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Happy Mother's Day

In America, the second Sunday in May is the day we set aside to honor Mother. One of the most intricate and important duties one can accept is to steer, protect and nurcher another's life.

Mothers hardly ever get the credit they deserve in their day-in-day-out dedication to the generations of young people now and forever. They, our Mothers, influence the future of the entire earth; they have for years past and will continue, far into the future.

Thank you to all of the Mothers everywhere for a life's tireless commitment, not always recognized for its true worth.

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON PHIL HUMBER'S PERFECT GAME

Congratulations to Phil Humber of the Chicago White Sox for pitching only the 20th regular season perfect game in the history of Major League Baseball. It's an amazing accomplishment, even more so when you consider the injuries and setbacks early in his career and the fact that this was the first time that he tossed a complete game.

Phil Humber now has a place in baseball history and a permanent spot in the hearts of all Chicago baseball fans.



NATO SPONSORING CHICAGO KIDS & KITES FESTIVAL

14th Annual Event in Lincoln Park, Saturday, May 19

As part of the public activities to mark the NATO Chicago Summit, NATO is partnering with the City of Chicago to present the 14th Annual Kids & Kites Festival on Saturday, May 19 at Cricket Hill in Lincoln Park.

NATO is providing 5,000 kite kits for children as well as pictures of flags and fun facts about representative countries to help inspire children as they decorate their kites.

In addition, the festival will also feature a workshop on the history and tradition of Afghan fighter kites.

Chicago Kite, a Chicago-based retailer that specializes in kites, will sell kites, give tips and advice on how to fly kites and its professional flyers will demonstrate their skills with oversized and amusingly shaped kites.

Also, the Big Kite Candy Drop will take place during the afternoon, weather permitting.

Other activities include painting a kite-shaped refrigerator magnet, face-painters and balloon artists. Brookfield Zoo will be on site with a traveling version of the zoo's Bug Exhibit.

Kids & Kites festival will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Cricket Hill, near the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Montrose Ave.

The Chicago Kids & Kites Festival is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and sponsored by The Boeing Company, Brookfield Zoo, Whole Foods and 93.9 Lite FM. For more information, visit www.chicagokidsandkites.us.

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Saturday May 19th
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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.

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, May 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, May 11, 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. Cardiology staff will discuss cardiac catheterization. Registration is not required.

Free **skin screenings** will be performed Monday, May 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, May 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Screenings will be the same on both dates. Staff dermatologist Taraneh Firoozi, M.D., will perform a total body screening or check specific sites of concern. Patient gowns will be available. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, May 15, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, May 30, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, May 21, 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.

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, May 23, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center C. This free support group provides mutual support and education. Cardiology staff will conduct sessions and answer questions related to pacemakers and internal cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Registration is not required.

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, May 24, 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.

A free lecture about hypertension (high blood pressure) titled **'Keeping the Pressure Off'** will be offered Wednesday, May 30, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hypertension can be caused by several factors, but regardless of its origin, high blood pressure must be treated or it could lead to serious health risks. Izabella Gurau, M.D., a specialist in hypertension and kidney disease, will speak about the disease, its signs and symptoms, health consequences and treatment options. A staff member will be available to give free blood pressure screenings before the lecture. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

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

McAuliffe Secures Grants for Capital Improvements

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) was able to secure capital grants for some of the communities in his district to be used for essential projects.

Three \$100,000 grants were awarded to the village of Niles, village of Norridge and Ridgewood High School District 234.

The village of Niles will use this money to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility by removing and replacing sidewalks, curbs and gutters that are deteriorating and hazardous to the public.

The grant awarded to the village of Norridge will be used to pay the bills regarding improvements done within the village from July 2012 to June 2011. Some of these improvements include installing security cameras at various village facilities, replacing deteriorating fencing, parking construction and many other projects.

Ridgewood High School District 234 will use the grant to renovate a former classroom into a multi-functional learning space and update school and district offices.

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Save the Date Bowling Night

The Belmont-Central and Northwest Connection Chambers of Commerce will hold their annual Bowling Night on

Thursday, June 7th, 2012 6:30pm-9:30pm
Montclare Lanes, 2957 N Harlem

Northwest Chambers Networking Event

Co-hosted by the Albany Park, Belmont-Central, Edgebrook, Gladstone Park, Jefferson Park, Northwest Connection, Polish American, Portage Park, Six Corners and West Ridge Chambers of Commerce, as well as Local First Chicago. The event includes appetizers, cash bar, business card raffle and great networking with business people from the Northwest side.

Thursday, May 24th, 2012, 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Copernicus Center Annex, 5214 West Lawrence Avenue, Admission: \$5

ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day honors all branches of the armed forces of the United States. It is celebrated on the third Saturday of May with military exercises on land, at sea, and in the air. Military installations are usually open to the public on Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman proclaimed Armed Forces Day, and it was first celebrated in May, 1950. It replaced three separate celebrations for the Air Force, Army, and Navy. James V. Forrestal, the first secretary of defense, helped unite the armed services under the Department of Defense after World War II ended in 1945. (Taken from World Book, 1999 Edition)



We honor all of our men and women of the military everyday of the year for their selfless patriotism and service to all of us.

They keep us safe and watch over us not only at home but in the far corners of the earth where they are assigned. We can never express deeply enough our unwavering support and pride in these exceptional people, past, present and future.

Skokie Receives Tree City USA Recognition

The Village of Skokie is honored with the Tree City USA Designation award for its 2011 efforts in tree advocacy. The Village has received the Tree City USA award for 26 consecutive years.

The award recognizes Skokie for managing local forest resources to enhance citizen safety and welfare. Tree City USA recognizes municipal programs that promote tree planting and care programs in urban areas. Recognition is also given for efforts against invasive species such as the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Village of Skokie has met the four required standards to become a Tree City USA Community. All Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

This year's Arbor Day ceremony is Friday, April 27, 2012, 10 a.m. at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street. The ceremony is hosted by the Village of Skokie, the Skokie Beautification and Improvement Commission and the Skokie Park District. All are welcome to attend this family friendly event.

The Village of Skokie Forestry Division also was recently awarded an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant for Urban Restoration in the amount of \$16,100. The source of the funding is the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and it is managed by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The Village will use the money to replace trees removed due to the Emerald ash borer.

Skokie foresters remind residents not to transport firewood from home to campgrounds or vacation homes this summer. Purchasing firewood locally helps reduce the spread of the Emerald ash borer and other pests. For more information, please visit <http://www.emeraldashborer.info>.

For more information on any of the above programs, please call the Forestry Division at 847/933-8427.

Correspondence Regarding Electrical Aggregation to be Mailed Week of April 23

Residents and Small Businesses to save up to 41% off the current ComEd electricity rate

Official correspondence from the Village of Skokie regarding electricity aggregation will be mailed during the week of April 23 to all eligible residential and small business customers via regular postal service. Residents will not receive a telephone call from the Village of Skokie or from its electrical provider mc².

This correspondence will explain the program and provide information for customers. Once the correspondence is received, customers will have 21 days to determine if they want to "opt-out" of the program. Under this "opt-out" program, all residential and small business customers (those whose annual usage is 15,000 kWh or less) will be switched automatically to mc², unless the customer affirmatively opts-out of the program and wishes to remain with ComEd.

Residents and small businesses that have already switched to an alternative provider will be able to "opt-in" to the municipal aggregation program; those residents and businesses should contact mc² at 888/808-7731 or NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com for more information about registration.

This week, Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen announced a new rate for electricity that will yield 41% savings off the current Commonwealth Edison residential electricity rate, and save residential customers hundreds of dollars annually. This is one of the largest aggregation groups under a single form agreement in Illinois.

Grazyna Zajackowska Elected Grand Marshal of the 2012 Polish Constitution Day Parade

The Polish American Association is proud to announce that Grazyna Zajackowska, the PAA's Director of Immigrant Services, has been elected the Grand Marshal of the 2012 Polish Constitution Day Parade. We are happy to share this announcement from Conrad Nowak, the Chairman of the Polish American Association Board of Directors:

"As you know, our great city hosts the nation's only Polish Constitution Day Parade, celebrating the significance and impact of Poland's Constitution of May 3, 1791. Each year, the Parade Committee of the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the United States accepts nominations for the distinguished position of the Grand Marshal for the parade. This year, Grazyna Zajackowska, PAA's Director of Immigration Services, was nominated for this honor. For those of you who know Grazyna, you are well aware of her work and advocacy on behalf of Polonia. She is frequently featured in the Polish and American media and provides a strong voice not only for our organization, but for the community at large. She has distinguished herself in this manner in a career with the PAA that exceeds 20 years. This work serves the very core of our mission and has enabled many immigrants to achieve the American Dream.

Please join us in congratulating Grazyna for this wonderful achievement and great honor for the PAA!"

Join in marching with Polish American Association on Saturday May 5th! 90 people for 90 years! Let us know if you will march with us by email: elzbieta.zaworski@polish.org or call 773-427-6311.

City of Chicago Street Sweeping Season Began April 2nd

Residents asked to be mindful about temporary parking restrictions

The Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) announces citywide street sweeping begins today and will run through October 31, 2012. DSS' fleet of street sweepers help to keep streets clean for motorists, and prevent dirt and debris from entering the sewer system—ultimately allowing for better drainage during a rain storm.

"Keeping the streets clean is critical for allowing safe travel for motorists and for sustaining effective storm water management in our sewer system," said Commissioner Thomas G. Byrne, Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation. "We are asking residents to support our street cleaning efforts by obeying any posted parking regulations."

Residents are asked to be mindful of all temporary and permanent street sweeping parking restriction signage. To ensure curb-to-curb street cleaning, temporary parking restrictions are posted the day before work is scheduled to begin on any street. Some arterial streets have permanent signage that specifies a once-per-week period when parking is prohibited for street sweeping.

Residents interested in the 2012 street sweeping schedule for their community, or those who would like to request street sweeping services, can visit www.city-of-chicago.org/dss or call 311.

In 2011, DSS street sweeping crews cleaned approximately 242,000 miles of Chicago's streets.

Topinka Speaks at Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair

Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka along with other dignitaries recently spoke at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair at the Hilton & Towers Hotel in Chicago. "I commend the U.S. Chamber of Commerce who launched this event in March of 2011, Hiring Our Heroes, a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment. Working with their network of 1600 state and local chambers and other strategic partners from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, their goal is to create a movement across America in hundreds of local communities where veterans and military families return every day," said Topinka.

CDOT TO INSTALL NEW ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTS ON MORE THAN 200 BLOCKS OF RESIDENTIAL STREETS

Infrastructure Upgrades are Part of Building a New Chicago Program

Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) crews will install more than 1,200 new energy-efficient streetlights along more than 200 blocks residential streets in neighborhoods across Chicago in 2012.

CDOT's residential lighting program is part of Building a New Chicago, a comprehensive \$7.3 billion infrastructure renewal program created by Mayor Rahm Emanuel that will completely overhaul the City's infrastructure in the next three years.

"Critical infrastructure upgrades such as new street lighting help to secure and strengthen our neighborhoods while encouraging private investment and economic development in our communities," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

It costs approximately \$66,000 to retrofit each residential block with new light poles and lights. The City's residential lighting program is funded through a number of sources, including General Obligation Bonds and Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

CDOT is currently installing poles and lights that use 33 percent less energy than traditional street lights. The poles are 18 feet high, and the lights illuminate approximately 50 feet of streetscape.

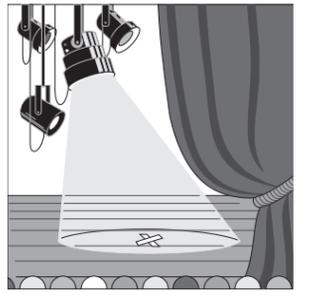
NORWOOD CROSSING RESIDENTS COMBINE SPRING ART SHOW OPENING WITH "BROADWAY REVUE" PERFORMANCE

The public is invited to view the creative artwork of Norwood Crossing residents during their 5th Annual Spring Art Show opening in conjunction with two special performances of a "Broadway Revue." The dual events will take place on May 19, with performances of the "Broadway Revue" at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Norwood Crossing's Norwegian Heritage Room, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The artwork will be displayed in the hallways and lobbies of Norwood Crossing through June 30.

The "Broadway Revue" will include a cast of nearly 30 Norwood Crossing residents, performing spirited show tunes in this second annual performance that is produced and coordinated by the Expressive Arts department. Last year, the residents performed the "Sound of Music." Visitors to Norwood Crossing on May 19 will have the opportunity to combine an art tour with the show, and then meet with the artists.

The artwork is an outgrowth of weekly Expressive Art group sessions under the guidance of art therapists, Sophie Canade and Katharine Houpt. Also part of the Life Enrichment department, directed by Kaye Shaddock, is dance/movement therapist Gail Gogliotti and music therapist Amy Wilson.

Refreshments will be available.



Kiwanis Division 1 Inter-Club Meeting

Thursday May 10, 2012 12:00 Noon

Barba Yianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Ave. (in Mall)

You and your family members and friends are cordially invited to a Division One Special Event hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood. It gives us great pleasure to announce that the distinguished and dynamic Richard (Dick) Simpson, Former Alderman and head of the Political Science Department of the University of Illinois, will be our guest speaker. Don't miss this!

We will enjoy a buffet of delicious Greek specialties which includes coffee and baklava for dessert, all for a nominal \$25.00 per person in advance or \$30.00 at the door. Cash bar.

FREE PARKING, courtesy of MB Financial Bank on the north side of Lawrence Avenue, just west of Western, right next to the Social Security building. Map is attached.

Reservations are required. Contact Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood, Maria Bappert 4710 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Or rheideman@sbc-global.net. Deadline: Monday, May 7. For more info call 773-728-8127.



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This program is partially supported by a CityArts Program III Grant from the City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

Kids Can Make a Fantasy Come True with Facets' Filmmaking Workshop

Kids ages 7-10 can learn what it takes to bring imagined worlds to life through the "Your Dreams on Screen" filmmaking workshop on Saturday, May 5 from 11:00am to 3:00pm, presented by Facets Children's Programs. This special effects workshop will be held at Facets Multi-Media, 1517 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago IL 60614. There is a \$40 registration fee (\$20 for Facets members). To register, call 773-281-9075 ext. 3011, or email kids-fest@facets.org

Kids will experience the magic of film and learn more about green screen technology while discovering the basic platforms of narrative filmmaking, including storyboards and shot design. Taught by filmmaker Aaron Maier, students will gain hands-on experience with character and setting development, as well as basic set design, and will film a short movie of their own invention, which will be augmented using the green screen color key technique.

Aaron Maier, a Teaching Artist for Chicago Public Schools and the Community Television Network Workshop, is primarily a digital filmmaker, with work that has been discussed on NPR's Weekend Edition, The Onion AV Club, Huffington Post, and Toronto's National Post. Aaron has completed his latest project with his EIT collective – Doggiewoggiez! Poochiewoochiez! – recently returning from a 60-date tour of independent movie theaters and art spaces throughout the US and Canada.

Previous Facets Children's Programs filmmaking workshops have granted kids and teens in the Chicago area the opportunity to discover various other aspects of the filmmaking industry. Previous workshops have included a documentary-based "Mock Doc" session that explored the ins and outs of documentary and reality filmmaking, and an intensive film development workshop that walked teens through the process of conceptualizing, writing, shooting, and editing their own works.

Founded in 1975, Facets Multi-Media is a Chicago-based non-profit media arts organization dedicated to making film accessible to all through cinema education, distribution, presentation, and preservation, with an emphasis on the best in classic, world, and independent cinema. Facets Children's Programs presents the annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival, which is the largest festival of children's films in North America, along with various year-round film programs.

For further information call 773-281-9075 or visit www.facets.org/kids

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP

The Fine Arts Department at Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting numerous events celebrating the fine arts this spring. On March 29 and 30, 2012 the Resurrection Dance Showcase was held, featuring both the Resurrection Orchestral dance team and Resurrection dance classes. From April 27 to 30, 2012 Resurrection will host events featuring visual art, drama and music.

On Friday, April 27, 2012 at 6 pm Resurrection will host an Art Exhibit featuring the work of Resurrection's visual arts students. Also on Friday, April 27, 2012 will be the annual Drama Showcase at 7 pm, featuring a variety of dramatic performances by Resurrection drama students.

On Sunday, April 29, 2012 a Music Concert will be presented at 3 pm featuring the Resurrection/Notre Dame Band and Jazz Band and the Resurrection/Notre Dame Concert Choir. And on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 7 pm Resurrection will host the Chamber Family Night featuring the Resurrection Chamber Ensemble.

All events will be held at Resurrection College Prep High School. For more information, please call 773.775.6616 Ext 110 during school hours or visit the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org. Tickets will be available at the door for all events.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

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After School Matters® Now Accepting Applications from Chicago High School Students for Summer 2012 Programs

Approximately 6,000 program opportunities will be available to teens across the city

After School Matters is now accepting applications for its summer program session, which begins June 25. Programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered at more than 100 community organizations, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District and Chicago Public Library locations across the city as well as Downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. In total, approximately 6,000 program opportunities will be available to Chicago teens this summer.

After School Matters unique programs offer teens an opportunity to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond. A few of the innovative programs being offered include:

Wicked Truth Film Production-tech37 (Alternatives, Inc. in Uptown) -- This program introduces Chicago teens to the theory and technique of digital filmmaking. Teens will work on all aspects of the production process, creating video projects that explore issues in their communities.

Junior Research Scientists-science37 (Columbia College Chicago in the South Loop) -- Teens will gain hands-on, in-laboratory training in molecular biology and alternative energy technologies, developing skills related to cancer biology, alternative energy technologies and computer animation.

Summer Rowing-sports37 (Chicago Training Center at Gage Park) -- Through the sport of competitive rowing, teens will challenge themselves to achieve their athletic and academic potential in a nurturing environment. This program, which culminates in a rowing regatta, motivates teens to become physically fit, build teamwork, self-esteem and leadership skills, while also developing and advancing their educational and life goals.

Beverage Industry Products and Profits-tech37 (Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy in Austin) -- Teens in this program will learn about various aspects of the multi-billion dollar local and global non-alcoholic beverage industry, as well as entrepreneurship.

Joffrey Ballet-gallery37 (Joffrey Tower in the Loop) -- Working with The Joffrey Ballet's professional dancers, teens in this program will be introduced to a variety of dance genres that will enhance their technique and life skills.

Radio Arte-words37 (Radio Arte/WRTE-FM in Pilsen) -- During the course of this radio journalism program, teens will produce multimedia pieces, lead a peer workshop and contribute to current WRTE productions.

All After School Matters programs, which run for six-to-eight weeks, are free and open to all Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age, and entering or currently enrolled in high school. Teens can search for programs that interest them, as well as for programs in and around their neighborhood, at www.afterschoolmatters.org. In order to participate, teens must apply online for programs and meet with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests.

Founded in 1991 by former Chicago First Lady Maggie Daley, After School Matters provides teens with opportunities to discover their potential and find their path to a meaningful life. This summer, After School Matters will be using the \$2 million allocated by the City of Chicago from its planned crackdown on scofflaws to expand the number of program opportunities offered by 50 percent.

"We are grateful to the City of Chicago for their continued support of After School Matters and look forward to expanding the number of teens we can serve in our meaningful, safe and structured programs this summer," said Raymond Orozco, chief executive officer of After School Matters. "Developing programs that are engaging and accessible inspires us as we work toward our vision to provide Chicago teens with opportunities to discover their potential and find their path to a meaningful life."

Multiple independent studies and recent data have confirmed that teens who participate in After School Matters apprenticeship programs have fewer course failures, better attendance and higher high school graduation rates. In fact, After School Matters teens who participate for three or more program cycles were found to enroll in college at an 18 percent higher rate and attend nearly 12 more days of high school annually than their CPS peers.

For more information about After School Matters and to apply for summer programs, visit www.afterschoolmatters.org. Teens should apply early, as program opportunities fill up quickly! Follow the organization on Twitter @afterschoolmatters and on Facebook at facebook.com/afterschoolmatters.

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Preschool Story Time Treat your child to a story time just for them! Join the children's librarian for fun read-aloud books, songs, fingerplays, and dances. Thursdays, April 19, through May 10, 2012 10:30 a.m. Ages 2 to 4. Questions? Please feel free to contact Lilya Zigelman at the Chicago Public Library Budlong Woods Branch at 312-742-9590

Korean Book Discussion Saturday, May 12, 2012 11:00 a.m. Join us for a Korean Language book discussion of *God Bless You Dr. Kevorkian*, by Kurt Vonnegut. Questions? Please feel free to contact Hyo-Kyoung Suh at 312-742-9590.

Sounds of Asia Saturday, May 12, 2012 2:00 p.m. In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Chicago Public Library Budlong Woods Branch and the Keumkil Cultural Society present *Sounds of Asia*, a celebration of Asian music played on traditional instruments from various Asian countries.

Adult Book Discussion & Korean Language Lesson Saturday, May 19, 2012 In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, join us for a discussion of *Who Ate up All the Shinga*, by Wan-Suh Park, at 11:00 a.m., followed at 1:00 p.m. by a 45-minute Korean language lesson. You may also choose to do either activity by itself. Questions? Please feel free to contact Branch Manager Tom Stark at 312-742-9590.

Teen Volume Wednesday, May 23, 2012 6:30 p.m. Teens and tweens, ages 12 to 18, are invited to experience modern pop art with Michael Albert (a.k.a. Sir Real). Author of *An Artist's America*, Sir Real will present his art and invite teens to create their own pop art collage, too. Please register for this event at the Chicago Public Library Budlong Woods Branch, 5630 N. Lincoln Avenue. Questions? Contact Branch Manager Tom Stark at 312-742-9590.

LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

4000 W. Pratt Ave., 847-677-5277

Book Discussion. May 14, 11 a.m. The adult book discussion features "The House at Tyneford" by Natasha Solomons.

Cinematic Classics shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. May 10: "Bringing Up Baby"; May 17: "Shadow of a Doubt."

Dining for Wellness. May 16, 11:30 a.m. Chef demonstration "Edible Flowers" by Lincolnwood Place. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. May 11: "War Horse"; May 18: "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy."

Library Board Meeting. May 17, 7:30 p.m. The Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Live@Lincolnwood: Peter Fletcher. May 20, 2 p.m. Classical guitar. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. May 10: "My Week With Marilyn"; May 17: "Like Crazy."

Travel Through Time Presentation. May 18, 10:30 a.m. Dave Clark presents "Centennial: 1912, the Titanic and More".

Afterschool Café. 2:30-3:15 p.m. May 7. Lincolnwood school students can relax and buy a snack before tackling homework on early release Mondays.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, Apr. 4-May 9. Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for Playtime program following. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Fun-tivities. May 16, 3:30 p.m. Afterschool fun. Includes various games designed for 3-5th grade students.

K-2 Time. May 14, 2:15 p.m. For students Kindergarten-2nd grade. Special stories and activities related to April's theme: Naughty but Nice. Registration required.

Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Kid Flicks. Mondays, 3:30 p.m. May 7: "The Mighty Macs"; May 14: "Hugo."

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

Playtime. Wednesdays, Apr. 4-May 9. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

Stories and More. Tuesdays, Apr. 3- May 8. This fun, interactive storytime is tailored for children ages 3-5 and emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, colors and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, online stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each session provides a language-rich experience. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Thursday Club. Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Exclusively for 6-8th grade students. Games and group activities.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, Jan. 3-May 28, 6-8:30 p.m. 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, Jan. 7-May 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading and writing skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

The Friends of Lincolnwood Library meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH FREE PROGRAMS ABOUT MUSIC

Join the Chicago Public Library (CPL) in "Celebrating Diversity" with its annual observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Throughout the month of May, CPL features a variety of programs highlighting the culture, traditions and history, as well as the contributions Asian/Pacific Americans have made to music and the music industry.

The Library's opening program for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the Richard J. Daley Branch, 3400 S. Halsted St. The celebration features exciting performances by Asian American Chicagoans including Kerry Liang (a well-known musician & music teacher) performing Chinese music with 2 different Chinese instruments; Hee-Wan Kwon and Kyung-Il Song performing a Pansori, a Korean traditional music performance; and My Tran with friends performing Vietnamese dance.

During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, CPL offers entertaining programs for all ages. For a complete listing of programs, visit one of the many CPL locations or our website at chipublic.org. Here are some highlights from the 2012 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration:

Mandarin for Children

Exploring Japanese Music with Kuri Shea

Enjoy the Korean beat: PUNGMUL

First Voice Narrative: Life in Japanese American Internment Camps

Additionally, a bibliography of books about Asian/Pacific Americans in Music will be available at all CPL locations and on the Library's website at chipublic.org, throughout the year.

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

HIDDEN TALENTS 5: A MUSICAL REUNION

Chicago Public Library Patrons Featured In Free, Live Concert

Back by popular demand, Hidden Talents 5! Once again the Chicago Public Library (CPL) unveils to the public the amazing musical abilities of some of the library patrons who practice in the 8th floor Music Practice Rooms at the Harold Washington Library Center. This year, performers from the last four Hidden Talents programs have been invited back for a reunion. The live performances will take place at 12:15 p.m., on Friday, May 4 in the Library's Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State Street.

The talented 10 returning singers and musicians include: Arlene Armstrong, singer, Peter Beck, banjo, Mike Combopiano, trumpet, Claudius Edwards, piano, Robert Frenier, tenor, Shimon Marcucci, soprano, Yuki Nobuhara, soprano, Joseph Shamley, piano, Pamela Spann, soprano, Duryving Ternoir, trumpet

Please note, some performances will be accompanied by pianist Toshiko Suzuki,

The Hidden Talents phenomenon was started in 2008, by the Music Information Center as a showcase for musically inclined library patrons. Hidden Talents is a "big break" opportunity for some performers to appear in front of an audience at a major venue. The Chicago Public Library is delighted to give these deserving people a chance to share their talent with the public.

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- Concert with the **Chinese Fine Art Society**
- Author **Yiyun Li** in conversation with **Achy Obejas**
- A day of tours & activities in **Chinatown**
- Staged reading of *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* by **Silk Road Rising**
- **DePaul University** program on Chinese Literary Forms

For details on these and other events, pick up a copy of the guide at your library or bookstore, visit onebookonechicago.org or call (312) 747-8191.



NEW KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S POETRY FEST

Award-Winning Poet Jimmy Santiago Baca To Speak On April 28

Award-winning poet Jimmy Santiago Baca appears as the keynote speaker, replacing Les Murray, at the Chicago Public Library's 13th Annual Poetry Fest on Saturday, April 28 at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 South State Street. Baca presents his keynote address at 2:00 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium. This program is cosponsored by The Poetry Foundation. Please Note: Les Murray's appearance has been cancelled. We apologize for any disappointment or inconvenience.



After being sentenced to five years in a maximum security prison at the age of 21, Jimmy Santiago Baca learned to read and write and found his passion for poetry. Baca's memoir, *A Place To Stand*, won the prestigious International Award.

Poetry Fest is a free, day-long festival of entertaining poetry readings, workshops, performances and discussions taking place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Harold Washington Library Center. Join us for a day filled with fresh voices, unique perspectives and compelling artists. For more information about Poetry Fest visit chicagopubliclibrary.org.

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

Field of Dreams/Building Our Future

Queen of All Saints parishioners will gather to raise funds

Nearly 1000 area residents are expected to gather on Friday, May 18th on the grand lawn of Queen of All Saints Basilica to celebrate the community and raise funds to support the work of Queen of All Saints (QAS) parish.

The lawn of the QAS Basilica will transform to the "Field of Dreams" an extraordinary dinner and dance event. The event will feature dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles, live music, dancing and much more. "We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the church being elevated to the dignity of a Basilica" said Monsignor John Pollard, Pastor of Queen of All Saints.

The funds raised at the event support the needs of the parish. Tickets can be purchased at www.events.org/QASFieldofdreams Sponsorships, donations and raffle ticket sales are also available at the UPP office (773) 736-6060.

About the UPP Field of Dreams:

The United Parish Program has been the QAS parish program for over 30 years. This year the parish will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church being elevated to a Basilica. The UPP is the one and only fundraiser for the parish and funds raised are to support the ministries of the parish, improvements to the parish property and to build upon the community of faith.

The Norwood Park Historical Society Will Hold its Annual Giant Yard Sale

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its annual Giant Yard Sale at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, on Saturday, June 16, 2012, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2, and all proceeds from the sale will benefit the Norwood Park Historical Society, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

On the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House's giant front yard, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase household items, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, furniture, toys, books, artwork, kitchen items, garden items, bikes, tools, and outdoor items. A silent auction and book sale will take place inside the house. There will also be food for sale.

Those interested in becoming a vendor should call 773-631-4633 and leave a message for Joanne or Shirley to purchase a site.

For more information about the event, please call 773-631-4633 or e-mail info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org. Photos are available upon request; please respond to this message with your photo request.

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.

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Bach and Beyond Ensemble to Perform at DANK-Haus

The DANK Haus in historic Lincoln Square will host the Bach and Beyond Ensemble on Sunday May 06, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

"Spring Concert" in the Marunde Ballroom. Featuring three Sonatas (Flute and Violin) with continuo by Johann Sebastian Bach. Lisa Goethe-McGinn, Flute, John Eckhart, Violin, Scott Will, Piano and Martine Benmann, Cello. Also included is the Piano Trio in C Major, K.548 by Mozart and an early Trio for violin, cello and keyboard by Haydn. The second half of the concert features vocalists Sandra Cross, Mezzo Soprano and Lee Lichamer, Baritone in selections from Cantece Populare and Rumanische Lieder, Op. 7 by Eusebius Mandyczewski, a Transylvanian composer who lived and worked in Vienna. Also featured are works by Schubert and Beethoven sung by the Bach and Beyond Chorus.

Bach and Beyond - Music for the Community, is a local concert series founded in 2001 for the Lincoln Square neighborhood and surrounding communities. In our seasonal concerts you can expect to hear everything from Bach and Handel to Mozart and Beethoven

Tickets are available through DANK-Haus 773.561.9181 or dank@dankhaus.com.

Free parking available at MB Financial lot Western & Gunnison. DANK - Haus is located 1/2 block from the Western Brown Line stop.

This program is partially supported by a City Arts Program III Grant from the City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

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Please contact us at 773-647-1644 or reid@belmontcentral.org to participate.

The New Generation of Urhausens Carry On Family's 90+ Year Tradition

Nick and Gerard Urhausen are of the newest generation of this well-known family that have been the providers of garden plants and flowers to the Chicagoland area since 1922.

When Gerard & Nick's grandfather and his brother started their life's work decades ago, the Lincolnwood property they continue to occupy was pure prairie land with no trees and only a scattering of houses - most of them summer residences. What is now Lincolnwood was all "Country." Vegetables were the mainstay of the greenhouse back then, with all the members of the Urhausen clan chipping in to help during this seasonally busy business. In fact, even today, this is still a total commitment by the entire family. "It seems like you can never work hard enough," Nick and Gerard comment. "Even in the off-season we're making ready for the next year. Because we grow everything ourselves, we offer more colors and varieties including hard to find blooms like zinnias and cosmos. We are really growers more than we are your typical plant and flower providers. As a result of that we are not merchants or marketeers. Our experience and training is as greenhouse growers."

For years now, people from far and wide have been making the "outing or excursion" as it was in the early days, to only a quick trip on any of the major roadways today to feast on the "conservatory" atmosphere of Urhausen's Greenhouse, where they can stroll among the living world of beauty the Urhausens provide. And then to be able to take some of that beauty home with them and enjoy their choices for months afterwards is the ultimate treat.

Gerard and Nick add, "We appreciate all of our customers and the support they have given us through the years and always try to make their experience with us an enjoyable one. Our patrons love to be able to shop in a place where their future plants are actually growing."

We at Our Village thank the Urhausen family for all the service and beauty they have shared with us through these many years and are pleased to announce they will be doing an article for us on a regular basis in which they will continue to share their expertise with us.

Urhausen Greenhouses is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Their phone number 847-675-1573. www.urhausengreenhouses.com

CPL'S FREE AUTHORS SERIES IN MAY FEATURES DISCUSSIONS ON POWER, POLITICS, POLICY & MONEY

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Sonnen Allee	15 Jun Stammtisch
4 Mai Schnitzel/Spargel/Spaetzle	Pieptone!
6 May Bach & Beyond	17 Jun Euro 2012
16 Mai David Wants to Fly	Ger v Den
25 Mai - German Cinema	1 Jul Euro 2012
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NILES WEST PRESENTS BROADWAY CLASSIC "CHICAGO" ON

The Niles West Fine Arts Department will present the modern Broadway classic "Chicago" on May 3 through 5 in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium at 5701 Oakton, Skokie. This modern jazz classic, the longest-running revival in Broadway musical history, is based on Maurine Dallas Watkins' scandalous 1926 play, "a story of murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery—all the things we hold near and dear to our hearts." Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on May 3, 4 and 5. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, senior citizens and children. A free community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 3. Note: this production includes adult language, mature themes...and all that jazz.

This musical satire revolves around Roxie Hart, a dancer who dreams of seeing her name in lights. After killing her lover in an act of revenge, she becomes an instant celebrity with the help of her lawyer, Billy Flynn, and her cellmate, Velma Kelly. You are sure to have a "killer time" at this production.

The cast includes: Rachel Flink as Roxie Hart, Julia Zasso as Velma Kelly, Steven Czajkowski as Billy Flynn, Aaron Ruderman as Amos Hart, Rachel Prale as Matron "Mama" Morton, Merrick McWherter as Mary Sunshine, Lauren Langer as Liz/Ensemble, Elizabeth Mangulabnan as Annie/Ensemble, Anahita Karimi as June/Ensemble, Katie Buckley as Hunyak/Ensemble, Isabell Ramirez as Mona/Ensemble, Sharon Pasia as "Go To Hell" Kitty/Ensemble, Surdeep Chauhan as Harrison/Ensemble, Daniel Bedoya as Sgt. Fogerty/Ensemble, Jason Magel as Fred/Ensemble, Keenan Morales as Harry/Ensemble, Cameron Broderick as Aaron/Ensemble, Rishi Patel as Judge/Ensemble, and Randy Tran as Clerk/Ensemble. Male Ensemble: Sebastian Achettu, Andre Eramia, Max Green and Kahlil Sassa. Female Ensemble: Joerlyn Manalang, Susy Montoya Quinchia, Courtney Nielsen, Ashley Pagett, Carly Tennes, Mary Vo, Rhiannon Yalowitz and Emma Zivkovic.

Crew Heads: Stage Manager: Aria Caldwell; Assistant Stage Manager: Sithara Vincent; Assistant Stage Manager: Samantha Elkin; Costume Head: Caleigh Havansek; Master Electrician: Zachary Tarnoff; Paint Lead: Becca Gratch; Prop Mistress: Lila Gilbert; and Publicity/House Manager: Danielle Klemens.

Production Crew: Scott Albaum, Mira Berkson, Renee Castillo, Sherlina Chauhan, Asiya Fatima, Julian Fontelera, Deena Kahn, Kristin Rowland; Brian Sands and Sarah Younan.

Pit Orchestra: Erin Balke, Sarah Chamness, Estee Cramer, Nathaniel Fox, Zach Hiyama, Aaron Hong, Masafumi Hoshi, Charlie Jacobs, Connie Kim, Will Lefler, Claire Son, Kyle McHugh, Nick Michalesko, Merrill Miller, Lia Sacks, Vikram Shah, Alison Stangel, Karen Torres, Eric Tran-Ton and Gloria Jung.

Production Team: Director: Andy Sinclair; Choreographer: Patti-Anne Davis; Vocal Director: Julie Crossen; Pit Orchestra Director: William Koch; Assistant Choreographer: Tami Knoll; Technical Director/Scenic Design: Steven George; Costume/Properties Design: Kimberly Morris; Lighting Design: Charlotte Rathke; Sound Design: Adam Rosenthal; Music Coordinator: Amy Branahl; and Box Office Management: Cynthia Philbin and Jackie Garvey.

Concert of Mexican & Polish Music with Cuerdas Clasicas & Lira Ensemble

St. Bruno Church and The Lira Ensemble present Lira's Award-Winning Free Concert of Mexican & Polish Music Celebrating Cinco de Mayo & May 3rd/Polish Constitution Day performed by Cuerdas Clasicas String Ensemble, Rodolfo Hernandez, Director and The Lira Singers, Mina Zikri, Conductor.

Admission and Parking are FREE. A free-will collection will be taken.

Sun. May 6, 4:00 pm at St. Bruno Church, 4751 S. Harding, Chicago, IL

For more information call Lira Ensemble, 773-508-7040

"A Theater Review"

"Freud's Last Session"

Mercury Theatre

3745 North Southport Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

"Freud's Last Session" has been running off-Broadway for two years.

I wonder how many theatergoers know who C. S. Lewis is but I'm sure the name of Sigmund Freud will be and is remembered by many. The Provisions Theatre has done shows featuring the character C. S. Lewis but "Freud's Last Session" features these two real life individuals — one who is an enthusiastic Christian believer and Freud, a hard-core atheist.

"Last Session" playwright is Mark St. Germain. It is a very intellectual drama that is being directed by Tyler Marchant and features the two New York actors who are reprising their roles for the Chicago production. The show is still running in New York and their roles have been taken over by other actors.

This show runs seventy-five minutes without intermission. Martin Rayner is brilliant as Doctor Sigmund Freud and Mark H. Dold as C. S. Lewis gives a performance in this two-character play that you'll come out remembering if you love good drama.

Freud has invited Lewis to his home in London as the two men clash on such topics as God, Love, Sex and the meaning of Life.

When Lewis arrives at first he thinks Freud is going to tear him apart for what he has to say in his book only to discover that Freud has never read it.

While Rayner as Freud has some of the best lines Dold, as Lewis, eagerly explains his views that lead to Freud voicing his own convictions with the same vigor.

The two characters will assert their theories, concede some points and tell jokes.

We find that the story is set three weeks before his death of oral cancer in 1939 at the age of 83. You will see the sight of some stage blood.

The two meet the day England entered World War II. Is it a fictional meeting or did they meet?

St. Germain wrote this after reading Dr. Armand M. Nicoli, Jr.'s, book "The Question of God." Nicoli was a professor of psychology at Harvard University.

While Lewis fights back he does agree with the Atheist about one thing: "The stupidity of some church leaders that many find them easy targets." Judge for yourself. "Freud's Last Session" runs through June 3rd. For theatre dates, performance times and reservations call 773-325-1700. Tickets are \$35-\$55.

-Three and a Half Stars-

EXIT EDEN BY DOUG FOGELSON OPENS MAY 4 AT THE CITY GALLERY AT THE HISTORIC WATER TOWER

First Non-Chicago Focused Show to be Exhibited in City Gallery, "Exit Eden" Reflects on Earth's Changing Environment Through Photography by Chicago Artist

A new exhibition, Exit Eden, at the City Gallery at the Historic Water Tower, 806 N. Michigan Avenue, casts light on the Earth's shifting environments through photography by Chicago artist Doug Fogelson. Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the exhibition opens Friday, May 4 with a free public reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Exit Eden will be on display through September 23, 2012. The City Gallery is open Mondays – Saturdays 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

Exit Eden by Doug Fogelson considers the transformative effect climate change is having on our natural environment through the abstraction of landscape photography. In removing layers of both imagery and color from his original transparency film, Fogelson creates a dialog between destructiveness and beauty that points to a consideration of humanity within the elements. Exit Eden is Fogelson's way of coming to terms with conflicted views about an earthly paradise and the extinction or loss of precious resources.

A Chicago native, Doug Fogelson studied at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Columbia College College. His work is displayed in notable public and private collections and with esteemed galleries. Most of Fogelson's work is represented via photographic means and materials, and the photographic process itself is integral to his conceptualizations. His work addresses the physical implications of materials and a questioning of human interactions within shifting boundaries and borders.

Since 1999 the City Gallery has presented solely Chicago-themed exhibits. Beginning with Exit Eden, the exhibition space expands its focus to highlight Chicago's artists and photographers, showcasing the diversity of quality work and breadth of vision in the city's creative community.

For more information about Exit Eden and City Gallery, visit www.ExploreChicago.org.

NILES WEST MUSICIAN SELECTED FOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FLUTE CHOIR

Niles West High School junior Charlie Jacobs has been selected for the 2012 National High School Flute Choir. The National Flute Association chooses the top 40 high school players in the country via an audition CD. Jacobs auditioned on the C flute repertoire, and also submitted additional recordings for the auxiliary flute repertoire. He was accepted as one of the four to six bass flute players, nationwide. He will perform with the National Flute Association National High School Flute Choir at the 40th annual National Convention held in Las Vegas, NV in August.

Lincolnwood Village Hall Promenade Improvements Underway

The Village is currently in the process of making improvements to the promenade area between the Village Hall and the Police Department. The area was originally developed 20 years ago when the Village Hall Campus was constructed. The project includes the replacement of deteriorated concrete with brick pavers, the installation of native landscaping, drainage improvements, and additional parking spaces. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 15. During the project, access to the primary entrances of the Village Hall and Police Department may be temporarily closed. These closures will be kept to a minimum and signage will be posted informing visitors of temporary access points. Parking may also be affected during this time. Additional parking is available along Morse Avenue and at Proesel Park. Lastly, some sidewalks around the perimeter of the Village Hall Campus may be temporarily affected. Signage will be posted when this is the case. Should you have any questions regarding the project, contact the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888.

Lincolnwood's Commemorative Brick Campaign

Be a part of Lincolnwood's history by purchasing a commemorative brick for the Village of Lincolnwood Promenade (area between the entrances to Village Hall and the Police Department). As part of the Promenade Improvement Project, community members and businesses may purchase engraved bricks honoring the past and celebrating the future.

Engraved bricks (4" x 8") are being sold for \$75 each, which includes the cost of engraving and installation. For an additional \$50 you may purchase a duplicate brick to keep. Commemorative bricks provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to publicly honor your family, friends, or business, while permanently recording your place in Village history. Proceeds from the sale of engraved bricks will be used for park improvements. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

CHICAGO LAUNCHES FREE "INSTAGREETER" SERVICE IN LAKEVIEW/WRIGLEYVILLE/BOYSTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD, MAY 26

Chicago visitors will be able to experience the vibrant communities of Lakeview, Wrigleyville and Boystown like a true insider this summer when a new "Insta-Greeter" neighborhood location opens on Saturday, May 26 at the Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted. This free visitor service offered by the Chicago Greeter program at the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture (COTC) provides one-hour guided walks led by friendly, knowledgeable locals.

InstaGreeter returns this summer to the Pilsen neighborhood at the National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th Street; to Old Town at The Second City, 1616 N. Wells Street; and to Hyde Park, departing from a new location: Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Avenue. Neighborhood locations are open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on alternating Saturdays from May 26 to October 6. Walks are given on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to six people or less with no pre-registration required.

The neighborhood InstaGreeter locations are an offshoot of the popular, year-round Loop InstaGreeter service, which offers visitors an opportunity to see the downtown area on a one-hour guided walk with a volunteer Greeter. Located at the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street, Loop InstaGreeter is available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also downtown, COTC offers a summer-only tour of Millennium Park, leaving from the Millennium Park Welcome Center, 201 E. Randolph Street, daily at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., from May 25 to October 8 – and a seasonal Magnificent Mile InstaGreeter location at the Water Works Visitor Information Center, 163 E. Pearson Street, available this spring through April 21 and during the holiday season. Magnificent Mile InstaGreeter provides free, one-hour walks of N. Michigan Avenue and surrounding areas.

"In opening a new neighborhood location in Lakeview, Chicago proudly welcomes visitors to experience the diversity of the city," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "A broad array of fashionable boutiques, novelty stores, restaurants and entertainment venues make the area a great destination, with Boystown forming the heart of our thriving LGBT community and Wrigleyville playing home to sports fans all year round. Chicagoans take great pride in their city and through our unique InstaGreeter service, visitors can take away an authentic Chicago experience as shared by a local insider."

For more information about all Chicago Greeter programs, visit chicagogreeter.com.

Village of Lincolnwood Featuring Art From District 74 Students

Beginning May 2, 2012, selected artwork from the art classes of School District 74 will be featured in the Village's art gallery. This show, entitled "Beyond the Basics," will include over 75 works of art from kindergarten through eighth grade students. Painting, weaving, drawing, collage, digital, and three-dimensional work is included. The Village will host a public reception for the student's art exhibit on May 15, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. The exhibit will run through May 30, 2012.

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.

"CUBS VS. SOX: A REAL RIVALRY" WILL BE THE MAY 16 TIMELY TALK AT NORWOOD CROSSING

The argument prevails each year: Which is the better team—the Chicago Cubs or the Chicago White Sox? The next best thing to a subway world series is the interleague weekend series between the two teams. Why has this rivalry become a classic? Find out by attending the Timely Talk, at 2:00 p.m., on May 16, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The presentation will take place two days before the Cubs and White Sox meet for the first time during the 2012 season at Wrigley Field.

George Castle, local author, baseball authority and radio talk show host, will discuss how the classic has become the closest event to a playoff atmosphere, why the classic has led to argument resolution based on on-field performance rather than fantasy and projection, and will give insight into the various players who have played in the event over the past 15 years.

A question and answer session, refreshments and a raffle will follow the talk. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323.

Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community

Help build a strong, caring Skokie community by opening your home for a neighborhood coffee gathering during the Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community (KYN) program being held from May 1 through June 30, 2012.

All KYN hosts will receive a host 'kit' that includes invitations, name tags, conversation starters and a coupon redeemable for a free coffee cake (Kosher or traditional) to serve at their coffee. The Village held KYN programs in 2008, 2010 and 2011 during which over 100 resident hosts opened their homes to thousands of their Skokie neighbors and friends.

This year, a member of the Village Board and a member of the Village's, senior management team, will attend coffees scheduled for Tuesday or Thursday evenings or Saturday or Sunday afternoons. When hosts register with the Village, they can decide if they would like the Village officials to attend their coffee event for an hour or so to meet residents and answer questions about the Village.

All 2012 Know Your Neighbor Week hosts are invited to a post-event thank you reception at the new Skokie Police Headquarters, 7300 Niles Center Road, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012. Refreshments will be served as everyone shares their experiences from the Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community program.

To register as a KYN host, please email info@skokie.org or call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

Skokie Community Potluck, April 29, 2012

The Skokie Human Relations Commission invites all Skokie residents to the Sunday, April 29, 2012 Community Potluck. The event will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie. The event is free, but residents are asked to bring their favorite dish to share with their neighbors and friends. Ethnic specialties are encouraged! The Human Relations Commission will provide plates, napkins, utensils and beverages. Please plan to attend and bring your family, neighbors and friends.

Guests who intend on sharing a dish are requested to honor safe handling methods. Please see some key methods below:

One of the most important things you can do to prevent the spread of food-borne illnesses is to wash your hands. You should wash your hands often. During food preparation, as often as necessary to remove soil and contamination and to prevent cross contamination when changing tasks.

Make sure cooked foods are heated completely. Always maintain hot foods at 135°F or above. Any reheated foods must reach 165°F or above.

Make sure cold prepared foods are rapidly cooled down. Always maintain cold foods at 41°F or below.

The Community Potluck serves as the kick start to the 2012 Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community program; details are available at www.skokie.org.

For additional information or to RSVP, please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208 or email info@skokie.org.

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Tree-Care Booklet for \$3 Donation

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive the Conservation Trees booklet simply by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation.

Conservation Trees is a user-friendly booklet that features illustrations, colorful photos and easily understood descriptions.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters throughout the country," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "It is important that people know how to properly plant and care for their trees."

"Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones," Rosenow continued. "Trees clean the air, keep our water sources pure and conserve energy. Trees provide so many benefits to a community, and that's why it is so vital to take care of them."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.

How Will Your Assets Pass Upon Your Death? Get to Know Your C.O.P.



Chester M. Przybylo

Have you ever wondered what happens to a person's assets when they pass away? Just about everyone knows about a Will, and the fact that it includes instructions on how to dispose of a decedent's assets upon his or her death. But did you know there are other ways of transferring assets to your loved ones upon your death? You can easily remember three methods by recognizing the acronym C.O.P. – Contract, Operation of Law, and Probate.

“C” - Contract

The first method of transferring assets upon the owner's death is through the use of various contracts. This is an arrangement to have money and assets transferred upon the asset owner's death to the people previously designated by the asset owner. This form of transferring assets is very common, and includes the following arrangements:

- Trusts;
- Life Insurance Policies;
- Individual Retirement Accounts;
- Partnerships;
- Buy-Sell Agreements.

One benefit to using contractual arrangements for transferring assets is that the right of the beneficiary to receive the assets in question exists at the moment of the owner's death. When executed properly, (barring any extraordinary complications) the transfer can occur rapidly with minimal effort on the part of the beneficiaries. Additionally, the use of a contractual arrangement, such as a Trust, allows you the peace of mind of knowing that, regardless of an incapacitating illness later in the owner's life, his or her wishes will be followed upon the owner's death.

The key to using contracts to swiftly transfer assets upon the owner's death is to plan far enough in advance to fully reap its benefits. This is especially true of contractual arrangements such as Life Insurance Policies and Annuities, which can become financially infeasible, or even completely unattainable, the older the applicant becomes. Additionally, certain types of contractual arrangements come under close scrutiny if they occur near to the asset owner's death.

“O” - Operation of Law

A second method of transferring assets upon the asset owner's death is by operation of law. Generally, this technique is applicable to situations where the asset owner holds title to an asset with another person. Forms of holding assets include:

- Joint Tenancy with Rights of Survivorship
- Tenancy by the Entirety
- Community Property with Rights of Survivorship
- Life Estates

The “survivorship” aspect of this type of asset ownership transfers full ownership immediately upon the co-owner's (or life tenant's) death to the remaining owner(s) (or remainder interest holder).

This technique is different from the contract method of asset transfer, as the beneficiary under a contract generally does not have an ownership interest in the asset in question until the owner's death. Conversely, under a transfer by operation of law, the recipient becomes a co-owner of the asset upon taking title to the assets.

“P” – Probate

A third way in which assets are transferred upon the asset owner's death is through Probate. This is the process through which title is changed from the decedent's name into the new owner's name. Probate, (depending upon the state in which the asset owner resides and where property is located) can be an expensive and time-consuming process. Additionally, probate is a public court proceeding, thereby allowing anyone to know your personal details and financial holdings.

Probate is mandated if you die without a Will. The court must determine who is to receive your assets as prescribed by state law. However, what many people do not realize is that Probate is also required if you die with a Will. “Probate” means “to prove a Will.” Nevertheless, if you have disposed of your assets through an alternate means of transfer as discussed above, (“Contract” and “Operation of Law”), the process can be expedited in many states.

The Decision is Yours

The bottom line is that you do have a choice – you can dictate how your assets are transferred upon your death. Knowing this fact gives you an advantage over many people, but you must use that knowledge to benefit yourself and your family. Consult with a qualified attorney specializing in estate planning to discuss which methods are appropriate for your particular circumstances.

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.

LAW AT THE LIBRARY INFORMS CHICAGOANS ON TODAY'S LEGAL ISSUES

The Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Bar Association partner to present Law at the Library, a free monthly lecture series focusing on today's hot and timely legal topics. Law at the Library invites participants to listen to an experienced legal professional, ask general questions, and check out materials on a variety of legal topics – at no charge! In addition, all Chicago Public Library locations serve as community centers which provide access to books, databases and journals that can help Chicagoans learn more about legal issues.

Law at the Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The topic of the May 2012 Law at the Library seminars is Estate Planning and they take place as listed below:

Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue; (312) 744-7616

Monday, May 21 at 12:15 p.m. Chicago Authors Room, 7th Floor. Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State Street; (312) 747-4300

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

Help Mom Save \$4,000 a Year

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Administration

Given the current economic climate, buying a nice gift for Mother's Day may be more difficult than in years past. But people across the nation are discovering that the best gifts are often free.

This Mother's Day, you can show Mom how to save an estimated \$4,000 a year on her Medicare prescription drug costs. Here's how.

If your mother is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, she may be eligible for Extra Help — available through Social Security — to pay part of her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year.

To figure out whether your mother is eligible, Social Security needs to know her income and the value of her savings, investments and real estate (other than the home she lives in). To qualify for the extra help, she must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$16,335 for an individual or \$22,065 for a married couple living together. 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 where income may be higher include if she and, if married, her husband:
 - Support other family members who live with them;
 - Have earnings from work; or
 - Live in Alaska or Hawaii.
- Resources limited to \$13,070 for an individual or \$26,120 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.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your mom. You can find it 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.

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).

Mom will be grateful when you give her a useful gift this year: help her save an estimated \$4,000 a year on Medicare prescription drugs. It won't cost you anything more than a little bit of quality time with her — something you and Mom both want anyway. These rules apply to Dad as well, so plan ahead for your Father's Day gift too.

The Lincolnwood Social Club

Day trips, drop-in programs, guest speakers and seasonal mixers are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Lincolnwood Social Club members. Area seniors, age 55 years and better, are encouraged to join the program and start taking advantage of some of the upcoming programming including theater outings to see *The Pirates of Penzance* (May 16), *Dream Girls* (October 10) and *Singin' in the Rain* (November 28). Other day trips include the Glenn Miller Orchestra (May 22), History Lunch Tour on the Spirit of Chicago (June 20) and Lake Geneva Lake Tour and Lunch at The Abbey (July 18). Registration fees include round trip transportation and lunch for most outings.

Drop-in programs are offered on a weekly basis at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Weekly activities include bridge, mah jongg and senior exercise. Classes are offered either free of charge or at a discount for Social Club members. In addition to day trips and drop-in programs, members enjoy monthly activities including movie viewings with catered lunch, area restaurant outings as well as outings to city locales (transportation included) and monthly social mixers highlighting member birthdays.

For membership information and a complete list of activities, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or access at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

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.

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Skokie Merchant of the Year Campaign

The Skokie Consumers Affairs Commission has announced the release of the Merchant of the Year ballots. Ballots may be cast by clicking here, or at www.skokie.org/ConsumerAffairsCommission.cfm. Paper ballots also are available in the April edition of NewSkokie. All nominations are due May 15, 2012.

Residents are encouraged to nominate the outstanding store, service or business in Skokie. The Consumer Affairs Commission will tabulate and review the ballots to determine the winner. The Merchant of the Year will be honored at a Village Board meeting in early summer. Merchants who finish in second and third place will also be recognized.

For more information, please contact Terry Oline, Consumer Affairs Commission staff liaison at 847/933-8223.

American Cancer Society's 41st Annual Walk & Roll Chicago Unites Community to Save Lives and Create More Birthdays

Residents Walk, Skate or Bike Towards a Cure, Sunday, April 29th at Soldier Field Stadium Green

Individuals who want to make a difference in the fight against cancer this spring can join the thousands of walkers, skaters and bicyclists who support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays by participating in the 41st annual Walk and Roll Chicago.

Walk and Roll is a family-friendly event and one of the Society's largest annual fundraisers in Illinois where teams made up of friends, families and co-workers unite to honor or remember loved ones that have battled cancer.

This year, the Society hopes to attract more than 10,000 participants and raise \$1 million statewide to help people stay well and get well, to fund and find new cures, and to rally people to fight back.

The Society is also honored to announce that Olympian Jackie Joyner Kersee, ranked among the all-time greatest athletes in the women's heptathlon as well as in the women's long jump will be a Key Note speaker for Walk & Roll Chicago.

"All of us have been affected by cancer in some way and Walk & Roll is an uplifting and meaningful way for the community to come together and show our support against this disease that has affected so many people we know," said Jamie Boothroyd, 2012 Walk and Roll Chicago event chair. "Every dollar raised at this event goes toward fighting every form of cancer and empowers the Society to offer free resources and services to cancer patients and their families every step of the way."

Walk & Roll participants raise funds prior to the event, often to commemorate friends and family who have lost their lives to cancer or honor those who currently struggle with the disease. Participants then take part in a 5-mile walk, 10-mile skate, or 15-mile bike ride.

There is a \$15 registration fee for all participants ages 18 and older. Participants are encouraged to raise \$100 to receive a free event t-shirt. Most participants aim for a goal of \$250 or more. To sign up or learn more about the event, please call 312-279-7261 or visit www.walkroll.org

To learn more or get help, call us any time at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org



Anti-Cruelty Society

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

The Anti-Cruelty Society's Bark in the Park Brings Thousands of Dogs to Montrose Harbor

Annual Fundraiser Makes Noise on May 5, 2012

Dogs are leading their owners to their favorite canine event of the year—The Anti-Cruelty Society's Bark in the Park. On May 5, 2012 at 9 a.m., rain or shine, thousands of dogs and their owners are scheduled to congregate at Montrose Harbor for a morning of fun and an opportunity to raise funds and awareness for The Anti-Cruelty Society's programs and services.

Thousands of humans and their dogs are expected to attend this year's event creating a great day of camaraderie amongst animal lovers. Emcees, ABC 7's Hosea Sanders and Roz Varon, will be on site kicking off the walk and keeping everyone energized throughout the morning. Cat owners are welcome as well and given the opportunity to make a pin in honor of the feline friends that are not able to attend the dog-friendly event.

Activities include agility courses, demonstrations, product samples from small business sponsors, Animal Intuitive Denise Zak, a family fun tent—plus free snacks, souvenir photos, 50/50 cash raffle, and much more.

Bark in the Park is made possible by our generous sponsors: ABC7, Hill's Science Diet, BMO/Harris Investments, PetSmart, and many more corporate and individual supporters.

Advance registration is \$35 for adults, \$30 for children under 13, and dogs and children under 3 are free. Walkers may register and raise funds online. Pick up registration packets at participating PetSmart locations, at the Society's Education & Training Center (169 W. Grand Ave., Chicago) on Friday, April 27 from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to noon, or the morning of the event at 7 a.m. at the red tents.

For a look at last year's walk, to register and pledge, and to find sponsors information visit www.barkinthePark.org. For more information call the Bark in the Park hotline at 312-329-8726 or email events@anticruelty.org.

Village Recipes

Mom's Will Love This Refreshing Salad From The Motherland!

Honey Orange Fruit Salad

1 cup sliced strawberries
1 cup grapes
1 cup sliced kiwi
1 cup pitted cherries, halved
1 tablespoon fresh chopped mint
1/4 cup toasted pecans
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
1 cup sliced fresh peach
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon honey
Mint leaves for garnish

Combine fruit, mint and pecans in a large bowl. Set aside. Whisk together orange juice, lemon juice and honey. Garnish with mint leaves. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool Springs Opens April 21

Free Docent Tours Begin April 21

Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool opens for the 2012 season. Park patrons enjoying the sites and tranquil sounds of the historic Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool

Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, corner of Fullerton & Cannon Drive, & Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

Lily pool opens April 21 - December 1 or first snow/ice

Lily Pool Free Tours begin April 21 through October 28:

- Fridays from 1 - 4 p.m.,
- Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.
- Sundays 1 - 4 p.m.

Conservatory tours available year round.

The tours start every hour and every half hour. For those interested in the Lily Pool tour, please meet at the Fullerton Avenue gate to start the tour. For those interested in touring the conservatory, please meet in the lobby before the tour. No registration required. Please call the Lincoln Park Conservancy at 773.883.7275 to schedule a group tour.

The award-winning restored Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool is one of Chicago's premier prairie-style landscapes designed by Caldwell in the late 1930s and is a National Historic Landmark. The Lincoln Park Conservatory is a treasured Victorian glass house dating from the 1890s.

Spring Greening Event at Niles North High School

Ready to learn more about being Green? All are welcome to the Spring Greening event at Niles North High School, 9800 North Lawler Avenue on Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is presented by the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Skokie Park District, District 219, Skokie Public Library and the Village of Skokie.

The Spring Greening expo features:

- Reuse and recycling drop-off (see website for acceptable items)
- Entertainers: Strictly Jug Nuts jug band, Ricky Recycle, Parker in the Park, and The Trashy Fashion Show by District 219

- Green products and services expo with local businesses and organizations
- Informative workshops on green living topics

For more information about this Spring Greening event, please call 847/674-1500, ext. 2500 or visit www.SkokieSpringGreening.org.

Crafters, Artists, and Bakers are Sought for This Holiday Fund-Raiser

The Norwood Park Historical Society is now accepting applications from crafters, artists, and high-quality chefs/bakers to fill positions at the 25th Annual Victoria's Holiday Boutique, a fund-raiser for this nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. The event is Nov. 28 through Dec. 2, 2012, at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago.

Applicants must submit a link to their website or Etsy site, a list of recent holiday shows at which they've displayed, and (if possible) photos of their work. The Norwood Park Historical Society charges \$35 to \$65 for each table/space depending on its size, and each seller must donate 15% commission on sales to this fundraiser. During the event, crafters must commit to a minimum of 5 hours to working the sale. Commission rises to 20% if the crafter is unable to work at the event.

Hand- or home-made items ONLY. This show is not juried; selections will be made on an as-needed basis. Jewelry is not accepted. Send information to Cindy 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.

For more information about the event, please call 773-631-4633 or e-mail info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

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