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Zodiac Animal Heads Sculptural Exhibit at Adler Planetarium Ending Soon

WHEN: Sunday, April 17
 WHERE: Adler Planetarium, Copernicus Plaza (1300 S. Lake Shore Dr.)
 DETAILS: The last day to admire the touring outdoor sculptural exhibition "Circle of Animals/ Zodiac Heads: Bronze" is April 17.
 The zodiac head installation, which is a recreation of the zodiac clock at Yuanmingyuan, the Garden of Perfect Brightness in China, is currently on display at the Copernicus Plaza located outside of the Adler Planetarium.
 Chicago was the 14th city to host the 12 bronze animal heads that were sculpted by the Chinese political artist Ai Weiwei to represent the Chinese zodiac signs.
 The Chicago Park District and the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events coordinated to bring the public art installation to Chicago in September 2014, and after a successful run, it will continue on its world tour.



Strandbeest: The Dream Machines of Theo Jansen

In the first major American exhibition tour, Theo Jansen's wholly distinctive kinetic creations blur the lines of art, engineering, science and performance. Celebrating the thrill of the Strandbeest's locomotion as well as the processes that have driven their evolutionary development, the sculptures are accompanied by artist drawings, videos, daily demonstrations of the Strandbeests' movements, a display of "fossils" as well as photography by Lena Herzog. More information at chicagoculturalcenter.org.



Passover Begins on April 22nd



Chicago's Citywide Clean & Green Volunteer Clean-Up
 Saturday, April 16, 2016
 (See Page 4 For More)

Celebrate EARTH DAY
 Wednesday, April 22nd

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On the occasion of The Feast of ARMENIAN GENOCIDE SAINTS

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 1701, Greenwood Rd. Glenview, Illinois

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016
 at 10:00 AM

Auxiliary parking is available in main chapel parking lot of Chicago Covenant Presbyterian church, northwest corner of Lake & Greenwood. Shuttle to church will be provided

Sponsoring Churches

- Armenian All Saints Apostolic Church, Glenview, Illinois
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- Armenian Evangelical Church, Mt. Prospect, Illinois
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- St. John the Baptist Armenian Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin
Rev. Fr. Nareg Koutalian
- St. Paul Armenian Apostolic Church, Waukegan, Illinois
Rev. Fr. Daron Stepanian

The Joint Committee of the Armenian Churches of Greater Chicago
 Please Note: There will be no services at the other churches on this day

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(Turn To Page 10 For April 16th Event Details)

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant

Mother's Day Brunch
 Sunday, May 8th
 11:00am - 6:00pm
 (Buffet seating begins at 11:00am, Family-style seating begins at 12:00pm)

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Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut	Mexican Station Tamales, Steak Fajitas, Arroz Con Pollo, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Chips & Guacamole
Honey-Glazed Ham	North American Station BBQ Ribs, Mac & Cheese, Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, Carved Beef, Roasted Turkey and Prime Rib
Mashed Potatoes	Dessert Station Assorted Bakery Fresh Pastries
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Community First Medical Center April Health Events For Area Residents

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

Wednesday, April 13— NW Connection Chamber of Commerce Spring Business Fair - 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Community First Medical Center will be offering blood pressure screenings at Hanson Park Elementary School, 5411 W. Fullerton, Chicago.

Thursday, April 21—Thinking about joint replacement – 3:30 -4:30 pm. Community First Medical Center will offer free joint replacement information sessions 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 is not required.

Canine Influenza at a Glance

Canine flu is rarely fatal. But it can be extremely dangerous and occasionally life-threatening, especially in dogs that are older, very young, or have compromised immune systems.

Once a dog is infected, they have to avoid contact with other dogs for at least 21 days.

Canine influenza can be spread easily. Even something as simple as a stroll through a dog park can leave your pet susceptible to contracting the flu.

SPECIAL ALERT: An effective vaccine has been developed and is now available at veterinary offices throughout Chicago. By vaccinating your dog immediately, you will help stop the spread of canine influenza throughout our community.



Exercise Designed For You!

We want you to know about a continuing health and fitness program offered at the Norwood Park Senior Center. If you or a family member are 66 or older, has stiffness or pain in the lower back, hips, knees, ankles or feet, has arthritis and are someone who has not been exercising but wants to - the "Fit and Strong" program is just the ticket to feeling stronger and more agile.

"Fit and Strong," is an 8-week, 3 times per week, fitness and lifestyle program where you will learn about the benefits of physical activity, how to manage arthritis, how to exercise safely and how to develop and maintain a more active lifestyle. "Fit and Strong" starts on March 9th.

Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma, Chicago, IL 60631
Phone: 773-775-6071, info@npseniorcenter.org Join Today!



Mosquito Abatement Seminar at Niles Township, April 28, 2016

Concern is growing over the Zika virus and the impact vector mosquitos can have on our health. Facts on these subjects will be shared when Dr. Roger Nasci, Executive Director of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD), visits Niles Township on April 28, 2016 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dr. Nasci will help you learn how to protect your family and pets from disease as the warm weather approaches. The seminar will be held at the Township office, 5255 Main Street in Skokie. To reserve your seat at the presentation please RSVP by phoning (847) 673-9300.

About Roger S. Nasci, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Roger S. Nasci, Ph.D., came to the NSMAD in July 2015. In his previous position as Chief of the Arboviral Diseases Branch in the Division of Vector-Borne Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Dr. Nasci was responsible for directing the epidemiology, diagnostic, ecology and arbovirus research activities of the Arboviral Diseases Branch in Fort Collins, Colorado.

His primary research focus is on mosquitoes, arbovirus ecology, vector control, and the design and implementation of arbovirus surveillance and response programs. Dr. Nasci has authored more than 90 scientific publications in these areas. Dr. Nasci earned his Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Massachusetts and was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the University of Notre Dame's Vector Biology Laboratory.

The NSMAD works to reduce and control the regional mosquito population in order to reduce the risk of disease from mosquito borne illness and minimize the negative impact mosquitoes have on the quality of life in the municipalities of Evanston, Glenview, Glenview (east of Pfingsten Road), Golf, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles (east of Harlem Avenue), Northbrook (east of Pfingsten Road), Northfield, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

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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Belmont-Central Chamber is offering FREE Window Washing for local businesses. Please contact the chamber for more info at: (773) 647-1644.



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The Chicago Community Trust Announces The Return Of “On The Table”

May 10 Mealtime Conversations Across Chicagoland Will Unite Residents, Inspire New Solutions To Strengthen The Region

The Chicago Community Trust today announced the return of its region-wide civic engagement initiative On the Table on Tuesday, May 10. On the Table, entering its third year, has provided a platform for Chicago-area residents – 40,000 total over the past two years – to come together as a community in small groups and talk about ways to make their neighborhoods stronger, safer and more dynamic.

On the Table is designed to elevate civic conversation, foster new relationships and create a unifying experience across our region.

“When we come together as a community with a shared commitment to listen, we learn from and with each

other. We form and deepen our relationships with neighbors, friends and co-workers,” said Terry Mazany, president and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust. “From these relationships we will draw the collective power to impact both neighborhoods and lives.”

The Trust launched its On the Table initiative in May of 2014 to elevate the invaluable act of convening for meaningful conversation – no matter the topic, location or time of day. The premise of On the Table in 2016 remains the same. Mealtime conversations – breakfast, lunch, dinner and everything in between – can take place at private residences, local restaurants, places of worship, libraries, offices, in backyards

and other community locations. They can be sit-down, catered, picnic, or potluck – it is entirely up to the host on how the meal is designed.

“This act of coming together has never been more important and we encourage residents to join us by hosting an On the Table conversation,” said Cheryl Hughes, senior director of strategic initiatives at The Chicago Community Trust. “These conversations will inspire collaboration and action as they have in years past, driving progress across the region.”

The Trust aims to engage more individuals this year than ever, expanding On the Table’s diverse reach to ensure that all Chicago-area residents have an

opportunity to have their voice heard. The Trust will offer a number of information sessions throughout the region leading up to May 10, as a way to share information about On the Table and what it means to host a conversation. Dates, times and locations can be found at www.onthetable.eventbrite.com.

To learn more or to sign up to host an On the Table conversation, visit www.onthetable.com or call 866-737-6951. Join the On the Table 2016 conversation on social media using the hashtag #OnTheTable2016.

For additional media resources and downloads, visit: <https://onthetable.com/news-releases-media-downloads>.

Spring Children’s Book Drive Underway in Niles Township

Niles Township is partnering with Bernie’s Book Bank and public libraries located in Skokie, Morton Grove and Niles to collect children’s books through April 25, 2016. The communities are working toward a combined goal of 3,000 books to be collected for at-risk children.

Marilyn D. Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township observed, “We saw the generosity and community spirit of Niles Township in 2015, as we collected over 20,000 books in our inaugural year. This year we are adding the spring collection drive and ramping up the summer effort in hopes of surpassing that mark. Reading helps one develop a strong imagination, a world perspective and thirst for knowledge. In these times of budget impasse, cutbacks and “gloom and doom” news, we’re taking action.”

Ms. Glazer added, “We are truly impressed by the work Bernie’s Book Bank does to help at-risk children acquire a love for reading. The children of Niles Township and Illinois are our future. Your donation today may very well create a leader of tomorrow.”

Collection bins will be available at the following sites:

Niles Township Government, 5255 Main Street, Skokie, IL
Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 N Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, IL
Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St, Skokie, IL
Niles Public Library, 6960 W Oakton St, Niles, IL

Bernie’s Book Bank collects, processes and distributes quality new and gently used children’s books to significantly increase book ownership among at-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children throughout Chicagoland.

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Research Study Shows That: Hand Washing of Cars at Home is Harmful to Automobile Finishes

The International Carwash Association working through a special Carwash Research Foundation Grant to the University of Texas at Arlington, Texas, has conducted extensive car washing tests this past year to determine the effect on car finishes by comparing various car washing techniques ranging from professional car washing to the bucket and sponge used by many auto owners.

Hand washing is extremely harmful to automobile finishes - Tests conducted by the University of Texas to compare surface disturbances showed that a single home hand wash on an automobile can produce scratches that penetrate as deep as 1/10 of the total thickness of the automobile’s paint.

These test findings at the University of Texas substantiated tests done over ten years ago by the Technical University of Munich, Germany, in association with Mercedes-Benz, which at that time showed that similar damage was done to an automobile when using detergent, low water volume commonly found in hose nozzles at home, buckets of water, sponges and towels used in the average home car washing.

Specific scientific tests at the University of Texas further showed that hand car washing can produce so many marks on a car’s finish that they cannot even be counted. The tests showed that in all hand washing temperatures, surface reflectance readings steadily declined, with some hand washing techniques being considerably worse than others. By contrast, when cars were washed by professional full service car washes, there was virtually no change in the surface

reflectance or shine readings.

The tests showed that the average backyard hose is not able to supply enough water along with the detergent action to avoid damaging the car’s finish. The most harmful method of washing cars was found to be the special “car wash” brushes that hook on to a garden hose and are purchased from local hardware stores or automotive supply dealers. The use of this type of brush with the low water pressure that comes out of the garden hose is the most destructive on the finish of an automobile. The tests also showed that techniques used at professional car washes are virtually harmless to automobile finishes. Findings from the University of Texas research study indicate that with the large amounts of water and specialized detergents used in professional car washes, sophisticated gloss and reflectance meter readings from new finishes used on automobiles were virtually the same before and after the equivalent of several months of normal washings in a professional car wash.

The professional car wash is able to provide and use tremendous amounts of water along with specialized detergents and appropriate mechanical action from cloth pads and curtains which the backyard hose and bucket hand car wash is not able to supply. This important and interesting research study performed by the University of Texas found that today’s automobile owner is much wiser to have their car washed by a professional car wash, rather than washing it at home in their own backyard.

Submitted by Fast Car Wash

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service will host April’s Call-A-Lawyer on the LAST SATURDAY in April, April 30th, from 9 a.m to 12 p.m. to coincide with Law Week. Volunteer attorneys will give free legal advice over the phone to Chicagoland residents who call (312) 554-2001.

NOTE: The regular schedule for Call-A-Lawyer will resume in May on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

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.

University Guild... Sharing Information

Membership in University Guild is open to all in the community. Guests are welcome and cost is \$5.00 per program.

The University Guild’s annual membership dues are \$50.00. Those who join in March or April may pay this amount and have their membership extended for the 2016-17 program year.

The purpose of the University Guild is to bring to the membership the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the University, to work for the collection and exhibition of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts in the University and in the community. The University Guild also gives scholarships to students at Northwestern University.

All of this season’s programs through April are being held in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston, on Northwestern University’s campus.

April 18 – Campaign Rhetoric 2016 with Dr. David Zarefsky, Professor Emeritus, Communication Studies, Northwestern University
Professor Zarefsky will talk about the role of rhetoric in political campaigns and how campaigning has evolved throughout U.S. history. The talk will focus on themes and techniques of political persuasion. He will discuss the early stages of campaigning in the 2016 election and speculate about the remainder of the primary season and the general election campaign.

PurpleStride 2016 – Chicago’s Jackson Park - Saturday, April 30, 2016

The Greater Chicago Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is hosting its well-loved PurpleStride 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9 a.m. The walk/run through beautiful Jackson Park begins and ends at Groves 19A & 19B. Registration is now open at www.purplestride.org/chicago. Pancreatic cancer survivors, families, friends and supporters are invited to attend the walk/run to help advance research, support patients and Wage Hope. The walk is precluded and followed by family-friendly festivities in the park.

Spring Into Volunteering! Home Delivered Meals Volunteers Needed

Here’s a way to get outdoors while bringing a little sunshine into the lives of homebound seniors in our communities. norVOLution, Norwood Life Society’s volunteer program engages all kinds and combinations of meals delivery volunteers: individuals, husbands and wives, parents and kids, grandparents with grandchildren, friends, companies, retired folks and young people who need service hours. Our service area is the far northwest side of the city, Park Ridge, Harwood Heights and Norridge. A commitment of no more than 2 hours per week is required with our volunteers making about 6-10 deliveries. Free lunch is available for volunteers and 25% off every day in the Thrift Shop!

We need volunteers for once a week deliveries (especially on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays) and “on-call” volunteers. Give us a call! You’ll be glad you did! 773-577-5329 or email info@norvolution.org

Spring Forward With Safety: Seasonal Tips From The Illinois Poison Center

Nation's Oldest Poison Center Offers Suggestions Or Avoiding Accidental Exposures

Because of the spring season's slow start this year, many Illinois families are anxious to get outside for springtime housework, home improvement and holiday celebrations. The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) is reminding kids and adults alike of potential seasonal hazards related to spring cleaning, gardening, flowers and mushrooms, allergies and outdoor celebrations.

"Taking a few simple steps to avoid accidental exposures will ensure both kids and adults are able to enjoy the warm weather and the activities that come with the change of seasons," said IPC Director Carol DesLauriers, PharmD, DABAT.

To protect children and adults from exposures, the IPC offers the following suggestions for poison-proofing your home:

Spring Cleaning:

- Make sure all cleaning products are properly labeled and in their original container
- Do not mix cleaning chemicals together – some combinations can produce highly toxic fumes and gases
- Work in well-ventilated areas
- Always keep an eye on cleaning product bottles—don't walk away and leave them unattended as that is when unintentional pediatric exposures are most likely to occur
- Don't place or store cleaning products near food products or eating areas

Garden and outdoor areas:

- Label all the plants in and around the house with their common and botanical names
- Check with a local greenhouse or florist to identify unknown plants
- Teach children not to touch mushrooms, berries or any part of a plant, or to put them in their mouths

- Always store lawn chemicals in the original containers, complete with labels that list ingredients and directions for use
- Do not apply pesticides outdoors on a windy day
- Keep children and pets away during pesticide application for as long as directed on the product label

Seasonal allergies:

- Consult with your physician or pharmacist for information about taking the right seasonal allergy medication
- Read all medication labels every time, and follow the directions
- Never take someone else's prescribed medication

Outdoor fun:

- Store outdoor and pool products in their original containers with original, intact labels, and keep them locked away—for example, tiki torch oil looks like apple juice or cooking oil, but can be fatal if ingested
- Apply sunscreen and bug repellants according to directions
- Properly handle, cook and store food to prevent the growth of bacteria that can cause food poisoning – keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold
- Keep alcoholic drinks out of the reach of children

For more information on spring safety, please visit http://illinoispoisoncenter.org/spring_safety.

If you suspect that you or someone you know has been exposed to a potentially harmful substance, please call the Illinois Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.

41st Ward Clean & Green 2016

Chicago's annual Clean and Green is right around the corner! On Saturday, April 16th, residents, school groups and community organizations will team up to help beautify the 41st Ward!

The Department of Streets and Sanitation will provide the supplies needed for the clean-up projects.

Current Project and Organisers

- Oriole & Olympia Park - Oriole Park Baseball Association
- Edison Park Tunnel - Ebinger Elementary
- Edison Park Train Station - Edison Park Community Council
- Edgebrook Train Station/Triangle - Edgebrook community
- Grandparent's Park - Dirksen Elementary

We are still looking for groups to volunteer to clean up other ward locations! If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office at (773) 631-2241.

Thank you in advance and we hope to see you on April 16th.

Maintenance After The Snow Melt And Spring Pet Owner Etiquette

Spring is here and everyone is excited for warm and beautiful days. Every year when the snow melts though, litter, food wrappers, cans and other trash are exposed.

The Village urges all residents to keep Skokie clean by picking up litter and debris in their neighborhood and around their homes and businesses. If everyone does their small part, Skokie will remain a clean and beautiful place to live and work.

Also consider participating the Clean, Green Skokie program, an event that focuses on pride in the community and collaborating efforts for a good old fashioned neighborhood litter clean-up from April 10 through April 24, 2016. One lucky group or individual who helps clean up Skokie will have a tree planted in their honor at the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park! Visit www.skokie.org for more information or call 847/933-8257.

The Village of Skokie also would like to remind all pet owners to clean up after their animals and deposit any animal waste in an appropriate refuse receptacle. If a person is caught not properly cleaning up after their dog, the Village can issue a citation. Proper disposal of animal waste will not only assist the Village in keeping alleys and sewer inlets clean, but also will reduce rodent infestation.

For more information on pet owner's etiquette and being a good pet owner, please contact the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8484. For information on litter control and property standards please, contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8223.

Burger Night at Tattler Post

Enjoy a GOURMET BURGER with a choice of (with or without) cheese, onions (grilled or raw), lettuce, tomato, potato salad or baked beans on Friday, April 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. This also includes salad with assorted dressings and an appetizer. The cost is only \$7.00 per person. A group of dedicated female supporters prepares a plate of cookies and cakes for each table for those of us who have a sweet tooth. Soft drinks and other choices are available at reasonable prices. The Post is located at 4355 N. Western Avenue in Chicago. For more information call 773-588-5809. COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETS.

Submitted by Maria Bappert

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Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets at Noon every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side. To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127. Thank you.

ONGOING SERVICE PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB ARE: *Aluminum pull tabs; *Plastic bagel bags, old towels and any "decent rags" for our four-legged friends; *Plastic shopping bags for the Women's Ministry at Luther Memorial Church who weave mats for homeless people; *Outdated prescription eyeglasses; and last, but not least, *Box Tops for Education" for the Queen of Angels School.

And finally, here's what William Shakespeare said: "APRIL hath put a spirit of YOUTH in EVERYTHING." We Senior Citizens love to hear inspirational messages like this.

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.

Visit our website at <http://amerlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541>



Northtown Garden Club Plant Sale

Please be reminded that we will have a plant sale on Saturday May 21. You can bring your potted and labeled plants to Warren Park starting on Wednesday May 18. You can also donate garden related items, tools, pots etc. (must be clean and in working order). We will need lots of help on the day of the plant sale, so email me if you can give a few hours evamannaberg@yahoo.com.

"Gardening 101 and Beyond" is Timely Talk at Norwood Crossing on April 20

Whether or not there is snow on the ground, this is the time to begin planning your garden and laying the groundwork for a bountiful crop of vegetables or an array of decorative flowers in the yard. The Timely Talk, "Gardening 101 and Beyond," will give you a solid foundation. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m., on April 20, at Norwood Crossing Assisted Living, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Knowing what to do now--tools, soil testing, soil preparation, use of fertilizer, crop rotation, compatible crops, spacing, seed planting, critter control, early planting of crops, and plant arrangement for color and weed control, are only some of the areas that will be covered by John Wasiewicz, a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and owner of Gardens4Growth.

In fact, Wasiewicz is often called a culinary horticulturist because of his love of food and passion for gardening and cooking. He also serves as a volunteer at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. This program is designed to offer something for the beginner as well as the seasoned gardener.

A question and answer session (one of John's favorite parts of the presentation) and a prize raffle will follow. Refreshments will be available. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

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The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie – April 22 to May 8

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

We've all had that special mentor in our life, the person who inspired us to grow and stretch, and exceed our own expectations to reach our full potential. It may have been a parent, a coach, a member of the clergy, or even a teacher. As parents, we trust these people to guide our children appropriately. But what happens when that trust is misplaced? This theme is explored in the award-winning play *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*.

Jean Brodie is an unconventional teacher in a very conservative school. She is in the business of putting old heads on young shoulders, and all of her special girls are "la crème de la crème". She dresses in colorful, fashionable clothes, and shares stories with her students of her love affairs and trips abroad instead of teaching history and math. Her bohemian approach to education is exciting to her girls, and horrifying to her peers in 1930's Scotland.

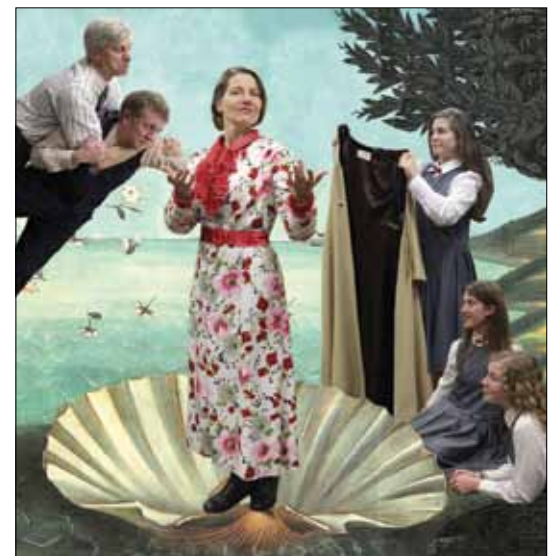
But Brodie gets very wrapped up in her private life. She is, "in her prime." As she indulges more and more in her narcissism, she loses sight of her girls, and has permanent and dangerous effects on them.

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie was originally a book written by Muriel Spark. It was adapted into a play by Jay Presson Allen, and is notorious for the stars it attracts for its leading lady. Vanessa Redgrave originated the role in the London production in 1966, and Maggie Smith won an Oscar for her role in the movie.

Megan Wells stars as Jean Brodie in the MadKap production at Skokie Theatre. Wells is a nationally-renowned actress, director, and story-teller who has appeared in Skokie in her one-woman adaptations of *Dracula* and *The Great Gatsby*. She has looked forward to playing this role through her entire career, having made her professional stage debut in this play as Sandy, the smartest and most capable of Brodie's proteges. That torch is passed to Josephine Longo, who makes her Skokie Theatre debut in this production. Others in the cast include Jeff Broitman, Lili Cleveland, Austin Cornett, Maxwell Downs, Caitlin Dunlap, Ariel Henry, Courtney Miller, Stephanie Murphy, Amy Ticho, Brianna Valentine, and Grace Wilkerson.

A play set in the 1930's with a large cast and multiple scenes and locations can be quite a challenge for a costume designer. Deerfield resident Patti Halajian is rising to the occasion, creating and sewing original designs based on authentic patterns from the period. Other designs include sets and props by Gordon Leibowitz and lighting by Andrew Vanderbye.

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie opens on April 22 with nine performances through May 8. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, and a special matinee performance on Wednesday, April 27 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students. They can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by phone at 847-677-7761.



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Program Highlights:

Earth Matters with NASA climate scientist Gavin Schmidt: Gavin Schmidt is a world-renowned climate scientist who uses data to create a virtual reality model of earth and the effects of climate change on the planet we call home.

Astronomy Slam: Why is Earth freaking awesome? Adler astronomers square off in head-to-head verbal battles to answer that very question while throwing down their best space facts.

WBEZ Chicago Nerdette: You've heard them on WBEZ, now come see them live at the Adler! Co-hosted by Greta Johnson and Tricia Bobeda, this live podcast recording will include nerding out about all the things you're watching, reading, listening to, and encountering in real life.

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Sensing Earth Sensory Station: Use your fingers, eyes and nose to investigate Earth's amazing natural resources. Great for families with children ages 2-6!

One Earth Film Screening: The City of Chicago's official Earth Day event will be held in partnership with One Earth Film Fest, The Chicago Park District, the Adler Planetarium, and WBEZ. The event includes a special film screening that takes place at the Adler as part of Earthfest.

DIY 'Scope Challenge: Looking through a telescope for the first time can seriously change your perspective on Earth and your place in the Universe. You don't have to be an astro-photographer to capture cool cosmic photos! In this hands-on, minds-on activity, use recycled materials to build a telescope mount for your smart-phone. Then, try taking a photo through a telescope eyepiece to capture some celestial targets.

HackLabs: Earthfest Edition: Developed in our teen Hacklabs, Chicago-area students showcase projects based on their environments: natural, virtual, electronic, and cartographic.

Northwestern Solar Car Team: NUsolar is Northwestern University's completely student-run organization that designs, builds and races solar-powered vehicles. Find out how they have adapted to design challenges from their very first car in 1999 to the current 6th generation model, which includes headlights, turn signals and a rear-view camera!

Earthfest is included with General Admission and takes place during regular museum hours. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org>

"A Theater Review"

"Rent"

*Theatre Ubique Cabaret Theatre At The No Exit Cafe
6970 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago, Illinois*

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

The No Exit Cafe seats 70 at every performance and tickets are \$39 to \$44 for this performance. For an additional \$25, the venue is offering a three-course dinner consisting of a wonderful salad, chili mac main course plus a great dessert.

"Rent," the rock opera, was inspired by Puccini's opera "La Boheme." Rent was written by Jonathan Larsen who also is the show's songwriter. When it opened in New York on Broadway, the show not only was a Tony winner but won a Pulitzer Prize. Larsen died at a young age and only wrote one other musical, "Tick, Tick, Boom." If he was still alive he would be a rich man from all the royalties.

The show deals with the pain and suffering of artists in New York at the end of 1990.

Matt Edmonds has the role of Mark Cohen and is the main character. As the young Jewish boy, he tells the story.

He has a roommate, Roger, played by Patrick Rooney. Roger is a singer-songwriter and has been infected with AIDS. He has written one song that deals with the world.

The show runs two hours and thirty minutes and has a cast of fifteen. They are Savannah Hoover as Mimi, Courtney Jones as Maureen, Nicole Michelle Haskins as Joanne, Chuckie Benson as Collins and Patrick Guidry as Angel, to name a few of the cast.

The show has a total of forty three songs – too many to name them all. Four I will name are "One Song Glory," "Light My Candle," "Over the Moon" and "What You Own." Jeremy Ramey is the show's musical director and there are three others in the orchestra. All the musicians are top notch in their fields. Scott Weinstein is the show's director.

"Rent" runs through May 1st. For show days – reservations – show times, call 800-595-4849 or visit the website at www.theo-u.com. Weekday tickets are \$39 while weekends are \$44.

-- Four Stars --

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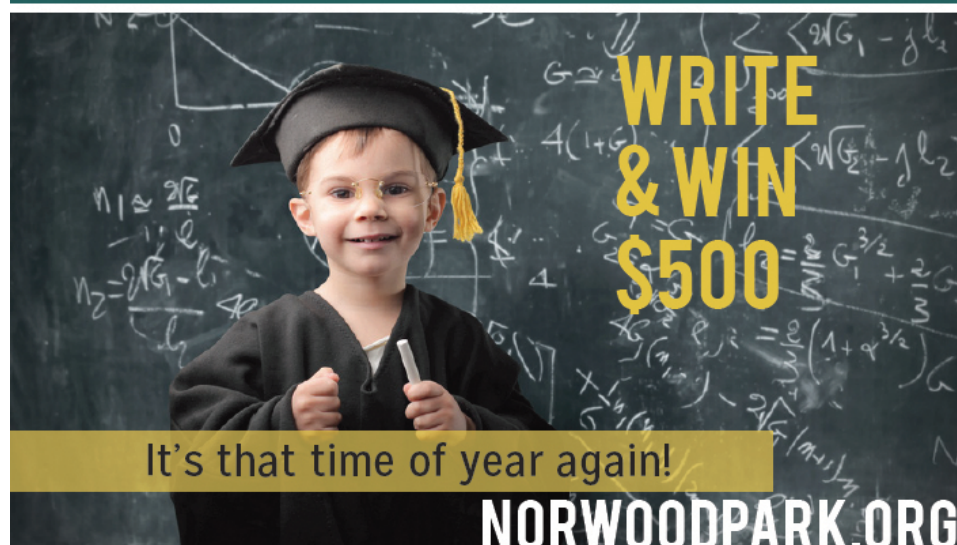
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Redmoon Theatre Goodbye And Thank You

Dear Friend,

It is with great regret that the leadership of Redmoon informs you that we are closing our doors

It has been an honor to serve the City of Chicago for the past 25 years. We have been blessed to work in and with over 40 of Chicago's 77 official neighborhoods and to bring our unique brand of spectacle to some of our finest institutions; to many of the city's most revered public sites; and most importantly to some of its most overlooked neighborhoods.

Redmoon has collaborated with some of the best our city has to offer and been a part of the development of the best the city has yet to see. We've had the honor to work with upwards of 10,000 artists of varying disciplines and backgrounds, many of whom were emerging artists who trained at Redmoon and went on to fulfill and sustain practices outside our walls. We are proud of our effort and grateful for the opportunities.

Our core mission was to bring massive, unexpected free art to public spaces — to bring people together across difference in acts of momentary and meaningful celebration. From the Fire Festival in recent years to some of our earliest outdoor work, our dream was to create a new kind of urban ritual.

There is no funding model for this civic and social artistic vision. We have tried to create new models. From our indoor parties and events, to our Redmoon For Hire rental business, to our new building's event venue business, we've innovated new models to support our unique artistic vision. But, quite simply and quite sadly — our innovations haven't been able to keep up with our civic goals.

We apologize to anyone this unexpected closure has inconvenienced. Please know that we do not take this decision lightly or without ardent effort to conclude differently.

To those who supported us, we are endlessly grateful. To those who enjoyed us, we are pleased to have added to your lives. To those we served, to those who were touched or moved or perhaps even inspired, it is to you we have the greatest debt. You provided meaning to our mission and purpose to our work.

Our consolation at this sad moment is that Redmoon is bigger than this non-profit institution. It is a spirit that survives us. It lives in you, our patrons and partners. It is a memory sown into each of the sites that have hosted us. Most of all, we are consoled that Redmoon's mission to celebrate and uplift community is a shared concern powering amazing, if under-recognized, activity all over this great city.

With gratitude, Redmoon

Please — if you want to celebrate your moments with us, go to Facebook and post an image, a thought, a wish, a hope...

Vote And "Meet Me At The Park" This Earth Month

This Earth Month, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, DisneyABC Television Group and ESPN, to revitalize parks across the U.S. for the second year, including a park right here in Chicago. Through Parks Build Community, an initiative that gives back to these places that shape so much of our lives, one of three local parks will receive a \$20,000 grant and Chicago residents get to choose which one.

Our local parks make Chicago a better place to live. Parks are essential to our community's health and wellbeing as they provide safe places to get active, enjoy nature, preserve the environment and bring people together. That's why from April 1 to April 30 Chicago residents will have the opportunity to help one of three park projects and give them a chance to receive \$20,000 in grant funding to make improvements. The projects are:

• The Prairie Mazes at Garfield Park Conservatory's Child Wild Garden

The proposal calls for the construction of a 4,500 sq. ft. prairie maze in the Earth Exploration Zone, and a smaller 720 ft. garden in the Early Childhood Area at the Garfield Park Conservatory. These organic gardens are designed to capture children's imaginations about the Tallgrass Prairie, as well as develop cooperation, gross motor, and problem-solving skills.

• California Park Basketball Court Rehab

The project involves the installation of white playing lines and the addition of an asphalt overlay and color coat to the two existing outdoor, concrete basketball courts at California Park. The revamped courts will encourage teens to be active, to engage in healthy recreational activity and learn teamwork through the sport of basketball.

• Dawes Park Baseball Field Amenities

Dawes Park's proposed improvements entail re-grading and correctly sizing the player infield, building a new pitcher mound, and rehabbing the backstop, dugouts, and bleacher benches. The improvements will provide youth living within the City of Chicago's Auburn Gresham and Englewood communities access to baseball and softball close to home.

By visiting NRPA.org/BeInspired, park supporters can vote daily for their favorite park project. At the end of April, the park project with the most votes will receive grant funding.

"We are excited to be a part of this unique opportunity to help elevate the status of one of our existing neighborhood parks and continue to give Chicagoans greater access to more enjoyable green spaces and programming," said Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent and CEO.

"Parks have immense power. They help families live healthier lives, connect kids to nature, increase kids' access to sports and so much more," said Barbara Tulipane, President and CEO of NRPA. "Parks Build Community is a great opportunity to share the power of parks during Earth Month while bringing essential funds to critical local park projects."

During April a public service announcement (PSA) titled "Meet Me At The Park" in support of the campaign will be shared with audiences across Disney, including ABC Network, ESPN, ABC affiliate stations, Freeform, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Junior, Radio Disney, the ABC Watch app and other platforms. The PSA will also be available to view on the voting site at NRPA.org/BeInspired.

Last year, the public voted for the Community Roots Demonstration Garden in Chicago's Skinner Park to win \$20,000. With that funding, the community is now able to enjoy a new outdoor classroom pavilion at Community Roots Demonstration Garden in Chicago's Skinner Park. This year, resident votes will help improve another one of Chicago's great parks.

This Earth Month, show how parks build your community and vote to improve local parks and the places you go to have fun, enjoy nature and get active right here in Chicago.

For more information and to vote, visit NRPA.org/BeInspired.

The Chicago Park District is the 2014 Gold Medal Award winner, recognized for excellence in park and recreation management across the nation. For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 8,300 acres of parkland, more than 585 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 12 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 nature areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312/742.PLAY.

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of more than 50,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit www.NRPA.org. For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit www.parksandrecreation.org.



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Spring — House Check-Up

Spring is here and there's no time to waste in locating and fixing the damage and disrepair caused by Jack Frost. Expand your spring cleaning agenda to include a thorough inspection for red flags inside and outside your home.

Paul Quinn, head of claims customer experience at Farmer's Insurance says, "Getting into a routine of inspecting your house for problems once a year when the weather warms is just plain smart, like getting an annual physical."

Winter weather conditions can cause roof damage, gutter issues, foundation cracks, sidewalk and driveway damage, among many other conditions.

Quinn recommends evaluating your home's interior first, starting at the foundation and moving your way up. Be on the lookout for new or worsening cracks, gaps, water stains, warping, puckering, buckling or other signs that internal areas have suffered damage. Make sure no water has collected in your basement or crawl space.

Climb into your attic to see if you can spot any leaks that may have damaged insulation or left water stains on the wood or pests getting into your attic. Now is the time for a professional inspection of your heating and cooling system and check the air ducts to assure they are well connected and properly insulated. Be sure to change the system air filter as well.

Small problems detected early can save thousands of dollars in repair costs. When in doubt of what to check, call a professional. In our next article we will cover more points to check inside and outside your home.

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Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Park District And Field Museum Announce Local Teams Of Artists And Non-Profits To Create Gathering Spaces Along City's South Lakefront

The Burnham Wildlife Corridor is a 100-acre ribbon of natural areas located within Burnham Park along Chicago's south lakefront.

"These gathering spaces along the south lakefront are part of our effort to give children and residents in every neighborhood the opportunity to learn about nature and to enjoy and experience nature right in their own backyard," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "These unique gathering spaces will add to the vibrancy of Chicago's south lakefront while helping to inspire the next generation to preserve and protect Chicago's natural wonders."

The Corridor extends from the McCormick Bird Sanctuary in the north to the Burnham Nature Sanctuary in the south. Its various sections are at different points in the ecological restoration process, but, upon completion, the Burnham Wildlife Corridor will be the largest contiguous stretch of natural areas along the Chicago lakefront. Through a Request for Proposals, Chicago Park District and The Field Museum challenged teams of artists and community-based organizations to produce gathering spaces within the Burnham Wildlife Corridor that are reflective of nature and culture and will serve as assembly grounds and rest areas for people exploring this part of the lakefront. The designated gathering spaces locations are situated on both the east and west sides of Lake Shore Drive.

"The objective of the Burnham Wildlife Corridor is to create healthy, vibrant and native habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife; and to meaningfully connect visitors, especially those from neighboring communities, to a revitalized public green space in ways that inspire exploration, enjoyment, and stewardship of the area," said Chicago Park District Superintendent and CEO Mike Kelly. "We are pleased to partner with these organizations to create spaces where community members can gather and take advantage of nature in this bustling city," he said.

The winning teams were selected by an independent Curatorial Committee, in consultation with Chicago Park District and The Field Museum, from an original pool of 22 proposals. All winning teams have prior public art experience and are based in and/or have

meaningful connections to the Corridor's neighboring communities of Bronzeville, Chinatown, Little Village, and Pilsen. Over the course of the next two years, the community-based organizations that are affiliated with the winning teams will help activate the gathering spaces through programming that celebrates the ecological context and cultural significance of these installations. In support of the teams' efforts, Chicago Park District is awarding \$20,000 grants to each group. Over the course of two years, the community-based organizations that are affiliated with the winning teams will help activate the gathering spaces through programming that celebrates the ecological context and cultural significance of these installations.

La Ronda Parataka (lead artists: Hector Duarte, Alfonso "Piloto" Nieves; non-profit: Casa Michoacan)

This project is a circular sculpture inspired by the magic symbolism of the butterfly, harmony with nature, and migration. It will be demarcated by a delicate sculptural ring or "ronda" (in Spanish) of interlocking butterfly forms. The center of the space will feature native plants and cement blocks that are being repurposed as rustic seating. Located in the Pilsen community, Casa Michoacan is an educational nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural, social, sporting activities and between the Mexican and immigrant Michoacán community with a transnational vision.

In addition to the new gathering spaces within the Burnham Wildlife Corridor, the Chicago Park District is working with the Chicago Architecture Biennial to create new Lakefront Kiosks—to activate cultural life on Chicago's lakefront through creative architectural solutions. The Chicago Park District currently oversees more than 40 kiosks that punctuate the shoreline. During the summer, the kiosks offer food, retail and recreational services—ranging from beverages to clothing to surf rentals.

The gathering spaces and kiosks are components of Mayor Emanuel's comprehensive strategy of investments along the Lakefront, the Chicago River, parks and neighborhoods for residents across Chicago; the Mayor will unveil this new plan in a speech he will deliver on Tuesday.

Three "406 MHz Beacon Awareness Day" Tips

Many an offshore boater, sailor, or angler has appreciated the benefits of 406 MHz technology, which lies at the heart of every Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). Since 1997, the BoatUS Foundation EPIRB Rental Program has experienced 29 activations and 71 lives saved. To help promote the use of this life saving technology, the Foundation is supporting "406 MHz Beacon Awareness

Day," which aims to share three wise pre-season maintenance tips and offer ways for beacon owners – from circumnavigators to kayakers – to share their stories.

The April 6 Awareness Day was conceptualized by US beacon manufacturer, ACR Electronics, in an effort to support the National Safe Boating Council's "Saved by the Beacon" Campaign, currently funded by US Coast Guard grants.

Three Beacon Spring Maintenance Tips for EPIRBs and Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs):

1. Test your beacon: It won't bite, or get you into trouble. All beacons have a simple self-test feature that won't call in the cavalry. Use it. You'll sleep well knowing it will be there for you when you need it.

2. Check the battery's expiration date: No tools needed. If your battery is expired and it is not a user replaceable battery, contact the beacon's manufacturer to find an authorized repair center near you.

3. Update the beacon's registration with NOAA: While a computer is required, it's a simple task at sarsat.noaa.gov/beacon.html. Outdated information could slow your rescue so it's good to look at your registration data once a year with fresh eyes.

The BoatUS Foundation Rental Program offers both ACR and McMurdo GPS-enabled 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) and EPIRBs for rent for \$45 and \$65 respectively per week at BoatUS.org/EPIRB.

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Play Time

Friday, April 22, 2016, 10-11:30 a.m.

Drop in with your little one during this open play time. Toys, puzzles, puppets and more will be available, allowing caregivers and their young children an opportunity to explore and have fun at their own pace. Ages 0-5. Registration is not required.

Wills & Trusts

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 1-2:30 p.m.

Attorney Jacob Ehrensaft discusses estate planning, wills, trusts, probate and powers of attorney and the importance of planning ahead. Registration is not required.

Five Money Questions for Women

Monday, April 25, 2016, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Learn about the unique financial circumstances women face and why a strong financial strategy that fits one's lifestyle and needs is vital in this presentation by Nick Boudreau of Edward Jones. Registration is not required.

Retirement by Design

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 4-5 p.m.

Learn investment strategies to help you design the retirement you want, add flexibility to your strategy and keep your strategy on track in this presentation by Victor Imreibe of Edward Jones. Registration is not required.

Credit: The Good, Bad & the Ugly

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Knowing your credit score and credit history is extremely important. This presentation by Jonathan Popp of Waddell & Reed, Inc., will help you learn which factors impact your score and what steps you can take to improve it. Registration is not required.

Preparing for the Unexpected

Thursday, April 28, 2016, 4-5 p.m.

Discover the 10 key documents that can ensure your loved ones have the information they need to survive emotionally and financially when the unexpected happens. Learn the importance of health care advance directives, durable powers of attorney, wills, revocable trusts, beneficiaries, etc., in this presentation by Todd Gilchrist of Preferred Planning Concepts, LLC. Registration is not required.

Planning & Saving for College

Friday, April 29, 2016, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Get answers to questions you may have as you establish a college savings goal, learn savings strategies to help you reach your goal, and the features and benefits of various education savings plans in this presentation by Victor Imreibe of Edward Jones. Registration is not required.

Property Tax 101

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 2-3 p.m.

Property taxpayer advocate Andrea Raila explains how to lower property taxes, get tax exemptions, refunds, understand market value reassessment notices and more. Registration is not required.

All of the above events will take place at:

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Chicago Park District's Summer 2016 Registration Is Now Open

Chicago Park District's online registration is now open for its popular summer programs, and day camps that turned summer days into fun-filled adventures for more than 40,000 Chicago Park District campers in 2015.

"There's nothing better than summer in Chicago, and the Park District has a wide variety of offerings at an affordable price allowing residents and families to enjoy, explore and get active in our great city," said Mayor Emanuel. "In addition, Park District summer day camp enables kids to have fun with field trips and recreational activities, as well as learning new skills with arts and crafts and designated reading time."

This summer, the Chicago Park District will premiere two new camp sites in the Little Village and Bronzeville communities. In Little Village, La Villita Park will offer day camp in partnership with the local elementary school for indoor activities, and in Bronzeville, day camp will debut at the new Ellis Park field house. With the addition of these new sites, there will be an extra 200 slots available for day camp.

In-person registration for summer programs will begin either Saturday, April 9 or Monday, April 11, depending upon the park.

Standard day camps run six weeks, from July 5 – August 12, typically from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Many parks offer early morning and late-day sessions as well. Fees vary depending on location, offerings and hours. No child will be turned away for inability to pay.

As part of the summer camp curriculum, campers will embark on an enriching journey through Chicago's 77 neighborhoods. The camp theme, Explore the Spirit of Chicago - My Neighborhood, Our

City, will offer new and unique ways for campers to enjoy their summer experience at their local parks, and explore our city through a series of exciting indoor and outdoor activities.

In addition to day camp, patrons of all ages can choose from a wide array of programs, including favorites like Learn to Swim, fitness center memberships, indoor basketball, gymnastics and more. Regular summer programs run the week of June 20 through the week of August 22.

"We're preparing to make summer 2016 one of the best by giving campers a passport to the city and offering them a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy their neighborhoods through play," said Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent and CEO. "The Chicago Park District offers a menu of camps at parks throughout the city to ensure that our young park goers keep active, engaged and safe this summer."

Park patrons are encouraged to browse through the list of programs for 2016 and create wish lists in advance at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance and family discounts are available. Applicants that do not qualify for financial assistance may inquire about the payment plan option at their local park.

Summer Food Service Program

In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) federal regulations, the Chicago Park District will participate in the Summer Food Service Program in conjunction with summer day camp. Lunches and/or snacks will be provided for enrolled children at most camps.

For more information, contact your local park, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY.

Skokie Synagogue Gift Shop to Reopen

A grand re-opening of the Gift Shop is announced by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

The Gift Shop will open to the public Monday, April 18.

"We have so many lovely items for sale," says Marcy Feinberg, chairperson of the Gift Shop. "Beautiful gifts to bring at Passover as well as crystal glassware, books, photo albums, spice boxes and yads. We have challah covers, chal-

lah boards and kiddush cups for Shabbas. Plus we offer anything you could want for a bar or bat mitzvah child including personalized kipot and all kinds of party accessories.

"And," added Ways and Means chair Judy Frank, "if there is something you want and we don't have it, we will get it for you as swiftly as we can!"

For further information about the Sisterhood Gift Shop, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141.

The Adoption Process From A To Z

"The Adoption Process from A to Z," a seminar presented by Chicago and Northbrook Attorney Sally Wildman, will be offered through the Community Education High School District 128, at Vernon Hills High School, 145 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills, Illinois, 60061, on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

Fee: \$25 per family. For more information and to register call 847-247-4576, or view: <http://www.ComEd128.org> (Course #090059-5210) (The Adoption Process is under "Special Interest" in the catalog.) Registration closes on April 18, 2016.

Passover Dinner: Maot Chitim to Feed 15,000 for Passover

More than 200,000 pounds of food will be packed Sunday, April 10, as Maot Chitim, the Jewish charity which fights hunger, prepares to feed 15,000 people for the eight days of Passover, which starts Friday night, April 22.

"Between 400 and 500 volunteers will come to a warehouse at 1808 Holste Road in Northbrook and work in shifts from 9:30 in the morning to after 2:00 in the afternoon, packing food for the needy in our community," says Joellyn Oliff, Executive Director of Maot Chitim, headquartered at 7366 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood.

Boxes of food will be delivered a week later to more than 5,000 individual homes as well as to college Hillels, the Ark, Operation Ezra, food pantries, shelters and other funds. Each box will contain kosher chicken, matzo, onions, celery, carrots, wine, matzo meal and potato starch, soup mix, cake, tea and candles - all the necessities for preparing food for the Passover Seder and for the eight days following.

"We believe we are delivering Jewish continuity," Oliff continues. "Because of us, many needy community members will be able to have a traditional kosher holiday meal."

The Hebrew words "maot chitim" come from the Torah and refers to the centuries old custom of leaving the corners of one's field unharvested - so the poor can gather wheat to provide themselves with sustenance.

Maot Chitim in Chicago is more than 100 years old. Originally, Rabbis set up

tables in front of their synagogues and gave money to those in need so they could provide themselves with meals for Passover.

"Today, we buy 45,000 pounds of kosher chicken, 11,000 dozen eggs and everything else with money that we get individual donations throughout the city," Oliff says. "Some donations are as small as \$5 while others give more than \$1,000. We purchase all the food we deliver."

Volunteers come from all over the community, Oliff points out.

"Teens come from youth groups, and others come from clubs, and private agencies. Of course, we have volunteers from synagogues all over the Chicagoland area," she says.

One week later, Sunday, April 17, boxes will be picked up and delivered by volunteers and families with children who will be teaching their kids the value of giving "tzedakah" or charity.

"We are delighted to say that we have second and third generations of families who continue to deliver packages to the needy. This is an opportunity for people to actually see the persons they are helping," Oliff adds.

Oliff concludes by saying, "We help bring community members together from all aspects of Jewish life. No matter what your priorities, the goal is to help those in need celebrate the holiday."

Our one purpose is to help others."

To volunteer or donate, please call 847-674-3224 or go to www.maotchitim.org

CPAs Take Time From Busy Season To Help Bears Of Hope

On Leap Day, a group of employees from Michael Silver & Company CPAs, Skokie, Illinois, made monetary contributions and donated time from the busy tax season to help Bears of Hope, a volunteer organization, make bears for others with challenging life crises. Bears Founder, Carolyn Reiner, and volunteers, Sandy Taylor and Carol Poindexter came to Michael Silver & Company CPA's offices for an in-office workshop.

Employees traced and stuffed numerous bears along with support from the Bears volunteers, who brought materials for the event. "Our firm places a significant emphasis on charitable contribution programs," said Beryl Reid, CPA - Partner of Michael Silver & Company CPAs, and added, "We try to design programs and events that provide simple ways for our employees to donate their time and/or make monetary contributions. Having an on-site workshop helped to achieve this goal along with providing an opportunity to do something 'extra' on Leap Day, the extra day of the 2016 year." Reiner was pleased with the results and replied, "We were happy to work with the employees. They accomplished a lot. The bears will give comfort and bring hope to the bears recipients." Reiner thanked the employees for the time they spent during the busy tax season.

About Bears of Hope

Bears of Hope (www.bearsofhope.com) is a Skokie based volunteer group of caring people who make one-of-a-kind fabric bears to comfort children and adults facing difficult life crises. They give Bears of Hope to 15 local social service agencies for the children and adults they serve. This year begins Bears of Hope's 9th year. Since its beginning, over 1800 Bears of Hope are being loved by those needing extra hugs to feel better. Bears of Hope has no paid staff; everyone is a volunteer. They always have room for more volunteers. Contact Bears@bearsofhope.com or 847-673-4098 for details. The group relies on contributions from individuals and businesses to purchase the materials needed to make bears. To make a gift, see Bears of Hope's website.

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No Attorney Needed For This Gift To Your Heirs



Chester M. Przybylo

After a client of mine has passed and I meet with their family, I sometimes hear a regret that the heirs have. The younger generation is so busy with their lives that they regret that they didn't ask more questions about their family history. They seemed to feel that Mom and Dad would always be there to answer questions about their family. The sad reality hits them that their link to the past has now been broken. While there is always www.ancestry.com to provide information about birth, marriage and death dates, a website doesn't give the personal stories of ancestors. How did grandma and grandpa meet? What did they do for special holidays? Did they experience personal tragedies in their lives? What was family life like?

There is a very personal gift that you can give to your heirs...and no attorney is needed for this. Think about putting together a personal history of your family life. Don't let the task seem so daunting

that you put it down on that "to-do-list" that never gets done. There are a number of approaches you might consider. To get the project started you might just purchase a journal type book. Don't worry about putting things down in any particular order. When you think of something from your childhood—whether it is the cake that your mother made for every celebration, or how she reacted when her youngest son received a draft notice—just jot it down in the book. If spring flowers remind you that your father would stop in the backyard to pick flowers for your mother when he returned from work—write it down. Little details like this bring the past back into focus.

If you are lucky enough to have brothers, sisters and cousins living nearby, you might consider scheduling a "Remembering Party". Ask them to jot down a few details that they remember about growing up and bring it to the get-together. Have the attendees read what they have brought to the group. Once the ball is rolling, you might be surprised at the flood of details that others will add. Rather than having someone keeping notes, it might be a good idea to record the session. All those who attend should get a copy of the session for their own "memory book".

Should your family be scattered across the country, or a get-together just isn't practical, there is a more high tech way to gather information. Why not send an e-mail to all the members of your family, explaining what you'd like to accomplish? Follow the explanation with a list of questions that they can respond to in their e-mails. Ask for names of aunts, uncles and special family friends. What are their favorite childhood memories? How did your grandparents meet? In what cities were the grandparents born? Are there any tales of immigrants in the New World? Make it personal and ask everyone to add any and all recollections that they might have. Once they have added their thoughts to this project have them e-mail their response to everyone on the list you e-mailed. That way you do not have to forward information to all of the participants. Don't worry that the product is not elegant or that the spelling isn't correct, the idea is to gather these special memories for all of your heirs.

The journal, video or document you have for your heirs will be appreciated, and hopefully, passed down to other generations.

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.

Armenian Genocide To Be Remembered At Ecumenical Prayer Service

The Joint Committee of Armenian Churches of Greater Chicago and Wisconsin will hold an Ecumenical Prayer Service with the theme, "Martyrs for Christ: Yesterday and Today," with special attention to the Armenian Genocide. The event is scheduled for April 16 at 3:00pm at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church at 601 S. Central Avenue in Chicago.

The event will feature remarks by Armenian Church leader Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, with a homily by Greek Orthodox Bishop Demetrios. The event is free and open to the public, and includes a small reception at the parish following the prayer service.

The Armenian Genocide, which began in late April, 1915, was the Ottoman Empire's systematic extermination of its minority Armenian population from their historical homelands, which are largely in modern Turkey. An estimated 1.5 million men, women, and children lost their lives in what is considered by the vast majority of scholars of history as the first official genocide. The genocide was also perpetrated against Greek, Assyrian and other Christian minority populations during the same period. While most leading nations have officially recognized the Armenian Genocide, the United States remains one of the few that have not despite numerous efforts.

Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, has built an impressive resume through his years of outreach and advocacy of human rights. A native of Chicago, the bishop has worked to build relationships with leaders of other religious traditions. He was a highly visible leader of the successful effort to abolish the Death Penalty in Illinois, and was recently appointed to Cook County State's Attorney Hate Crime Prosecution Committee. Earlier this year, he was identified by members of Congress as a leading voice in the successful lobbying effort to gain official recognition by the

United States of the Genocide against the Christian minority population of Syria and Iraq.

Archbishop Vicken Aykazian serves as the Legate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (headquartered in Washington, DC). Born in Siirt, Turkey, he holds a Ph.D. in history and is working on a second Ph.D. in theology at Catholic University in Washington DC. He is the past President of the National Council of Churches USA, an Executive Committee member of the World Council of Churches and current President of Christian Churches Together. In his position within the Armenian Church and these organizations, Archbishop Vicken participates in peace-building and awareness events throughout the US, especially as they pertain to Genocide education and prevention.

"As April 2015 marked the 100th Year Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, it is imperative that we continue to remember the horrible events of the past to educate and prevent future genocides and persecution throughout the world" said Archbishop Vicken Aykazian.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago oversees all Greek Orthodox parishes within Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, as well as large portions of Missouri and Indiana. You can find more information on the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago at www.Chicago.GOArch.org. For more information on the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America: www.ArmenianPrelacy.org. For more information on the Eastern Diocese of Armenian Church of America: www.ArmeniaChurch-ED.net.

This event is free and open to all individuals of all faiths. Media coverage of this event is welcomed and encouraged. Interviews with Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Bishop Demetrios, and other can be arranged by contacting John C. Ackerman at (309)635-7624 or John@JohnCAckerman.com.

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.

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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One Of My Favorites” From The Kitchen Of Sandra Barreira

Salted Cod or Bacalhau as it is known in Portugal is a major ingredient in the Portuguese diet since the discovery of Newfoundland in 1497.

Fisherman began fishing its cod-rich Grand Banks and Bacalhau was nicknamed Fiel amigo (faithful friend).

The fish became popular in Portugal and other Catholic countries, when it was substituted on days of fasting from eating meat on Fridays, Lent, and other festivals.

Today, the legend is that the Portuguese have 365 or more recipes for bacalhau, one for each day of the year.

The recipe originates from the city of Porto, Portugal, and is named after its creator, Zé do Pipo, who owned a famous restaurant in that city during the 1960s. He won a national cooking contest with this dish. Since then, many restaurants have adopted it in their menus which has made it extremely popular!

Ingredients:

- 1 lb Bacalhau (de salted – cut into 4 portion loins)
- 8 large potatoes
- 1/2 cup of olive oil
- 1 large sliced onion
- 1 diced garlic clove
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 small roasted red pepper
- black olives
- 1 tsp salt
- pepper
- parsley
- 1/4 cup flour for frying codfish



Directions:

Peel and cook potatoes in boiling salted water for about 25 minutes. Remove from heat, drain potatoes, add the milk, butter, egg yolk and pepper and mash. Set the potatoes aside.

Coat the codfish in flour and fry in the olive oil on medium – low heat until golden brown. Place on paper towels to soak off excess oil.

Saute the onions, garlic and bay leaf in the same olive oil that you cooked the fish in, until lightly browned. Remove the bay leaf.

Place the codfish portions in a large oven safe casserole dish or in individual serving size dishes.

Coat the codfish with the onions and surround with the mashed potatoes.

Coat the codfish with a few tablespoons of the mayonnaise, the top each with a slice of red pepper.

Bake at 350 for about 20 minutes or until the mayonnaise is golden brown.

Garnish with olives and parsley.

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Managing Jet Lag

Jet lag, also known as time zone change syndrome, is a sleep disorder that is attributed to a disruption of the body's internal clock caused by rapid travel across time zones. It affects millions of people every year and interferes with business and vacation activities.

Although jet lag is not a serious medical condition, it does interfere with normal sleep cycles and circadian rhythms. This interference can produce a variety of symptoms, including insomnia, early waking or excessive sleepiness, irritability, difficulty concentrating or functioning at a usual level, headaches, muscle soreness and constipation or diarrhea.

The symptoms get worse with the number of time zones that are crossed during travel and with the age of the person traveling. Most people can feel the effects after crossing at least three time zones, although shorter trips can prompt jet lag in others. In addition, trips that go eastward generally cause more severe symptoms than those to the west.

What can you do to try to keep your internal body clock in sync with the time in the locale to which you are traveling? Although cures work differently in people, the following are basic rules to combat jet lag:

- For a stay of three or fewer days, the traveler may want to keep their watch on home time and ignore local time by maintaining normal eating, sleeping and other activity patterns.

- If the stay is for four or more days, the body clock can be advanced about one hour per day for the three days before leaving by exposure to bright light on rising or by taking melatonin in the evening. Several studies have shown that 3 to 5 mg of melatonin, taken 2-3 hours before bedtime, improved sleep and decreased daytime fatigue.

- Get plenty of rest before the trip and drink lots of water before, during and after the flight to fight dehydration. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, both of which cause dehydration.

- Try to sleep on the plane if it is nighttime at your destination.

- Bright light, gentle exercise, and caffeine can be used to cause alertness on arrival at your destination.

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