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Remember **VOTE!**
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Evanston's Bug-a-Boo Halloween Walk



Celebrate the spookiest time of year at one of Evanston's many Halloween events. The Bug-a-Boo Halloween Walk, for ages 2 and up, will take place at varying times starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston. The fee is \$4.50/person.

The Robert Crown Center's free Preschool Halloween Party will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 at 1701 Main St. HallaDaze, Fleetwood-Jourdain Center's free night of games and entertainment for ages 4 to 12, will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 at 1655 Foster St.

Come to Robert Crown Center in costume and ice skate for free (with free skate rental) from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31. For more info., call 847-866-2900.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN LOCALLY

(See pages 8 and 9)

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR HOME-DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

Giving back to your community can be a very rewarding experience. If you are looking for a way to assist others, Norwood Seniors Network may be the answer. This not-for-profit community outreach program in Chicago's Norwood Park community is in need of volunteers to help deliver meals to older adults.



The Seniors Network, an affiliate of Norwood Crossing at 6009 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, provides freshly-prepared nutritious meals each weekday to area seniors who want to remain independent in their own homes. The meals are brought by a handful of volunteers, using mapped routes that include deliveries to homes in northwest Chicago or near northwest suburbs. Each route takes about one-to-two hours to complete.

"For many of these seniors, we may be the only person they see and talk to during the day," said Keith Chase-Ziolek, a volunteer who also serves as director of the Norwood Park Senior Center. "We bring a smile and exchange a few words. We brighten their day, and there's a lot of satisfaction in knowing that you made someone's limited world a little more cheerful."

Volunteers are needed for one or more days a week or as seldom as one day-a-month. Meal deliveries are made between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Mondays - Friday.

Persons interested in volunteering must have their own vehicle and insurance. For more information, please call Bryan Manasse, Norwood Life Care Foundation, at (773) 577-5387, email him at bmanasse@norwoodlifecare.org, or visit www.norwoodlifecare.org.

Skokie Art Guild's 2010 Members' Only Fall Exhibit
Saturday, October 16 - Saturday, November 20
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Sunday, October 24 4:00 - 6:00 PM



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Skokie Art Guild is an affiliate of the Skokie Part District.
Skokieartguild.org



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Niles Township, Illinois to Launch New Prescription Drug Savings Program

In October, Niles Township and Financial Marketing Concepts Inc., (FMC) will launch a new prescription drug discount program at the Niles Township Administration Building, 5255 Main Street in Skokie.

Once launched, the new Coast2Coast Rx card will allow all township residents, regardless of income, age, or health status to participate in the program and save on the cost of their medications. This program has already saved cardholders an average of 45% in 2010 on the cost of prescription drugs. Even pets and family members living outside the township are able to take part in the program. The Rx card will be distributed free of charge and may be used at all pharmacy chains and most independent pharmacies in Niles Township and includes over 60,000 drugs.

"With healthcare costs on the rise, prescription drug discounts will help ease some of the financial burdens township families are facing at a time when they need it the most," said Township Supervisor Lee Tamraz. There are no eligibility requirements, so the Rx card is expected to have a sizeable impact on uninsured residents, residents facing high insurance deductibles and will allow savings for persons in need of prescriptions not covered by their current plans.

Providing savings for residents through the Rx program will come at no expense to the Township. Besides the discounts on prescriptions, the card also provides 50% to 80% discounts for lab and imaging tests, further helping residents save even more money on their healthcare costs for these services.

Edward Rahn, President of Financial Marketing Concepts, Inc., of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, the issuer of the Coast2Coast Rx free discount card, says "We are pleased to work with Niles Township to help individuals, their families and pets combat the rising cost of healthcare." Rahn added "We appreciate all that the Township and local pharmacies are doing to help those in need."

The Coast2Coast Rx card will be available for residents at most participating pharmacies, governmental offices, libraries and Township health facilities. Residents will also be able to print the Rx card, check their prescription prices and view the nearest participating locations at www.coast2coastrx.com. At the website, click on the Print Free Card menu button and on the drop down list, click on township to get to the page to print the Niles Township Card.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation

Join the Lincolnwood Social Club (55+)

Are you tired of staying home? Would you like to do fun and exciting things? Do you want to make a few new friends? Then why not join the Lincolnwood Social Club 55+. You do not have to be a resident of Lincolnwood to join. We go to exciting places every week in addition to the numerous special events held at our Community Center. Give us a call and find out what we are all about, our number is (847) 677-9740. This is one phone call you won't be sorry that you made.

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE PROGRAM

Ravenswood Community Council's Emergency CELL phone (Community Emergency Life Line) Program provides free 911-enabled cell phones to seniors and victims of domestic abuse throughout Chicago.

Donated cell phones are always needed and can be dropped off at the RCC office (1756 W. Wilson).

These phones are used to only call 911 and are intended as a lifeline for seniors experiencing or witnessing an emergency situation. This generous program is sponsored by the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services.

To Receive a Cell Phone Seniors or victims of domestic abuse who would like to receive an emergency cell phone can contact RCC at (773) 784-0400.



Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers October Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in October.

Free **vision screenings** will be given Tuesday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Trained staff from Eye Specialists of Chicago (formerly Lieberman Eye Associates) will conduct the vision screenings and pressure measurements to check for glaucoma. Do not wear contacts but bring eyeglasses. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, October 27, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the seventh floor Sister Jerome Room. This free monthly support group is for anyone with or has a loved one with a pacemaker or internal cardiac defibrillator (ICD). Cardiology Services Department staff will conduct the sessions and answer pacemaker or defibrillator-related questions. Participants will provide mutual support and education. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, October 28, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO OFFER ONE FIT MAMA FITNESS CLASSES

Chicago Park District is thrilled to announce that it will be launching One Fit Mama, stroller based fitness, classes at Sauganash Park on the north side and Chicago Women's Park and Gardens in the south loop. This new program will inspire the Mama (and Mamas to be) of Chicago to get healthy and fit.

The first two class sessions will be held on Mondays at 9:30 am at Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, 1801 S. Indiana Ave., 312.746.5962 and Thursdays at 10 am at Sauganash Park, 5861 N. Kostner Ave., 773.685.6122, beginning the week of October 11, 2010. One Fit Mama, stroller-based fitness classes are 60-minutes long, composed of aerobic work, resistance training, and core strengthening. Participants should bring water and a yoga mat or towel, and dress appropriately for the weather. The classes will run for 6-weeks, and will cost \$50. Registration will be held in-person at the parks with exact cash; the parks are not able to provide change. Space is limited, so Moms are encouraged to reserve their spots now.

One Fit Mama provides mothers the opportunity to exercise while interacting and bonding with their children. With the incidence of childhood obesity skyrocketing to epidemic proportions, the Chicago Park District is offering another excellent opportunity for adults to serve as active role models for their children.

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LOOKING FOR RENTERS IN NORWOOD AND JEFFERSON PARK

ATTENTION U.S. MILITARY VETERANS

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday October 14th and 28th starting at 7:30PM at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy. (just west of Harlem Ave.) Chicago. We are a medium size, friendly active post with members from all over Chicagoland.

Feel free to stop by and sit in at our meeting. If you've been thinking about joining a veteran's post, we might be what you've been looking for.

For additional information please contact: Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448 or Sr. Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738

City of Evanston Hires Long Term Care Ombudsman

Audrey L. Thompson has been hired as the City of Evanston's Long Term Care Ombudsman and began work September 29. Douglas J. Gaynor, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, said, "We are very fortunate to have Audrey's leadership and professional experience with community-based programs, service advocacy, behavior crisis management, respite care, grant administration and volunteer management."

Thompson comes to the City with 13 years' experience working for a social service agency. She earned her Master's degree in Social Work from Jackson State University. As the City's Long Term Care Ombudsman, she will investigate complaints made by or on behalf of residents in long term care facilities, provide educational programs to the community, and assist in developing family councils in long term care. Her office will be located in the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Avenue, Evanston.

Calling All Craft Fair Vendors

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is accepting Artisan Vendor applications for our Holiday Craft Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, December 11, from 9AM-3PM, at the Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood. Please call the Recreation Office at 847-677-9740 for an application and additional information. Deadline for entry is October 22, 2010.

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22 Oct 7.30pm Contemporary German films w English subtitles
No Admission Free Popcorn

MAYOR DALEY JOINS POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS TO PRESENT ANNUAL AWARDS

Mayor Richard M. Daley, Fire Commissioner Robert S. Hoff and Police Superintendent Jody P. Weis today honored Police and Fire personnel for their exemplary service at the Lambert Tree and Carter Harrison Awards ceremony in City Hall.

"Police Officers and Firefighters have two of the most difficult and dangerous jobs in the world, and they deserve to be recognized for their bravery and actions," said Mayor Daley. "Both firefighters and police officers play a critical role in making Chicago a place where people want to live, work and raise a family. The winners of these awards deserve special recognition for going above and beyond, and protecting Chicago's neighborhoods and communities."

"The Lambert Tree and Carter Harrison ceremony serves as a reminder to all residents of the actions of the first responders who selflessly put their lives on the line every day of the year.

Their actions on a daily basis protect our communities, and words alone cannot describe the impact of their valor. And words cannot do justice to those police officers and firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives."

"The winners are valued public servants who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. They serve as a shining example, not just to fellow police officers and firefighters, but to everyone in the city of Chicago," added the Mayor. "I speak for all Chicagoans when I say we truly appreciate all of your hard work, perseverance and dedication to serving and protecting our city."

Chicago Tribune Endorses Brian Doherty for State Senate

Change will come to Illinois only if change comes to the Illinois General Assembly. The state is deep in debt and in desperate need of new faces and new ideas. Illinois citizens deserve a government that is accountable, fiscally responsible and ethical.

Where we (Chicago Tribune) endorse incumbents, we think they have made the case that they are challenging the status quo and promoting good ideas for Illinois. We have also found challengers who hold promise for real change in government.

10th District (Northwest Side) - There's a spirited race to succeed Sen. James DeLeo, who retired. Ald. Brian Doherty is the only Republican in the City Council. He's a fiscal conservative and will make tough choices on spending reforms. We like Democrat John Mulroe, an attorney who was appointed to the seat in mid-August. We backed him in the Democratic primary. But Doherty gets our endorsement.

Brian Doherty on his Endorsement by the Chicago Tribune.

"I'm honored to have received the endorsement of the Chicago Tribune Newspaper. They have recognized my strong record of fiscal responsibility and my call for fundamental change to our state government," stated Doherty.

Doherty said, he's running to bring fundamental change to Springfield by putting a stop to wasteful spending and reckless government borrowing. He believes nothing will change unless we transform the leadership by breaking the political monopoly of one-party rule. "I'm the only candidate in this race that represents a hard break from the status quo in Springfield. I will give the citizens of the 10th District a truly independent leader grounded in fiscal responsibility and respect for the taxpayer," Doherty concluded.

COMMON SENSE

We have serious problems as a country. It doesn't matter which political party is involved in or in charge, we need politicians who will be truthful, have courage and who are loyal to the people they are elected to serve. We need public servants who believe in and love our Country, and, we the people. Election day is coming closer. The people who are running in the various races should try to remember that the voters have brains and can make informed decisions if they are given the facts by which they can form their choices.

Let's say you want to run for politics - you begin by saying you are going to clean-up the current mess, improve education, reduce taxes, and of course, be an advocate for seniors. That's the popular and redundant mantra. The real challenge comes when these honorable promises must be fulfilled.

We, the voters, are responsible for the outcome of our elections and for whom we send to represent us, at all levels. There are people who want our Country to fail and will do their utmost to hurt our democracy and to take away our freedoms.

Many of our politicians are desperate to gain or to hold on to their power. Many of them will do just about anything to win. Some will go so far as to renounce those with whom they have stood and aligned themselves. They mostly point fingers at others and defame their opponents. In the business world the rule is, don't ever rap your competition, but instead, state your case for your product or service.

A great man once said, that people who have achieved fame and recognition should be cautious of accolades which are like perfume; to smell the perfume is intoxicating, but to drink the perfume is deadly. — The Editor

Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 12 o'clock Noon at Hilltop Family Restaurant
2800 W. Foster (Northwest corner of Foster & California) For membership and event information contact Ronald A. Heiderman, DDS at 773-561-0455. **Oct. 28th**- Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. Our guest speaker is TBA.

SBIF Grant Meeting

City of Chicago Department of Community Development, The 30th, 31st, 36th, 37th, and 38th Ward Alderman are pleased to announce the availability of Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) Grants for the Belmont-Central district.

Attend the following meeting to see if your business qualifies:

Wednesday, October 20th, 11AM Los Magueyes Restaurant, 3115 N Central Ave

Bucktown A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship Dinner IV

Sunday, November 14, 2010

The White Eagle Banquet & Restaurant, 6845 N. Milwaukee Ave.,
Niles, Illinois \$38.00 per person

Cocktails - 3:00 pm Dinner - 4:00 pm Friendship - until 7:00 pm

Please make early reservations Write to: Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R.,
3636 W. Wolfram, Chicago, IL 60618

More details of the Joy-FULL Celebration to follow

Local Arts and Entertainment

NORWOOD CROSSING INVITES ENTRIES FOR 8TH ANNUAL FALL ART SHOW: RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 5

A "Call for Artists" is being issued by the Life Enrichment Department at Norwood Crossing for its Annual Fall Art Show that will begin with an evening reception for participating artists and their families, on Nov. 5, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Entries will be exhibited throughout Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, through December. All exhibitors will receive a Certificate of Participation, and refreshments will be provided.

The reception provides the opportunity to interact with artists about their work. It also will build awareness and understanding of the innovative Expressive Arts Program at Norwood Crossing.

Members of the community, Norwood Crossing residents and staff are invited to enter their works which can be in any medium -- work must be framed and ready to hang. The deadline for submitting works is Oct. 22. Entries must be brought to the front desk at Norwood Crossing and a submission form completed.

All submissions will be available for viewing daily from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and will be returned to entrants at the exhibition's conclusion. Parking is available in the lot behind Norwood Crossing (entrance off Avondale Avenue).

Norwood Crossing, a not-for-profit senior retirement community, is located on Chicago's far northwest side. For more information about the Annual Fall Art Show, call Ryan Gauthier at (773) 577-5326 or Kaye Shaddock at (773) 577-5309.

Evanston Arts and Humanities Month

Evanston's second annual Arts and Humanities Month, which turns October into a month full of entertaining, educational, and musical activities for people of all ages, kicks off with a free celebration from 7 to 9 p.m. at Design Within Reach, 1710 Sherman Ave. There will be activities for the whole family, and musical entertainment will be provided by The Blue Dragons.

Other exciting upcoming events include a front yard art sale for local painter Amy O. Woodbury, a teen bead-making event at the Evanston Public Library, a children's march with the NU Marching Band, a Streets of Evanston exhibit at the Evanston History Center, film screenings at the Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art, and many more theatrical and musical performances, lectures, and programs. Organizations such as the Music Institute of Chicago, Light Opera Works, Simply Chicago Art, and others have events scheduled. There will also be a free open house at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., with activities for all ages from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Many Arts and Humanities Month events are free, while others are offered at reduced prices. A more detailed Arts and Humanities Month schedule, located at www.cityofevanston.org/artsmonth, lists other events throughout the month of October, and more information will be added as it becomes available. Arts and Humanities Month is sponsored by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division, the Evanston Arts Council, the Public Art Committee, and the Illinois Arts Council. For more information, call 847-448-8260. For a complete list of events go to <http://www.cityofevanston.org/festivals-concerts/arts-humanities-month/>

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre Seeks Teens and Seniors for New Season

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre's YSTEP (Youth and Senior Theatre Ensemble Project) is seeking enthusiastic participants (six seniors and six high school students per program) for an intergenerational theatre program. The students and seniors will work in partnership to create, develop and perform an original play under the guidance and direction of YSTEP's artistic leadership. YSTEP's mission is to strengthen the community by bridging the gap between the younger and older generations through theatre, communication and mutual respect.

Participants should be able to attend ten 60-minute sessions over a five-week period, two days per week. Levy Center's program will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 19 through Nov. 18 at 300 Dodge Ave.; Fleetwood Jourdain's program will be on Wednesdays and Fridays, Oct. 20 through Nov. 19 at 1655 Foster St. You can sign up for either program. Membership is free. YSTEP is collaborating with the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, the Levy Senior Center, McGaw YMCA and other Evanston agencies on this program. For more information, call 847-448-8254.

KulturKüche – German Cooking Series

The DANK Haus German American Cultural Center presents KulturKüche, a German Cooking series, on the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm. Class fee of \$12 includes demonstration, handouts, tasting and one beverage. Reservations required.

Nov 5, 2010 join Executive Chef trainer James Litza in the DANK kitchens to create a hearty harvest meal of Pork Loin Stuffed With Smoked Sausage - (Schweinelende gefüllt mit Wurst), Bread Dumplings - (Semmelknödel), Green Beans With Bacon And Sweet Peppers - (Grüne Bohnen mit Speck und Paprika) Gravy With Green Pepper Corns - (Sauce mit grünem Pfeffer).

Nov 12, 2010 DANK offers a special repeat of Sausage Making with Chef Martin. Attendees will take part in butchering, spicing and stuffing of two sausages.

Dec 3, 2010 Start creating holiday cheer with Master Baker, Michael Mikusch of Austrian Bakery. Attendees will start by learning how to spice and warm a proper glühwein. While the wine simmers, attendees will prepare dough, shape cookies and pop them in the oven.

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- OCTOBER 20 at 1:30pm Marcus Gentry's TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE
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October 24 at 5:30pm Always on My Mind... A Tribute To The Music & Life of Elvis Presley and Vegas Headliners Through The Years
October 29 at 8:00pm Jimmy Niteclub in Music of Tony Bennett and Dean Martin
October 30 at 8:00pm Sons of the Never Wrong
October 31 at 2:00pm BENEFIT: The War of the Worlds: A Radio Play

Second Annual Edison Park Comedy Festival October 21nd – 24th 2010

Yes I Am Show Business in conjunction with the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the second annual Edison Park Comedy Fest beginning Thursday October 21nd and running through Sunday the 24th. The fest will feature twenty-two of Chicago's best stand-up comedians performing at six venues in Edison Park. Each show will consist of a different line-up of Chicago's best-known comics.

The fest is set to kick off at Moretti's (6727 Olmsted Ave) on Thursday the 21st at 9pm and will be headlined by Junior Stopka, winner of the Chicago Reader's "Best Comedian in Chicago" award and has been featured in the TBS "Just for Laughs Comedy Festival."

From there the festival takes on two venues, the first beginning at 8pm (and 10pm if needed) at The Emerald Isle (6686 N. Northwest Hwy) on the 22nd. The show will star neighborhood favorite Joe Kilgallon, a member of the "Comedian's You Should Know" and is a regular at the Chicago Improv. Joining the festival this year is Zia's Trattoria (6699 N. Northwest Hwy). Zia's will host a 9pm show (11pm if needed) featuring the same line-up.

Saturday night the comedy moves around the corner to Edison Park Inn (6715 N. Olmsted, Chicago) at 8pm (10 if needed) where Yes I Am Show Business founder Tony Valle will headline the festival's third night. Valle has performed across the country including Las Vegas, L.A., and New York and has been producing comedy shows since 2007. The Festival also welcomes Nonno Pino's (6718 N. Northwest Hwy), which will host a 9pm show (11pm if needed).

The festival's finale will be Sunday at The Snuggery (6733 N. Olmsted Avenue) at 8pm and feature an all-star line-up of homegrown comics who have gone on to be nationwide stars.

The showroom doors will open a half hour before showtime and all six venues include a full bar and kitchen. Show's will run ON-TIME so please be prompt!

Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance and \$30 for a weekend pass. Must be 17 and older to attend shows.

Tickets can be purchased in advance through the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce (6730 N. Olmsted Chicago, IL 60631, 773-631-0063), online at www.YesIamShow.biz or by calling the box office at 847-812-7327.

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Local Arts and Entertainment

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS SPONSORS TRIP TO FRANKENMUTH, MI

Vice President Paul C. Odrobina, announces that the Polish National Alliance North and South Side Seniors are planning a trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan.

We will be leaving on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 and return back to Chicago on Thursday, November 18, 2010. Buses will be leaving from two locations, North Side from the PNA Home Office - 6100 N. Cicero Avenue - Chicago, Illinois and South Side from the Mayfield Banquet Hall - 6072 Archer Avenue - Chicago, Illinois. Buses will leave from both locations at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

The following is included in the price: Round trip Coach Transportation, Accommodations for two nights, all hotel taxes, breakfast daily, Lunch at the Frankenmuth Brewery, Chicken Dinner at the Zehnder's Restaurant, A German family style dinner, learn how to roll pretzels and then eat what you made, listen to the German Glockenspiel, visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, go on a City Tour, and stop for wine tasting and lunch.

Accommodations will be at the Bavarian Inn Lodge:

Single Occupancy - \$350.00 per person, Double Occupancy \$260.00 per person, Triple Occupancy \$ 230.00 or Quad Occupancy \$215.00 per person.

Deadline to make reservations - Friday, October 22, 2010.

For additional information or to obtain a reservation form, please contact Joan Os-korep at the PNA Home Office during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs and till 3:00 p.m. on Fridays) at 1-800-621-3723 ext. 316 or visit the PNA Website - www.pna-znp.org

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish Fraternal Ethnic Insurance Organization since 1880.

Trove of Treasures: The Polish Museum of America Art Collection

Presentation given by **Monika Nowak**, graphic art collection curator

In 2007, the tourist guide Fodor's included The Polish Museum of America on its list of Chicago's 25 biggest attractions. The art collection of the PMA is a trove of treasures, comprising hundreds of unique objects, especially from the Interwar Period. Established in 1935, it is one of the oldest and largest ethnic museums in the United States, but is also strives to be an active cultural center. The PMA's program has intensively promoted young Polish art and has allowed the museum to acquire a group of followers outside the Polish community, in Chicago and internationally.

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010 Time: 6:30 PM Roden Branch, 6083 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631; 312-744-1478; chicagopubliclibrary.org

BACKSTAGE EVANSTON A HUGE SUCCESS!

BackStage Evanston, Evanston's first festival showcasing local performing arts groups, entertained a sell-out crowd September 12, raised money for the arts organizations, and started an important tradition in the city.

Created by the Arts & Business Committee of the Evanston Arts Council, the event was designed to raise the visibility and profitability of the theatre, dance and music organizations in Evanston. Fourteen groups participated, performing five-minute previews of their upcoming season, and sold discounted tickets that were available only at BackStage Evanston. The event raised over \$11,000 in support of the organizations.

"We are thrilled that BackStage Evanston worked for everyone - the attendees had a great entertaining evening, and the performing arts organizations got well-deserved exposure and made some money. We certainly hope to make this an annual event," commented Penny Rotheiser, Co-Chair of the Arts & Business Committee.

Hosted by Northwestern University's Theatre & Interpretation Center at its' Wallis & Struble theatres, BackStage Evanston featured Light Opera Works; Next, Piccolo, Fleetwood-Jourdain and Piven theatres; Actors Gymnasium; Evanston Symphony Orchestra; Evanston Dance Ensemble; Northwestern University's Theatre & Interpretation Center; Music Institute of Chicago; The Lakeside Singers; Theatre Zarko; The Musical Offering and North Shore Choral Society.

Evanston's business community was very supportive of the event. Thirteen local businesses sponsored the showcase, including Allegro Dance Boutique, The Corner Chef/MJ Catering, Dance Center Evanston, Downtown Evanston, Evanston Round-Table, First Bank & Trust, Hagerty Consulting, Hilton Orrington/Evanston, Jill Brazel Photography, Northwestern University, Romano Brothers & Co., Swantiques at East of the Tracks, and Weichert Realtors-Lakeshore Partners. Evanston restaurants Campagnola, Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton Orrington/Evanston, and Lulu's donated food.

SKOKIE ART GUILD

Skokie Art Guild Live Model Figure Drawing Workshops

Figure Drawing Workshop Sessions resumed Sept. 9

and meet as follows:

Thursdays - 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Saturdays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

* Devonshire Cultural Center,

4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, IL 60076

www.skokieartguild.org Members: \$12.00 / Non-Members: \$20.00

Yes, We Yodel!

By Maria Bappert

The Austrian Mixed Chorus, under the direction of David Crane, invites the public to their Annual Choral Concert and Dinner Dance on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at the Avalon Banquets, 1905 E. Higgins Road (just south of Oakton), in Elk Grove Village, IL.

Cocktails will be served at 2:30 pm (cash bar); the concert will start at 3:00 pm, followed by dinner. The cost is \$50.00 per person, and includes a complete dinner, dessert, coffee, concert and dancing to the tunes of the Walter Flechsig Orchestra, which is known for their fine musical performances. Reservations can be made by calling Trudy Nika at 630-960-1123.

So what's on the program this year? First of all, the concert's theme is "Wiener Herz und Wiener Wein," which translates into "Viennese Heart and Viennese Wine," the first number on the program. The choir will also sing folk songs from various regions in Austria, some of them in local dialects, and two of which include yodelers in four-part harmony. You have to hear it to believe it. Another highlight is "Climb every mountain" from "The Sound of Music" by Rogers & Hammerstein, and "Die Juliska aus Budapest," ("Juliska from Budapest") from the well-known operetta "Mask in Blue" by Fred Raymond. As always, the Choral Concert will end with the "Radetzky March" by Johann Strauss, Sr., which concludes all of the fabulous New Year's Eve Concerts in Vienna and is always transmitted by Channel 11. And in one of the numbers, David Crane will show off his considerable talent on the trumpet! Another highlight, George V. Humphrey, Tenor, who served as the choir's Music Director from 2003 to 2007, will perform arias from Lehar, Wagner, and Puccini. For the past several years Mr. Humphrey has appeared in some of the most prestigious opera houses in Europe, and we look forward to his performance.

Now for a bit of history ... In July of 1979, some Austrian and German-Americans gathered at the Steirer Alm, near Lilymoor, IL, for the Annual Steirer Alm Picnic. It is well known that Austrians and Germans love to sing, and they know many songs by heart, as they are taught in school from Kindergarten on up. Freddy Schaunig was present, and he was a very talented accordion player. He had an old-fashioned button-type instrument and led the sing-alongs. At this occasion, the idea for a local Austrian Chorus was conceived. Although there were many German choirs in Chicago, there were none dedicated to preserving the Austrian folk songs as well as the much-loved Austrian classics. The following Saturday, a notice appeared in the German newspaper, inviting all who were interested in preserving Austrian song to help form the new "Austrian Mixed Chorus." The response was great, and in a matter of weeks, a new singing group emerged. The nucleus of the choir came from a newly formed sextet, "The Kaertner Buam," ("The Boys from Kaernten," one of the regions in Austria). In November of that year, 35 members of the new chorus gave their first concert, directed by Heidi Siewert, who was not only a Choir Director but an accomplished singer and yodeler as well.

The support of the Austrian community, the determination of founding President, Franz Heininger, serving until 1982, and the leadership of dedicated presidents and directors contributed to the success of the Austrian Mixed Chorus. Additional Presidents were Walter Fleischmann (1982-85), Peter Kraemer (1985-88), Hella Meyer (1988-91), Walter Fleischmann again (1991-2001), Wilhelm Futschek (2001-02), and Helmut Groetzel (2002 to the present).

The Austrian Mixed Chorus has been very fortunate to have talented and dedicated Music Directors for the past 31 years. Heidi Siewert directed from 1979-1984, Becky Ruehrdanz from 1984-87, David Crane 1987-2003, and then by George V. Humphrey 2003-2007, and David Crane from 2007 until the present. Come and hear us yodel!

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with Special Performance by Tenor George V. Humphrey

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Walter Flechsig Orchestra

For Information call: Trudy Nika 630-960-1123.

“A Theater Review”

“Red Herring”

**Noble Fool Theatricals At
Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 N. Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois**

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

—Three Stars—

Noble Fool Theatricals at the Pheasant Run Resort now has a new name: Fox Valley Repertory Live Theatre at Pheasant Run Resort.

Their current production of “Red Herring” by playwright Michael Hollinger previewed on September 2nd with an official opening on September 11th.

“Red Herring” has a cast of six actors who play a variety of roles and is being directed by the theatre’s artistic director John Gawlik

Gawlik’s staging is perfect as you’ll see in St. Charles, Illinois, on the opening film sequence.

He has also assembled a strong cast of actors for this clever who-dunnit film noir live stage production. Peter DeFaria plays as one of his roles Andrei – the Russian. DeFaria is well known for the leading role in “A Steady Rain.” Elana Ernst plays Lynn. Sean Bolger is Frank. Northwestern University graduate Alex Hugh Brown has the role of James. Danon Dastugue is in the role of Mrs. Kravitz and was last seen in Provisions Theatre production of “A Hiding place” and received a Jeff recommendation for her role. Rounding out the cast is Rebekah Ward-Hays as Maggie.

It’s a difficult show to follow but if you keep up with the action you’ll enjoy it.

The show deals with three love stories, a murder mystery, and a nuclear espionage into one clever cold war era.

The show is set in 1952 when America is on the verge of the H-bomb. Eisenhower is on the campaign trail and “I Love Lucy” with Lucille Ball is an established hit on Monday nights.

We see Senator Joe McCarthy’s daughter has gotten engaged to a Soviet spy and detective Maggie Pelletier has to find out who dumped the dead guy into the Harbor or he will lost out on a honeymoon in Havana. The show offers many laughs and you’ll see how three love stories end up in a little over two hours.

The season will end with “It’s a Wonderful Life,” a live radio play opening November 5th and running through December 26th.

Their 2011 season will open on January 20th with the comedy “Leaving Iowa,” that Rachel Rockwell will direct, followed by the non-musical version of “Around the World in Eighty Days” on June 9th through July 31st. One of their musicals will be “Always Patsy Cline” on March 24th through May 15th. The season will end with “They’re Playing Our Song,” a seldom-produced musical that has a book by Neil Simon with music and lyrics by Marvin Hamlisch and Carol Bayer Sager. “Red Herring” closes on October 24th. Tickets are \$29 and \$39. Dinner-show packages are available. For performance dates, show times and reservations call 630-584-6342.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Join the Lincolnwood Social Club (55+)

Are you tired of staying home? Would you like to do fun and exciting things? Do you want to make a few new friends? Then why not join the Lincolnwood Social Club 55+. You do not have to be a resident of Lincolnwood to join. We go to exciting places every week in addition to the numerous special events held at our Community Center. Give us a call and find out what we are all about, our number is (847) 677-9740. This is one phone call you won’t be sorry that you made.

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Public Libraries

**EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
4613 N Oketo, Harwood Heights, IL (708) 867-7828**

The Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, November 1 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, November 2 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. Copies in both regular and large type are available at the library.

**LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 847-677-5277**

Humanities Treasures. This free discussion group meets Wednesdays, 1–3 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library to explore current events and selected readings. Humanities Treasures is affiliated with the Oakton Community College Emeritus Program.

Acting Class. Mondays through Nov. 29, 2 p.m. Games, skits, bit parts, and more for students in 3rd-5th grade, directed by Debbi Brodsky. Register with Lincolnwood Library’s Youth Services Department, 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**AUSTIN-IRVING BRANCH
6100 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 312-744-6222**

Polkaholics Saturday, October 30, 2010 2 p.m.

Have you seen the Polkaholics? If not, get over to this fun show just in time for Halloween to rock out to their “high-speed collision of polka and rock ‘n roll.” The Polkaholics use a power rock trio format to put the umph into oompah-POW, blasting polka screaming into the 21st century. This program celebrating Polish American Heritage Month is free and open to all.

**EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 847-448-8600**

This fall, the Evanston Public Library presents a series of programs related to mental and physical well-being for children and teens. All programs take place in the Main Library Community Meeting Room, 1703 Orrington Avenue in Evanston. **Full Signal Screening and Discussion, Saturday, October 23, 2:00 p.m.**

**EDGEBROOK BRANCH
5331 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646 (312) 744-8313**

Mother Goose on the Loose, a fun-filled, interactive program featuring simple picture books, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments and movement for children ages 3 months to 2 years old, will meet on Thursdays, September 30th through November 11th from 10:30-11:15 a.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



Learn the importance of
taking care of Mother Earth at this
natureconnections program presented at
a Chicago Public Library location near you:

Brian “Fox” Ellis presents
Many Lands: One Planet,
an ecological storytelling program.

This program will be presented at various Chicago Public Library locations throughout October and November.
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Career/Jobs Corner

NSP2 Bid Packages Now Available

The first bid package for rehabilitation work will be released on Friday October 1st at 10 a.m. Bid packages will be available for pick-up in Room 3104, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Proposals will be due to BCM, LLC via e-mail or fax by 12 p.m. central time on October 22nd. Minority, Women-owned and Evanston-based businesses are encouraged to apply.

A pre-submission conference will be held Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 10:00 in Council Chambers of the Morton Civic Center. Mandatory Property Inspections will be held October 6th and 11th A detailed inspection schedule will be included in the bid package.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is managing this \$1.93 billion program to help stabilize neighborhoods that have been hardest hit by the effects of foreclosed and abandoned properties. The City of Evanston is receiving \$18.15 million.

Ravenswood Community Council Financial Assistance for Business

RCC's new Local Industrial Retention Initiative Program, which started earlier this year, focuses on providing services that promote the retention and expansion of business in the Ravenswood and Addison Corridors.

Among the array of services we will offer is to keep local businesses informed of City sponsored programs which may be beneficial to them. With that in mind we are providing a link to the City's comprehensive booklet on Financial Assistance for Business. Simply click on the link below and you will be directed to this very helpful resource. www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/supp_info/housing/financialbook.pdf

Should you have any questions on how to take advantage of these programs, please contact Brian Crowe at brian@ravenswoodcommunity.org

Evanston 3-1-1 Call Center Logo Contest

On March 1, 2011 the City of Evanston will introduce a new 3-1-1 Call Center. This exciting initiative is meant to improve customer service city wide and enhance staff efficiency of operations, responsiveness to service requests and accountability.

What is 3-1-1?

3-1-1 is a simple to remember, three-digit number that residents, businesses and visitors can call within the City of Evanston's boundaries to inquire about non-emergency City services and programs, obtain information about various programs, report problems and check the status of service requests.

Help us select the logo for the new 311 service

Special thanks to Leadership Evanston and Linda Hansen of Wild Crow Communications for designing the logos free of charge. Vote now through October 22! The winning logo will be used in all 3-1-1 marketing materials.

To vote, go to <http://www.cityofevanston.org/311-logo-contest/index.php>.

OCTOBER 2010 SUPPORT GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

CJE SeniorLife offers support groups on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances and some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to join a group, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000.

Monday, Oct. 18 **Bring Your Medicine Cabinet.** By appointment only, individuals can receive private consultation with pharmacist Christa Poskozim from Rosen's Morseview Pharmacy. Call 773/508-1000 to reserve your spot. Bring your prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and supplements for an individualized review of whether they work safely together. 11 a.m., Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave, Chicago

Tuesday, Oct. 19 **Linkages Resource Fair for Adults with Disabilities and their Families.** Exhibitors from many social service agencies will be available to discuss their services. Families can set up private consultations with attorneys and specialists who can offer them direction in future planning issues by calling Rosann Corcoran at 773/508-1694. 9 a.m. to noon, Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago.

Report: 8,920 Illinois Companies Seek H1-b Permits for 11,847 job openings in 2009

8,920 Illinois companies quietly requested permits to fill 11,847 job openings in Illinois with foreign citizens under the H1-b visa program in 2009. Total annual wages for these job openings were \$795,443,099.

A new report, Are They Seeking Local Talent? 8,920 Illinois Companies Use White Collar "Guest Worker" Program in 2009, found 8,920 Illinois companies requested permits to fill 11,847 job openings in Illinois with foreign citizens under the H1-B visa program in 2009.

The report found total annual wages for these job openings were \$795,443,099. The average wage was \$67,143, approximately 158% higher than the average wage of \$42,540 in Illinois.

In one job title alone, Illinois employers sought permits to fill 4,303 Programmer openings for total salaries of \$251,246,935.

"We've got an over abundance of highly-skilled, experienced IT professionals and an oversupply of new science & technology graduates whom we have paid dearly to educate. But Illinois companies are bypassing this US talent. They are so brazen; they even post "H1-b Only" want ads all over the internet!"

"With unemployment in the state hovering over 10%, it's time these companies stepped up to the plate and hired Illinois talent for their Illinois job openings," said Donna Conroy, Director of Brightfuturejobs.com and primary author of the report.

Conroy's research discovered that among the state's biggest employers, Chicago Public Schools, for instance, sought permits for 22 teachers with \$1,2,029,200 in annual wages. Navistar requested permits for 41 positions with total annual salaries of \$3,345, 815. Motorola filed for 240 job openings with total salaries of \$16,628,425.

A bill in both the House and the Senate, the H1-B & L-1 Reform Act, aims to rewrite H1-b law to force corporations to seek local talent before recruiting abroad, but so far has failed to pass. It will also prevent employers from displacing Americans from their jobs in favor of a foreign citizen and stop the off shoring of jobs.

"It's high time we had the courage to use American ingenuity to create jobs, instead of the cowardly practice of innovating ways to ship jobs overseas," added Conroy.

The Open Studio Process Training Program

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Karla Rindal, found object artist & OSP Facilitation Director

Erin Mooney, LCPC, ATR, mixed media artist & OSP Program Director

If you are solely interested in developing a deepened personal practice, you may choose to take only workshops 1 and 2. If you would like to be eligible for certification as an Open Studio Project Associate Facilitator, you must successfully complete Workshops 1 through 5.

Coming in Spring 2012: The Open Studio Process Business Practices

Have you dreamed of an Open Studio Project in your own community? Interested individuals who have completed their Associate Facilitator certification and wish to open a studio of their own will be eligible for this special series on the nuts and bolts of using OSP Process as a business tool.

Workshop Schedule

Dec. 3-5, 2010 Open Studio Process 2:Expanding Personal Practice

April 1-3, 2011 Open Studio Process 3:Facilitating Group Practice

Aug 5-7, 2011 Open Studio Process 4:Building Creative Community

Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2011 Open Studio Process 5:Adaptations for Diverse Groups & Spaces

Workshops meet: Friday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Open Studio Project | 903 Sherman Ave | Evanston | IL | 60202(847)-475-0390

For more information or to register visit our website openstudioproject.org

Want to be a Life Saver?

Learn the fundamentals of CPR and become certified by the American Red Cross. The class, which is open to those age 12 and older, will be from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20 and 27 at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., Evanston. You must attend the entirety of both classes to attain certification. The cost is \$59/resident and \$73/nonresident. To register or for more information, call 847-448-8252.

Halloween at the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District and Walgreens host dozens of Halloween events this fall in the parks. Offerings include several haunted houses, numerous pumpkin patches, movie screenings, a party for dogs and much more. Go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/ for the full listing of Halloween events or call 312-742-PLAY.

Pumpkin Patches

October 16, Oz Park, 2021 N. Burling St., 312.742.7898; October 30, Peterson Park, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., 312.742.7584

10am-2pm, All ages, Nominal fees may apply for on-site activities Fall pumpkin patches throughout the city features a selection of all shapes and sizes and decorating stations. Some pumpkin patches include a petting zoo, horse drawn hayride, pony ride, games and a chance to take a photo at the harvest photo station.

Family and Teen Haunted Indoor Drive-In Movie Series

Thursday, Oct. 28, Casper at 6:30 p.m. (family) and Friday, Oct. 29, Twilight at 6:30 p.m. (teen) Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr., 312-742-7522

Admission \$5 to each screening Families can enjoy Casper (PG) and teens can enjoy Twilight (PG-13). Admission includes a hot dog, beverage and popcorn.

Trails of Terror

Oct. 22-24 & 29-31, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Peterson Park, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., 312-742-7584

Recommended for ages 8 and up; free parking available, Admission \$10 Wind your way through nearly one-half mile of spine-tingling terror in the woods crawling with creepy characters.

Doggie PUPkin Party

Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. – noon [costume parade at 10:30 a.m.] Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414

Admission \$5 per dog, The event will be held rain or shine. Halloween has gone to the dogs at this event that is open to all size pups. Owners and dogs are encouraged to come dressed up in their favorite costumes. Activities include a doggie parade, photos with the owner and dog that can be purchased from the photographer, doggie/owner look-a-like contest, art project, drawings and give-a-ways. The local pet businesses will set up tables and offer goods and services.

Scary Skate

Sunday, Oct. 31, 4:30-6 p.m. McFetridge Sports Center Ice Rink in California Park, 3843 N. California Ave., 773-478-2609

Admission for ages 13 and up \$5; ages 12 and under \$4 Wear a costume for free admission; ice skate rental available. Work off Halloween candy calories with some ice skating.

The War of the Worlds: A Radio Play

Three Cat Productions is thrilled to announce a special Halloween performance of HG Wells's "The War of the Worlds". This special performance will feature Rick Kogan and Rob Dorn with all proceeds benefiting the Skokie Theatre. The rare performance of this Halloween classic will take place on October 31st at 2:00pm at the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation.

"The War of the Worlds" was originally performed on the radio, October 30, 1938 as part of the Mercury Theatre on the Air. Directed and narrated by Orson Welles, the 60 minute broadcast was presented as a series of news bulletins suggesting an actual alien invasion. Reportedly, the broadcast caused wide spread panic specifically for those who missed the opening explanation.

Come find out why radio listeners were in a panic. "The War of the Worlds" featuring WGN Radio Personality Rick Kogan and Chicago's celebrated performer Rob Dorn will be performed at Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, 7924 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077 on October 31, 2010 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation. You can order tickets by calling 847-677-7761 or visit skokietheatre.com.

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HALLOW-WEEKEND IS COMING!

Celebrate your Hallow-weekend on Daley Plaza which becomes Franken Plaza Friday through Sunday, October 29-31 from 11 am-8 pm each day. Activities include entertainment from Midnight Circus and Pyrotechniq, plus mask making demonstrations, story-telling and more.

Don't miss a pumpkin carving demonstration on Friday, October 29 as Steve Dahlke carves a 200 pound pumpkin (2:15 pm and 4:15 pm)

On Saturday, October 30 kids of all ages can enjoy the Monster Bash. Trick or treating, hayrides, a costume contest for children ages infant - 16 with prizes, Magic Matt, the Radio Disney Road Crew and a 5:45 pm screening of Coraline.

It's all free, fun and not too scary. Visit www.chicagoween.us for more info.

St. Thecla Presents...

The Hair Razor

St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Ave. will be presenting The Hair Razor Maze. This event will take place in the Church Basement. This Haunted House has something for everyone. The evening events are for 12 years old and older. For Children under the age of 12, we will be having "No Scare Days". (The little ones can come in costume and they will be receiving Trick or Treats on "No Scare Days".)

The dates are as follows:

October 15 & 16, 2010 7pm to 10:30pm

October 17, 2010 6:30pm to 10pm

October 22 & 23, 2010 7pm to 10:30pm

October 24, 2010 6:30pm to 10pm

October 29 & 30, 2010 7pm to 10:30pm

October 31, 2010 6:30pm to 10pm

"No Scare Days"-Saturday, October 23 & Saturday, October 30, 2010

When: Noon to 2pm (ONLY) **Cost:** \$5.00 per person (all ages)

Visit our website for more specific information at www.hairrazormaze.com. For questions you can either call St. Thecla Parish Office at 773-792-3077 or e-mail us at hairrazormaze@yahoo.com. You can also visit www.hauntedillinois.com. This facility is not handicapped accessible and NO strollers will be permitted.



DISCOVER THE SPOOKY FUN OF NOCTURNAL CREATURES AT GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY'S "CREATURES OF THE NIGHT"

From bats to owls to spiders, discover how some creatures have special adaptations, or "tricks" that help them roam in the dark, at "Creatures of the Night" at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., on Saturday, October 30 from noon to 3 p.m. Admission to "Creatures of the Night" is \$3 and ages 3 and under are free.

This day-time Halloween-themed event is a unique take on the season, taking place among the lush, tropical environment of the Garfield Park Conservatory. Children and families will meet nocturnal creatures at critter stations and learn an adaptation trick each animal possesses. Participants will get a treat at each critter station. Below are some of the critters that will be making a special day-time appearance at the event and the possible treats visitors can collect:

Tomato Frog Trick: Tastes bad to predators, because it releases an icky gummy white substance **Treat:** a piece of yummy white gum

Fruit Bat Trick: has wing-like fingers to fly at night **Treat:** bat rings to put on your own finger

Hedgehog Trick: rolls in a ball to protect itself at night **Treat:** hedgehog ball

Sugar Glider Trick: can see very well at night because of its big eyes **Treat:** googly-eye glasses

Armadillo Trick: has a hard armor to protect itself at night **Treat:** a special band-aid to protect our own fingers.

Snake Trick: uses a special organ on its tongue to "smell" the air **Treat:** a plastic snake.

Also scheduled to make a rare day-time appearance are a civet, owl, wolf, spider, sloth, and a chinchilla. Families can also enjoy the following special activities: Spooky spider planting, "Creatures Features" face painting, A wormy apple "snactivity" and snack-o-lantern oranges, Bat origami, Grow In the dark necklaces, Live music, Straw bale maze for toddlers

For more information go to www.garfield-conservatory.org or call 773.638.1766.

Bring The Kids To A Free, Old-Fashioned Halloween Festival at Westminster Place

Tired of the usual cold or rainy weather for Halloween? Bring the kids, age 2-10, in costume, to Westminster Place on Saturday, Oct. 30 for a free, old-fashioned Halloween festival. The festival will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at One Calvin Circle, 3200 Grant St. Evanston, entrance opposite Ridgeway Ave.

The festival will feature safe trick-or-treating indoors, a costume parade and contest, pumpkin decorating, carnival games, an outdoor petting zoo, temporary tattoos, storytelling, movies, and refreshments.

For more information please call 847-866-1615. No outside vendors.

Demystifying Creepy Creatures

Slimy snakes, spooky spiders, and blood-sucking bats. Halloween's creepy creatures get a bad rap. It's time to demystify these amazing animals and un-cloak the beauty of these beasts.

Snakes

Of the 3,000 species of snakes, only some 350 are venomous.

Most snakes can climb trees.

Snakes help control rodent populations.

Snakes rarely strike human beings unless they are provoked.

Snakes are an important icon in American history – one of our first flags, the Continental Navy flag, featured a rattlesnake with the motto, "Don't Tread on Me."

Spiders

Spiders digest their food outside of their bodies. After they capture prey, spiders release enzymes that cover their meal. The enzymes break down the body of the prey into a liquid that the spiders suck.

The daddy-long-legs in your basement isn't a true spider. It's a harvestman with only one body part (thorax and abdomen are fused into one) and two eyes instead of a spider's eight!

A strand from the web of a golden spider is as strong as steel.

Spiders can get caught in their own webs, but they are nimble and usually do not.

Bats

Bats in our region easily eat as many as 3,000 mosquitos per night, minimizing our need for pesticides.

Bats are not rodents. They belong to the order Chiroptera (hand-wing).

Bats are nature's only true flying mammal.

Bat mothers give birth to a single pup every year. Because of this slow reproduction (the slowest on Earth relative to size), they are vulnerable to extinction.

Vampire bats are known to adopt orphaned bats and often risk their own lives to share food with other bats.



Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlife-coalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlife-coalition@gmail.com.



Spook-tacular Shopping

It's that Spooktacular time of the year when all Halloween Festivities are beginning. It seems that with each coming year more and more people are having a bewitching time celebrating Halloween with gory parties, dressing up, and haunting their homes both inside and out.

At the Antique Resale Shoppe, ghosts and goblins of all ages come in for tricks, treats, and vintage clothes to make their costumes a bit more unique. There are plenty of "dress-up" items from hats, gloves, eyeglasses to beaded sweaters, circle skirts, and army fatigues. And we can't forget the tons and tons of jewelry and accessories that can make a costume bootiful. Suzanna and Jules enjoy looking into their crystal ball for costume advice.

When you ride your broom over don't forget to say, Boo!
Suzanne and Jules, The Antique & Resale Shoppe, 7214 N. Harlem, Chicago, IL 773/631-1151.

SILENT SCREAM! Double Feature of Classic German Horror Films

The DANK Haus German American Cultural Center presents SILENT SCREAM! a double featuring of *The Cat and the Canary* and *Nosferatu: Symphony of Horror* on Halloween, Saturday October 31 at 6:00pm in the gilt and terrazzo Marunde Ballroom. Both 16 mm projection films will have live organ accompaniment by Dennis Scott on an Allen 311 Organ graciously donated by Steinway Chicago. German expressionist of the 1920's founded the horror genre with these classics. Horror comedy *The Cat and the Canary* (1927) by director Paul Leni's is the original "haunted house" movie. Can heiress Annabelle West survive the night in her eccentric uncle's mansion? Children and adults alike will enjoy this spooky romp from a more innocent time. Following is F.W. Murnau's unauthorized version of the Dracula story, *Nosferatu*, that set the standard for vampire movies for decades to come. It features extensive location shooting in Wismar, Rostock and Lübeck in the early days of the Weimar Republic.

Between the films we will award best prizes for Adult and Child costumes and concessions will be available. Entrance is only \$7. DANK Haus welcomes Dennis Scott, who will be providing the "voice" to Silent Scream at the Allen 311 Theatre Organ. Dennis is president of the Chicagoland Theatre Organ Society and serves as staff organist at Chicago's Music Box Theatre. In addition, he is a regular performer at the Silent Film Society of Chicago's Summer Film Festival, and has played at festivals across the Midwest including the International Buster Keaton Convention.

Halloween in the Parks

PUMPKIN PATCH

Peterson Park
5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
(in North Park Village)

October 30
10am – 2pm

Family-friendly
activity fees vary from \$1-\$6
312.742.7584

TRAILS OF TERROR

Peterson Park
5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
(in North Park Village)

October 22-24 & 29-31
6:30-9:30pm

\$10 ages
(recommended 8 & over)
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HALLOWEEN PUPKIN PARTY

Halloween has gone to the dogs!

Brands Park
3259 N. Elston Ave.

October 30
10am – 12 Noon

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For a complete listing of all our Halloween activities, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY or (312) 747-2001 (TTY).



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Chicago Park District, Timothy J. Mitchell, General Superintendent & CEO



GREAT OUTDOORS

FALL INTO FUN AT YOUR LOCAL PARK

Register for a Park District Program this Fall!

Take on a new hobby, refine an artistic craft, or focus on physical fitness by joining a walking club at your neighborhood park this fall. We have a number of awesome activities for individuals of all ages and interests to get active and outside. Registration is currently underway at all park field houses and continues until classes are filled. Exact change is required for all walk-in registrations.

Most fall classes start the week of September 20 and run through December 5, 2010. Programs vary at each location and are a great value for a reasonable fee. You can pick up a fall schedule at your local park or view the complete list of programs on our website www.chicagoparkdistrict.com. Early registration is recommended: due to limited space.

Chicago Park District program highlights for youth:

Kiddie College Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston, 773.478.2414

September 20 – December 5, Monday - Friday

Two times to choose from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
ages 3-5, \$100.

Kiddie college is designed for children who are attending preschool. This fun-filled ½ day class will continue the learning process in a creative atmosphere and lead by a certified Early Childhood Recreation instructor. Circle Time, Arts & Crafts, Fun & Games, Story-time, Fitness and other elements will be woven into this program. Children must be potty trained.

Park Kids Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Rd, 773.478.1220

September 7 – December 5, Monday – Friday, 2 – 6pm,

Ages: 6-12, \$175

A fun and safe after-school program created for school-aged children ages 6-12 which incorporate sports, dance, arts & crafts, homework hour, music and much more! A great program for children of working parents!

Chicago Park District program highlights for Adults/Seniors:

Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway, 773.478.9744

Step Aerobics

September 20 – December 3, Mon., Wed., & Fri., 6:30-7:45pm, \$68

Step classes involve high energy aerobic conditioning utilizing a step platform. Stepping up and down, over and around in this 45-minute class, is a fun, up-beat, fast paced, high energy, step aerobics class for anyone ages 18 and over looking to get a high energy workout. Various step heights are determined by participant's fitness level ranging from the beginner to the advanced. We will also incorporate the stability ball and gym stick.

Stained Glass (Advanced class)

September 23 - December 2, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$40

The Advanced class will expand and polish your stained glass skills. Attendance at a beginning class or prior stained glass experience is required. This 10-week course is intended for those wishing to work on unique independent projects. We offer step-by-step instruction on cutting glass, pattern preparation, glass selection, foiling, and soldering, to the final steps of completing your project. Class fee does not include supplies.

Stained Glass (Beginner class)

September 23-December 2, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$70

Learn the art of stained glass in this 10-week course. We offer step-by-step instruction on glass cutting techniques, tool usage, copper foil technique, soldering, and finishing your project. Class meets one night a week for ten weeks. We provide the glass and materials.

Drawing & Painting

September 23 – December 2, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$24

Using traditional and contemporary methods of drawing and painting students will learn to master basic skills. As one's abilities improve, with the knowledge one gains while working in various mediums, additional creative and challenging assignments are encouraged. Participants must supply painting canvas.

KILBOURN PARK ORGANIC GREENHOUSE FALL 2010 ORGANIC GARDEN SERIES

Discover the wonderful world of nature! Spark your curiosity and explore the fun & educational offerings at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., the Chicago Park District's only park with a teaching organic greenhouse. The 2010 fall series is designed for adults 18 & over. Register for winter programs in-person at the park.

Organic Oyster Mushroom Cultivation

Robert Lee, Chicago Master Gardener; Saturday, October 23 from 10 am - Noon; Class fee: \$20 Gardening in your basement, or in a pile of wood chips? Sure! Edible gourmet mushrooms can be grown by most anyone with a desire to do so. In this class you'll learn how to get started growing mushrooms that are healthy and delicious: in your home, basement, garage, or in a pile of wood mulch in your back yard. Mushrooms turn wood and straw into food and compost.

Growing Microgreens in your home

Bill Shores, Shores Garden Consulting, Inc; Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am – Noon; Fee: \$20 Grow organic salad greens at home, whether you have garden space or not! Professional gardener Bill Shores has grown specialty greens for over 10 years and currently manages chef Rick Bayless' urban garden. Microgreens are delicious, nutritious, space-efficient, young and tender, leafy greens. Bill will demonstrate how to plant the seeds in growing trays and discuss growing, maintenance and harvesting techniques suited to indoor or outdoor growing in small spaces.

Kilbourn Park is located at 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., just west of Milwaukee Ave., and Addison St. in Chicago. Questions call Kirsten Akre at 773.685.3359 or kirsten.akre@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation 16" Double Elimination Softball Tournament

No Name, the top seeded team, lost their first game 15-0 to the Hooligans and advanced to the losers bracket. Playing their fourth game, they faced the Hooligans again and beat them 5-2. The fifth game of the day was against the Goonies who won the winner's bracket. They beat the Goonies 10-5. The sixth game of the day No Name had to play the Goonies again for the championship. The Goonies led 4-0 after three innings. Going into the top of the sixth No Name led 6-4 and the Goonies scored 1 run to make the score 6-5. In the last inning Goonies had men on 1st and 2nd and no outs. The next batter flew out and the runner on second went to third. Now the Goonies had the tying run on third with one out. The next batter hit a fly to left field and the runner on third tried to score the tying run. The left fielder throw a perfect one hop throw to the catcher who tagged the runner out at home plate. No Name wins the overall championship 6-5 after playing 6 games and losing their first game 15-0. GREAT TOURNAMENT

THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK IN MILLENNIUM PARK OPENS FOR THE TENTH SEASON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Michigan Avenue Ice Rink Offers Free Admission for Skating

Kicking off Chicago's winter season, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 and will remain open through Sunday, March 13, 2011, weather permitting. The rink, now in its tenth season and drawing more than 100,000 skaters annually, is free and open to the public. Skate rental is available for \$10. The ice rink is located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets.

Regular hours for the season are as follows:

Mondays—Thursdays: 12 pm — 8 pm
Fridays: 12 pm — 10 pm
Saturdays (through Dec.18): 10 am — 10 pm
Saturdays (beginning Jan. 8): 10 am — 9 pm
Sundays: 10 am — 9 pm

Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving): 10 am — 4 pm
Friday, December 24: 10 am — 6 pm
Saturday, December 25: 10 am — 4 pm
Friday, December 31: 10 am — 8 pm
Saturday, January 1: 12 pm — 10 pm

The ice rink is just one component of the 24.5-acre Millennium Park, which has welcomed more than sixteen million visitors since opening in July 2004. Among Millennium Park's other prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture.

For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, including Caroling at Cloud Gate, visit www.millenniumpark.org, or call 312.742.1168.



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GREAT OUTDOORS

Enjoy the Majesty of Fall! Join the Arbor Day Foundation in October And Receive 10 Free Autumn Classics Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by giving you 10 free autumn classics trees when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 free autumn classics: Two sugar maples, two red maples, a scarlet oak, a sweetgum, northern red oak, silver maple, white flowering dogwood, and Washington hawthorn.

"You'll especially enjoy these trees for years to come during the autumn months because they'll add amazing, vibrant color to any yard or landscape," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive 10 free autumn classics, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classics Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2010, or join online at www.arborday.org/october.

Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held every Sunday beginning June 27 through Sunday, October 31. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A selection of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Baked goods, cheeses and various other vendors are an integral part of what makes the Skokie Farmers' Market so unique.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Master, at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org.

IBHS Offers Ways to Protect Homes and Businesses from Wildfires During Fire Prevention Week

This is Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9) and, with 85 new wildfires burning today throughout the United States, and many areas of the country under fire watches, the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) offers effective ways to reduce the risk of wildfire-related property damage.

So far this year, more than 47,000 wildfires have consumed nearly 2.8 million acres of wildlands along with hundreds of homes and businesses in several states, according to the U.S. Forest Service. In 2009, wildfires caused an estimated \$280 million in overall losses and \$185 million in insured losses, according to insurance industry data.

IBHS research shows it is planning – not only luck – that allows some homes or businesses to survive a wildfire while others are destroyed. Creating and maintaining a fire-resistant exterior, installing smoke alarms and fire sprinklers, and paying attention to combustibles located within 30 feet of a structure are effective ways to combat wildfire risks.

Wildfire risks can vary from region to region, and are highly dependent upon the quality of regional building codes, types of building styles and topography. To address the unique risks facing property owners nationwide, the IBHS developed a series of nine, free regional wildfire retrofit guides, which include a risk assessment checklist and a cost estimator to help home and business owners prioritize necessary retrofit projects. These guides along with three brochures are available at www.DisasterSafety.org/wildfire.

The brochures include:

- "Reducing Wildfire Risk: Residential" provides homeowners with strategies on how to reduce their wildfire risk;
- "Reducing Wildfire Risk: Commercial" describes risks faced by small and mid-sized businesses in areas vulnerable to wildfires; and
- "Reducing Wildfire Risk: Farms and Ranches" details the unique wildfire threats farm and ranch owners face.

"Wildfire is a serious risk in 38 states around the country, threatening about 120 million people and their property," said Julie Rochman, president & CEO, IBHS. "The number of destructive, expensive wildfires continues to rise, and whether or not a particular property – or a cluster of structures – survives a wildfire may depend largely on what people do now to prepare. We want to help property owners take control and minimize their risk by making their homes and businesses more wildfire-resistant."

Often times, residents and business owners have ample warning when a wildfire is threatening. Still, there have been times when a fast-moving fire caught residents off guard. As part of its Fire Prevention Week, the National Fire Protection Association is urging Americans to install and test existing smoke alarms. According to NFPA data, hardwired smoke alarms are more reliable than those powered solely by batteries. Maintaining a smoke alarm is equally important, NFPA data shows almost all households in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm, yet in 2003-2006, smoke alarms operated in only 47 percent of all reported home fires. The death rate per 100 reported fires was twice as high in homes without a working smoke alarm as it was in home fires with this protection.

EVANSTON'S FARMERS' MARKETS

Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market

Dates/Time: Saturdays, May 8 - November 6, 2010 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.

Contact: Zollie Webb, (847) 448-8138, zwebb@cityofevanston.org

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer! For 35 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors who sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items. The Market has a festive atmosphere as the air is filled with various musicians from the Evanston community. As in years past, special events will be featured. Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets will be available through Zollie Webb (contact info. above). Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage

West End Market Dates: Saturdays, June 5 - Oct. 30, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of Church St. and Dodge Ave. (ETHS parking lot)

Contact: Precious Wright, Manager, 847-756-0159

Ridgeville Market Dates: Wednesdays, May 12 - Sept. 22, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (until Sept. 1); 3:00 p.m. to dusk Sept. 8-22

Location: Intersection of Ridge Ave. and South Blvd.

Contact: Michael Miro, Manager, 847-869-5640

Central Street Market This new market specializing in organic produce is being planned for Independence Park, located at Central St. at Stewart St. (about two blocks west of Green Bay Road). Please check back for days/dates/times and more information as it becomes available.

Connect with Nature Right Here in the City!

Chicago Park District's 2010 Fall Nature Oasis Program Calendar Events

The Nature Oasis program was created to give Chicagoans of all ages the opportunity to experience the wonder of nature in the city through seasonal nature-based activities for families.

"We are thrilled with the continued interest and enthusiasm Chicago area families have for learning about our environment and participating in our programs," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent Timothy J. Mitchell. "Nature Oasis has been a very successful program, and we hope that we can continue to grow and reach out to more families across the city."

Connect with nature right here in the City of Chicago with the following nature programs and events:

Cauldrons and Campfires

Tuesday, Oct. 26; 6 - 8 p.m. Gompers Park, 4222 W. Foster Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 27; 6 - 8 p.m. Winnemac Park, 5100 B, Leavitt St.

Celebrate all the spooky things nature has to hold during our Halloween themed evenings. Meet live creatures of the night, share ghost stories around a campfire and enjoy creepy crafts. All ages, free, no registration required. Questions, please call 312.742.5039.



Stargazing

Wednesday, Nov. 17; 7 p.m.

Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Come stargazing with us during the peak of the Leonids Meteor Shower! Let the Chicago Astronomer show you the moon, Jupiter, Uranus and maybe Neptune. Learn stargazing tips, constellations and enjoy the beauty of the night sky all while enjoying the parks! Questions, please call 312.742.5039





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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

NILES WEST STUDENT NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST

The names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced recently. Alison Rosenblum from Niles West High School was named as a 2011 Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. She has the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will be awarded a National Merit Scholarship.

NILES WEST PHYSICAL WELFARE TEACHER AWARDED GOLD LEVEL STATUS

Niles West High School Physical Welfare teacher Matt Hampton has been awarded Gold Level Certification status by USA Wrestling. The Gold Certification is the highest level of certification with the National Coaches Education Program and represents years of previous education and a long-term commitment to excellence in the sport of wrestling. There are approximately 35 coaches in the country that have achieved Gold Level status. Hampton recently served as the Head Coach for USA Wrestling at the Pan-American Championships in Manaus, Brazil in July 2010 and just returned from a stint as the Assistant Coach for the World Championships in Moscow this month. Next year, Hampton will teach a session on sports psychology at the 2011 USA Wrestling Coaches College in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He will also serve as the Team Leader for USA Wrestling at the 2011 Pan-American Championships in Panama City, Panama.

NILES NORTH ARTISTS ACCEPTED IN 12 X 12 COMMUNITY ART SHOW

Thirteen Niles North students will exhibit their paintings at the 2nd annual 12 x 12 Community Art Show held September 30 through October 30 at Blick Art Materials, 1755 Maple Avenue in Evanston. The exhibit is a juried show open to professional artists as well as students. Niles North exhibitors include: Kyle Rosenberg, Lisa Gu, Amber Martin, Sonja Richter, Rebecca Gilbert, Stephanie Arias, Alexis Lehrman, Savanna Everson, Emma White, Karen Alvarez, Amy Ruiz, Crystal Zapata and Saba Azzeziar.

GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL NAMES JANET COBB PRESIDENT

New leader brings many years of educational experience

A former high school teacher with more than 20 years of educational experience in Catholic schools and parishes as a librarian, campus minister, development director, religious education coordinator and school board president will become the fifth president of Guerin College Preparatory High School.

The Board of Directors of Guerin Prep and the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., the school's religious sponsor, jointly selected Janet Cobb as president. She was introduced to students, faculty and staff Oct. 1, during the annual celebration of the school's patron—St. Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence.

Cobb, most recently the director of development for St. Andrew Parish, Chicago, assumes her leadership role at Guerin Prep Oct. 1. Cobb replaces Terry John Malik who retired as Guerin Prep's president in June after 2 ½ years in that position.

"My passion for and understanding of Catholic education, coupled with my experience in strategic planning and development, uniquely prepare me for the position of president at Guerin Prep," Cobb said.

"We have every confidence that Janet's energy and enthusiasm for the mission of Guerin College Prep will be contagious," said Sister Marie McCarthy, general officer of the Sisters of Providence and liaison to the school who served on the search committee that recommended Cobb to the Board of Directors. "The richness and variety of her experience make her an ideal president for this time in the life of the school."

In announcing the appointment, Sharon McFadden, chairperson of the Board of Directors, called Cobb an outstanding selection. "We are excited to welcome Janet as president. She is a multi-talented leader from the field of education who will serve as an inspiration to our Guerin and local communities. The board members look forward to working with her in achieving Guerin Prep's goals and aspirations for the future."

Cobb grew up in Rodeo, California, in San Francisco's east bay and went on to live in Oregon, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Cobb holds a master's in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago. She earned a bachelor of arts in English Literature and Linguistics in 1990 and post-graduate certification in secondary education from the University of Hong Kong in 1991. She lived and worked in Asia for seven years and became fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin.

During this time, Cobb was the chairperson of the English Department at Immaculate Heart of Mary and served as the Director of Religious Education for several parish sites serving the needs of the ex-patriot community.

Cobb came to the Chicago area in 1994, where she served first as campus minister at Good Counsel High School, and then teacher at St. Gregory High School and Morgan Park High Ministry Center.

In 2000 she relocated to Richmond, California and served as the head librarian for Salesian High School until her return to Chicago in 2007. As part of her responsibilities, she created a technology plan as part of the school-wide strategic plan. Also during this time, she served as the president of the school board for St. Paul Elementary School and was instrumental in developing a comprehensive strategic plan for the school.

At St. Andrew's Parish, Cobb was involved in preparing the parish for a capital campaign to expand the elementary school.

"I have always been a person of vision when it comes to Catholic education and what is needed for students to be successful," Cobb said. "I have already fallen in love with Guerin Prep through this search process, now I want to make Guerin Prep contagious."

As president, Cobb is considered the overall leader and facilitator of the community of faith. Her specific responsibilities include advancement, fiscal management, constituent relations, enrollment management activities and serving as a liaison between the school and the board of directors. Tony Tinerella, Guerin Prep's principal, will retain responsibility for day-to-day operation of the school, including all areas of academic and student affairs.

Cobb lives with her husband and three children in Chicago.

Fall Fun Fair at Norwood Park School

On Saturday, October 16th, Norwood Park School will have a Fall Fun Fair from 1-8 pm on the school grounds. The school is located at 5900 N. Nina Ave., Chicago. FREE ADMISSION. Activities from 1-5pm include games, hay rides, face painting, a baggo contest, and a classic car show! The always popular Haunted House will be open from 5-8pm and a DJ will be spinning spooky music to entertain the crowd! Refreshments and treats will be served throughout the fair.

The Norwood Park School PTA is sponsoring this event and encourages everyone to come out and have fun with your community! For more information see the school website at www.nps.cps.k12.il.us or call 773-534-1198.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

Lane Tech OPEN HOUSE

Lane Tech takes pride in a century-long tradition of excellence and is considered one of the finest academic schools in Chicago. Parents and students are invited to visit us on Sunday November 7, 2010 from 12 to 3pm for the Annual 8th Grade Open House. This event will feature student-guided tours and will provide visitors with information about Lane Tech programs.

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For more info, contact:
Mollie Hart, Director
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The 27th Chicago International Children's Film Festival October 22 - October 31, 2010

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival takes place from Oct 22nd through Oct 31st this year and presents the finest in international film for children and their families.

Films are screening conveniently at locations throughout Chicago: Facets Cinema in Lincoln Park; Regal Cinemas City North Stadium 14; Bank of America Cinema; University of Chicago's DOC Films (Max Palevsky Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall); Illinois Institute of Technology (Hermann Hall, McCormick Auditorium); Center on Halsted (Hoover-Leppen Theatre); and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

The Festival provides Chicagoans with the opportunity to see the best in world cinema made for a younger audience. This year, the Festival is featuring the largest number of films in its history, with 270 films from more than 40 countries, including 90 world premieres. "This year the Festival received a record number of entries, and the quality and diversity of the films exceeded all expectations," explained Ann Vikstrom, Programming Director of the Festival. "We are thrilled to present works representing the best in international children's films as Chicago premieres. The Festival is a wonderful way for children to learn about other cultures, experience diverse viewpoints, and discover the art of cinema from around the globe," said Nancy Goldenberg, Director of Children's Programs.

This year, more than 100 film directors, producers, and other industry professionals will attend the Festival. While here, they will teach workshops, attend screenings and host Q & A sessions after their films.

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is the largest and oldest film festival for children in North America. It is the only children's film festival in the world to be designated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as an Academy Award qualifying festival.

Admission to the Festival is \$6 for children; \$9 for adults. Festival schedule and ticket information is available by calling (773) 281-9075 or online at www.facets.org/kids

Niles North Educator to Present at Illinois Council for Exceptional Children Fall Convention

Niles North High School special education teacher Iris Kerbis Cantor will give a special presentation along with Beverly Johns, Adjunct Faculty of MacMurray College at the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children Fall Convention held in Lisle, Illinois on November 4 through 6. The session, titled "Critical Issues Impacting Teachers: Elementary Workload/Class Size, Role Ambiguity, Differentiated Compensation" discusses the changing role of the special educator and how state and federal initiatives are impacting the classroom.

NILES WEST ENGLISH TEACHERS TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM CONVENTION

Niles West High School English teachers Sharon Swanson and Lisa DeNapoli have been invited to speak at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association's Fall National High School Journalism Convention held November 11 through 14 in Kansas City, Missouri. Swanson and DeNapoli's topic is "Power+Empower=Success" and they will discuss how the close bonds formed while putting together the school's yearbook enabled them to develop a successful product. Approximately 14 Niles West high school journalists will also attend the convention.

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Join us for an evening of memories and renewing old friendships. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010 - 6:30 p.m. Przybylo's White Eagle, 6845 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles IL \$50.00 PER PERSON, DINNER BUFFET INCLUDED.

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Renewable Energy Series at Wright

An ongoing Saturday series on renewable energy systems offered through the Wright Sustainability Center will offer "green" technology information for homeowners, building professionals and businesses.

The sessions are tailored for various knowledge levels and areas of interest: Solar Entrepreneurship Part 2 on Nov. 20; and Solar & Wind 101 on Dec. 11 and Jan. 22. The upcoming session Solar Entrepreneurship seminar is for the small-business owner interested in adding solar as an additional service or in launching a solar business. It will provide market data, information on incentives and local resources to build a solar business. All sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room S-247 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. All sessions start at \$59 for members of the Illinois Solar Energy Association, which Wright partners with to offer these seminars; \$79 for non-members.

For more information or to register, go to www.illinoissolar.org/events or call (312) 376-8245.

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Common Myths about Estate Planning



Chester M. Przybylo

A great deal of confusion remains over what constitutes a proper Estate Plan. Rumors, statements taken out of context, gossip, some bad characters that have bilked the innocent, and even turf battles over business interests have created widely held beliefs that just aren't correct. These stories have become myths. They can be harmful to you and your loved ones.

One myth is that if you have a Will, probate will not be required, and your assets can be transferred immediately to the beneficiaries of the Will. In fact, having a Will mandates a probate in many circumstances.

Probate is the process of distributing assets to beneficiaries, and it occurs in the state of your legal residence as well as any state where you own real property. The Probate process might be finalized in less than a year, but if your estate is large with more complex assets the process can take years to finalize. The procedures, as well as the cost of probate, are determined under your state's laws.

Additionally, because it is a court proceeding, the probate of your estate is part of the public record. This means that anyone who wishes to access your records may do so.

A second myth, believed by approximately 70 percent of the population, is that if you don't have a large estate, you don't need a Will. Many people also believe that if there is no Will, all the decedent's belongings will go to the surviving spouse.

A Will provides legally binding guidelines on how to distribute your property after your death. It also names the person you want to administer your estate. If you don't have a Will, then state law (the state where you are a permanent resident) makes many of the decisions you did not make for yourself.

Generally, if you and your spouse hold joint title to assets, then those assets pass automatically to your spouse. If you die and do not have a Will, all of your individually owned assets are subject to your state's "intestacy" laws. These intestacy laws normally divide the estate between a spouse and children, using a pre-determined percentage, based upon the number of children and the decedent's marital status. If there is no spouse or children, then the intestacy laws have provisions for dividing the assets among other relatives, and even the state.

If you do not have a Will, a court will appoint someone to administer your estate. This person will be responsible for performing all the administrative functions of probating your estate. This appointee may or may not be someone you would have chosen to manage your estate. They may not even have any real idea of what your wishes are concerning the disposition of your assets.

Not having a Will or Trust nearly always increases probate costs and delays. Additional court appearances will be required, such as to appoint someone to administer your estate, and additional money will be spent for services such as determining whom your heirs are. A failure to legally document what you want to happen makes everyone's job much more difficult.

You can't afford to rely on myths when it comes to your estate. Find out the facts, plan carefully and execute a plan to provide you with peace of mind and security for your heirs.

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 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

SOCIAL SECURITY COVERS EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

The cool winds and changing leaves are tell-tale signs: another autumn has arrived. Sometimes it's hard to believe how quickly the seasons change and the years pass by. Whatever season of life you happen to be in, it may be a good time to reflect on the protection you have through Social Security.

Each stage of life — from the spring of youth to the summer of middle age to the autumn of retirement — comes with its own set of financial concerns. And in each situation, Social Security is there to help.

Of the more than 53 million Americans receiving Social Security benefits, nearly one-third are not retired workers or their dependents. They're disabled workers and their families, or the survivors of a deceased worker. These non-retirement Social Security benefits can be especially important to young workers because about one-in-eight young people will die before retirement, and about one-in-four will become disabled.

While the death of a husband, wife, or parent is emotionally devastating, it often can be financially devastating as well. Social Security provides a monthly survivors benefit payment to help the qualified family members of a deceased worker.

Social Security disability protection is equally valuable. Few workers have an employer-provided, long-term disability policy. With Social Security, however, the average worker has the equivalent of a disability insurance policy that pays monthly benefits to workers and their families, based on the workers' lifetime earnings. So you can rest a little easier knowing that Social Security provides some measure of security, if life does not turn out as planned.

On the other hand, if you do work and retire as planned, Social Security serves as the foundation for a secure retirement. Social Security is the largest source of income for most elderly Americans today, but Social Security was never intended to be your only source of income when you retire. You also will need other savings, investments, pensions or retirement accounts to make sure you have enough money to live comfortably when you retire.

The Social Security Statement that you receive in the mail each year provides an estimate of your retirement, survivors, and disability insurance benefits. If you would like to try out some different scenarios and see how various retirement ages and future earnings may change your retirement picture, visit our online Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. It provides an instant, personalized estimate of your future benefits.

And perhaps the best news of all is that it's easier than ever to apply for retirement benefits. You can do it right from the comfort and convenience of your home or office by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/applytoretire. It can take as little as 15 minutes.

Whether you are young or old, Social Security is there through every season. You can find out more at www.socialsecurity.gov.



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Howl-o-ween

Hello my furry friends! Don't you just love this time of year? My human calls it dog weather. It's the time when it's cool enough to play outside without getting overheated, and after this humid summer I am thankful (Well, that is if it ever cools off.) Plus, it means the howliday season is fast approaching.



Howloween is the beginning and is one of the scariest and oddest of those holidays. Humans dress up like ghosts and goblins to try and scare one another. Well, often times they scare my fellow pet friends and me too! So, remember to keep us pets in a safe enclosed place during this time. We don't want anyone running out of gates or doors and getting hurt. As if the humans dressing up is not enough, there is a growing trend for us pet's to get in on the fun! My own Human enjoys decorating me with designs and colors. I personally think it's a little much, but on the other paw I get loads of extra attention from people who can't believe their eyes. Many stores now carry pet costumes for all size pets. I would recommend getting us pets used to the costume before Howloween. Many of my pet friends get nervous in these outfits. Please also make sure us pets are able to see and move easily in the costume, and I also recommend something reflective so we can be better seen at night. Thankfully Howloween is only one night, so my friends wag you're tail, bear it, and just remember all the attention you will receive!

Lastly, a warning about the treats you young humans receive. Chocolate can be very toxic to us pets, so keep it well out of our reach. The other candies and goodies you humans receive is also not good for us. You don't want to eat our treats, and we shouldn't eat yours. Which reminds me; please have some tasty pet treats available for us as well. We want to enjoy Howloween too, especially if you force us into a costume!

Please have a fun and safe Howl-O-Ween and don't eat too many treats!

Until next time, Boo-Boo Boosley

Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.

GOVERNOR QUINN TO ACCEPT "BEST STATE FOR ANIMALS" AWARD

Governor Pat Quinn (referred to as "Pet Quinn" by some constituents) is accepting the first-ever "Best State for Animals" award for Illinois. Illinois has been named #1 for preventing animal cruelty three years in a row by the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Just since taking office early last year, Quinn has signed the following bills into law:

- ~ Dog fighting: HB 69 makes it a felony to be a spectator at an animal fight. HB 934 prohibits the possession of an unsterilized or vicious dog by a person convicted of a felony for dog fighting. HB 5790 & SB 3628 increases the felony penalty for bringing a child under 13 to a dogfight and increases felony penalties or dog fighting within 1000 feet of a school, park or day care center
- ~ Euthanasia:: SB 38 bans the use of inhumane decompression chambers and carbon dioxide gas for euthanasia
- ~ Toxic chemicals: HB 4722 requires the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze and engine coolant which is fatal to pets.
- ~ Primates as pets: HB 4801 prohibits primates as pets
- ~ Pet shops: HB 5722 requires pet shops to disclose information about dogs and cats they sell

The "Best State for Animals" award recognizes the comprehensiveness and enforcement of laws defending animals. Based on more than 3,800 pages of statutes and tracking fourteen distinct categories of provisions, the report recognizes the states where animal law has real teeth--and calls out those where animal abusers get off easy. The Animal Legal Defense Fund began ranking states in 2007.

Illinois has bared its legal teeth more than any other state. It requires mandatory forfeiture of animals upon conviction, has enhanced penalties for repeat animal abusers and its protection applies to most animals. In addition, Illinois veterinarians are required to report instances of animal cruelty and the court may order counseling and restrictions on animal ownership for abusers.

Following Illinois, California, Maine, Michigan, and Oregon have the best laws on behalf of animals. In the doghouse are Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, and North Dakota— the five worst states for animals.

ALDF was founded in 1979 with the unique mission of protecting the lives and advancing interests of animals through the legal system. For more information, including a copy of the state rankings report and a free downloadable version of the complete compendium of state anti-cruelty laws on which the report is based, please visit www.aldf.org or call 630-887-0278.



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Sebastian When I first came to visit Sebastian, he came right up to say hello and then backed off a little, and seemed just a little shy. He soon warmed up and I realized that he was a friendly little fellow, so off we went for a nice walk outside -- the entire time, Sebastian was wagging his tail and smiling, so grateful for some attention and a breath of fresh air! It wasn't until after our visit that I found out little Sebastian is 11 years old -- you would never know it, he's fun, he's active and very affectionate. Sebastian came to the shelter when his owner "ran out of space", so poor Sebastian was left without a home. Well, our vets examined this little fellow and noted that he's got luxating patella's (slipping kneecaps), which don't seem to be creating any problems now, but will be something your own vet will want to monitor as he ages. He also has severe dental disease and will need a dental cleaning and possible extractions soon after he is adopted, so Sebastian will require an investment. Well, there you have it -- so Sebastian has a few imperfections ... but when you see that fun smile and wagging tail, how can you not want to take him home and do all you can to take care of him. At 11 years old, Sebastian deserves a home with someone who will care for him and love him ... and for that he will be eternally grateful. Helping this guy out will surely earn you your angel wings and will give you days of doggie kisses from one very lovable fellow ... little Sebastian. Please stop on by The Anti-Cruelty Society and ask to meet Sebastian, #11433827. He's a special little guy -- we think he deserves someone just as special.



Bart is a very pretty, yet very shy, 8-year old brown tabby. Her fur is a beautiful deep shade of brown and those eyes of hers well, they will steal your heart at a glance. Bart only recently arrived in the adoption room and all the activity is understandably a little frightening for such a shy gal, yet give her some soft pets and you will soon see what a gentle girl she is. Bart would do best in a quiet adult household where she wouldn't have to deal with the activity of children. She lived with other cats and small dogs in her former home, so Bart may be the perfect new friend for your present whiskered family member. A home where Bart can relax and enjoy life will be ideal for this sweet girl. Won't you come and meet her? Bart is at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #10105349. Bart is ready to go to her new home today!

Kodak is an awesome looking 9-year old Samoyed mix! He's got a full plush coat of cream colored fur that has just the right touches of a tan throughout. Kodak came to the shelter when he had a conflict with another pet in the family. When Kodak and I shared our visit, he seemed a little shy at first, but once we headed on outside to take a nice walk, this sweet boy showed me what a lovable fellow he is! Kodak is a happy-go-lucky kind of fellow who has a constant "smile." He's gentle and friendly, and will be a great new family member for some lucky adopter. Our vets checked Kodak out and noted that he has some moderate dental tartar and it is recommended he get a dental cleaning at your own vet once he's settled in -- but other than that, Kodak is healthy, happy and anxious to have a forever home all his own. Obviously, with his full coat, Kodak will need regular brushing to keep him looking terrific, but Kodak is sure to enjoy the attention and you are sure to enjoy time spent with your new best friend. Kodak weighs in at a healthy 54.2 lbs. and is housetrained, as was evident when we had our walk! An absolutely wonderful guy who is as handsome as they come, Kodak deserves to find someone who will love him just as much as he'll love you ... Kodak is patiently waiting for you at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #11572257. He's a great guy and he's ready to go home today, so hurry over!



Sly is a big, beautiful 4-paw declawed 11-year old black kitty. She is a full-figured girl who is friendly and sweet. A calm and quiet girl, Sly is not looking for much in life -- just a roof over her head, some tasty food, a cozy bed, and someone to love. Our vets noted that Sly is a bit overweight and will need to slim down once in her new home so she can stay healthy and happy. Sly also has some hair loss on her chin which may be due to a bout of feline acne or possible allergies -- either way, nothing that can't be managed with a little help from you. Sly would be a wonderful addition to almost any family, however, Sly doesn't care for her fellow felines, so no other cats in the home please. A devoted companion and friend, Sly would love a place of her own where she can relax and enjoy life. Are you looking for a cat who would be happiest as your only pet? Well, then you should really come meet Sly! She's a lovely girl who deserves to live happily ever after with someone special all her own to love. Won't you come and meet her? Sly is at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #9901233. Sly is ready to go home today!

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