical Center will be offering a diabetes screening from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. No fasting/preparation needed. There is a \$10 fee payable in cash or check at the screening. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, March 24, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.



Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion

Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Edison Park Field House, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. and is open to all Veterans who served in any branch of the United States military services during the armed conflicts listed below.

We are also forming a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The requirement for becoming a member is:

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such males descendants of veterans who died in service during WWI - WWII - Korean War - the Vietnam War - Lebanon Grenada - Panama and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article 1 of the National Constitution of the The American Legion or who died subsequent to their Honorable Discharge form such Service shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion.

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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.



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Niles Township Government — 2015 Report Available Online

In 2015 Niles Township celebrated 165 years of serving the community, helping people realize their true potential. Although much has changed since the early days of Township government, we continue to identify resident needs, working hard to serve those who may be experiencing temporary unemployment, setback or illness. We stand with the working poor, individuals and families that simply cannot make ends meet in these challenging times. We offer lifeline services like our Food Pantry and emergency financial assistance to individuals that oftentimes have nowhere else to turn. Niles Township Government does all this and more for less than 1% of a \$5,500 property tax bill.

The Niles Township 2015 report is now available in a PDF Flip Book format at the Township website :

<http://nilestownshipgov.com/nt/103-niles-township-government-2015-report>

This report provides a year-in-review by Supervisor Marilyn D. Glazer and a series of important statistics, illustrating the many ways in which Township government

serves its constituents with professionalism and integrity. Supervisor Glazer recently stated, "We are proud to be a safety net for social service agencies and individuals enduring the state's financial crisis and budget impasse. Several media articles have touted recommendations by the Local Government Consolidation Task Force, which oversimplifies consolidating Townships into counties or local municipalities. Niles Township is the ninth largest in Illinois, with 105,000 residents. The costs to consolidate a Township would far outweigh the benefits to taxpayers. We serve thousands of residents each month, have proven systems in place, and do so debt free."

Since 1850, Niles Township Government has been dedicated to improving life for its residents. Niles Township is located in the northeast corner of Cook County. With a population of over 105,000 the Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf, and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview.

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"Home Is Where The Access Is" Will Be Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On March 16

How accessible and barrier-free is your home? Is it a safe environment for daily living? Hear Ken Jernberg and Tonya Deniz, founders of Transitional Living Company, discuss their home accessibility checklist and the simple steps you can implement almost immediately in your home to make it safe. They will address these and other issues during their Timely Talk, "Home is Where the Access Is," at 2:00 p.m., on Mar. 16, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Having a barrier-free home is an asset for anyone dealing with limitations in mobility when recovering from surgery, strokes,

heart attacks, and broken legs. Many features of an accessible home make for a more enjoyable experience for family members of all ages and abilities. Hear about some universal living concepts for life cycle housing and how smart-home technologies eliminate barriers to access while empowering people of all abilities to age in place safely, comfortably and independently.

A question and answer session will follow the talk. Refreshments and a raffle will take place after the event. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Spring Forward and Test Your Batteries

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 a.m. when clocks need to be set forward one hour.

The Skokie Fire Department reminds residents to check and change batteries once a year in all smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and all emergency accessory kits to make sure they are in working condition. Be sure to replace smoke alarms every 10 years for optimal effectiveness and follow the manufacturer's recommendation regarding carbon monoxide detector replacement, as all models vary.

Additionally, all Illinois homeowners and landlords must have carbon monoxide detectors in buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities. All residential units are required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.

For more information about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340.

Released by Public Information Division Janelle Silva. 847/933-8257

CAPS 25th District Business Meeting

All businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about new and ongoing efforts to eliminate crime in your area. This meeting will also provide the opportunity to share your crime concerns with Police Officers from the 25th District.

Complimentary lite lunch is provided.

Please note, there is a permanent change for the meeting time.

Thursday, March 17th, 2016 a 1:30 p.m.
5555 W. Grand, Chicago, IL

Jefferson Park meeting

The Safety Committee of the 4th Ward is having its next meeting on Saturday March 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Park Library, 5401 W. Lawrence, rear room. Items on the agenda so far are traffic at Lawrence and Central where 2 people have killed, restarting Block Watches, and creating a flier to teach children about the danger of strangers. The Committee wants suggestions on these items and to hear about other concerns such as trespassers, or door knockers who may be casing a home for burglary. All residents of the 45th Ward are welcome.

Thanks for any consideration,

C.M. Blumenthal, 773 7361 1702, JPNA Board Member and Safety Committee Member

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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Mayor Emanuel Expands Resources To Serve Chicago's Veterans

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today launched a new resource website designed to meet the needs of Chicago's military Veterans, and has appointed a new Director to the Chicago Veteran Affairs Office to lead efforts and continue to grow programs and services to help the City's Veterans. In addition, Mayor Emanuel has directed the City's 311 service call center operators to ask callers up front if they are Veterans in order to better direct resources to meet their specialized needs. These investments build on earlier efforts by the City to invest in services to support the needs and employment of Chicago's Veterans.

"We as a City have a responsibility to help our Veterans build a future that is worthy of their sacrifice," said Mayor Emanuel. "While their service can never be fully repaid, we can honor them by providing specialized resources and support for Veterans and their families."

This new website was specifically created to meet the needs of Veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces, as well as those of their families, and is designed to provide a centralized point of access for services offered by agencies across all levels of government. The website features guidance and information on several service areas, including: Housing, Service and Benefits, Employment, and Emergency Services. The website will also help residents to locate Veterans Resource Centers, Community Service Centers, and Senior Centers for in-person assistance.

To lead coordination efforts, Mayor Emanuel has appointed Victor LaGroon, an

ARMY Veteran, to serve as Director of the new Chicago Veteran Affairs Office. In this role, he will direct City efforts to grow programs and services to help Chicago's Veterans. LaGroon's military career began in 2003 with his enlistment. After completing his Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Huachuca in Military Intelligence, he was assigned to the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum. Since being medically discharged, for the last 10 years, he has worked diligently to serve and advocate for the health needs, benefits and resources of military personnel, Veterans and their families.

"As a Veteran myself, I know how valuable that Veterans services are in supporting those of us who have served our country as they acclimate to life after military service," said Victor LaGroon, Director of the Chicago Office of Veteran Affairs. "In this role, I look forward to advocating on behalf of Chicago's Veterans to ensure that they have the support and resources that they need to re-integrate into society, gain meaningful employment, and support their families."

To ensure that all Veterans and military Service Members are able to secure housing and to prevent discrimination in the housing application process, the City's Council on Human Relations approved the Mayor's ordinance making Veterans, active military personnel, reservists and National Guard members a protected class. Additionally, as a participant in national call to end Veteran's homeless initiative, the City has placed has 1,500 homeless Veterans in secure housing in the first year alone, and has housed approximately 1,800 to date.

Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Park District Announce Spring Park Program Registration Is Now Open

Mayor Emanuel and Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly today announced online registration for spring programs is now open, with in-person registration beginning Saturday, February 27. This year, a new social media campaign has been launched to increase program enrollment among teens and young adults. Swim instruction, volleyball, basketball, softball, boxing, boot camp and theater classes are among many of programs available for the upcoming season.

"The Chicago Park District is offering quality classes and activities in neighborhoods throughout the City," said Mayor Emanuel. "It's the best deal in town, and the Park District offers something for everyone - regardless of your age, zip code or income level."

Online registration for spring programming is now open for parks located west of California Avenue, and online registration for parks located east of California Avenue will open tomorrow, February 23 at 9 am.

"There isn't a better time to get active than in the Spring," said Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent and

CEO. "The Chicago Park District offers thousands of opportunities for families to get fit, explore a new hobby, or learn a life-saving skill such as swimming at an affordable cost."

In-person registration begins either Saturday, February 27 or Monday, February 29 depending upon the park location. No child will be turned away due to inability to pay and financial assistance is available. Spring programs run from the week of March 28 to the week of May 30.

The Chicago Park District continues to build on record registration numbers. Spring registration reached 94,000 last year, a new benchmark from 87,600 in 2014. Overall program enrollment saw a 35 percent increase from 281,041 in 2012 to 379,908 in 2015.

In addition, the Park District is also launching a brand new social media advertising campaign in order to increase awareness of and participation in park programming among teens and in targeted areas that will include contests, sponsored posts and more.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY.

City Hosts First Small Business Expo 'On The Road' Series For 2016

The City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) through the Small Business Center (SBC) has partnered with COUNTRY Financial® for the 2016 Small Business Center 'On the Road' expo series. The first expo is Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. with Jarrett Payton as the keynote speaker at Kennedy-King College, 740 W. 63rd Street, Chicago.

The expo will offer entrepreneurs and business owners the opportunity to consult, network and gather information from more than 40 government and non-profit agencies including the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Better Business Bureau, and the Chicago Treasurer's Office. The goal is to provide expert advice to small business owners on topics such as licensing, financing and business planning.

"Mayor Emanuel's administration is committed to supporting Chicago's entrepreneurs and small businesses," BACP Commissioner Maria Guerra Lapacek said. "Small businesses are the economic backbone of Chicago and programs like this help ensure our small businesses have the skills and resources to create jobs in our neighborhoods. Thank you to COUNTRY Financial for stepping up and making and investment in Chicago's small business community."

A \$10,000 financial commitment from COUNTRY Financial® will sponsor mini-makeover services as well as professional photographers to take free headshots for all attendees. These two services combined will provide an added professional touch for attendees to use on their social media sites and marketing materials.

"Supporting small businesses so they can be successful has been a longtime priority for COUNTRY Financial as part of the insurance and investments we offer," said Mike Fisher, Agency Field Executive of Market Development at COUNTRY Financial. "We're excited about this new partnership and sharing our expertise to strengthen businesses and communities."

Immediately following the keynote speech there will be three free workshops that begin

at noon and end at 1P.M.

Technology is a Small Business' Best Friend Presented by YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

The Entrepreneurial Equation Presented by Felicia L. Slaton-Young, Greater Englewood Community Development Center

How to really start your business Presented by SCORE

The 'Small Business Center on the Road' is a series of five free expos in neighborhoods throughout Chicago. The series is a partnership between the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), the Office of New Americans (ONA) and Western Union, Fifth Third Bank and now COUNTRY Financial®.

The expo is part of the Mayor's agenda to support neighborhood businesses and economic development. It will also offer business consultants from the (SBC) to help attendees apply or renew for a business license and make an appointment for additional counseling at City Hall. In addition, the Center for Economic Progress will provide a free tax clinic and The Law Project will provide a free legal clinic with representatives offering 20-minute consultations. A one-hour networking session, hosted by City Treasurer Kurt Summers, will wrap up the expo from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M.

2016 Small Business Center 'On the Road' expo series dates and locations:

- February 27, 2016 @ Kennedy King College
- April 30, 2016 @ Arturo Velasquez Institute
- June 25, 2016 @ South Shore Cultural Center
- September 10, 2016 @ Columbus Park Refectory
- October 29, 2016 @ Copernicus Center

To register for an expo or for more information, visit chismallbizexpo.com, call (312) 744-2086 or email BACPoutreach@cityofchicago.org. For more information about the City of Chicago's Small Business Center and the Small Business on the Road expo series, visit www.cityofchicago.org/sbc.

Comcast Business Expands Fiber Optic Network in Chicago's Peterson Pulaski Business and Industrial Corridor

Comcast announced today that the company has added about two miles of fiber optic network in the Peterson Pulaski Industrial Park on Chicago's northwest side, spanning from Bryn Mawr Avenue north to Peterson Avenue, and from Pulaski Avenue west to Lowell Avenue.

This proactive infrastructure investment gives nearly 30 small- and medium-sized businesses in the park access to Internet speeds of up to 10 Gbps, along with a wide range of Comcast Business services, including Ethernet, Internet, Voice and value-added cloud services. The investment being made by the company is in response to strong demand for Comcast Business offerings and supports broader community efforts to expand the local telecommunications and information technology infrastructure.

"Comcast's technology investment in the 39th Ward will be a boon to area businesses and could help create more jobs here," said Chicago 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino. "We appreciate Comcast's positive response to the needs of our ward and our business community."

"This level of investment in our technology infrastructure will help the Peterson-Pulaski Business and Industrial Park compete with other business corridors in the city and suburbs, as well as attract new businesses that require access to high-speed, high-capacity data networks, and a host of other IT services" said Janita Tucker, executive director, Peterson Pulaski Business & Industrial Council.

"Comcast's new fiber allows us to leverage our telephone service across our

four Chicago area sites, which results in a significant cost savings," said Janelle Weyers, vice president of Information Technology for MW Industries, Inc., a manufacturer with a facility in the park. Chicago area-based MW Industries is the largest and most diversified specialty spring and fastener manufacturer in the United States. "We used to have to operate our telephone system independently from each site, which created significant financial and administrative burdens.

The new fiber is a significant upgrade from the existing T1 lines and provides more reliable Internet service, Weyers also noted.

"The addition of fiber in this section of the city is part of a larger effort by Comcast Business to expand its footprint and reach more businesses that could benefit from increased bandwidth," said Jay Dirkmaat, regional vice president of Comcast Business. "Increased bandwidth allows businesses to access more and more applications and services in the cloud, accommodate rapidly increasing numbers of employees using mobile devices and exchange large amounts of data."

Dirkmaat added that in the Chicago area, Comcast has proactively built or expanded its fiber optic network in downtown Chicago, as well as business and industrial corridors adjacent to O'Hare and Midway airports; Interstate 88 in the west suburbs and Interstate 90 in the northwest suburbs; and in Elgin and South Elgin. In total, Comcast has about 11,000 miles of fiber in Illinois.

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NORTHWESTSIDE IRISH 2016 PARADE

Celebrating Irish Heritage in Chicago

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Grand Marshall is Retired Police officer and Chicago FOP Founder Mr. John Dineen. The 2016 Parade is dedicated to our First Responders---Policemen, Fireman and Veterans. We are honored to dedicate the parade to those who have put themselves on the front lines here and abroad. Visit our website, www.northwestsideirish.org, for complete details about the Northwest Side Irish Organization.



The Northwest Irish Parade is a celebration of faith, family, and heritage on the Northwest side of Chicago. Now in our 13th year, the Northwest Side St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has grown. The Committee was founded with the goal of bringing the Chicago's Northwest side area a celebration of Irish involvement in the American experience.

Last years parade was a tremendous success, as our friends and families have greatly expanded.

The marketing opportunities for the Northwest Side Parade Guide distributed to over 50,000 people, all Parade-day participants, and the multiple events that lead up to the parade are very exciting. Our first eleven years, NWSI had thousands in the community participate in the parade, a gallant endeavor by all. We'll have more surprises for the Northwest Side this year and with a little luck maybe we'll even beat last years' attendance record.

Friends of the Northwest Side St. Patrick's Parade can support the event through a variety of fundraisers. Contributions ranging from a \$5.00 raffle ticket to Parade Corporate Sponsorship's through the \$25,000.00 level help us underwrite the donations, cost of staging, promotional materials, and security. We are available to discuss sponsorship opportunities with you at your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you can support this great event and local charities fund raiser.

Northwest Side Irish Parade Foundation is dedicated to the preservation, furtherance and promotion of American Irish Celtic & Gaelic traditions and histories, which benefits the general public and our local communities. We welcome all ethnic friends and family to join the Irish in celebration; it is after all a celebration of friends and families here on the Northwest Side of Chicago. For everyone that is Irish and Irish at heart!

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is an all-volunteer organization whose sole purpose is to promote our Irish Heritage, through organizing and managing the parade. All proceeds go directly to the parade. We have raised funds and awareness for many charitable communities over the past eleven years. Misericordia, Muscular Dystrophy and Helmets to Hardhats are just a few.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to thank the families and businesses that have supported the celebration over the past eleven years. Our festivities would not be possible without your support. We assist to local charities and look to get involved in more worthy causes in the near future. We at the Northwest Side Irish are always on the look out for a good deed to do. So please contact us with any suggestions you might have. Finally, let's all remember; let's make this Northwest Side's St. Patrick's Day Parade FUN!

For everyone, the Irish and the Irish at heart...



Grand Marshall John Dineen



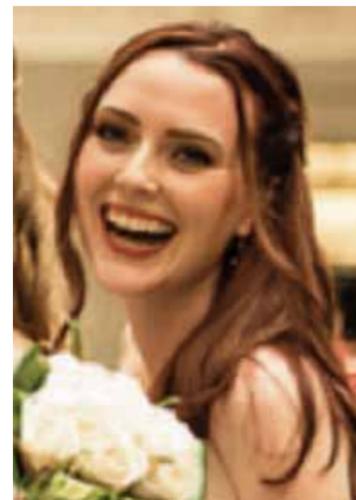
Born on the west side of Chicago- July 4, 1936.
 Attended St. Mel grade school and St. Mel High School- graduated class of 1954.
 Served in the U.S. ARMY- 1955-1957.
 Attended De Paul University- Business School
 Roosevelt University- Labor Classes
 Chicago Police Officer- March 1959 to August 1997
 One of the founders of the Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7- Jan 1963
 Treasurer FOP Chicago #7 1963-1972
 President FOP Chicago #7 1972-1993
 Negotiated first Police contract with City of Chicago 1981 and renewal contracts 1982-1993.

Married to Marilyn Callahan January 1958

Five Children- Karen Kissane - Susan Dineen - Cindy Sliwa - John Dineen & Tim Dineen. Ten Grand children and four Great-grand children.

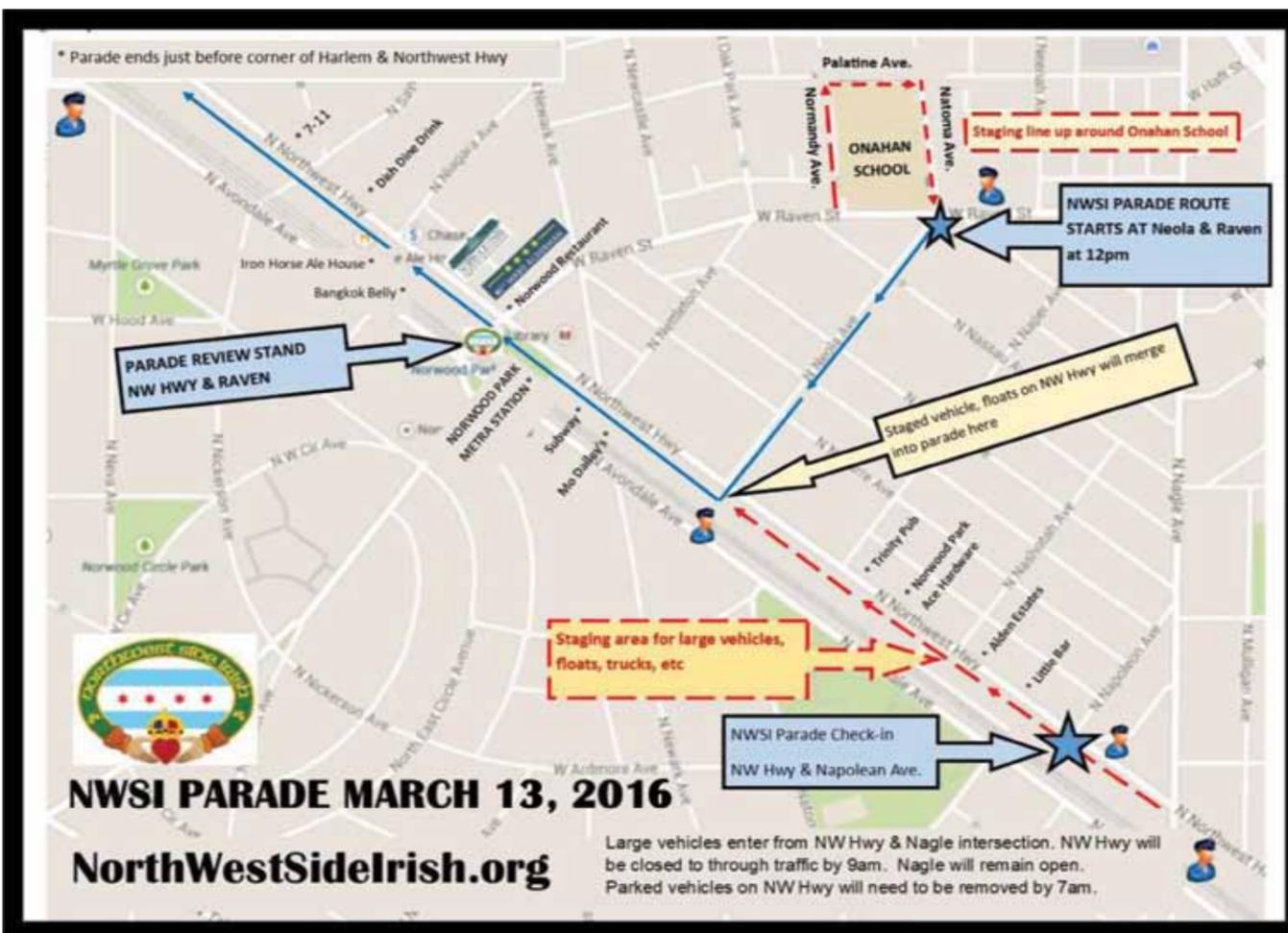
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I'm MARY ROSELLA LINNANE. I'm 100% Irish. My ancestors are from County Clare, County Kerry, and County Londonderry. I live in Norwood Park with my mom, dad, brother, and sisters. I currently work at an after school program in West Rogers Park where I tutor students and help them with homework. I also work as a substitute teacher for Chicago Public Schools. I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education in May. I minored in teaching English as a second language, and I can't wait to have my own classroom - hopefully one day soon! I enjoy going to White Sox games, spending time with my family and friends, and watching fun television shows like Masterchef, Ellen, and American Horror Story. I am an understanding, trustworthy, and laid back person.



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Free Organ Concerts At Loyola

A year-long organ concert series is being presented by Loyola's Department of Fine and Performing Arts the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The concerts are open to the public with no tickets or reservations needed. The concerts are held at Loyola University's Madonna della Strada Chapel on the lakefront. The recital series includes local, national and international artists.

Carl Chadek, Board member at Malibu East Condo Association presented the February concert on the Katheryn Stamm Memorial Organ, a pipe organ built in 2008. Chadek is the director of music at St. Hilary Parish near Bryn Mawr and California.

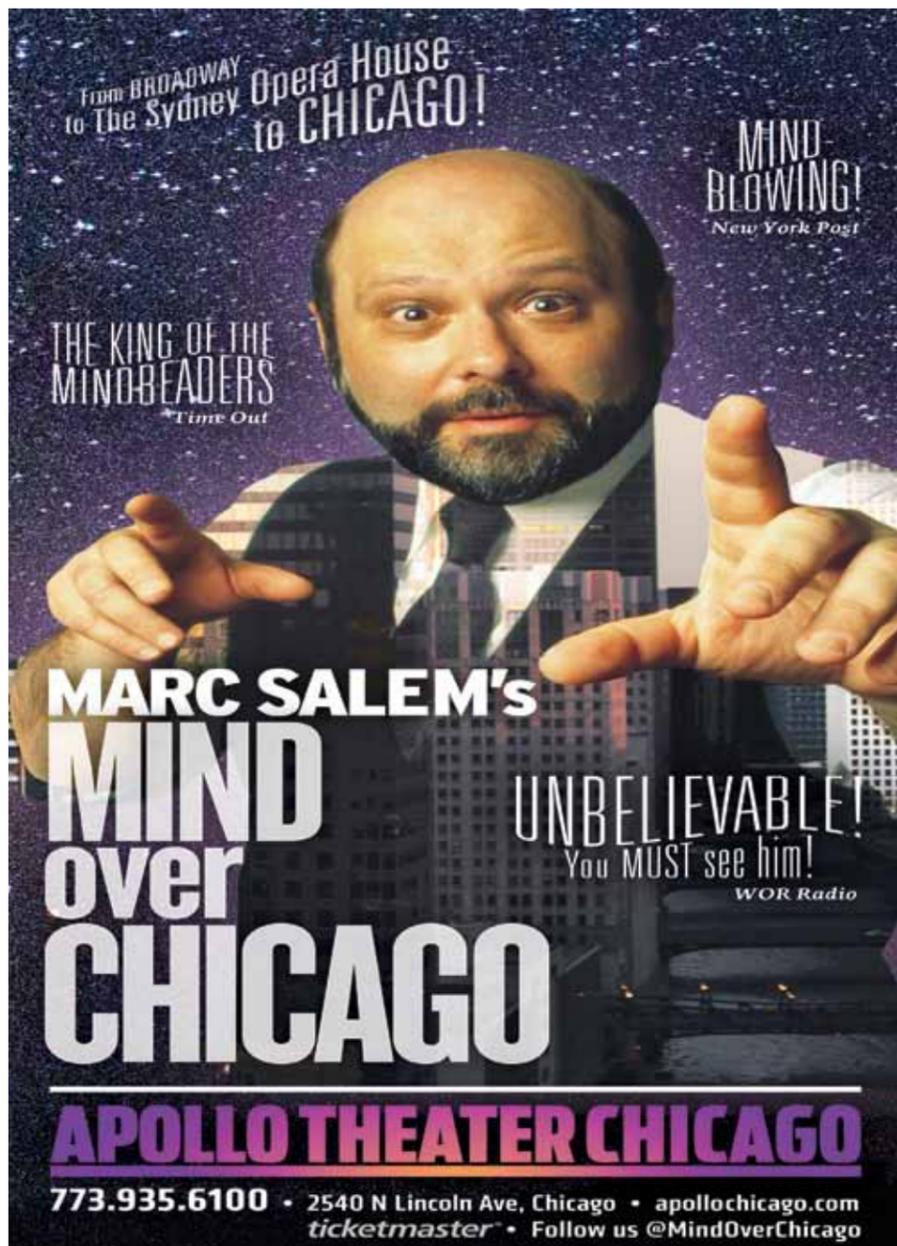
Chicago Fire To Film Episode At Old Broadway Bank Building

Pedestrians wandering past the old Broadway Bank building (5960 N. Broadway) on Thursday night were surprised to see a security guard inside.

This is part of the preparation for the filming of an episode of Chicago Fire next Thursday. We can't tell you anything about casting calls or whether you will get to see Lady Gaga but we do know that 48th Ward Chief of Staff Dan Luna has been attending meetings and that streets in the area will be closed down.




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Chicago Comedian Caryn Bark To Star In Skokie Synagogue "Purim Shpiel"

Well-known Chicago comedian Caryn Bark, will be featured in the Purim Spiel (musical parody) "The Queen and I" which will be produced at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

The show will run three times: Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 27, 1:30 p.m.

Musical Director for "The Queen and I" is Howard Pfeifer who has recently worked in the Chicago musical productions "Beautiful" and "Bye Bye Birdie."

Caryn Bark's real-life husband, Dr. Fred Huss, will be in the show as will her daughter, Dashiell Bark-Huss.

Skokie resident, Ken Dermer, wrote and will direct the show with a cameo perfor-

mance. Other local performers, among the cast and crew of 50, include Cantor Larry Goller, Shelley Kleiman and Katie Zutter.

This is the seventh Purim Shpiel at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation.

Purim is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill all the Jews in the ancient empire of Persia. They were rescued by the bravery of Queen Esther.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under; \$25 and \$12 at the door.

For further information or for reservations for the play, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141.

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Adler Planetarium Announces New Sky Show Featuring Evidence of a Real Ninth Planet Opening May 28th

The Adler Planetarium is excited to announce the release of their newest sky show set to open on May 28th. The sky show, still to be titled, will explore the largest of Pluto's neighbors in the Kuiper belt and invites visitors to join in the hunt for a new ninth planet.

The observable Universe is more than 90 billion light-years across, and most of it is empty space. For centuries, astronomers have used math and physics to light the way. Decades before Clyde Tombaugh first observed Pluto, astronomers Percival Lowell and William Henry Pickering had predicted the existence of a mysterious Planet X in the same celestial neighborhood.

While Pluto's planetary status has been hotly debated among the general public since the International Astronomical Union demoted (or "reclassified") it as a dwarf planet in 2006, scientists have been exploring the rich class of worlds to which Pluto now belongs: the objects of the Kuiper belt. Their work has led them to consider a surprising possibility: that a true ninth planet, far beyond the orbit of Neptune, has been out there all along.

"We are excited to be releasing our newest sky show, especially in light of news on a potential ninth planet lurking in our solar system," says Mark SubbaRao, Ph.D., astronomer and Director of the Space Visualization Laboratory at the Adler Planetarium. "After Mike Brown's

lecture at the Adler last spring, we decided to collaborate on a sky show. Already in production for months, we were able to get ahead of the curve and give our visitors a glimpse into the very latest science, including the evidence as to why we think another large planet is out there."

Explore these dwarf planets with Mike Brown and his Caltech team in the Adler's new sky show!

Eris— The discovery of Eris prompted the International Astronomical Union to agree on an official definition of "planet" in 2006. Eris is almost exactly the same size as Pluto, yet it weighs 25 percent more. It is also remarkably bright, reflecting 97 percent of the light it receives from the Sun. To put that in perspective, the moon reflects just 12 percent of the Sun's rays.

Haumea— Shaped like a football, Haumea rotates incredibly fast—once every four hours! This object's fast rotation causes its unusual shape. Were it rotating more slowly, gravity would pull it into a sphere, which is why it qualifies as a dwarf planet even though it isn't round.

Sedna— Sedna's orbit takes it deep into the far reaches of the Solar System, almost 20 times as far as Pluto ever goes. A year on Sedna is 11,400 times as long as a year on Earth! But perhaps the most interesting thing about Sedna is the hints it gives us that there are many more objects yet to be found at the edges of our cosmic backyard.

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“A Theater Review”

“The Man Who Murdered Sherlock Holmes”

Mercury Theatre, 3745 North Southport Ave, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

“The Man Who Murdered Sherlock Holmes,” is part fantasy and part a musical adventure inspired by actual events.

The show has a book by John Reeger with music and lyrics by the late Julie Shannon. Michael Mahler has added his musical touch to the show. The show is being directed by Warner Crocker.

After twenty years and several readings it is now being produced by Walter Stearns at the Mercury Theatre.

Michael Lindner is playing Arthur Conan Doyle and Nick Sandys is playing Sherlock Holmes. Mr. Sandys is the artistic director of the Remy Bumpo Theatre in Chicago.

Some of the actors featured in the cast are McKinley Carter, Mary Ernster, David Gilrolma, Ron Keaton, Colette Todd, Johann George and several other fine Chicago artists.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is awaiting “The Final Problem in which his famous detective is killed off.” We find out that everyone from Churchill to Doyle’s own family are up in arms.

How all this came about was when Reeger came across a book in the library by Peter Costello called “The Real World of Sherlock Holmes.”

We find that Doyle flees London to escape the harassment of the mobs outside his home.

The play deals with a battle of wits between the author who wants his character dead – the character who wants to be alive to live his legacy and then we find the two solving the real life crime of “The Wyrley Ripper.”

The Theatre has street parking, valet parking and parking in the Blaine School lot. There are plenty of restaurants in the area.

As a kid I saw movies at the Music Box and I graduated from Blaine Grammar School. My favorite restaurant is Delece’s and it adjoins the theatre.

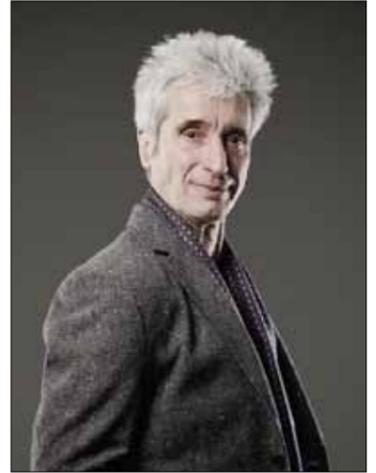
“The Man Who Murdered Sherlock Holmes” runs through March 20th. For show days – show times and reservations call 773-325-1700. You can go online to www.mercurytheaterchicago.com. Tickets are \$25 to \$65.

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By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

Singer, songwriter and musician Alan Gerber is “Coming Home.” The former Skokie resident brings his live concert tour to Skokie Theater on Saturday, March 19 at 8:00pm, Gerber is now a resident of Val-David, Quebec, but has fond memories of his time in Skokie. He graduated from Niles East H.S. and went on to study music at Roosevelt University. “Chicago and Skokie were where I developed my love for music and my Midwestern work ethic. It will be great to be home,” Gerber said.



Gerber has an extensive musical resume that includes working with Bob Dylan, Leon Russell and the Doors’ legendary producer Paul Rothchild. In 1967, Rothchild formed the the ground-breaking rock band Rinoceros and selected Gerber to provide keyboard and vocals for the group. Gerber was a regular performer at Byfield’s nightclub in the Ambassador East Hotel in the 1980’s before re-locating to Canada.

He has spent much of the past 25 years touring in Canada and throughout Europe, and has recently entered his most satisfying musical chapter yet, recruiting his son and daughter for his latest project The Grand and the Small. Family and music are at the core of Gerber’s life and blending the two on his new album is especially gratifying. “We were playing for 15,000 people at the Montreal Jazz Festival and people were going nuts,” he said.

Whether he’s performing with his children and a full band, or as a solo artist, Gerber is a riveting live performer who has developed a reputation for holding an audience in the palm of his hand. His appearances and recordings reflect his wide music range from R&B, rock and jazz and showcase him playing a variety of musical instruments including piano, guitar, slide guitar, accordion and violin. Audiences have cheered in venues as diverse as small-town clubs to the Montreal Jazz Festival.

Gerber has won a devoted legion of fans drawn to his cleverly crafted lyrics and engaging live performances. “I’m really into the physicality of music, of rock ‘n roll and R&B,” Gerber says, “but I’m also really into poetry and intelligent lyrics, talking about something that is important to me and hopefully other people. My songs are stories about life.”

Alan Gerber: Coming Home will be presented at Skokie Theatre on Saturday, March 19 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org, or by calling the box office at 847-677-7761.

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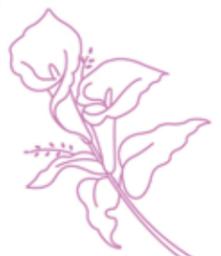
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VFW Announces Illinois Voice of Democracy Scholarship Winner

Deanna Cantu, a Senior at Elmwood High School in Elmwood, Illinois, was named the VFW Department of Illinois' Voice of Democracy State Champion and recipient of the \$2,500.00 John H. Emery Youth, Pageantry and Patriotism Award in Memory of George G. Gorin, Jr. at the 69th annual Voice of Democracy Banquet, Feb. 13, 2016.

Cantu, daughter of Dean and Sandy Cantu, was sponsored by Archie Miles VFW Post 4724 in Elmwood. She was the District 9 Voice of Democracy champion.

Cantu was among the 17 Illinois VFW District Champions who were invited to attend the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy weekend festivities in Springfield. The students visited several sites in Springfield, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library and the Lincoln Tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery for the Illinois VFW's annual tribute to our 16th President. The weekend's festivities were capped off with the 69th annual Voice of Democracy Banquet held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, a Doubletree by Hilton, where the Illinois VFW honored the student champions.

"The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students with the opportunity to speak out on free-

dom and democracy," says VFW Department Commander Phil Maughan. "The program has been popular and successful since its beginning in 1947, and we're proud to keep offering it to America's young people."

The Voice of Democracy is a worldwide audio-essay competition that requires entrants to write and record a three-to-five minute essay on a patriotic-based theme. "My Vision For America" was this year's theme.

Nearly 3,000 Illinois students participated in the competition this year. As one of 54 finalists worldwide, Deanna will travel to Washington, D.C. in March and compete at the national level for the first-place prize of a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.



Pictured from left are: State of Illinois VFW Auxiliary Senior Vice President Samantha Schmidgall; State of Illinois VFW Commander Phil Maughan; Past Commander-in-Chief James Mueller; Illinois Voice of Democracy State Champion Deanna Cantu; State of Illinois VFW Voice of Democracy Director Michael DeRoss; and State of Illinois VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson Laurie Sparwasser.

Photo by Barb Wilson, Editor, Illinois VFW News.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

All are invited to a St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by the Tattler Post #973 of the American Legion at 4355 N. Western Avenue in Chicago. The date is Saturday, March 19, from 5 to 8 pm. On the menu are Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread and Desserts. Beverages are available at nominal prices. The cost is \$10.00 per person in advance or \$13.00 per person at the door. To reserve your spot, call 773-588-5809. Come out for a fun evening and support your local Vets.

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St. Patrick's Day Party!

**St. Thecla School, 6323 N. Newcastle, Falcon Hall (GYM).
Saturday, March 5th; 6:00pm - 11:30pm**

Join us at St. Thecla for libations, Irish Dancers, traditional Irish dinner, papers, live Irish music, split-the-pot, and much more! On March 5th come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at St. Thecla School - where everyone is Irish.

Tickets: \$30 per person.

Price of admission includes dinner, dessert, coffee, pop and water, and all live entertainment. 21 and over event. Cash bar.

"Reinventing Landscapes" Exhibition to Open at Noyes Cultural Arts Center March 6

Community members are invited to view "Reinventing Landscapes," an art exhibition that will be on display in the second floor gallery of the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, located at 927 Noyes St. in Evanston. The exhibit debuts on Sunday, March 6 and will run through April 6.

"Reinventing Landscapes" by Didier Nolet features landscape paintings based on a blending of visions and memories, translating a state of mind, using oil and acrylic on canvas and soft and oil pastel on paper.

An opening reception for the exhibit will take place on March 6, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. Admission is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

More about the Artist

"For many years my paintings and pastels reflected a blending of my childhood memories. This became more and more a transcription of my personal inner feelings, state of mind, and moods. The paintings can go from serene to stormy, depending on what's happening in my life and around me at the time of creation. They are images straight out of my mind; imaginary landscapes and seascapes that transcribe the different stages of my life and personality."

The exhibit can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, please visit cityofevanston.org/noyesgallery or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

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Governor Signs Executive Order Creating the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth

Governor Bruce Rauner today signed an Executive Order creating the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth (the "Children's Cabinet") to streamline Illinois' education and youth efforts across the state.

"The single most important thing we do as a society is invest in our children's education," Governor Rauner said. "The Children's Cabinet will create a strategic vision for education and health and human services by bringing together all state entities that interact with children into a central unit. It will ensure Illinois children are getting the resources they need and deserve, while expediting true reforms that will transform our education system to ensure a bright future for our students."

The Children's Cabinet will formulate a strategic vision for the education and well-being of children and families across Illinois. That vision will include ideas to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the State by reducing bureaucracy and ensuring State agencies are aligned in their programming. The Children's Cabinet will work with health and human service providers, early childhood programs, elementary schools, high schools and post-secondary institutions to drive the best outcomes for our students in Illinois.

"The Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth is systematically addressing the fragmented system that currently exists in Illinois," Secretary of Education Beth Purvis said. "Governor Rauner's new structure will support and integrate the State's priorities and initiatives more effectively to identify and address any agency collaboration barriers so we can more thoughtfully and aggressively improve the future for our children."

In addition, the Children's Cabinet will facilitate strategic partnerships inside State government, as well as with schools and private organizations. Through these partnerships, the cabinet will promote awareness of important issues facing children. In addition, the Children's Cabinet will provide funding and policy recommendations to the General Assembly.

Illinois is the 18th state in the country to create a cabinet like this in the past 20 years. States utilizing a Children's Cabinet have improved coordination and efficiency across state agencies and local governments by mobilizing resources around priorities for education, facilitating a comprehensive approach to serving children and strengthening partnerships with the non-profit and private sectors.

The Governor will serve as Chairman of the Children's Cabinet.

Gala Purim Carnival At Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation

Games of chance, lots of prizes, a Bouncy House and a great deal of fun for children ages 12 and under will be available on Sunday, March 20 starting at 9:00 a.m. when Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, presents its annual Purim Carnival!

Game and lunch tickets may be purchased at the door, however the first 25 children under 12 will each receive 25 free game tickets and a special prize. A hot dog lunch with chips, beverage and Purim dessert will be available.

"We are looking forward to a wonderful morning with lots of youngsters playing games and winning prizes," says Shimrah Bullock-Adkins, who works with the Religious School and is the orga-

nizer of the Carnival

"We encourage the children to come in costume; they can dress as Queen Esther or as Purim clowns, or as the evil Haman, or as the kindly Mordechai. Youngsters can also come as cartoon characters, princesses and pirates or the costumes of their choice. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Everyone is welcome to join the fun!

"We are busy preparing the games and making sure there is something for every age group - from the little pre-schoolers to the pre-teens" she added.

For more information, please call the office of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation at 847-675-4141 or go to the synagogue web site at EHNT.ORG



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Local Warnings During Inclement Weather Conditions

1. Parents should know where their children are and especially escort them at afternoon dismissal. Be aware of unexpected school closings. Keep your radio on. Carry a flashlight and have extra batteries.
2. Stay off of all lakefront bike paths and beaches. Make sure bikes and cars have their lights on. Walk your bikes on sidewalks.
3. Clear and/or tie down all items on balconies. Keep animals inside. Walk pets on leash.
4. Make sure all children in your association are accounted for and have returned home. If you have children coming home by bus, meet the bus if visibility is poor.
5. Make sure that your staff has adequate rest when shoveling. Wet snow is heavy snow.

Life Safety Progress

Most Sheridan Road Condo Associations have complied with the City of Chicago Life Safety Ordinance and their track record is better than that of the rental buildings. An addition to some projects was a requirement by City Inspectors that a battery operated smoke detector be installed in every water heater closet. Most buildings that are required to do so are doing this at no charge to the unit owners. Some new door configurations are also being required. Those associations who began their compliance in a timely manner received some quick inspections and completed the process before additional requirements were added.

Mayor's Office Initiative for Neighborhood Development

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced an initiative that will generate millions of dollars in new investment into underserved communities throughout Chicago. The proposal will reform existing ordinance to allow developers to obtain additional square-footage for construction projects in the downtown area in exchange for investments to support neighborhoods in need of jobs and economic growth.

"Today we are establishing a new norm in Chicago where our most thriving areas will help our most struggling neighborhoods and communities. It involves

looking at every investment we make in Chicago - public, private and non-profit - through a neighborhood lens and having them meet a simple test: do they also provide economic and job opportunities for residents from underserved neighborhoods," Mayor Emanuel said. "My goal is to ensure that every resident in every neighborhood of Chicago has an opportunity to participate in the future that we are building in Chicago and by working together we can make that goal a reality."

The reforms will be proposed to the City Council this spring and take effect immediately upon passage.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois and Wintrust Financial Partner to Raise Awareness

SOS Children's Villages Illinois, a 501(c)3 child-welfare agency, and Wintrust Financial are partnering to raise awareness for at-risk youth and children in foster care. The mural design spread across The Mural Building, located at 1735 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622, and viewable from the Kennedy Expressway, was developed by Wintrust Financial in honor of SOS Children's Villages Illinois' commitment not only to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the children in care, but also the organization's capacity to rekindle hope, allowing each child to dream of a brighter future.

The mural puts children in foster care, an often times marginalized group of society, in front of the nearly 327,000 vehicles traveling on the Kennedy, one of the busiest roads in Illinois, each day. It is anticipated that the mural will be viewed by an estimated 1 million drivers during its month-long campaign. The

mural sheds light on the mission of SOS Children's Villages Illinois to ensure every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect, and security, as well as highlights for viewers of the mural that these good works all take place within Chicagoland's very own backyard.

"We are proud to partner with Wintrust Financial to raise awareness for the children and families in our care," stated Tim McCormick, CEO of SOS Children's Villages Illinois. "Through our collective imagination, we have the power to envision and create new opportunities for each child we serve, renewing in them a capacity to dream and maximize their fullest potential."

For more information about SOS Children's Villages Illinois, please contact:

Kristine Kavanagh, kkavanagh@sosillinois.org - Tel. (312) 372-8200, ext.114, Email: kkavanagh@sosillinois.org.

For more information on SOS Children's Villages Illinois visit: sosillinois.org

Special Service For Tots At Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Cong.

Stories, songs, prayers and games will be part of a special prayer service for children ages two to five at a "Tefila Tot Shabbat," Saturday, March 12, starting at 11:15 a.m., in the Chapel at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

Playtime and Kiddush luncheon with the whole congregation follows the service.

This is free and open to any Jewish

family with small children. Older siblings are welcome, as well.

"We are delighted with our Tefila Tots Shabbat and are very excited to see it grow," says Rebbetzin Julie Weill who will lead the program with two other Jewish educators, Laura Brody and Sara Chupack.

For further information, please call the synagogue at 847-675-4141.

Housekeepers, Nannies and Caregivers Launch Job Creation & "Fair Trade Hiring" Program

What: Domestic workers will hold a press conference announcing the launch of a new community economic development and job creation program.

Why: The program will allow ethical employers to connect with experienced nannies, caregivers and home and office

cleaners, filling a critical demand in the domestic work market.

When: 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Where: The Albany Park Workers Center, 3416 W Bryn Mawr

What Happens in My Initial Estate Planning Consultation?



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Your initial consultation with an estate planning attorney should be similar to your initial consultation with your physician.

First, you will be asked to provide information about yourself and your family. Are you married? Do you have any children? Did you have previous marriages? Do you have any grandchildren? What are the ages of you and your family?

You will be asked about your assets and their nature and extent. You will be asked about your goals. Who will take care of all kinds of matters when you are unable to do so?

As many patients try to conceal certain information from physicians, some clients try to conceal certain information from attorneys. It is important for the attorney to know the full answer to all questions asked, just as it is important for

the physician to know. The estate planning attorney asks the questions to help anticipate issues that might arise. For example, you may be reluctant to discuss a child you had fathered out of wedlock years ago. If you do not want that child to benefit from your estate, you should disinherit that child. A child simply omitted may be entitled to what they would have gotten had you died without a Will or Trust.

An estate planning attorney's role is to help you realize your goals and dreams while guarding against life's risks. For example, let's say you want to leave assets to your child with special needs. The estate planning attorney can draft the trust so that those assets will be available for your child's benefit, rather than being taken to pay or reimburse governmental agencies for benefits for which he or she is eligible.

The estate planning attorney will go over your goals with you and plot a course to achieve that goal. After you agree on the strategies involved, the estate planning attorney will draft the documents and directions to effectuate those strategies. For example, the attorney may draft a power of attorney to designate who will be your agent to make financial or health care decisions when you are unable to make them for yourself. The attorney may draft a deed placing title to your home into your revocable living trust so that it will not be subject to probate on the death of the survivor of you and your spouse.

The estate planning attorney and the physician are educated professionals who are there to help you achieve your goals, whatever those might be. When you leave the attorney's office, you should have an understanding of what the general plan is to achieve your goal and what steps will be taken next and by whom.

How do you choose an estate planning attorney? A recent segment on a CNN financial news cable network indicated that one of the most important factors to consider is your comfort level with the attorney and whether the attorney meets stringent continuing education requirements. Organizations such as the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys (www.aepa.com) impose stringent continuing education requirements, so you might want to start your search for an attorney at their website.

Once you have chosen an estate planning attorney and have had the initial consultation, you will know you made the right choice by the sigh of relief and satisfaction as you leave the attorney's office..

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

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Don't Throw Them Under The Bus – Part 2

Thanks to all of you who expressed additional thoughts on Social Security in response to our article in the January 6th edition of Our Village this year.

Some people in the neighborhood pointed out that the Social Security benefits they receive are really not benefits at all, but only their own mandatory contributions to the system throughout their working years. There was never an option as to whether to contribute or not to contribute, but the agreement in return was that their monies would be kept in a holding fund which would be returned as investment returns to carry them through the remaining years of their lives and, in a reduced amount, for the remaining years of the lives of their spouses. The percentages of withheld monies from a person's earnings was promised then, to be paid out when the person reached a certain retirement age.

Some have suggested that the retirement age be extended even further than it has been already. We suggest to those who feel this is a good idea that you consider yourself to be a person who has worked his or her entire life in a physically demanding job such as a brick layer, a floor installer, in the roofing and building business, heavy construction and digging and demolition, driving an 18-wheeler or standing on your feet all day in the restaurant and bakery business and many others. How would you feel about adding those extra years to your being qualified to request retirement benefits promised to you?

Think about that – and let's not "Throw Them Under The Bus"!!

The Editor

Send your thoughts to us at contact@ourvillagechicago.com or Village Publications, P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631.

Spring Arts And Craft Fair At Resurrection College Prep High School

Resurrection College Prep High School will host its annual Spring Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Patrons can explore the wide variety of handcrafted items at over 150 craft displays featuring items for Easter, Mother's Day and spring gardening, including unique gifts, housewares, jewelry, accessories, food items and more. Admission for this school fundraising event is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children under 10 are 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.

Honor Flight Chicago – "Operation Locate A Hero" - 2016 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 2016 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

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

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit (www.honorflightchicago.org)

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

Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope And Opportunity To Families

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

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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Northtown Garden Society March 10 Meeting

SPECIAL DATE, TIME, PLACE (due to elections)

Northtown Garden Society March Meeting, Thursday, March 10, 2016, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Chicago Public Library, Northtown Branch, 6435 N. California

THE ART OF BONSAI - Guest Speaker: Chris Baker

Chris Baker is the curator of bonsai at the Chicago Botanic Garden where he maintains approximately 175 bonsai trees.

Mr. Baker has always had an interest in horticulture, but his introduction to bonsai started with the purchase of a bonsai juniper as a gift for a friend. When asked why he is so passionate about bonsai, he says, "Bonsai is a representation of the beauty and power of nature; it's the perfect mix of artistry, horticulture, and mechanical skills—it's living art."

Mr. Baker has been studying and working on bonsai for more than 13 years. He spent six months in 2012 studying bonsai with third-generation bonsai master Tohru Suzuki at the Daijuen Nursery in Okazaki, Japan. He was an intern and volunteer at the United States National Arboretum's National Bonsai and Penjing Museum in Washington, D.C. He has been the curator of Bonsai at the Chicago Botanic Garden since 2012.

To learn more about Chris Baker visit: my.chicagobotanic.org/tag/chris-baker/

Bring your questions about bonsai and bring your friends.

Also, if there is any kind of programing that interests you please let us know, we are always open to your suggestions. That includes field trips or outdoor activities during the Summer months.

RAIN GARDENS: DESIGN & PLANT YOUR OWN

Join Jackie Riffice, Expert Gardener of Prairie Godmothers, to learn the "Whys" and "Hows" of planting your first rain garden. Learn how rain gardens can deter basement flooding, how rain gardens can be done cheaply (and beautifully), and how to easily maintain your rain garden. After the seminar, HCBA will reveal a special "Planting a Rain Garden" video that will be shared electronically to all attendees.

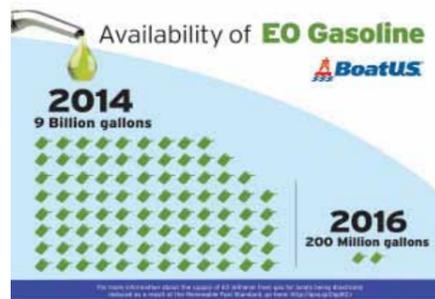
Wed., March 30, 6:30 - 8pm, Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave

E0 Gas Is Going Away for Boaters

Dear Friends:

I want to share with you the Op-Ed below that was recently offered this week to South Carolina newspapers in advance of Saturday's Democratic primary. E0 (zero-ethanol) gasoline, which is sold at marinas and gas stations, is in effect being pushed out of boat fuel market to make room for the Renewable Fuel Standard-mandated E15 and higher ethanol blends. This means boaters may see shortages of E0 fuel as early as this summer's boating season. BoatUS believes boaters need a reliable, trusted fuel to ensure smooth engine operation and safe navigation, and we ask you to share the Op-Ed below in any manner available to you.

Please call me at 703-461-2864 or email SCroft@BoatUS.com if you have any questions.



E0, or ethanol-free gasoline for boaters may be hard to come by this summer as a result of the Renewable Fuel Standard mandate forcing more ethanol into the fuel supply.

Thank you for your support on this issue,
Scott Croft
Vice President BoatUS Public Affairs

Growing Summer Savings in the Garden

By Nathaniel Sillin

Have you ever thought about growing your own fruits and vegetables at home? For experienced gardeners, the cold months are when their imaginations get fired up; seed catalogs seem to blow in with the arctic blast, accompanied by companion mailings from gardening accessories and equipment retailers. But where can amateurs start?

To maintain a garden as a legitimate financial alternative to store-bought food, it's important to understand the underlying costs involved. Some gardeners spend substantial bucks on fancy tools, equipment, gardening clothes, deluxe fertilizers or supplies, which sounds counter-intuitive to a money-saving alternative. Investing in home gardening requires frugal spending and a desire to learn – very few people wipe out their entire produce bill without a little preparation, knowledge and most important, trial and error.

There are plenty of studies (<http://www.garden.org/>) on how much people are investing in home- and community-based gardens, but very few reliable guidelines on how much money you can actually save by gardening. That's because it's tough to generalize results based on geography, climate and skill sets.

Nevertheless, if you still want to get your hands dirty, here are some general steps to take before you dig in:

Harvest as much local gardening knowledge as you can. The word "local" is very important. Planning a home-based edible garden in a sunny West Coast backyard is very different than planting a series of clay pots on a Midwestern terrace. Start with a close look at your climate and growing conditions before buying anything.

Plant only what you'll eat. If you want a salad garden, stick to lettuce that can be planted and harvested repeatedly in one season. Maybe you'll also want to plant a tomato plant or two. If you generally buy a lot of a particular vegetable, try and grow that first. The more you want to eat the food you're planting, the more interest you'll take in making it a success.

Keep your first effort as inexpensive as possible. Generally, the cheapest way to grow plants is from seed you start growing indoors. Some people have special lights and shelving for indoor seed starting, but if you're planning on only a few plants, it's best to start modestly. Consult experts about the most effective and frugal way to start your desired plants from seed at home and set a growing schedule that culminates in actual planting outdoor. Sometimes it's better to stick with a few borrowed or garage sale hand tools and recycled containers that will work just fine for seeding and drainage.

Keep learning as you go. When you start gardening, even if it's only a pot or two where you're growing from seed, start an annual garden journal that details what you've purchased (with prices), what's worked well and all questions and answers you've gathered along the way. You might even discover new plants you'd like to grow next year. Re-reading your journal before you start your gardening planning in winter is a great way to shape your growing and cooking priorities for the coming year.

Bottom line: Homegrown food usually tastes better for two reasons – it's fresher than anything you can buy and you have the pride of growing it yourself. However, making an economical home garden takes know-how, knowledge and as minimal initial investment as possible.

Village Cooking Corner

Broiled Salmon Fillets (Moroccan style)

3 to 4 salmon fillets	2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
4 tablespoons of olive oil	1/2 stick of butter, melted
3 garlic cloves - crushed	2 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. of cayenne pepper	1 tablespoon of cumino
juice of 1/2 lemon	

Arrange the fillets in a baking dish and place them under a very hot broiler. Cook, with the broiler door open for 3 to 5 minutes or until golden brown. Melt the butter, add oil and all the remaining ingredients, mix them all well, and pour over the salmon. Continue to broil for additional few minutes till a nice crisp on the top of this dish. Sprinkle with fresh lemon juice. Serve immediately with quartered lemon, if desired.

by Elizabeth Elkayam

Baked Scallops

1 quart scallops	1 green pepper, chopped fine
1 1/2 cups fine bread crumbs	1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon black pepper	1 teaspoon Worcestershire
Dash of tabasco	1/4 cup melted butter

Mix the green pepper, bread crumbs, mustard and pepper, Worcestershire and tabasco. Roll the scallops in the melted fat and then in crumb mixture until well coated. Put in greased baking dish large enough so that scallops are not more than three deep. dot with butter and bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. Garnish with thin slices of lemon and little parsley. Serves 6.

Taken from "A Maine Cookbook."

Watch the Food Network's upcoming episodes of Coast-To-Coast Chow featuring Harry Kempf, owner, operator and chef of the Chicago Brauhaus.



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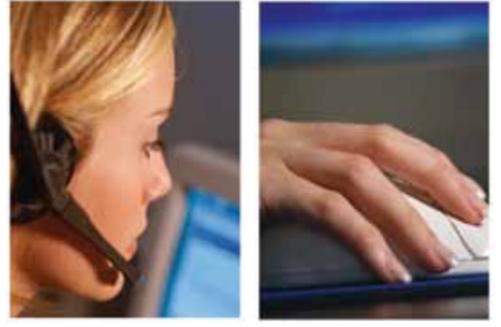
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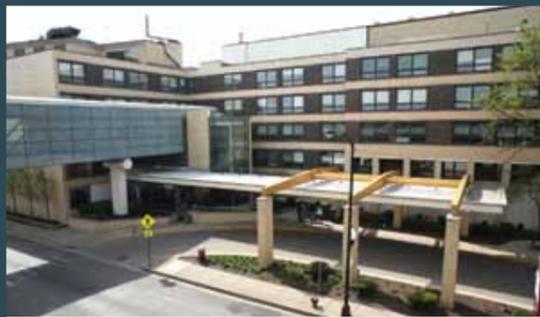
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