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The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. (Authorized Version)

November Is Military Families Month

DIVVY TO SERVE CHICAGO TRANSIT NEEDS 365 DAYS A YEAR

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Divvy, Chicago's newest transit system, will continue to be available to Chicago riders throughout winter at 300 active stations, although the bike fleet will be reduced to match anticipated ridership.

"We're committed to serving Divvy riders year-round, even during our snowy Chicago winters," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Divvy bikes will be available to ride throughout the fall and winter seasons, so Chicagoans can bundle up and keep warm by pedaling to their destinations."

In the four months since launching, the citywide bike share system has provided more than 600,000 trips to Chicago residents and visitors who have collectively ridden more than 1.5 million miles.

Chicagoans can find out more about the system at www.DivvyBikes.com or through social media on Twitter at @DivvyBikes and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DivvyBikes.

Ice Skating Is Back At Millennium Park

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink will once again be FREE and open to the public beginning on Friday, November 15 at noon (weather permitting.) You can rent skates for only \$10 or bring your own.

New this year, Millennium Park will offer Winter Workouts, skating lessons every Friday-Sunday, one hour before the rink opens. Every Thursday DCASE will feature Ice Sports skills and drills.

The rink is open every day through March 9, 2014. Visit millenniumpark.org for times.

Commemorate Veterans' Day, November 11th

We honor our vets every day of the year, but we observe November 11th as a special time to give thanks and prayers for all those who have served, and continue to serve, our great Country.



The City of Chicago commemorates Veterans Day on November 11 with an 11am program at Soldier Field, just inside Gate 0. Veterans Day honors those who served both in wartime and peacetime. It also commemorates the Armistice signed to end World War I, signed on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." The ceremony is open to the public. Parking is free and available at the 18th Street exit from Lake Shore Drive.

(See Pages 4 & 5 For Local Tributes)

Artists! In The Works Applications Are Now Open

In The Works is the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events' residency program and gives emerging and established performing artists the opportunity to test-drive new work in a public setting. Each residency is tailored to the needs of the artist or company and their project and takes place in the most suitable DCASE space. Each showing is a unique opportunity for audiences to get a behind-the-scenes look at new work by Chicago artists. Applications for next year are due November 15, 2013.

For more information go to www.cityofchicago.org/dcase, City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events



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Lincolnwood Toys for Tots Holiday Program

The Lincolnwood Police Department is proudly hosting the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" holiday program again this year. Please help make the holiday a season one to remember for those less fortunate by donating new, unwrapped toys for distribution to children in need.

Toys may be dropped off at numerous locations in Lincolnwood. The Toys for Tots program will run from November 4 through December 13. If you have any questions please call the Lincolnwood Police Department at (847) 673-2167.

Skokie Art Guild's 2013 Members' Only Fall Exhibit

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

Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers November Health Programs

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

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education. For more information, call 773.794.8329.

A free blood drive will be conducted Thursday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The hospital and Heartland Blood Center will host this opportunity to donate the gift of life. The blood donation process includes registration, a brief medical screening, blood collection, and refreshments. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments are encouraged by calling Sharon O'Malley, R.N., 773.794.8486.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, November 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Michelle Morrow, Chicago Police Department, will discuss elder abuse. Registration is not required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Wednesday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

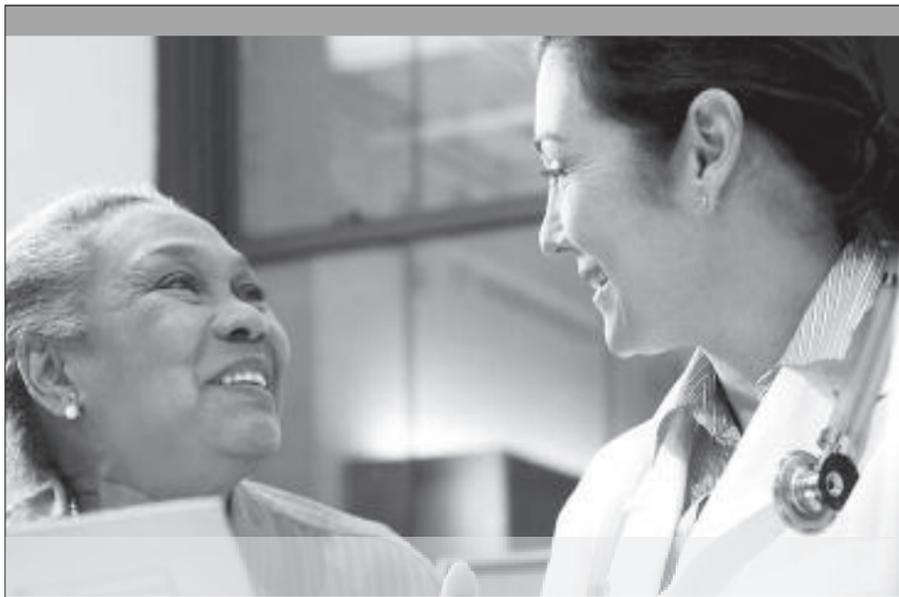
Cholesterol screenings will be given Thursday, November 14, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. This test requires a 12-hour fast and checks for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, and LDL levels. Test results will be mailed within one week. There is a \$15.00 fee payable at the screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO (4636).

A free lecture titled 'What You Need to Know About the Affordable Care Act' will be held Tuesday, November 19, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kathy Waligora, Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, will present an overview of federal health care reform, including specific provisions related to affordability, accessibility and new options for public and private coverage. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.INFO (4636).

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will present a free lecture titled 'Enroll in Our All-in-One Package: Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD),' Wednesday, November 20, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Education specialists will explain how health insurance works and provide MAPD applications. Advance registration is required by calling 877.583.8071.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, November 21, 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.



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Chicago Public Library wins Chicago Innovation Award for Maker Lab

Chicago Public Library has been named one of the winners of the 12th annual Chicago Innovation Awards. Nominated for its experimental Maker Lab in the Harold Washington Library Center, the Library was announced as one of the award winners at an event held at Chicago's Harris Theater on Wednesday, October 30, with nearly 1500 business and civic leaders attending. The Chicago Innovation Awards, celebrating its 12th year, is the Chicago region's foremost recognition of the most innovative new products or services brought to market or to public service each year.

As the first free public maker space in Chicago, the Library's Maker Lab offers patrons an introduction to the latest technology and equipment which are enabling new forms of personal manufacturing and business opportunities. Made possible with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Chicago Public Library Foundation, the Lab offers both instructional workshops and open lab hours in which the public can work with staff members to master new software and create personal projects. The space offers access to a variety of 3D software and equipment including 3D printers, laser cutters, as well as a milling machine and vinyl cutter.

"In our 21st century economy, you earn what you learn and at the Harold Washington Library Maker's Lab, students and residents are provided the opportunity to learn and innovate in the first free public maker space in Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "This award embodies the efforts of the Chicago Public Library in extending digital learning and discovery to our most vital resource, Chicago's youth."

"Chicago is an innovation hub with talented leaders who aren't afraid to be bold, be confident, and try new approaches," said Tom Kuczumski, co-founder with Chicago journalist Dan Miller of the awards. "Every winner of the Chicago Innovation Awards embodies this mindset, and each one has an inspiring story of achievement and vision."

"Libraries across the globe are looking for ways to expand the public's access to 21st century ideas and information and CPL is leading that charge," said Library Commissioner Brian Bannon. "I am honored that Chicago Public Library's Maker Lab was recognized by such a prestigious organization. What wonderful validation for our first experiment in our Innovation Lab."

The complete list of this year's Chicago Innovation Award winners can be found at www.chicagoinnovationawards.com.

Winter Fitness Offerings

Warm up this winter with our hot fitness classes! The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department continues to offer new sessions of our popular Zumba and RIPPED classes. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin and international music with easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program. Routines feature fast and slow rhythms to warm you up and burn calories. Winter classes will be held on Sunday mornings November 3 – December 17th from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. and Tuesday evenings November 12 – December 17 from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Looking for more of a strength program? Resistance, Intervals, Power, Plyometrics, Endurance and Diet (R.I.P.P.E.D.) is for you. This one-hour class uses free weights, resistance tubing, and body weight to work out every muscle group. RIPPED classes will be held on Thursday evenings November 7 – December 19 from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

All classes are held at the Lincolnwood Community Center, located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue. Pre-registration is preferred. For more information please contact the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit www.recreation.lwd.org.

KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD

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

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by those you love. May this special day remind you always to count the blessings, big and small, that the Lord has bestowed upon you.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association (JPNA) will have its next open meeting on Wed., November 20, a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving. There will be 2 speakers: a chef from Mariano's Fresh Market will give "helpful hints for Thanksgiving." In addition, Andi Vanderkolk from Alderman Arena's office will talk about "How to organize a Block Party." The talk is being given now since it takes about 6-8 months to organize one. Meetings are free with light refreshments on the last Wednesday of the month at 5230 W. Giddings, lower level of the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park at 7:00 p.m. and usually end in about an hour. There's also a chance to win a door prize. For more information call 773 282 3879.

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CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BOOKAMANIA CONNECTS FAMILY LITERACY, LEARNING AND PLAY DURING DAY-LONG EVENT

Chicago Public Library celebrates families learning together on Saturday, November 23, with Bookamania 2013: All Families, All Year, engaging children in reading, learning and playing activities. This year, parents and caregivers will also get the opportunity to participate in events offering early literacy instructions for adults. Presented for the 20th consecutive year, the free, day-long children's book festival takes place at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. Kicking off at 11 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m. throughout the library, Bookamania is made possible by a generous grant from Target Corporation through the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

"Early and frequent exposure to books, reading aloud, literacy activities and play helps build a foundation for reading in children by third grade," said Chicago Public Library Commissioner Brian Bannon. "Research indicates that early contact to reading promotes healthy literacy skills, imagination, creativity and self-esteem. Bookamania offers families a day of free activities combining learning with play, in a fun, engaging and encouraging library environment."

Bookamania activities are targeted for children ages 3-10 years and their families. This event allows children and families to come together through books, storytelling, music, theatre and meeting children's book authors and illustrators. Major additions this year include active play spaces, designed for children to develop better learning and motor skills; and art & craft extensions, where children can show creativity and earn a new book for completing activities.

Also added this year, parents and caregivers can learn ways to extend their children's love for learning and books at special informational sessions designed just for them. Dr. Dana Suskind from the University of Chicago and CPL Children's Librarian Jenna Nemeec, (Every Child Ready to Read @ your library) will offer parents advice on establishing literacy skills through everyday activities in the home.

Bookamania features Caldecott-award winning author and illustrator Kevin Henkes, creator of many distinguished books for children including Penny and Her Marble and The Year of Billy Miller. Children and families can meet Mr. Henkes and other authors and illustrators including Mac Barnett, (Count the Monkeys); Laurie Lawlor, (Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World); Janice Harrington, (Busy-Busy Little Chick); René Colato Laínez, (Señor Pancho Had a Rancho); and Tom Lichtenheld, (Steam Train, Dream Train) during the event.

Also featured are stories and performances by Gwen Hilary, Enoch Williamson, Jasmin Cardenas, Miss Lori, The Mad Hatters of the Junior League of Chicago, Sean Masterson, and Chris Fascione, a long-time favorite at Bookamania. Children also can enjoy family reading in The Big Red Chair, TheatreWorks USA's production of Skippyjon Jones, the Storybook King and Queen, and the Jabberwocky Marionettes. Moreover, kids can have their picture taken with their favorite storybook characters including Lilly, Elephant and Piggie, Pete the Cat, Skippyjon Jones, Martha the Talking Dog and Lars the Polar Bear. In addition, a children's booklist will be provided and Sandmeyer's Bookstore will sell books in the South Hall.

Bookamania extends Chicago Public Library's year-long family literacy programs including the Winter Learning Challenge, Hop Into Reading and the Summer Learning Challenge. The Chicago Public Library continues to encourage lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through materials, programs and cutting-edge technology. Through its 80 locations, the Library provides free access to a rich collection of materials, both physical and digital, and presents the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children, teens and adults. For more information, visit chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library at (312) 747-4050.

Lincolnwood Featuring New Artist

Beginning November 1, 2013, the art of Lowell Goone will be featured in the Village's art gallery. This show, entitled "Light and Color," will run from November 1 through December 30.

Lowell was born in Chicago and graduated from Loyola University. He and his wife lived in Lincolnwood for over forty years. Lowell began painting in oils many years ago. However, his work involved traveling around the country which consumed his time. Upon retiring, he returned to his love of painting.

Lowell's art exhibit is dedicated to the memory of Mildred Starkman; long time resident of Lincolnwood and friend to many.

The Village will host a public reception for the art exhibit November 5, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Light refreshments will be served and attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artist. The art is displayed at Village Hall, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Art Gallery section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm.

STANLEY CUP TIME

Katherine A. O'Dell, Senior Associate with the Law Office of Amari & Locallo, which handles Real Estate matters, and is also the Past President of the Justinian Society of Lawyers along with Hockey Hall of Famer and former Manager of the Chicago Black Hawks, Dennis Savard, share a moment with the one and only Stanley Cup.



"A Theater Review"



"Master Class"

Theo Ubuque Cabaret Theatre At the No Exit Café

6970 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Theo Ubuque is opening its season with "Master Class" which is the stage biography of Maria Callas that playwright Terrence McNally has written.

The Theatre normally does musicals or revues but "Master Class," under the direction of Fred Anzevino, is a drama with music. Mr. Anzevino is a master of his non-equity theatre with the cast that he directs.

After retiring from the Met, many opera singers turn to training others in their profession at schools like Julliard. The director has found the perfect non-equity actress in Kelli Harrington as Ms. Callas. This is not an easy role and she does her job to perfection during the two hours as she tears and rips up her three singers.

The three singers are Kevin A. Siembor as Tony who is a tenor along with Rachel Kuppel as Sophie and Ashlee Hargrave as Sharon. The three under the musical direction of Jeremy Ramey hit on arias of Verdi, Puccini and Bellini. For several seasons Callas was a lyric opera prima donna who was both loved and hated.

Her life story unfolds with her triumphs, failures, her rise to fame from being poor to her love affair with the Greek Aristotle Onassis.

If you love classical music and an excellent biography then don't miss "Master Class."

"Master class" runs through November 24th. For show days, show times, reservations - call 1-800-595-4849. Tickets are \$25 to \$59. For dinner, which is optional, you can make reservations at the above number. **-Four Stars-**

NILES WEST STUDENTS WIN AWARDS IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE ESSAY CONTEST

Niles West student Amina Dzanovic won first place and Negin Motlagh-Arani won second place in the 2013 Our First Amendment Freedoms Art and Essay Contest sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and the Chicago Tribune News in Education and The Mash. Students were asked to submit an essay on how the First Amendment personally affects their daily life.

St. Juliana's took first place in the 8th Grade Jr. Bandit Girls Basketball Tournament hosted by Resurrection College Prep High School

Resurrection College Prep High School hosted the Jr. Bandit Girls Basketball Tournament for 6th & 7th grade girls from October 11 to 13, 2013 and for 8th grade girls from October 18 to 20, 2013. Teams from the following grammar schools participated: Immaculate Conception, Mary Seat of Wisdom, St. Bartholomew, St. Eugene, St. John Brebeuf, St. Juliana, St. Mary of the Woods, St. Monica, St. Paul of the Cross, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla, St. Viator and Queen of All Saints.

"Student athletes develop their skills and sportsmanship when they have the opportunity to participate in larger tournaments and we are so pleased that we were able to host these teams from grammar schools in the area," said Katie Wachtel, Athletic Director/Associate Principal at Resurrection College Prep High School. The winning teams in the tournament were: St. Juliana - 8th Grade; St. Bartholomew - 7th Grade; and St. Tarcissus - 6th Grade.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.resrhs.org.

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Remembering the Meaning of Veteran's Day

Red, white, and blue circulars announcing 50% off all mattresses. No school! The gas station's flag flying at half mast. For too many of us, these are our Veteran's Day associations. For those of us not directly impacted by the war in Iraq, for those without friends and family who have served, it is far too easy to forget the meaning of this important day.

Veteran's Day began as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I – optimistically coined “the war to end all wars.” President Woodrow Wilson declared, “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice...”

Though the War did not officially end until June 28, 1919, an informal armistice was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of the preceding year. For this reason, Veteran's Day falls on November 11. This was not always the case. Attempts were made to change the date so it would fall on Monday, making for convenient three-day weekends. Recognizing that this was not a holiday about a get-away to the Dells or shopping sprees at the mattress store, and realizing the significance of this important historic commemoration, President Gerald Ford responded to the American people and returned the holiday to November 11.

Most of us do not like war. But, we must separate those feelings from the gratitude we owe to those who have served. It is important that we take pause from our busy lives and imagine a day in the life of those in service – sleepless nights, grueling work, physical hardship, separation from loved ones, fear, and loss. It is important that we take a moment to thank the men and women who have made supreme sacrifices for our country. Come Wednesday, November 11, bake cookies for your local VFW; ask a veteran to share his or her remembrances of service; send a care package to our troops; gaze at the gas station's flag at half mast and remember exactly what that means.

SOCIAL SECURITY SERVES THOSE WHO'VE SERVED

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

On November 11, we honor our Nation's veterans for their service to America. What better time than now to tell you — and for you to help spread the word — about the many benefits and wealth of information Social Security has available for veterans and military personnel?

Social Security recognizes those who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. Members of the armed forces receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability applications. The expedited process is available for any military service member who became disabled during active duty on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. Some dependent children and spouses of military personnel may also be eligible to receive benefits.

Visit our website designed specifically for our wounded veterans: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits available under the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. Please pay special attention to the fact sheet available on that website, Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors. You'll also find a webinar that explains the faster disability process available to wounded warriors. The program covers general information about Social Security disability benefits as well as topics unique to wounded service members. The online video is less than three minutes and a great introduction to disability benefits for veterans and active duty military.

On the same webpage, you'll also find links to useful Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense websites. The requirements for disability benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

Military service members are covered for the same Social Security survivors, disability, and retirement benefits as everyone else. Although the expedited service is relatively new, military personnel have been covered under Social Security since 1957, and people who were in the service prior to that may be able to get special credit for some of their service.

To learn more about Social Security for current and former military service members, read Military Service and Social Security. It's available in our digital library at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

But first, take a look at the wounded warrior page at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. The webinar, factsheet, and pertinent links will brief you on everything you need to know to “maneuver” your way through the Social Security process.---

A Veteran's Last Farewell

By Raymond C. Gugel

With hushed and metered steps

The small procession strode.

They bore a casket, humbly carved –

A Comrade to his last abode.

The Nation's flag was soft unfurled.

And draped across the bier:

For this was not a common grave –

A veteran would be buried here.

Around the grave the mourners stood

A quiet stillness filled the air

The Chaplain stood and bowed his head,

And offered quiet prayer.

“Lord, bless our faithful Comrade here

And lead him to his rest.

He served his land in time of war.

He served and passed the test.”

“What battles won, or battles lost

We do not keep the score.

His youth, his courage he gave of all.

He was a Veteran – nothing more.”

“This man was precious to his country.

A son who heard the call

He served to keep his Nation free;

He fought to save us all.”

“And so we come to pay respects

To an honored veteran son.

In praising him we praise them all

Who fought with word and gun.”

Farewell, loyal son, we leave you here.

Our debt to you is vast.

To you and every Veteran

Our gratitude will last.”

The Chaplain paused and closed his book.

And thus he ended prayer.

The honor Guard retrieved the flag,

And folded it with care.

READY! FIRE!

Three times the last command rang out.

Three times shots broke the lull.

A muffled bugle sounded taps.

The Veteran's last farewell

Sleep here, brave son;

Your Nation bids you well.

You earned your place in Paradise –

Now rest where heroes dwell.

“The Soldiers”

Written by Anita Pildes

Mothers.

We have stood at tent doors,

On porches and balconies,

At the top of staircases

To say goodbye.

First just to our sons.

Now to our daughters too.

To War.

To battlefields.

In our homeland

and to countries unknown.

Now in our classrooms.

We pray for their safe return.

American Legion of Edison Park

Veterans Day Schedule:

All members will meet at Monument Park - Avondale and Oliphant Aves at 10:30AM for a Service that will start at 11AM Sharp

Then at 2PM - the Post will meet at the Norwegian Heritage Room of Norwood Crossing - 6016-20 N. Nina Ave in Chicago where there will be the Posting of the Colors by Edison Park Post 541, recognition of each veteran attending the Program and a performance by the St Patrick High School choral group.

NORWOOD CROSSING TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY ON NOV. 11 WITH RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Veterans, residents, friends, and families are invited to attend and participate in a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program, on Mon., Nov. 11, at 2:00 p.m., at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available on the street or in the parking lot behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue).

The program, “for veterans, about veterans, and by veterans,” will include posting of the Colors by the American Legion Edison Park Post 541 Color Guard; National Anthem sung by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir; pledge of allegiance led by Norwood Crossing resident Mary Cormack, former First Vice President of VFW Post 1284 Ladies Auxiliary; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); individual recognition of veterans present; and a special performance of patriotic songs by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir.

All active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to complete a form upon arrival that asks for their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where stationed, and dates of service in order to be properly recognized. Refreshments will be available.

Norwood Crossing is a not-for-profit senior living community, serving Norwood Park and surrounding Chicago and suburban communities since 1896. Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324 or email sbanash@norwoodlifecare.org.

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NATIONAL VETERANS ART MUSEUM TO HONOR VETERANS DAY 2013 WITH NEW EXHIBITION

Esprit de Corps, an exhibition highlighting the spirit of creative resilience, opens November 11, 2013

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2013, the National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) will honor Veterans Day with the opening reception of Esprit de Corps, an exhibition highlighting the spirit of creative resilience. Admission to the NVAM will be free from 12 p.m. through 9 p.m. with light refreshments offered from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. A keynote address will commence at 6 p.m. by Dr. Jack M. Bulmash, Hospital Chief of Staff of the Hines VA Hospital. At 7:30 p.m., patrons are invited downstairs to the Filament Theatre Company for the premiere of Veterans' Voices, a documentary performance by Erasing the Distance.

Esprit de Corps is taken from the French and means "spirit of the body"—in military contexts, it refers to group morale, "the capacity of a group of people to pull together persistently and consistently in pursuit of a common purpose." Featuring art by veterans of Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, Esprit de Corps traces the process and roles of therapeutic art from the act of initial perception through expression of experience to an ultimate communal sharing and understanding of the real impact of war.

Featured artists in Esprit de Corps include Vietnam veterans Joe Fornelli and Ted Gostas and post-9/11 veterans Jerry Frech, Jon Hancock, Peter Sullivan, and Erica Slone. Iraq War veteran Jerry Frech has loaned a series of journals that he kept during his service in the U.S. Air Force in Security Forces in 2006. These journals record his thoughts and observations in writing and in sketches. Of his journals, Frech notes, "I found myself surrounded by negativity, sorrow and, yes, drama. Without a lot of options to get away from all of the negativity, I escaped the only way I knew how: art."

Erica Slone, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force for six years who served multiple deployments in the Global War on Terror, will serve as an artist in residence with an open studio. Of her interactive and on-site work, Slone comments, "I have spent the past five years researching military veterans' experiences and making art around bridging the disconnection between veterans and contemporary civilian society. Through giving physical form to my own experiences of war, and through social engagement art projects, my work aims to create space for and facilitate intergroup dialogue around current, divisive, socio-political issues."

Keynote speaker Dr. Jack M. Bulmash is the Hospital Chief of Staff of the Hines VA hospital. He joined the VHA and Hines VA Hospital on July 7, 2007 as Associate Chief of Staff for Geriatrics and Extended Care after a thirty-year practice in Geriatrics within the private sector. Dr. Bulmash graduated from the University of Illinois with an MD degree and after his internship joined the United States Army serving in Vietnam as a Battalion Surgeon.

NVAM Executive Director Levi Moore celebrated Dr. Bulmash's keynote address, noting, "We welcome Dr. Bulmash to speak directly to issues of art therapy and therapeutic art and their potential for helping servicemen and women grow and develop following their military experiences."

Veterans Voices' was created with students from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and focuses on the mental health issues facing servicemen and women, veterans, and their families. Of the Veterans Day collaboration, Susan Zielinski, Therapeutic Art Coordinator for the NVAM says, "We are so pleased to have an opportunity to work with Erasing the Distance to expand the ways in which people look at and think about veteran experiences, especially the creative resilience behind many of the visual and performing arts."

Veterans' Voices will be performed on November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Filament Theatre, 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. The NVAM will be free and open to the public from 10 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on November 12, 13, 19 and 20.

Esprit de Corps will be on display from November 11, 2013 to August 1, 2014.

About the National Veterans Art Museum

The National Veterans Art Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of art inspired by combat and created by veterans. No other gallery in the world focuses on the subject of war from an artistic perspective, making this collection truly unique. The National Veterans Art Museum addresses both historical and contemporary issues related to military service in order to give patrons of all backgrounds insight into the effects of war and to provide veterans an artistic outlet to work through their military and combat experiences.

The National Veterans Art Museum is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The National Veterans Art Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. For group admission reservations, call the Museum at 312/326-0270 or visit www.nvam.org.

Patrons of the museum can access art from the permanent collection and biographical information on the artists through the NVAM Collection Online, a recently launched online and high-resolution archive of every piece of art in the museum's permanent collection. The NVAM Collection Online can be found at www.nvam.org/collection-online.

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

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

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When you plan your estate, you are putting together your road map to your legacy. Your estate plan determines who will be entitled to your assets, how they can use them, and the protections which they and the assets you leave them may have from creditors, divorcing spouses, etc. The attorney whom you select to assist you in creating that plan is integral to its success. That is why you need to choose wisely.

When Bill and Mary were planning their estates, they went to an attorney who was a family friend, had a general practice and dabbled in many areas of the law.

Their attorney, Frank, was very nice and even gave them a discount because of their friendship. Frank

drafted Wills for them that appeared to work on the surface. Bill wanted one-half of his assets to go to Mary and one-half of his assets to go to his children from his first marriage. His Will seemed to do this. However, when Bill died, it did not work out that way. Bill had \$750,000 in assets at his death. His one-half interest in the house he owned with Mary was worth \$250,000. His one-half interest in the ranch he owned with his brother, Sam, was worth \$300,000. Finally, his IRA was worth \$200,000. Unfortunately, but unbeknownst to Bill and Mary, estate planning does not just entail writing down your wishes in a Will, like Frank did for them. It takes knowledge and experience to create an effective estate.

When Bill died, they discovered that the house was held in joint tenancy, so his \$250,000 interest in the \$500,000 house passed to Mary automatically at his death. It was not controlled by his Will at all. Likewise, the ranch was held in joint tenancy with Sam. Bill's \$300,000 interest in the ranch automatically passed to Sam, even though the Will provided otherwise. Finally, the IRA had a beneficiary designation naming Bill's mother. After Bill's first marriage ended, he had changed the designation to his mother. He forgot to update the designation when he remarried. Frank, though meaning well, did not think to ask about the beneficiary designations because he did not focus in estate planning and did not have the experience to know better.

So, of his \$750,000 in assets, Bill wanted one-half, or \$375,000, to go to his kids from his first marriage and \$375,000 to Mary. Instead, Mary only got \$250,000 and his kids from his first marriage got nothing—even though that's not what his Will provided. An experienced attorney would have recommended that Bill change the house and ranch to tenancy-in-common property and would have made sure the beneficiary designation was updated. That way, Bill would have provided for his family as he had wanted.

Don't make the same mistake that Bill and Mary did. Go to a qualified estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning. Make sure they get continuing legal education to stay updated on the latest developments in the field of estate planning. For example, the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys requires its members to earn 36 hours of training in estate planning or elder law annually. Once you select a qualified estate planning attorney, have confidence that your legacy is in good hands.

-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. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

St. Thecla Senior Club is having a Christmas party at the White Eagle in Niles on December 5th. The cost of the ticket is \$25.00. We will have an Ukulele and Hawaiian group for entertainment. If interested in attending, please call Joanie at 312 608-4092.

NORWOOD PARK SENIOR CENTER TO HOST AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS ON NOVEMBER 19 & 21

Are you up-to-date on changes to the "Rules of the Road" in Illinois or want to improve your defensive driving knowledge? If so, consider enrolling in the two-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older. Classes will be held on Nov. 19 and Nov. 21, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Completion of the course may qualify participants for a three-year discount on their liability insurance, an aggregate savings that could exceed \$100. Cost of the class is \$14 per person (\$12 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Center at (773) 775-6071 or email them at info@npseniorcenter.org.

The Norwood Park Senior Center is managed by Norwood Seniors Network, a community outreach program, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District.

Social Security Announces 1.5 Percent Benefit Increase for 2014

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 63 million Americans will increase 1.5 percent in 2014, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 57 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2014. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2013.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$117,000 from \$113,700. Of the estimated 165 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2014, about 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2014 is available at www.Medicare.gov.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA North Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. This will be a general meeting. Our guest speaker will be Vicki Betsios of the Abington of Glenview in Glenview, IL. Her topic will be stroke prevention and skilled and rehab long term care.

All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the building.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880.

"TIPS FOR HOME EXERCISE" IS TIMELY TALK AT NORWOOD CROSSING ON NOVEMBER 20

Want to stay fit at home and do it within your own daily schedule? No problem! Just attend the Timely Talk, "Tips for Home Exercise," at 2:00 p.m., on Nov. 20, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Melissa Hajkaluk, fitness specialist with Health Resources Alliance who oversees the Norwood Crossing Senior Fitness program, will make the presentation. She will point out the simple steps you can take in your home for staying fit, stretching, balance, and other forms of exercise. Each of these home exercise routines will only take minutes. The time taken for these routines from your busy day will not even be noticed. A question and answer session will follow as will a raffle and light refreshments.

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Halloween marks the end of our fiscal year. This year we didn't reach our fundraising goal and we need your support. Without it, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do on behalf of the animals most in need.

We hope you will help us with a gift before the end of our fiscal year. Any size gift, small or large, is truly needed and sincerely appreciated. Remember to check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift program. That would help your gift do even more, just like we do for the animals 365 days a year!

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As we honor those who served before us and serve us now, I want to urge all veterans to record their DD-214 military discharge records with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds-Veterans Service Office. This extremely valuable document is what is required to apply for your well-deserved benefits such as medical care, educational benefits, and VA loans for housing, among others.

In a time of need, wouldn't you like the peace of mind that your family can access these valuable documents in a safe and secure fashion? It is nice to know they don't have to hunt through desk drawers or find the keys to a safety deposit box. Letting them know, in advance, that our office has a copy can save them time and worry. All of this is provided to you for free for recordation and for \$1.25 when you or a member of your family wishes to retrieve a certified copy of a DD-214 that you have recorded.

My family has a proud history of serving this nation. My father and husband have served, as well as my brother and sister, and my son presently serves this nation as a Captain the United States Army. Because of this, I take this facet of my role very seriously. All DD-214s are protected from public view, and are available only to the person named in the document, the named person's dependents, the county veteran's service officer, and representatives from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans may record their DD-214s at our Downtown Office at 118 N. Clark or at any of the courthouses conveniently located in Cook County. These locations are in Bridgeview, Markham, Maywood, Rolling Meadows and Skokie (at this time, certified copies are only available at our Downtown Office) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 312-603-5788.

I want to thank all our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made in order to protect our freedoms at home, and spread the message of hope and peace throughout the world. I also want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Karen A. Yarbrough

Norwood Park Holiday House Tour Takes A Year Off

The Norwood Park Historical Society regretfully and sadly announces that the Holiday House Tour, which would have been the Society's 30th annual event, will not be held in 2013. The Society hopes to revive this very successful event in 2014. In addition, the Society is considering other ways to bring alive the history of Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood.

The Norwood Park Historical Society wishes to thank all the homeowners, business sponsors, volunteers, and private donors who have supported this event in past years.

For more information, or to learn how your Norwood Park home can be part of a future tour, please contact the Norwood Park Historical Society at 773-631-4633 or info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society is an all volunteer not-for-profit organization totally dependent on membership, donations, and fund-raisers for its support. For the past 29 years, the Holiday House Tour has provided needed revenue as well as a fun way to educate local residents and guests as well as history and architecture buffs about the historic Norwood Park community. Also, the Society's museum in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest house, will continue to open its doors to visitors and researchers on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Make a Lasting, Positive Impact This Holiday Season: Give Family and Friends Gifts from the Arbor Day Foundation

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By giving friends the gift of membership to the Arbor Day Foundation, recipients will also be sent 10 free trees, which will be shipped at the right time of year for planting.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the Earth," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We encourage everyone to give gifts that will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit arborday.org.

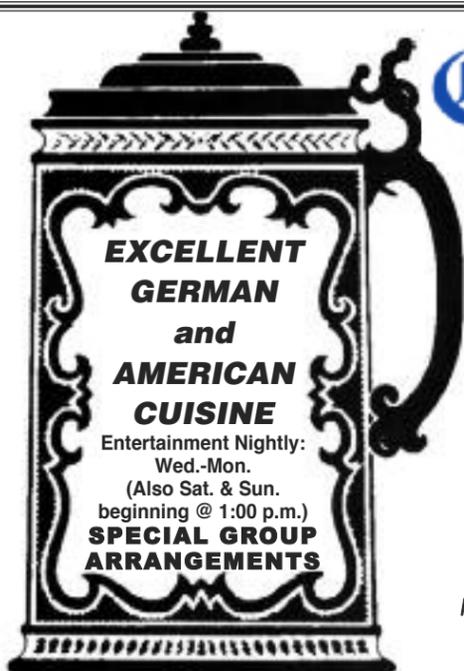
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Online registration is currently open at www.active.com. You may also register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department in Village Hall at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., via fax by downloading and completing the registration form at www.recreation.lwd.org, or by mail. The mailing address is Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

A portion of the proceeds will help support the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department scholarship fund which provides financial assistance to families struggling to cover the costs associated with summer camp, after school programming, childcare and other youth programs and events. Additionally, non-perishable food items will be collected for the Niles Township Food Pantry. A list of high demand items will be distributed prior to the event to all registered participants.

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