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Special Buckingham Fountain Friday Tours Return This Summer

Parkways Foundation and Chicago Park District are teaming up to offer visitors a rare chance to tour Chicago's Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain's underground pump works and learn more about the city's iconic monument beginning June 4.

The 30-minute tours, led by Julia Bachrach, Chicago Park District Historian, are offered each Friday at noon and at again 12:30p.m., running through August 27. The cost of the tour is \$50. For reservations or more information contact the Parkways Foundation at 312.742.5368 or rsvp@parkways.org. All proceeds from the Buckingham Fountain Friday Tours will benefit the restoration of Buckingham Fountain.

"We are excited to offer the public a chance to get up close and personal with Chicago's iconic fountain," said Tim Mitchell, Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO. "Visitors can get a very unique historical, perspective about this beloved fountain, while helping give back to the preservation of the Fountain and its legacy."

During its 2008-2009 winter hiatus, the world-famous fountain underwent renovations that included 235,000 square feet of new ADA accessible paving, installation of concrete stairs at the north and south, repairs to existing comfort stations and concession buildings, and restoration of the original landscape design with additional site lighting and benches. The historic fence surrounding the fountain was also repaired, including complete realignment, adjustments to shifted foundations, and replacement of missing components.

The next phase of renovations will include the restoration and repair of the fountain itself. The scope of work in this next phase involves rebuilding the lower basin, installation of a new plumbing system, repair of the electrical system, rehabilitation of the historic pump house, and restoration of the fountain's bronze sculptural elements.

Since its inception in 1994, Parkways Foundation has been funding park projects all over Chicago. The foundation has raised millions of dollars toward historic preservation and restoration, programming initiatives and environmental enrichment. Parkways Foundation seeks private investment to enrich the physical and cultural landscape of Chicago's neighborhood parks. For more information about the Parkways Foundation please call 312.742.4808.



7TH ANNUAL CHICAGO MOVES DAY

The 7th annual Chicago Moves Day rally invites Chicagoans to commit to living a healthy and active life Monday, May 10, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. The citywide fitness initiative features instructors from local fitness clubs and organizations leading workouts for the general public. Admission is free and open to the public.

"The Chicago Moves Day rally is a great way to sample different types of fitness options offered throughout Chicago," said Colleen Lammel-Harmon, Executive Director of the Mayor's Fitness Council. "The rally also encourages people to think about how to incorporate more healthy habits into their everyday routine."

Fitness instructors will be on hand at Chicago Moves Day to lead workouts, get people motivated and give tips on how to maintain a healthy fitness regimen. Chicagoans of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the many fitness offerings for the day. Scheduled workouts include:

- 11:10 a.m. Bhangra / Mayor's Fitness Council
- 11:20 a.m. Yoga / Girls in the Game
- 11:30 a.m. Cardio Dance / Mayor's Fitness Council
- 11:40 a.m. Army Bootcamp / U.S. Army
- 11:50 a.m. Arthritis Exercise / Arthritis Foundation
- 12 p.m. Cardio Latin Dance / Chicago Park District
- 12:10 p.m. Mike-e AfroFlow / American Cancer Society
- 12:20 p.m. Get Fit Demonstration / Life Fitness
- 12:30 p.m. Body Combat / Les Mills Midwest
- 12:40 p.m. Kids Fitness / Stretch and Grow
- 12:50 p.m. Keep Up Your Nutrition / Leukemia & Lymphoma Society



Participants are encouraged to pick up a passport at the event. Passports will be stamped after participants take a class or visit an information booth. Once they have five stamps, they are eligible to receive a goody bag while supplies last.

In addition to the Daley Plaza rally, wellness centers housed in Chicago Park District field houses will offer free fitness programs. Participating parks include: Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway St.; Humboldt Park, 1440 N. Sacramento Ave. and Pottawattomie Park, 7340 N. Rodgers Ave.;

The Mayor's Fitness Council is a nonprofit, volunteer organization whose mission is to encourage Chicagoans of all ages and abilities to eat better and move more, thus leading to a healthier lifestyle. Through a variety of educational and motivational materials, activities and public appearances, the Council strives to increase awareness of the importance of exercise and good health, and to ultimately make Chicago one of the fittest cities in the country.

The annual Chicago Moves Day rally is presented by the Mayor's Fitness Council in cooperation with the Chicago Park District and the City of Chicago. For more information, visit www.chicagoworkout.com.

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers May Health Programs

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

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, May 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Debbie Delaney, R.N., Emergency Room nurse, will discuss disaster preparedness. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free lecture titled **"What You Need to Know About Prenatal Care"** will be offered Wednesday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Teresa Del Toro, R.N., Nurse Manager of The New Beginnings Prenatal Care Program, will provide information and guidance on prenatal care for healthy newborns. She will discuss: the components and importance of prenatal care, suggestions for maintaining a healthy pregnancy and where expectant parents can get free or low-cost prenatal care. A question-and-answer session will be included. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, May 26, 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, May 27, 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.

Alderman Bernard L. Stone And City Clerk Miguel Del Valle Sale of City Vehicle Stickers

When: Tuesday June 15th
Time: 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Where: Alderman Bernard Stone's Office located in Lincoln Village Shopping Center at 6199 N. Lincoln, 2nd Floor, above the Dress Barn (773) 764-5050. Elevator Available

City Stickers are required on all Chicago Registered vehicles. June 30th, 2010 is the deadline. \$40 late penalty is charged after July 15, 2010

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NORWOOD PARK SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER TO HOST DIABETIC CARE FAIR

A Diabetic Care Fair for people who are diabetic and 55 years of age or older will be held on May 18, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., at the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago. The event is co-sponsored by Swedish Covenant Managed Care Alliance and Norwood Seniors Network.

Among the offerings provided will be Hemoglobin A1C, foot exam, blood pressure, lipid panel, medication review, nutrition evaluation, and blood glucose monitor. Educational materials will be available. All costs will be covered by Swedish Covenant Managed Care Alliance, and Medicare will not be billed.

"This is another part of our outreach service to the community," said Keith Chase-Ziolek, Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center director. "Part of our mission is to enhance the health and well-being of local residents through programs such as this. We look forward to a great turnout."

Please call (773) 775-6071 to make an appointment and for specific information about fasting for the lipid panel. There will be no screening for diabetes at this event.

The Norwood Pak Satellite Senior Center is a partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Park District and Norwood Seniors Network.

AMERICAN LEGION EDISON PARK POST #541 Observes Memorial Day

In observance of Memorial Day we will conduct a solemn ceremony at Monument Park located at Avondale and Oliphant Ave, Chicago at 10:00AM on Monday May 31st. All are invited to attend.

After the ceremony we will proceed to Onahan School, 6634 W. Raven St. to participate in the Norwood Park Memorial Day parade. We have been selected as the color guard to lead the parade.

The Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's Next Meeting

The Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 20th, 7:00pm at St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5101 N Mont Clare. The Association will host Dana Marberry of the Cook County Assessor's Office, who will explain property tax bills and the appeal process. Also Marilyn Witney, Horticulturist, Master Gardener and Morton Arboretum Volunteer will discuss the top 10 things we hate about gardening ... and how to learn to love them. All are welcome to attend.

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Norwood Park Historical Society Presents the History of the Pickle

The pickle was in its heyday in Chicago in the late 1800s.
Learn about its history from a pickle expert.

On Wednesday, May 26, the Norwood Park Historical Society will host a talk by David Leider on the history of pickles. The free event will be held at 7 p.m. at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, and is open to the public.

When people think of pickles, the name Heinz pops into their heads. Heinz is from Pennsylvania, but it was Chicago that was the leading pickle growing and packing center in the late 1800s. This continued to after World War II, when the pickle packers – large and small – began to be consolidated by the big food conglomerates.

Leider will detail the Squire Dingee Company, which had its start in Wilmette, Ill., long before the Heinz company was started. Other important Chicago firms were Budlong, Clausen, Libbey and Reid Murdoch. Most of them had large farms devoted to growing – Dingee and Clausen on the north side of Chicago. This was to end with the Great Pickle Blight of 1911.

Learn what happened next, plus how pickles were made and transported. Pickle “treats” will be available to attendees.

For more information about this event, contact the Norwood Park Historical Society at 773-631-4633 or at info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago’s oldest home. We invite you to join our efforts to preserve our community’s rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visit us on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

St. Bartholomew Parish/School & the Historic Portage Park Theatre Present: The Sound Of Music Friday, May 14th

Portage Park Theatre, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Film begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets presale \$5.00/person - \$6.00/night of event

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Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Hosts Farmers Market Beginning June 3rd

Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the Lincolnwood Farmers Market. In its 4th year, the market will run every Thursday through October 14 between the hours of 8am -1pm. The site will be the St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 4707 West Pratt Avenue.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and natural-products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, breads and pastries, flowers, cheese, honey and more.

NEW this year, is the opportunity for community groups, to apply for a table once during the market to showcase an organization and share membership and volunteer opportunities with residents and neighbors. Also NEW this year is the opportunity for local artisans and the business community to apply once for a space for a small fee. (A Village Business license is required to sell products.)

With a 20 week season we hope to accommodate all who wish to participate.

Entertainment and theme days will be provided on certain days of the Market. Watch for more details.

For further information or a community, artisan, or business application, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm.

The Taste of Lincoln Ave Proudly Presents: The Lill Street Art Festival

Date: July 24-25, 2010

Location: On Lill Street between Lincoln & Halsted | Chicago

We're pleased to announce a NEW feature at this year's Taste of Lincoln Avenue: the first-ever Lill Street Art Fair. We want you to be a part of this exciting new art event!

For those not familiar with Taste of Lincoln Avenue, it's one of Chicago's most popular summer street festivals. Held on Lincoln Avenue between Fullerton and Wrightwood, it's celebrating its 27th year this summer on Saturday and Sunday, July 24-25. It attracts more than 300 vendors, has five music stages, and draws a weekend crowd estimated at 70,000.

The new Lill Street Art Fair component will be held on Lill Street between Lincoln Avenue and Halsted. Because the crowds at Taste of Lincoln Avenue are so eclectic, it's less a fine arts showcase and more of a "fun" arts event for a broad visitor demographic of students, families and urban singles.

Because artist space is limited, participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please visit us at www.chicagoevents.com for new events added weekly! Deadline: June 23, 2010 (midnight CST)

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation 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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Saturday, May 15 at 2:00 pm

The Choomsarang Korean Dance Group will perform Korean traditional music and dance. Also, this performance will feature tenor Kyung Yong Lee, a vocal teaching assistant under William Warfield at Northwestern University and member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus; and soprano Yesoe Yoon, who has studied voice and communication/media at Northeastern Illinois University.

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This program is made possible by generous support from the Keumsil Cultural Society, the Sulzer Family Foundation, and the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

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Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 2:00 pm

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Book Discussion. May 10, 1 p.m. Lincolnwood Library's adult book discussion features *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. May 13: "Weather Girl."

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. May 7: "Paper Heart"; May 14: "Amelia."

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.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Family Storytime. May 13, 7-7:30 p.m. Put on your pajamas and stop by Lincolnwood Library for "Family Favorites" to listen to classic, well-loved children's stories.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover. May 22, 4 p.m. Children are invited to bring a favorite cuddly friend to a storytime on May 22 and then tuck in their "guest" for an overnight stay at Lincolnwood Library. Stop by during library hours on May 23 to pick up stuffed animals and view photos of their overnight adventures.

Afterschool Café. Mondays through May, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows. Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome. Register for morning or afternoon session with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Monday Movies. Films for children and teens on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m. May 10: "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" rated G.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

CLASSES

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. through May. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426 for more information.

Literacy Class. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading, writing, and math skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426.

Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adults can learn to knit or work on knitting projects. All skill levels welcome.

Mother's Day



The second Sunday in May is the day set aside to honor our Mothers in America.

Mother's Day started in England many years ago. When begun it was called Mothering Sunday. Many other countries have a similar day to pay tribute to Mothers. Mother's Day was started in America in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe in Boston.

Although Mother's Day is celebrated every year on one specific day, our Mother's should be recognized each day for the devotion and sacrifice they give to us throughout their entire lives.

We may not always agree with her but her decisions are always made with her best intentions to do what is best for us. Her love is unconditional, and, in most cases, she is our best friend.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers.

— The Editor

RAVENSWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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 (773) 784-0400 or visit our office.

Sewer Project Ongoing

Construction began in March on a new sewer and water service replacement project in the Ravenswood area. The scope of work is Hermitage (Lawrence to Sunnyside), Sunnyside (Hermitage to Paulina), Paulina (Sunnyside to Montrose), and Montrose (Paulina to Greenview). Work on Paulina will be limited to connections at Sunnyside and Montrose. The project is a part of the federal stimulus package.

The project is scheduled to be completed in November 2010.

Businesses will be open and sidewalks will be clear. Consider shopping locally during the construction period and supporting the small businesses in this area.

For more information on the project, visit the RCC website.

HRAIL in Place for 2010

After a successful 2009, RCC has unveiled its 2010 HRAIL program, which stands for Home Repairs for Accessible and Independent Living.

The HRAIL program provides free home repairs for eligible seniors and is administered through the City of Chicago's Department of Community Development. Its purpose is to help seniors through repairs which make seniors' homes safer and more livable.

Past projects have included: New flooring, Shower Repair, Railings/ grab bars, Door/ lock installment and repair, Drywall replacement

Repairs are absolutely free and are performed by licensed contractors who are chosen by RCC and approved by the city. Work is scheduled to start in the Spring, but applications are accepted year-round.

This program is aimed primarily at low-moderate income seniors, and proof of income level is required as part of the application process.

If you are interested in applying contact Chris Shickles at (773) 784-0400 or email- chris@ravenswoodcommunity.org.

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Professional pictures 6:30pm-8:30pm

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For more information please visit the school's website: www.StHyacinthBasilicaSchool.org and click on the ALumni Tab . You can also buy tickets online at the website. Please contact the school for more information or to receive a physical newsletter.

3640 W. Wolfram St Chicago, IL 60618; 773-342-7550; Email: info@sthyacinthbasilicaschool.org

Charity begins at school: "VS Friends Helping Friends"

Charity begins at school: "VS Friends Helping Friends" is a non-profit charity organization created by a group of Von Steuben High School alumni who want to offer assistance to fellow alumni in financial crisis due to a debilitating illness.

Their first event was just held and raised almost \$5,000 thanks to many graduates including: Kim Armitage, Cathy Davila,

Naomi Ditkowsky, Alexia Drew, Martha Drew, Paula Drew, Teri Grossman, Bob Judson, Heidi McEacharn, Sandi Price, Susan Raemer, Agnes Richardson, Marilyn Richmond, Michael Steigerwald, Ingrid Templeton, Maria Vidas, and Susan Wooten.

The website is: VSFriendsHelpingFriends.org and there will be more events this year.



Drew sisters Martha, Alexia & Paula with their Mom

Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 12 o'clock Noon at Hilltop Family Restaurant
2800 W. Foster (Northwest corner of Foster & California)

May 13th- Regular Club Meeting at Hilltop Family Restaurant at 12:00pm.
Guest speaker TBA. Board meeting to follow the regular meeting.

May 27th - Regular Club Meeting at Hilltop Family Restaurant at 12:00pm.
Guest speaker TBA.

For information about programs and membership contact
Dr. Ronald A. Heiderman at (773) 561-0455.

SAMPLE "BEER UNDER GLASS" AT THE GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY

Proceeds From Event Will Benefit Conservatory Public Programs & Education Initiatives

Enjoy fine beer, fine food and fine foliage at the first-ever "Beer Under Glass" at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., on Thursday, May 13 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. Attendees must be 21 and older.

Seven members of the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild will serve samples of their best microbrews in a souvenir sample glass at this inaugural event to benefit the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance. In addition, local and organic food from the Marion Street Cheese Market, 100 S. Marion Street, Oak Park, Il., and Green Zebra Restaurant, 1460 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Il., will be served at the event. Beer enthusiasts also can enjoy a composting demonstration, chocolate tastings, and learn how beer is brewed (and grown).

Providing public programming and education outreach for the Garfield Park Conservatory, the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance engages more than 200,000 participants a year. Click here for information and online registration, or call 773-638-1766 ext. 28.

Chicago's DANK Haus to Present 44 National and International Photographers of the PDML, Pentax-Discuss Mail List May 7- June 12, 2010

DANK Haus, Chicago's German American Cultural Center located in historic Lincoln Square, presents "Augenblick: A Moment in Time," photographs from 44 national and international members of the PDML, Pentax-Discuss Mail List group. The exhibit opens on Friday, May 7, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at DANK Haus, on the 4th floor Scharpenberg Gallery, 4740 North Western Ave.

The PDML, Pentax-Discuss Mail List is an online group comprised of both amateur and professional photographers from 15 countries. The group uses cyberspace to connect, critique and encourage the art of photography and are ardent users of Pentax cameras and lenses.

Also featured at the exhibition is the newly launched PDML Photo Annual, 2010, (ISBN 978-1-4507-0950-7). Available through blurb.com (<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1286080>) and also available through www.robertstech.com/, this fine art photography book will be available for viewing along with selected, limited edition photographs from the book. The photographic annual is the second book produced by the group. Believing in giving and gifting through their art, PDML members donate book sale profits to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation—www.curesearch.org

The opening reception for the PDML group, and exhibition, "Augenblick: A Moment in Time" is on Friday, May 7, 2010. The 6th floor Skyline Lounge at DANK Haus, boasting one of the city's best views, will also be open that evening from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. All events are free and open to the public.

DANK Haus is located in the heart of Lincoln Square in Chicago at 4740 N. Western Avenue. The gallery is open to the public every Saturday, from 11 am-3pm and is available during the week by appointment only. For more information about DANK Haus, visit www.dankhaus.com or call (773) 561-9181.

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"A Theater Review"

Hephaestus: A Greek Mythology Circus Tale
Goodman Theatre
170 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60601

Critical Evaluation: **** out of ****

I've seen "Hephaestus," three times, twice when it was performed at their theatre at the Water Tower. Anyone who doesn't like a circus is a grown up Scrooge. This is a family show and the circus acts are breathtaking. The show runs a fast ninety minutes and I'd go back and see it again and again but then as a child I was exposed to ice shows and the Ringling Brothers Circus and this is no exception. The first presentation was in 2005.

Tony Hernandez has put together a top-notch production that includes artists from Ringling Brothers and Cirque du Soleil. What makes this show work better in the Owen Theatre is it has a higher ceiling than at the Water Tower. A little girl is the narrator of the story, which deals with the triumphs of the Greek God as her storybook comes to life. The girl playing the narrator is Tiana Renallo, or Khori Faison.

The show has a cast of twenty-two performers. Some are known merely as Silverguy and Silvergirl. Four of the Silverguys work the high wire. Tony Hernandez, who plays Hephaestus, created the story and co-directed the show with Heidi Stillman. Katia Dmitrieva is Aphrodite, Iris is played by Erendira Vazquez Wallenda whose family is Ringling's famous Wallenda Family, and Hera is Lijana Wallenda Hernandez. The list goes on. Two spectacular performers are Giuliano Espana and Fabio Espana Anastasini as Silverguys and the Risley Act.

You'll see aerialists, balancers, drummers and trapeze artists that will amaze you. I don't understand why some adults don't enjoy daring performances to entertain. The show closes with the seven-person human pyramid high above the stage not previously a part of the other two productions I saw and it is breathtaking. I'd rush to obtain your tickets to see it.

"Hephaestus: A Greek Mythology Circus Tale" runs through May 23. "Hephaestus" tickets are \$25-\$70. Next season starting in October of 2010 will be a new adaptation of "Peter Pan," a world premiere original of "Ethan Frome" and "The Last Act of Lilka Kadison" at their Watertower Theatre. "Lookingglass Alice" returns to the Water Tower Theatre from June 16 through August 1. Tickets are \$32-\$64. For performance schedule, show times and reservations call 312-443-3800.

The Hiding Place
Provision Theatre
1001 W Roosevelt Rd
Chicago, IL 60608

Critical Evaluation: **** out of ****

Standing ovations should go to Tim Gregory on his adaptation of Corrie ten Boom's Holocaust story "The Hiding Place." In my opinion it deserves to be nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Provision Theatre in the past had done some excellent shows ranging from musicals such as "Cotton Patch Gospel," a new version of "A Christmas Carol," "C.S. Lewis on Stage," "Spitfire Grill," "Smoke on the Mountain," "The Gospel of John," and the list goes on.

Gregory has proven to me that he is an exceptionally talented actor. He can sing, act, is a top director and he can add playwright to his credit with this adaptation. It is not a happy play but it definitely is one that needs to be seen as we can learn a lot from it. "Gone With the Wind" was a four hour classic and "The Hiding Place" is a three hour classic. It was co-directed by assistant director Gerald H. Bailey. Lindsay A. Bartlett is the dialect coach. The production has a cast of 30 and I had tears in my eyes, which rarely happens to me to see how the Nazis could treat women, men, Jews and youngsters so inhumane.

The story is based on Corrie ten Boom who died on her 91st birthday in 1983. She wrote her story with the help of New York writers John and Elizabeth Sherrill who befriended and traveled with her to sites of her past. It may give you the impression you'll be seeing another "Diary of Anne Frank" but put that out of your mind. The story takes place in Holland. The ten Bloom family has a large house and the father owns a watch repair store. This family is not Jewish but Christians who have Jewish friends and neighbors. But a Dutch traitor turns the family into the Nazis.

The cast has three equity actors. Lia Mortenson plays Corrie ten Boom and her performance is spellbinding. Also Cynthia Judge plays her sister Betsie ten Boom and Dennis Kelly who is their father Casper ten Boom give rave performances. Dane Halvorson and Jan deLaubenfels are two of the meanest Germans I've seen in a long time in their roles. It's impossible to name all thirty but some excellent performances were given by Steve Scholz, Jack McCabe, Maura Kidwell, Amy Malouf and Ryan Martin.

It's hard for me to believe that there are people who don't believe the Holocaust ever occurred but one needs to remember there are millions of German people who are not Nazis or voted for Hitler either. The story deals with faith-love-hope-reconciliation and redemption and this is a powerful production. I only wish for older people or people who have hearing problems the actors spoke louder. I also felt the story needed to be trimmed but it is fascinating and fast moving regardless of running time.

We need a theatre like Provisions. Support them, you won't regret it. "The Hiding Place" runs through May 23. Lots of free parking. Performances are 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$25-\$28. For reservations call 866-811-4111.

The Theatre School at DePaul University's New Playwrights Series Presents The World Premiere of THE CIVIC by Patrick B. McLean, Directed by Sandy Shinner

The Theatre School at DePaul University presents THE CIVIC, written by Patrick B. McLean and directed by Sandy Shinner, as the 2009-2010 New Playwrights Series selection. The production opens Friday, May 7 and runs through Sunday, May 16, 2010, at the Athenaeum Theatre Studio Three. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. Previews are on May 5 and May 6 at 7:30 PM.

A rite of passage story set in Chicago, Indianapolis, and the stretch of I-65 linking the two, THE CIVIC follows one young woman's journey from her rocky past into the complications of adulthood. When Cassie's beat-up car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, a kind stranger serves as a surprising catalyst for change in her life. The world-premiere of McLean's new play is a lonely yet heartfelt tale of the open road. Recommended for mature audiences.

Admission is FREE but reservations are recommended. Call the Box Office at (312) 922-1999.

New Playwrights Series productions feature a new play written by a current Theatre School student or recent graduate. To learn more about past projects, The New Playwrights Series or the BFA Playwriting curriculum, please visit <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu>.

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Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Launches Record-A-Thon

Huge Volunteer Campaign Brings Books to Life for Students With Print Disabilities

Volunteers in Chicago and thousands more across the United States are lending their voices to a unique initiative making books accessible for individuals including students and veterans who cannot read standard print.

The national Record-A-Thon campaign, staged this month by the nonprofit Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), is a 'tour de force' of volunteerism, philanthropy, and community engagement. At RFB&D's recording studios throughout the country, volunteer readers will log extra hours at the microphone to transform printed textbooks into easy-to-navigate audio books – enabling hundreds of thousands of people with visual and learning disabilities to achieve educational success.

At RFB&D's Chicago Loop studio, hundreds of volunteers will record books, raise funds, and boost public awareness about people with learning differences. They will be joined by an array of guest readers and civic leaders including: U.S. Congressman Danny Davis; special guest and co-host of the opening ceremony, Alderman Edward M. Burke – Chicago's "premier historian," who will record excerpts from his latest book, *End of Watch: Chicago Police Killed in the Line of Duty 1853-2006*; and co-host Marilyn Stewart, President of the Chicago Teacher's Union.

Also attending: State Representatives Linda Chapa LaVia and Cynthia Soto; Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin; Jesse Ruiz, Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education, and many others. On Tuesday April 27, Aaron Christensen, author of *Horror 101* will be a guest reader; and Ursula Bielski, author of *Chicago Haunts* will record on Thursday April 29.

What: Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic's Record-A-Thon

Hosts: Alderman Edward M. Burke and Marilyn Stewart, President, Chicago Teacher's Union

Where: RFB&D Chicago Loop Studio

180 North Michigan Ave, Suite 620, Chicago IL 60601

When: Opening Ceremony: Monday April 26, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Record-a-Thon continues Monday -- Friday, April 29, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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RFB&D, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education, state and local education programs, as well as the generous contributions of individuals, foundations and corporations. For more information, contact: Janet Milkovich, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Chicago Unit jmilkovich@rfd.org; (312) 550-9019. Doug Sprei, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Washington, DC, dsprei@rfd.org; (703) 581-2498. Visit RFB&D on the web at www.rfd.org.

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April 28 - June 2, 5 weeks, no class 5/5

June 16 - July 28, 6 weeks, no class 5/5

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Summer Registration Open at Wright

Registration for Wright College's summer semester has opened, offering an opportunity for Wright students as well as university students home for the summer to earn extra credits. The shortened summer semester, which begins June 9, allows students to fill gaps in course requirements that they haven't been able to fill during the spring and fall semesters. Courses are available in 37 departments including biology, English and mathematics. Other departments offering courses over the summer are business, environmental technology, computer information systems and many others. Go to wright.ccc.edu for a complete listing.

For university students, the summer semester at Wright is an opportunity to knock off a general education requirement at a lower tuition cost.

Wright courses are generally accepted at such schools as Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Urbana, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Chicago and other colleges. Wright tuition is only \$87 per credit hour for Chicago residents and about \$210 per hour for suburban residents. Financial aid is available.

New students interested in starting during the summer semester are encouraged to register early because they must complete one of the free placement tests offered on May 11, 12, 18, 19, 22, 25 and 26. No student is ever turned away. The test merely determines placement in classes for new students.

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3. Offer protective cover for wildlife by providing a ground cover, a hollow log or rock piles, dense shrubs, or a roosting box.
4. Provide places for wildlife to raise young such as a water garden, a pond, or a nesting box.
5. Practice sustainable gardening such as mulching, composting, or reducing your lawn area.

Please watch what you plant in your garden. Exotic species not native to your region can become invasive and harmful to both people and wildlife.

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Collars

Hello Furry friends, I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the nicer weather. I am meeting many new pups this year, all coming into my Human's spa to get spruced up. However, I have a bone to pick with you humans. What is the story with your dog's collars? I am grossed out by the condition of some of the items you Human's put on us dogs. I know you Humans are busy and all, but can't you look at your dogs neck? Unfortunately, collars do not last the lifetime of your beloved pooch and need replacing. Now I understand from my Human that times are tough, she keeps telling us we are going to form a sled team so she can save on gas. I am not sure what she is talking about, but I am guessing that the money stuff you Human's need is tight, but collars don't cost that much!



I know that many of my pup friends are now shaking their head in agreement. Us dogs have a very heightened smell, well take a whiff at that collar you are forcing us to wear! Yes, although my Human cleans and scrubs pups she is forced to put back on those nasty collars. Other Humans then complain about the smell, well it is in the collar! Us dogs know how good it is to role in duck poop (except me of course, I am above such things), well it that odor gets on the collar too. So does mud, dirt, rain, whatever all contributes to our doggie smell. However, some can be elevated with a new collar. Can't make it to the store, well many of the nylon collars can be thrown in the wash machine and that sometimes helps!

So, now that you are set on getting your pup some new bling, what do you get? Well there are as many varieties of collars as there are breeds of dogs, so get what you like. And of course what looks good on your pet. Please make sure the collar fits properly. Many of my pup friends have gotten loose (shame on them!) because they slipped out of their collar. The collar should be tight enough to slip two Human fingers through. Basically the Human should measure your neck and add 1-2 inches for the collar. If you buy a collar to big and have access length, please bring it back. I have seen a multitude of injuries caused by the unusual items Humans use to tie the access length. Of course this is unintentional but be aware!

A word of caution, if you decide to purchase a training collar (also called a choke chain) or a pinch collar, they should NEVER be left on us pooches without supervision. Because of their design, if we get an end stuck some places we can choke do death. I don't want to hear about any of that happening again! These collars are designed for "training purposes" and should be used like that. Also, these collars should also fit like the nylon collars. You should also consider the weight of these chains as well. I have seen a training collar made for a Lab on a Yorkie. Can you imagine this poor 4-pound Yorkie with a 2-pound collar on? Again be aware!

So, my pup friends try and bring this to the attention of your Humans, after all it is for our safety and overall good smell!!! Bark Later, Bosley
Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.

Urban Wildlife Coalition: The Truth about Raccoons

In the past two issues of *Our Village*, we covered Wheaton's recent ambush on coyotes. For years, our communities have tried to cull an "overpopulation" (by whose definition?) of deer. Now, fear and misunderstanding are being directed at raccoons. What's next? Squirrels and birds? Like many other animals that have successfully adapted to urban living, raccoons are treated as marauders and nuisances. Two Chicago aldermen are trying to rid raccoons from their neighborhoods, using fear of public health as the motivation. Instead of relying on a "shoot first and ask questions later" tactic, we human beings can choose to be humane. A little bit of understanding goes a long way.

Raccoons are not aggressive by nature. Raccoons are highly intelligent and have successfully adapted to an urban environment in search of food and shelter. Like most wild animals, raccoons don't like humans and will avoid us if they can. Raccoons are not usually not aggressive unless frightened or provoked.

Rabies is far less common than you think. The key is common sense, not hysteria. It makes sense to stay a safe distance from any wild animal, but according to the Illinois Department of Health, no raccoons have tested positive for rabies in records dating back to 1990, and according to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), only a single human death has ever been documented as resulting from the raccoon strain of rabies.

Healthy raccoons DO venture out during the day. Especially during the spring and summer, parents may be looking out to protect their hidden young or searching for food. Think the animal may be sick? Possible signs include: disorientation; the animal appears to be disoriented, "drunk," or walking in circles; the animal is harming itself.

Prevention is easier than removal. Raccoon births peak around May, but may occur as early as March and as late as September. In spring and summer, raccoons search for quiet, dark hiding places to rear their young. Now is a good time to check roofs, chimneys, and under decks to make sure there are no gaps or holes to your home. Preventing an unwanted visitor from entering your home is far easier than removing one.

Relocation isn't always humane. Though trapping and removal is considered to be a humane option, relocating raccoons can kill them. The animals may be territorial and placing a stranger in another raccoon's territory can result in death. In the spring and summer, relocation also may mean separating mothers from babies who cannot survive on their own.

Think "MASK" to deter raccoons.

Make sure your home or apartment is free of holes, gaps, places where raccoons can enter (chimneys, attics, roof, foundation, etc.)

Avoid leaving out food (pet food, bird feeders, etc.)

Secure garbage cans with bungee cords or a brick on top. Keep trash cans in the garage or storage shed until pick up day if that's an option.

Keep a safe distance. Though not aggressive by nature, raccoons are wild animals and should be appreciated from a respectful distance. Do not chase them or throw objects at them.

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.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.



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All cyclists welcome to participate in the Ride of Silence

All cyclists encouraged to wear helmets

All cyclists also encouraged to use bikes equipped with headlights in the likely event the ride continues past dusk. (By law, headlights are required at night.)

All cyclists asked to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the procession

All cyclists asked to wear black arm bands in solidarity with victims, or red arm bands to signify a personal injury from a bike/motor vehicle accident

Free event (recommended donations \$1 per rider for a Ride of Silence pin)

The Ride of Silence is a global event. Last year, there were almost 300 locations worldwide, including Chicago, Arlington Heights, Downers Grove, Joliet and Evanston.

High Ridge YMCA Day Camps Gear Up for the Summer

Rogers Park- West Ridge, April 2010 – High Ridge YMCAs offering a variety of camping opportunities for the summer of 2010. Spaces are limited, and parents are encouraged to register their children early. Camping opportunities include Preschool Camp (ages 3-5), Adventure Camp (ages 6-12), Teen Leadership Camp (ages 11-15), Basketball Camp, Golf Camp, Volleyball Camp, T-Ball/Softball Camp, and British Soccer Camp and much more.

YMCA camps focus on teaching children cooperation, leadership and team building through character development. Children spend time both indoors and outdoors as experienced staff lead campers in a wide variety of activities each day, including arts and crafts, games, skits and songs, sports, instructional and recreational swimming, and weekly off-site field trips.

“It’s great when we can bring together children of all backgrounds and provide them with structured activities to promote healthy spirit, mind and body. It’s not just about giving them a safe place to be.” – Jill Grimshaw, Executive Director

In addition, the YMCA continues to incorporate its healthy kids curriculum into its day camp programs. Children participate in weekly interactive workshops with doctors, dentists, nutritionists and athletes to gain basic knowledge on leading a healthier life.

Most camp sessions begin in early June and run through late August, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care offered before and after regular camp hours.

For more information, please visit www.highridgeymca.org or call High Ridge YMCA at 773.326.2929.

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Lincoln Park & Garfield Park Conservatories’ Summer Tropical Flower Show

Visitors can experience a tropical paradise in Chicago at either the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive, or the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave this summer. Garfield Park Conservatory’s tropical flower display begins May 29 and runs through September 26. Lincoln Park Conservatory’s tropical flower display begins May 22 and runs through September 26.

“Both the Lincoln Park and Garfield Park conservatories give visitors an opportunity to embrace the beauty of nature while taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the city,” said Mary Eysenbach, Chicago Park District Director of Conservatories. “Visitors can relax in the tropics amongst a collection of hundreds of different species of plants from all over the world.”

Both shows will feature flowering plants in addition to those selected for colorful foliage. Enjoy the lush backdrop of assorted tropical plants, featuring various begonias and hibiscus.

Hours, Admission

Open every day of the year from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at the Garfield Park Conservatory, Wednesdays until 8 p.m. Admission is free unless otherwise noted for special events or programs.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STEPS UP WITH PASSAGE OF HB 43

Advocates mobilize residents, high school students to urge safe walking

Advocates for safe and accessible transportation are celebrating the Illinois Assembly’s passage of HB 43, a measure that will drastically improve pedestrian safety in Illinois.

The bill, championed by Sen. Heather Steans and Rep. Luis Arroyo, will require drivers to come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks – even those that are unmarked or don’t have a stop sign or traffic light.

Until now, Illinois law required drivers to yield and stop only when necessary. That language has led to confusion among drivers and pedestrians, and it’s made enforcement difficult.

The bill now moves to Gov. Pat Quinn’s desk for his approval. The law will go into effect immediately after he signs the bill.

The Active Transportation Alliance – Chicagoland’s voice for better biking, walking and transit – worked for nearly two years earning support for this important measure. Key advocacy efforts came from the group’s members, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and pediatricians the Metropolitan Planning Council. Unique to this list was the support from an active group of students at Curie Metropolitan High School

“Illinois has taken a major step toward creating safer streets and prioritizing people on our roads,” said Rob Sadowsky, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance. “I congratulate the General Assembly for taking this bold and important step. Our leaders have made walking a more convenient and safer option. That means safer streets for a large population of people who are unable to drive or choose not to drive.”

Illinois joins dozens of states with similar laws, including California and Massachusetts. Until this bill’s approval, Illinois required drivers to yield and stop only when necessary. This law clarifies driver responsibility and makes it easier for police to enforce the law.

More than 6,000 pedestrians are hit in Illinois each year, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Those crashes resulted in more than 1,000 serious injuries and 170 fatalities a year.

The Active Transportation Alliance is a non-profit, member-based advocacy organization that works to make bicycling, walking and public transit so safe, convenient and fun that we will achieve a significant shift from environmentally harmful, sedentary travel to clean, active travel. The organization builds a movement around active transportation, encourages physical activity, increases safety and builds a world-class transportation network. Formerly the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, the Active Transportation Alliance is North America’s largest transportation advocacy organization, supported by more than 6,000 members, 1,000 volunteers and 35 full-time staff. For more information on the Active Transportation Alliance, visit www.activetrans.org or call 312.427.3325.

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TOURS: CAF offers a variety of 85+ river, walking and bus tours. Find a full schedule and ticket prices at www.architecture.org.

RIVER CRUISE: Chicago Architecture Foundation architecture river cruise season opens. Chicago’s famous architecture cruise offers an in-depth look at a wide range of architecture – all from the vantage point of the river -- with commentary by Chicago Architecture Foundation’s legendary docents. Cruises depart daily, throughout the day. New this year: two “date night” cruises every Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm starting in June. Check www.architecture.org for other dates/times.

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Top Reasons to Do Estate Planning—What are You Waiting For?



Chester M. Przybylo

People have many different reasons to do estate planning. Some people plan diligently and well in advance of any urgent need. Other people procrastinate and plan only when things are thrust upon them. What are you waiting for? Here are some of the top reasons which estate-planning attorneys say motivate their clients to plan or update their existing plan:

Vacations - People want to relax without worrying about “what ifs.” But, you don’t need to wait for a vacation to take this worry off your plate.

Weddings - When a couple is starting a new life together, they want to start off right and make sure each other are taken care of.

Divorce - Most people no longer wish to benefit their ex-spouse after a divorce.

Births and adoptions - A new child is a joyous occasion. People want to make sure there is a solid foundation for their new bundle of joy. Even if they already have a plan, they want to make sure that the plan is suitable now that their family has grown.

Funerals - The death of a close friend or relative can make people feel their own mortality. They realize that their own death will happen, sooner or later, and they would rather it happen on their own terms. Often, people see firsthand the anguish caused by poor planning and want to make sure they don’t leave behind an emotional and financial mess.

Inheritances - When people inherit money, it often changes their estate plan. They consider how to divide the newfound wealth and what they want to leave as their legacy.

Health changes - A significant deterioration in health often makes a person’s mortality more real. They want to make sure their loved ones are taken care of in case their health declines further. Of course, planning in advance would remove that worry and focus their energy on spending time with loved ones.

Law changes - Changes in the law can affect what would happen to the estate. New opportunities appear from time to time, while other opportunities disappear. The savvy update their plans periodically to take advantage of these opportunities while they can.

The bottom line is that people do estate planning in order to take care of their loved ones and to assure the legacy they envision. A qualified, estate-planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in that field can help you arrive at an estate plan that effectively accomplishes your unique goals. When you die, will your loved ones discover a plan in disarray (or no plan at all) or a coherent estate plan? What will your legacy be?

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.



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A NEW “TWIST” IN THE LAW MAY HELP YOUR MOM

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Mom has always been there to nurture and take care of you. Mother’s Day is the perfect time to give back and look out for her. If she’s having a hard time paying for her prescription drugs, tell her about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security.

If your mother, or any special woman in your life, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, she may be eligible for extra help to pay her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

Perhaps you’ve looked into the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Mom before, and discovered that she did not qualify due to her income or resources. In 2010, the law has changed. As Chubby Checker will tell you, a new “twist” in the law makes it easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

It’s easy to figure out whether Mom is eligible for the extra help. To qualify, she must be receiving Medicare and:

- Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple. Even if her annual income is higher, she still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if she or her husband:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

- Have resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count her house or car as resources.

Thanks to this new “twist” in the law, we no longer count any life insurance policy she has as a resource, and we no longer count as income any financial assistance she receives regularly from someone else to pay her household expenses like food, mortgage or rent, utilities or property taxes. Don’t take our word for it, see Chubby Checker’s rocking message at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

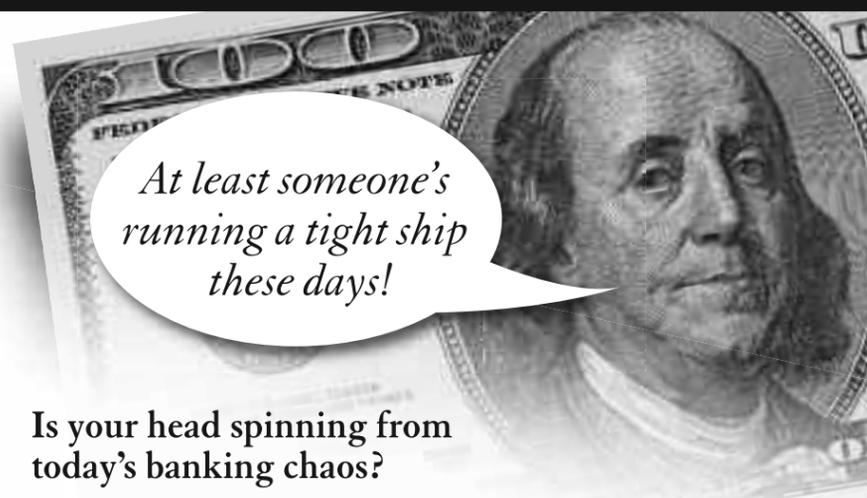
While you’re there, you can fill out an easy-to-use online application for your mom at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

If you’d like to learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Maybe it’s been a few years since Mom has taken to the dance floor to do The Twist. But saving an extra \$3,900 a year on prescription drugs may cause her to jump up and dance. What better gift could you give her this Mother’s Day?

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THE VOTES ARE IN AND THE 2010 JUNIOR IDOL WINNER IS...

North Shore Retirement Hotel has voted: 16-year old soprano Lexy Prodromos has claimed the title of the Junior Opera Idol 2010! A Winnetka native, Lexy was the popular contestant amongst the crowd with her lilting soprano voice. As this was Lexy's first time entering the Junior Opera Idol Contest, she exclaimed enthusiastically, "My competitors were all very talented, I did not expect to win!"

Lexy won over the crowd during the contest held recently in the ballroom at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, singing Verdi's aria "Caro Nome" from Rigoletto. Lexy received a \$500 scholarship that she will apply towards tuition at the V.O.I.C.Experience. Sherrill Milnes, a renowned American baritone, founded the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation in 2001. As the organization's Artistic Director, Milnes works with Executive Director Maria Zouves, "to provide performance and study opportunities for singers, while creating an outreach of opera and musical theatre to the communities of the world."

This tremendous opportunity to work with Milnes, Zouves and other world-renowned coaches, theater and operatic personalities at V.O.I.C.Experience provides Lexy with coaching, lessons, master classes and outreach programs.

Lexy is currently a sophomore at New Trier High School in Winnetka. She finds most of her inspiration for singing from her family. Her mother and father are among her biggest supporters. Lexy's younger sister Stephany, 13, is also an aspiring soprano opera singer and both have been singing before they could talk! It wasn't until five years ago that Lexy decided to sing operatically under the mentorship of none other than her father, Chadwick Prodromos, a bass baritone. She has also studied operatic vocal repertoire with the late, world-renowned voice teacher Shirlee Emmons.

Both Lexy and her sister particularly enjoy singing for charitable organizations. In 2009, they presented the first annual charity concert for Misericordia, and this Mothers Day Weekend on May 9th, the two will be performing at the second annual charity concert at Ravinia in Highland Park. Together, they have sung the Star Spangled Banner at various events such as the Veterans Parade, the Fourth of July Parade in Winnetka and Northwestern University basketball games. The pair also performs regularly at the renowned Monastero's restaurant in Chicago. Most recently, Lexy and Stephany were offered the unique opportunity to sing the National Anthem as an operatic duet prior to the Chicago White Sox game on Tuesday, May 5, 2010.

Above all, Lexy is very excited about her win and cannot wait to use her scholarship towards V.O.I.C.Experience, "This was a wonderful experience, I couldn't ask for anything more!"

For more information on Lexy Prodromos, please visit <http://lexyandstephany.com>.

For further information about this competition, please call the Opera Idol coordinator at the North Shore Retirement Hotel at 847.864.6400, ext. 622.

2010 Opera Idol Winner Selected By Popular Vote Aspiring Opera Singer Wins A Once-In- A-Lifetime Grand Prize

The audience at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, located at 1611 Chicago Avenue in Evanston, has spoken. Third year competitor Lisa Yuen, of Lake Bluff, IL, has been named the 2010 Opera Idol Winner. On Friday, April 16, 2010, Yuen was among six finalists vying for the title of Opera Idol and it turns out – third time is a charm! The finals were presented in a Master Class format with the internationally renowned opera star Sherrill Milnes, who provided guidance and coaching to Lisa as she prepared her winning aria from Romeo and Juliet, "Ah, Je Zeux Vivre!"

This win couldn't have come at a more opportune time for Yuen, who is currently pursuing her opera career full-time. There were a lot of retired professional opera singers, extremely prestigious in their day, dispersed among the audience in the ballroom of the North Shore Retirement Hotel, where the final stage was set. "This was one of the greatest experiences of my life. It was a tremendous honor to perform to an audience who could really appreciate it," declares Yuen. "I was SO surprised when I won, it was like a dream come true."

Lisa Yuen took home the grand prize – A \$2,400 scholarship and airfare to attend the nationally recognized V.O.I.C.Experience workshop, directed by Sherrill Milnes and the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience faculty. The workshop is an intensive three-week program of the V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation, held in August in Tampa, FL.

Yuen, originally from Dunkirk, NY, holds a Bachelors of Music from DePaul University and a Masters of Music from Roosevelt University. It wasn't until she was sixteen years old, while she was attending a summer voice camp, that a voice teacher discovered Yuen's natural talent for opera singing. Since then, Yuen has been adamantly pursuing her vocal career and maintains regular lessons with a voice coach.

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LIEBERMAN CENTER IN SKOKIE EXPANDS EXPERTISE IN WOUND CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS

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"This is really a hands-on approach for our residents, whether they are in long term skilled nursing or short-term rehabilitation," says Lieberman Center Director Ron Benner. "We are continually raising the standard of care for our older adult population and their families so that they can maintain quality of life for as long as possible."

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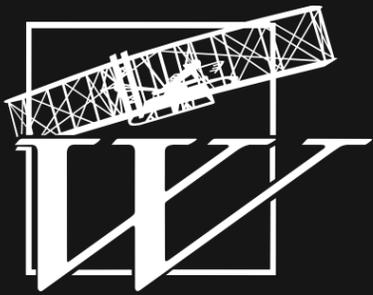
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