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Happy New Year
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KILBOURN PARK ORGANIC GREENHOUSE Winter 2011 Organic Garden Calendar of Events

Discover the wonderful world of nature! Spark your curiosity and explore the fun & educational offerings at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., the Chicago Park District's only park with a teaching organic greenhouse. The 2011 winter workshop is designed for adults 18 & over in mind; plus, we have a scheduled everyone's favorite Garden Buddies Family Event. Register for winter programs in-person at the park.

Seed Swap Saturday, January 22, 9a.m. - 10a.m.

Ages: 18 & over

Do you have extra seeds from last year? Want to try something new? Come early to the Seed Starting Class and swap seeds with other gardeners.

Seed Starting Basics Nancy Benjamin, Master Gardener

Saturday, January 22, 10 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m. - Noon

Fee: \$10, per day; Cash Only

Ages: 18 & over

Craving unique vegetables? Want those old fashioned French marigolds? Like the delicate herb chervil? Want to show your children the wonders of plants? Sometimes, to get the plants you want--when you want them--you just have to grow them yourself. Master Gardener and organic advocate Nancy Benjamin will show you the basics of

seed starting. Discover seed sources, trays, growing mediums, lights, as well as germination tips and times for a whole variety of vegetables and flowers.

Garden Buddies Family Event Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m. - Noon

\$5 per child, parents are free

Ideal for children 8 & under

Come enjoy a wintry day at Kilbourn Park at our Garden Buddies Family Event! We will celebrate the winter season through hands-on projects that explore snow and examine where our garden wildlife spends the winter. Activities will include snow globe making, mask making, pine cone bird feeders and a tour of the winter garden.

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

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Polish National Alliance Assists Needy Children at Christmas with Toy Drive

The Polish National Alliance held their annual toy drive for needy children from November through the second week of December. A large decorated carton stood in the lobby of the Home Office for donations that would be given by PNA Employees and guests who entered the building. The PNA affiliates, the two PNA Bank locations (Niles and South Pulaski Avenue in Chicago) and the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiaskowy) also participated in the toy drive with drop off

Delivery at Loyola Hospital (l-r)
Joan Oskorep,
Executive Secretary to Vice President Odrobina, and Megan Gray.



PNA Executive Officers with donation box (l-r) President Frank Spula, Treasurer Marian Grabowski, (Back) Secretary Charles A. Komosa, Vice President Paul C. Odrobina

boxes in their buildings.

PNA President Frank Spula appointed Vice President Paul Odrobina to oversee the collections. Mr. Odrobina's Administrative Assistant Joan Oskorep assisted in the organizing of the drive. Many of the Employees donated cash or brought items in as well. Cash donations were used to purchase toys from area stores.

On Tuesday, December 14, 2010, the eight large boxes containing over 200 donated toys, games, stuffed animals and books were delivered to Loyola Hospital in Maywood, Illinois and to a Salvation Army location on the North Side of Chicago. The staff from Loyola Hospital and the Salvation Army were so grateful for the donations and would like to thank everyone who donated a gift or gifts to make a needy or ill child at Christmas smile.

Story and Photos by: Robert M. Jadach

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers January Health Programs

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

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, January 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Maureen O'Bryan, Senior Citizen Liaison, Illinois State Attorney Office, will discuss identity theft and elder abuse. Registration is not required.

A free informational session about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, January 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bariatric surgeon Frederick Tiesenga, M.D., will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals. He will explain available procedures and their eligibility requirements and will answer questions. For this event only register by calling 708-456-7874.

A free lecture titled **"Is Diabetes in Your Future?"** will be held Thursday, January 20, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Diabetes can lead to blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, limb amputations and other complications. Rita Vercruyse, R.N., and Noreen Sheridan, R.D., will discuss diabetes signs and symptoms, diagnoses, treatment and dietary guidelines. They will answer questions related to blood test results from the January 6 diabetes screening. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, January 24, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free lecture titled **"Reclaim Healthy Weight"** will be given Tuesday, January 25, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Diets and exercise don't work for everyone. Bariatric surgeon Frederick Tiesenga, M.D., will discuss minimally invasive surgical solutions that, along with postoperative changes in diet and lifestyle, can help severely overweight people improve their overall health. He will explain bariatric surgery: the preparation process, risks, benefits and surgical candidate criteria. After the lecture, Dr. Tiesenga will provide free, individual screenings for those who are interested. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, January 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This free monthly support group is for anyone with or has a loved one with a pacemaker or internal cardiac defibrillator (ICD). Cardiology Services Department staff will conduct the sessions and answer pacemaker or defibrillator-related questions. Sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, January 27, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

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

Maryanne Bajgrowicz Named Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer

Maryanne Bajgrowicz, R.N., has been named vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, a position she held most recently on an interim basis.

Bajgrowicz assumes executive leadership responsibilities in the delivery of nursing practices that provide excellent patient care and serve the health care needs of the community. This includes overseeing inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical units, organizational policies and procedures related to quality of patient care, and programs that support the hospital's health care ministry. She also has principal responsibility for compliance with both regulatory and accrediting agencies.

Bajgrowicz has more than 20 years of nursing and administrative experience, including fiscal and human resource management, performance improvement initiatives and staff education. Among her accomplishments, Bajgrowicz has improved nursing competencies, developed economies and efficiencies in workflow, developed a comprehensive nursing orientation program, facilitated the computerization of nursing management functions, and coordinated department renovations.

Bajgrowicz earned a master's of science degree in business management from Webster University and a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from Loyola University. She is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association.



Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

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

Jan. 13th - Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. There will be no guest speaker today. A Board of Directors meeting will follow the regular meeting.

Jan. 27th - Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. Our guest speaker(s) will be Neurological Surgeons from the Chicago Back Institute at Swedish Covenant Hospital. They will talk about the new program and their philosophy of conservative care, advancements in treatment for back pain, and they'll be open to Q&A afterwards.

Note: Meetings now begin at 12:00 noon and not 12:15pm. It would be appreciated if you would arrive by 12:00 noon. Thank you!

For membership and event information contact Ronald A. Heiderman, DDS at 773-561-0455.

Village of Skokie Fire Department Offers CPR Classes

The Skokie Fire Department offers CPR classes at Fire Station 16, 7424 Niles Center Road. The next sessions take place on Tuesday, January 18, and Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

The CPR class's run from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and cover infant, child, and adult CPR. Residents pay a \$15 refundable fee. Non-residents pay a \$20, non-refundable fee. This class is not certified for health-care professionals.

Save a life, register for a CPR class today! Call 847/982-5340 to register.

Skokie Health Department Advises Residents How to Stay Healthy During Influenza Season

The Skokie Health Department has been alerted to increased influenza illness in the community and would like to advise residents on how to stay healthy during influenza season. Influenza, or 'the flu', typically spreads during this time of year and peaks in February.

Residents ages six months and older who have not received an influenza vaccination should do so now through a local pharmacy or their private health care provider. The Skokie Health Department administered all of its influenza vaccine during October 2010 immunization clinics available to all Skokie residents over six months of age and does not have any additional vaccine available.

To prevent the spread of influenza, the Skokie Health Department encourages all residents to practice the following:

Clean - wash your hands often with soap and water to prevent illness. Teach your children this, too. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective if hand washing is not possible.

Cover - if you have a respiratory illness, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow, or into a tissue and discard it promptly. Teach your children this, too.

Contain - anyone who is sick should stay home. Do not spread illness at work, at school, at a store, at your house of worship or anywhere.

If you or a loved one has a fever over 100 degrees, a cough or trouble breathing, call your doctor or other health care provider.

Obtaining an annual flu shot for you and your loved ones, and remembering to clean your hands, properly cover a cough and contain yourself if you are sick and avoid others who are ill can go a long way in preventing the spread of influenza. For more information visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

For additional information contact: Dr. Catherine Counard, Director of Health 847/933-8252.

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Evanston Community Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center invites you to a community celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15. The event will reflect upon the life of the civil rights leader, including a special message from Reverend Kenneth Cherry. There will also be music by The Christ Temple Choir and Soul4real. Fleetwood-Jourdain Center is located at 1655 Foster St., Evanston. For more information, call Fleetwood-Jourdain Center at 847-448-8254.

ATTENTION US MILITARY VETERANS

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday January 13TH starting at 7:30PM at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy., Chicago (just west of Harlem).

A service officer from the Ninth District Council will be available to discuss current veteran's benefits. All veterans are welcome to attend.

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

Some New State Laws that Take Effect Jan 1

The City of Evanston's Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator Matt Swentkofske reminds residents of several new laws that will take effect in the New Year. On January 1, 2011 numerous changes to Illinois state law take effect. They represent a wide variety of topics and issues that your state legislature deals with on a daily basis. Below you will find a small sampling of the many bills passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor during the 2009-10 legislative session.

- House Bill 3785 – Prohibits local government from placing restrictions on political signs placed on private property.
- House Bill 4658 – Prohibits potential employers from inquiring about a person's credit history as a prerequisite to employment. Prohibits a credit score or credit history preventing someone from being offered employment.
- House Bill 4691 – Amplify penalties for people who transport children in an automobile who fail to properly secure the child in either a car seat or with a seat-belt. Also provides customers for a discount on car seats through their insurers.
- House Bill 5152 – Creates a system of independent review to investigate deaths of residents at state-operated facilities for people with developmental disabilities. Also known as Brian's Law.
- House Bill 5772 – Requires pet shops and shelters to disclose information to new animal owners regarding the animals being sold/adopted. This includes birth dates, breeding info, vaccination records among some of the information requiring disclosure.
- House Bill 6101 – Increases penalties for false 911 calls or filing false police reports.
- Senate Bill 355 – Moves the statewide primary elections in even numbered years to the 3rd Tuesday in March. In 2008, the primary was moved to February.
- Senate Bill 1466 - Enacts a \$5,000 limit on individual donations to any political campaign in a primary and \$5,000 general election, with a \$10,000 limit for corporations, labor unions and political action committees in a primary, and again in a general election. Increases candidate reporting requirements per year.
- Senate Bill 2824 – Prohibits convicted sexual predators and child sex offenders from being within 500 feet of public parks
- Senate Bill 3796 - Speeding 30 mph over the limit is no longer a petty offense punishable by fine only. Now, a ticket for going 30 mph over the speed limit has a penalty of up to six months jail and \$1,500.00 fine. Speeding 40 mph or more over the limit may carry a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail and a fine of \$2,500.00.

To learn more about other legislation and laws that will take effect in the new year, visit the Illinois General Assembly's web site at www.ilga.gov.

Edison Park Lighting Approved

Alderman Doherty announces approval of arterial street ornamental lighting in downtown Edison Park on Northwest Highway from Ottawa to Olympia. The \$500,000.00 project is scheduled to begin in late Spring 2011.

The money was obtained from the 41st Ward Menu Program from the 2010 budget and residual funding from previous years. Alderman Doherty worked closely with the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, business owners, and the community for many years in revitalizing downtown Edison Park. This should be one of the finishing touches to the triumphant story which is downtown Edison Park.

While many older commercial retail areas suffered throughout the years Edison Park has been one of the successes which has been noted throughout Chicago. Alderman Doherty stated he was pleased to be able to scrape and negotiate the funding for this project which would be one of his last major improvements before his term is ended as Alderman of the 41st Ward.



Alderman Brian Doherty

Evanston Vehicle Stickers Must be Purchased and Displayed by Jan. 10

2011 Evanston Vehicle Stickers must be purchased & displayed by January 10, 2011. A penalty of 50% of the fee will be added to all applications received /post-marked after January 10. (A passenger car vehicle sticker will cost \$113 rather than \$75.)

For additional information, contact the City's Revenue Office at 847/866-2926. REMINDERS: if residents did not receive a pre-printed vehicle sticker application in the mail, they can either print off the vehicle sticker application from the City's web site or fill one out in person - in both cases residents must bring along with them their current State Vehicle Registration for all vehicles.

Also, Combo vehicle sticker/residential permits can only be purchased at the Morton Civic Center- 2100 Ridge Ave.

Board of Review Opens Six Townships for Appeal

The Cook County Board of Review has announced dates for filing assessment appeal complaints for property owners in Barrington, Berwyn, Bremen, Calumet, Lakeview, and Evanston Townships. The filing dates for property assessment appeals begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 and will end on Thursday, February 10.

Property owners may appeal their assessments to the Board if they believe that their assessment is too high. A lawyer is not required to file an appeal on behalf of a residential property owner.

Anyone interested in receiving an assessment appeal complaint form can call the Cook County Board of Review at 312-603-5542. Appeal complaint forms can also be picked up in person at the Board, 118 N. Clark in Chicago or printed from our website at www.CookCountyBoardofReview.com.

A limited number of appeal complaint forms are also available at local township Assessor offices and at Board of Review satellite offices located in county courthouses in Skokie, Rolling Meadows, Markham, Maywood and Bridgeview.

The Cook County Board of Review is a quasi-judicial agency responsible for adjudicating assessment appeals for all property in Cook County. The Board is run by three commissioners elected from separate geographic districts within the county. Last year the Board ruled on over 439,000 appeals. Commissioner Patlak is the newly elected commissioner from the 1st district. Fulfilling his promise to work full-time at the Board of Review, Commissioner Patlak is one of the most qualified individuals to ever occupy a Board seat. As a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer, he is professionally trained in property valuation, having worked as an analyst at the Board for eight years and as a local Township Assessor in Wheeling Township. Patlak is also a licensed real estate broker.

Anyone interested in more information or with questions regarding the appeals process should call the Board at (312) 603-5542.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

DISTRICT 219 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) announced the names of Illinois high school students who have been honored as 2011-12 Illinois State Scholars. Niles Township High School District 219 had 148 students named as Illinois State Scholars.

The prestigious award, given annually by ISAC, recognized 17,335 high school students from across the state as this year's State Scholars. Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top 10 percent of high school seniors from 749 different high schools across the state. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores, and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. High school guidance counselors work in conjunction with ISAC to determine the winners.

Niles West High School had 72 students named as Illinois State Scholars: Justin Abraham, Melanie Albaum, Nadia Ali, Jose Alvarez, Zarha Amlani, Alex Antonow, David Berkovich, Timothy Binkley, Richard Daniel, Rebecca Darling, Jill Erickson, Omeed Esfahani, Nicholas Flatley, Leah Hummel, Emily Iverson, Neha Jain, Jessin Joseph, Lindsey Karp, Vivian Kelly, Elliott Kerbel, Thidar Khine, Jane Kim, Agnes Krason, Eric Krikorian, Olga Kutkovska, Daniel Langer, Sanghun Lee, Joanna Lefevre, Rebecca Levy, Andrea Lupas, Kevin Maciuba, Sarika Malani, Zain Malik, Ryan Marohn, Jaclyn Moy, Erica Mui, Kara Mui, Nikhil Nair, Paul Nasui, Patrick O'Connor, Ryan Olen, Eric O'Neill, Ravi Patel, Nandini Pillai, Parisa Piri, Vishal Piryani, Casey Plach, Rizelle Prado, Gwen Quigley, Reine Rambert, Alexandra Romanelli, Alison Rosenblum, Emily Rotblatt, Meghan Sandstrom, Konner Scott, Aneesh Sehgal, Callie Sher, Art Siriawatt, Ryan Sison, David Skuza, Min Suk Song, Christopher Sorenson, Kelly Tang, Katrina Tarzian, Vinu Varughese, Halima Wahid, Hannah Weisbecker, Lauren Wilkin, Nicole Yoon, Alexis Yusim, Erik Zawrazky, and Tina Zhou.

Niles North High School had 76 students named as Illinois State Scholars: Haya Ahmad, Cyatharine Alias, Olivia Altmayer, Muhammad Baig, Arbela Bithyou, Edward Bote, Ruthie Browar, Eric Chan, Michael Chinitz, Henrietta Cho, Sarah Choe, Julia Choi, Nicholas Christus, Daniel Chun, Roumiana David, Melissa Dominguez, Anna Dufficy, Ariel Elizer, Maya Erf, Aaron Fineberg, Evan Goldstein, Evan Hagedorn, Rachel Heller, Zachary Hess, Krystine Hoang, Gideon Horberg, Sarah Horton, Liang Hou, Majda Jakupovic, Sara Karnes, Afif Uddin Khaja, Alexander Kite, Diana Kumar, Liyaquat Lashkariya, Keith Lee, Sarah Levine, Andrew Lin, Jennifer Lin, Sophia Martin, Reny Mathew, Gabriella Meltzer, Christopher Moon, Christopher Morrissey, Young Na, Cindy Nahhas, Khoa Nguyen, Kevin Olickal, Isaac Park, Zaid Patel, Maria Bettina Penaranda, Olga Pototskaya, Miriam Prosnitz, Corianne Randstrom, Emily Rehm, Monica Rosenberg, Kaitlyn Schlauder, Daniel Schryer, Denis Semisalov, Samuel Sherman, Karan Singla, Evan Spiegel, Joy Sugihara, Farheen Syeda, Jeanine Taerbaum, Daniel Takushi, Sofiya Teplitskaya, Taniya Tomy, Richmond Toy, Peter Tran, Lia Velitchkova, Justine Vioria, Naomi Wesolowski, Blake Whitehouse, Dong Han Woo, Jeffrey Wu, and Steven Yandell.

NILES NORTH INGRAHAM HAS CHAPTER PUBLISHED IN NAT'L COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH BOOK

Niles North High School English teacher Heather Ingraham recently had a chapter published in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) book Lesson Plans for Developing Digital Literacies. The book, compiled by Mary T. Christel and Scott Sullivan, is designed to assist teachers in integrating the latest technologies, such as Web 2.0 and beyond, into classroom instruction. Ingraham's chapter is titled "Keep Them Talking about The Fifth Child: Reclaiming Instructional Time with Discussion Boards." Ingraham's chapter, which was based on the work pioneered by her senior classes, details how online discussion boards enrich critical thinking and allow for collaboration in analyzing classroom texts.

Ingraham writes, "Egalitarian in form as well as spirit, a discussion board threads every student's voice equally, in contrast to a blog's dominant entry followed by subordinate comments. Because they work so well to foster meaningful exploration, I especially rely on discussion boards to bring closure to the open-ended questions that guide our curriculum's thematic units, and I offer the boards as a collaborative workspace for students to prepare for more traditional individual assessments."

Ingraham's class uses the online discussion boards to dissect several books, including Doris Lessing's *The Fifth Child*, a powerful work which challenges students to address ethical issues. Ingraham writes, "My students and I prize these conversations because they allow us to keep talking until we have asked questions and explored answers to a satisfying conclusion—not just to the end of the period."

Ingraham, who teaches Sophomore English and Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition at Niles North, said, "I am very fortunate to have outstanding students. Their work is worth showing to other people and through this publication I get a chance to share this lesson." Ingraham also acknowledged the important feedback she received from colleagues and the support of her administrators.

Recently, Ingraham presented this lesson while a panelist at "Classrooms Without Walls" during the 2010 NCTE Conference. Ingraham has taught at Niles North High School since 1992.

Ring in the new year with Reinvention at City Colleges of Chicago

It's that time of year for new beginnings and resolutions. City Colleges of Chicago is working hard on our Reinvention initiative, the collaborative effort of faculty, staff, students and the Chicago community to remake our institution to ensure student success.

To learn more about Reinvention, please visit our website at ReinventingCCC.org!

About Reinvention at City Colleges of Chicago

For nearly one hundred years, the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) has improved the lives of one million alumni and their families through education. While we are extremely proud of this track record, the world is rapidly changing and we must change with it.

A bold plan. A collaborative process.

Reinvention is a bold plan to remake our institution to ensure students leave us college-ready, career-ready and prepared to pursue their life's goals, building the skilled workforce our economy demands.

Through a highly collaborative process, faculty, staff, and students are teaming with external advisory councils to explore eight key areas of CCC's educational and operational practices, to develop and then implement solutions.

Four student-centered goals.

Chancellor Cheryl Hyman says the heart of our Reinvention effort is ensuring student success and the Reinvention plan has four student-centered goals:

Increase the number of students earning college credentials of economic value

Increase the rate of transfer to Bachelor's degree programs following CCC graduation

Drastically improve outcomes for students needing remediation

Increase number and share of ABE/GED/ESL students who advance to and succeed in college-level courses

Change is already underway.

From the hiring of more advisors and tutors to technology upgrades to outreach to academically at-risk students, change is already underway. We invite you to learn more, weigh in with your ideas, and track the progress of Reinvention online at: <http://reinventingccc.org>.

The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) is the largest community college system in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation, with 5,800 faculty and staff serving 120,000 students at seven campuses and thirteen satellite sites city-wide.

CCC includes seven colleges: Richard J. Daley College, Kennedy-King College, Malcolm X College, Olive-Harvey College, Harry S Truman College, Harold Washington College and Wilbur Wright College. The system also oversees: the Washburne Trade School, the French Pastry School, two restaurants, five Child Development Centers, the Center for Distance Learning, the Workforce Institute, the public broadcast station WYCC-TV Channel 20 and radio station WKCC-FM 89.3FM.

For more information about City Colleges of Chicago, call: (773) COLLEGE or visit www.reinventingccc.org.

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club "Building Better Men & Women" End of Year Giving

As your family is making their year-end charitable giving, we invite you to consider making a gift to The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club. Your tax deductible donation will be deeply appreciated by the 1,500 boys and girls that are served by NBGC.

NBGC offers a diversified program including athletic, social, recreation, education, cultural, computer, tutoring, arts & crafts, after school, leadership development and college scholarship programs for boys and girls 5 to 18 years old. This positive adult and teen supervised program provides an alternative to the negative influences of crime, drugs and gangs. The rules are simple - everyone plays, develops at their own pace and respects each other. Many thousands of alumni still reside within the NBGC community, cherishing their youthful memories and maintaining their friendships.

Mission Statement ~ Founded in 1931, the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit independent organization dedicated to youth development. Its mission is to enhance the well-being and develop the potential of its members, their families and community. This is accomplished through a year round multi-faceted program where "everyone plays". This approach stresses teamwork, sportsmanship, character and leadership - qualities that will build "Better Men and Women".

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CJE SENIORLIFE OFFERING FREE CONSULTATIONS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON HEALTHCARE REFORM

Sweeping legislation on healthcare reform has brought about a bevy of questions for Americans of all ages. CJE SeniorLife's Consumer Assistance Department is working closely with older adults and their families in Metropolitan Chicago to navigate the maze of healthcare reform as it relates to Medicare services.

"People worry there will be cuts to their benefits and that the quality of care they receive will be reduced – they will be paying more but getting less," says Monica Glaser, CJE's Manager of Consumer Assistance. "In reality, this is not the case."

The new legislation is intended to move national healthcare to a more community-based, coordinated care system, with an increase in outcome-based procedures, preventative care, and an overall reduction in the number of hospital re-admissions and return visits to the emergency room, explains Glaser. Another major element is to reduce fraud and hold insurers more accountable.

CJE's Consumer Assistance staff can answer questions about Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, including the shrinking "donut hole" and other changes in Part D coverage for 2011 and beyond. Representatives can also explain the differences between Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans and how to choose a plan that best suits one's individual needs.

If you or your loved ones have questions regarding healthcare reform and how it affects you, call CJE's Consumer Assistance at 773/508-1000 for a free consultation. Russian-speaking staff is also available.

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. Over the past 38 years, CJE's wide range of services has grown to include assisted living, counseling and care management, long-term skilled nursing, Alzheimer's care, home health, wellness programs and much more. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit www.cje.net.

COMING TOGETHER IN SKOKIE HIGHLIGHTS FILIPINO CULTURE THIS YEAR; KICK-OFF EVENT IS JANUARY 28

Last year brought the debut of Coming Together in Skokie (CTIS), a community-wide program designed to promote literacy and to explore in depth a different culture each year, through reading and discussing a common book and enjoying a host of cultural activities. Founding organizations included: the Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Niles Township High School District 219, the Indian Community of Niles Township, Oakton Community College, and Holiday Inn North Shore. Joining the effort this year are the Skokie Park District, the Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center, and Skokie's elementary and middle schools.

Although the initiative spotlights a different culture each year, the intended audience is people from all backgrounds, especially people who may not be as familiar with the featured culture. "We would like everyone who lives in Skokie and the neighboring communities to come and take part in these wonderful activities," said Susan Van Dusen, First Lady of Skokie and one of the initiative's founders.

Last year CTIS showcased the Asian-Indian community and featured the novel Motherland. Author Vineeta Vijayaraghavan came to Skokie to speak to residents and students. More than 3,000 people attended 32 events held over a period of six weeks. The celebration was a stunning success.

This year CTIS honors the people of the Philippines. Angeles "Jelly" Carandang, Chair of the Illinois Chapter of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations, and Jerry Clarito, Commissioner of the Skokie Park District, have called upon members of the Filipino community to share insight about their nation, which is composed of more than 7,000 islands, each with its own special culture.

The featured book is *When the Rainbow Goddess Wept*, by Cecilia Manguerra Brainard, a novel about a child forced to flee from her home when the Japanese invade the Philippines islands. An additional option, *Growing up Filipino*, is a compilation of stories collected by Cecilia Manguerra Brainard. The author will visit Skokie on March 7 & 8, 2011. Middle school students will read *Tall Story*, by Candy Gourlay, a novel about a "giant" from the Philippines who moves to London to live with his sister. Younger children will read *Willie Wins* by Almira Astudillo Gilles, and *Lakas and the Manilatown Fish*, by Anthony D. Robles. Ms. Gilles, who lives in Palatine, will also participate in events at Niles North High School, the Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center and East Prairie School.

The official kick-off event for Coming Together in Skokie will be on Saturday, January 28 at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton St. The Filipino-American Community invites the community of Niles Township to join them for a special cultural program and fashion show featuring regional costumes and latest styles. Refreshments will be available for purchase from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and the program starts at 7:00 p.m.

For a full schedule of events, visit <http://ComingTogether.skokieliibrary.info>

The Village of Skokie is a community rich in diversity. Our residents hail from many different countries and speak more than 90 languages and dialects. We acknowledge this wonderful diversity as an opportunity to build knowledge, awareness, and appreciation for the many cultures around us. We hope that residents and students will read these books, take part in public discussion groups, and enjoy the many activities offered.

JANUARY 2011 SUPPORT GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

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

NEW! Scrabble Club For word lovers and game players of all levels. Learn the classic game of Scrabble or get tips to sharpen your skills, with instructor and tournament director Joe Cortese. Meets every Wednesday, 11 a.m., Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave. Chicago. There is no charge. For more information, call 773/508-1000. Monthly meeting dates: January 5, 12, 19 and 26

Holocaust Survivors - Coffee and Conversation Meets every Monday and Thursdays throughout the month Sponsored by Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) and CJE SeniorLife

Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Sponsored by JCFS and CJE SeniorLife. Monthly meeting dates: January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5100.

On Thursdays, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at JCFS Joy F. Knapp Center, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago Monthly meeting dates: January 6, 13, 20 and 27 There is no charge. For more information, call 847/568-5100

For Caregivers of Loved Ones with Atypical Dementia A new support group for family caregivers whose loved one has been diagnosed with an atypical dementia (Frontotemporal Dementia, Lewy Body Dementia, Primary Progressive Aphasia) takes place the third Wednesday of every month in Deerfield. Drop-ins are welcome. On-site respite care available during the support group; pre-registration is only required if bringing a loved one to respite care. Call Sara Sanderman at 847/236-7863.

Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Caregiving for Loved Ones with Dementia – Evanston This support group is for individuals who are involved in the care of a loved one with dementia. Participants will learn about dementia and caregiving; meet others who face similar challenges and share experiences; discover ways to relieve caregiver stress and burn-out. Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon. Location: CJE's Adult Day Services, 1015 W. Howard St., Evanston Please RSVP by calling Amy Zann, LCSW, at 773/508-1690. Meeting dates: January 5 and 19

Community Senior Adults This group is now open to new members. Enjoy lunch, socialization and great entertainment on a weekly basis. Participants can purchase Kosher lunches at Lieberman's Noshery at an affordable price. Meets every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation, 9700 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Call Esther Craven at 773/508-1047. Monthly meeting dates: January 4, 11, 18 and 25



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THE NEW YEAR IS HERE! PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO 'RE-DESIGN YOUR FUTURE' WITH JANUARY WORKSHOPS IN EVANSTON FROM CLOI

Through their personal and professional lives, many Baby Boomers have built a lifetime of experience, knowledge and valuable skills. As the next stage of life looms, many of this generation are grappling with question of, "What will I do for an encore?"

To help address this question, Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative (CLOI), a partnership of CJE SeniorLife and Mather LifeWays, is offering a three-part interactive workshop, 'Re-designing Your Future,' where participants, age 50 and over, will examine their accomplishments, reveal what creates passion and provides meaning in their life, and then leverage this knowledge to create their next life opportunity – whether it be a new job, a new venture in volunteering, taking on a new challenge or finally acting on a life-long dream. Each participant will create a personal vision as well as action steps to achieve his or her goals.

The three-part workshop takes place on consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mather, 425 Davis St., in Evanston. The cost is \$95. Those interested in registering may do so online at www.cloi.org. For more information, contact Ann Rich, Executive Director of CLOI, at 773/381-6023 or ann.rich@cje.net.

Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative (CLOI) is a partnership of CJE SeniorLife and Mather LifeWays that unites the wisdom and experience of older adults with Chicago area non-profit organizations to address community-identified needs through volunteerism and employment. CLOI is partially funded through the generous support of the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Fund, the JUF/ Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and Mather LifeWays.

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CHICAGO TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER HELPS RESIDENTS FILE PROPERTY TAX APPEALS AND PROVIDES TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

The Chicago Property Tax Assistance Center (CTAC) assisted more than 21,000 homeowners this year with property tax assessment appeals, exemptions, and applications for tax relief programs.

Since 2001, CTAC has assisted more than 130,000 Chicagoans with property tax issues.

"Through our property tax and Earned Income Tax Credit programs, we've been returning hard-earned tax dollars to those residents who need it most," said CTAC Executive Director Myer Blank. "During these tough economic times, we must do all we can to protect Chicago's working families."

Mayor Richard M. Daley established CTAC in 2001 which provides Chicago residents with assistance and advice on a number of tax related issues, including: help with filing federal and state income taxes; advice on appealing property tax assessments; applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

CTAC's EITC program provided free tax services to more than 20,000 residents in 2010 and returned to them more than \$35 million this year through EITC.

In 2010, CTAC administered the property tax grant program that provided for more than \$2 million in relief to more than 17,000 residents. This program provided a one-time property tax relief grant up to \$200 per homeowner.

Stop Smoking Clinic offer by the Skokie Health Department

The Skokie Health Department is offering a stop smoking clinic for area residents. It is free of charge for anyone who lives or works in either Skokie or Evanston.

The clinic begins on Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. It will also meet on January 19, 20, 21, 24, and February 1. This clinic will be held at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

Mr. Jerry Zabin will conduct the clinic. Mr. Zabin has many years of experience in the development and implementation of smoking cessation programs and prevention programs in this area. He has a unique style that is very popular with his clinic participants.

Advance registration is required for the stop smoking clinics. For more information or to register for the clinic, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.



KILBOURN PARK TO OFFER ZUMBA® DANCE FITNESS PROGRAM

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Feeling a little blue about packing on a few pounds over the holidays? Want to feel more youthful, while getting fit?

Then, it's time to try Zumba®: the dynamic dance program for adults-- which combines Latin and international music (check it out on the Internet!). The program is taught by a certified Zumba® instructor.

Kilbourn Park, located at 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., will be offering Zumba® on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., starting January 3rd. Adults (ages 18 & over) can sign up for the ten-week session (\$75), or pay \$10 per class. Note: Payment must be made in cash, only—and exact change is required.

For further information about Kilbourn Park, as well as the park's seasonal programs & special events, call Kilbourn Park at 773/685.3351.

Mayor Urges TJX to Stay in Evanston - Urges Residents to Write Company

At a press conference on December 17, 2010 Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl publicly called on TJX Companies to not pull out of Evanston and urged residents to write the company in support of rebranding existing store into a HomeGoods store. The Mayor was joined by Aldermen Jean-Baptiste, Fiske, Holmes, Tendam, Grover and Rainey along with business owners and neighborhood Association members. Send comments to be forwarded to them to communications@cityofevanston.org

Recycle Your Computer January 8th at the Belmont-Central Free Parking Garage

Chicago Surplus Computer will be on hand between 9AM-5PM to accept your unwanted computers for recycling at the SSA#2 funded parking garage at 3140 N Central.

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Autism Society and AMC Theatres® to Host Sensory Friendly Films® This January

AMC Theatres (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities and sensory issues a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. Sensory Friendly Films® will continue with a showing of Yogi Bear on January 8.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette, such as not talking during the film or sitting still through most of the show.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

Yogi Bear Saturday, January 8 10 a.m.

WHERE:

AMC Showplace Galewood 14, 5530 W Homer St, Chicago, IL, 60639

AMC Village Crossing 18, 7000 Carpenter Rd, Skokie, IL, 60077

AMC Showplace Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, IL 60714

A list and map of participating theatres is available at www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms. This nationwide event has 131 theatres in 62 markets across the U.S.

An estimated 30 million people in the world have an autism spectrum disorder, 1.5 million in America alone. In America, 1 in every 110 children has an autism spectrum disorder.

These families face challenges of care, support, education, financial hardship and medical and health care issues that make autism a national public health issue, costing the U.S. economy \$60 billion a year. Though there is no cure, autism is treatable and individuals with autism have tremendous potential.

Local Arts and Entertainment

Beginning Painting Classes in Evanston

Start your journey to become the next Picasso. Aspiring artists age 16 and older can sign up for Beginning Painting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 11 to Mar. 1 at Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St. Students will explore the use of both watercolors and acrylics to create paintings in styles from realism to abstract. The cost is \$114/resident and \$125/nonresident and includes art supplies. For more info. and to register, call 847-448-8258.

Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra Holding Auditions at Wilbur Wright College

The Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra, located on the campus of Wilbur Wright College (one of the City Colleges of Chicago), 4300 N. Narragansett, will hold open auditions this January for the following instruments: violin, viola, contrabass, bassoon, trumpet and percussion.

The open auditions will be held on Tuesday, January 4, at 6 p.m., and again on Tuesday, January 11, at 6 p.m. in the Events Building at Wright College, Rehearsal Hall E207. Those auditioning must be at least of high school age. Previous orchestral experience is a plus, but not mandatory. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra [NCSO] has been providing an excellent classical music experience to the Wright College community and to the residents of the surrounding Northwest Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs for nearly 30 years.

The NCSO provides a valuable creative outlet for talented music students at Wright College, as well as Northwest Chicago area musicians interested in performing orchestral music. Music majors performing with the NCSO are eligible to receive college credit.

For questions or more information about the January auditions, or for a full schedule of the Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra's performances, go to www.nwco.org or call (773) 481-8863, (773) 481-8254, or (708) 717-3912.

WORLD'S HIGHEST ICE RINK SET TO OPEN AT JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY

Ice "Experts" from Shedd Aquarium and Chicago Blackhawks Showcase Rink 1,000 Feet Up

On January 1st the highly anticipated "Skating in the Sky" ice rink opened to the public in John Hancock Observatory, but today a handful of Chicago's resident ice "experts" showcased the synthetic surface to members of the media. Those "experts" included: penguins from the Shedd Aquarium and Tommy Hawk, mascot for the Stanley Cup World Champion, Chicago Blackhawks. Daniel Thomas, general manager of John Hancock Observatory, introduced the rink partners saying: "If you're going to open the highest skating rink on the globe, at one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world, you'd better be sure your ice holds up to such high standards! And something this big doesn't happen with a small team so there are many partners to thank in addition to the Blackhawks and Shedd Aquarium: Sports Surfaces LLC, XTRAICE, Glacier Ice Arena, Best Buy, 93 WXRT, and Chicago Trolley."

Photos from the event and a time lapse video of the rink's installation can be seen at www.HancockObservatory.com or at www.Facebook.com/HancockObservatory.

Since announcing plans for Skating in the Sky in September, John Hancock Observatory has received an unprecedented demand for tickets and reservations. In mid-November they launched an online ticketing system at www.HancockObservatory.com which has already taken hundreds of reservations. Additionally, the famed Chicago attraction has had scores of requests for private party rentals on the "ice."

"Everything about this concept is designed to make skating 1,000 feet up in the air fun, easy and unforgettable," said Thomas. "Guests can easily book ice time online. Groups can rent out the space for corporate or family entertainment. Our synthetic ice is not cold and doesn't need to be zamboni-ed. And of course, it's indoors, so it will never be closed because of weather. What more could you ask for when Skating in the Sky!"

Twenty -five minute skating sessions cost only \$5 on top of general admission and are available daily from 9AM-11PM beginning January 1st thru March 31st. Guests are encouraged to make their reservations online to ensure ice time, but if space is available, reservations can be made on-site as well. Skates can be rented for just \$1 or guests can bring their own. VIP non-dated and non-timed tickets are available through a few select hotel partners: Chicago's Essex Inn, Millennium Knickerbocker, the Peninsula and the Sutton Place.

In the wake of hosting the Stanley Cup on the roof of John Hancock Center, John Hancock Observatory and the world-champion Chicago Blackhawks have teamed-up again to offer free skating lessons every Monday afternoon, starting January 3. "We're very excited to have the Blackhawks as partners-they are such incredible ambassadors for the city, particularly through their youth hockey programs," said Thomas. Observatory admission and skating fees will still apply, but coaches and "special guests" will be on-ice to offer skating tips at no additional charge.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center Announces January Events

"IN CONVERSATION WITH"...CIPORA KATZ

Child survivor, Cipora Katz, reflects on her personal experiences, from hiding for survival, to growing up in the new State of Israel, to changing the world one person at a time. Q&A follows.

Sunday, January 16 1:30 p.m.

Tickets: Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended; 847-967-4889. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Lillian & Larry Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

LIVE THEATRE: THE MLK PROJECT: THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

This cross-cultural, multi-media performance interweaves poetry, hip-hop and history as it follows a young girl's search for truth and self-discovery through the Civil Rights Movement. Presented by Writers' Theatre, Glencoe, this one-woman show, written by Yolanda Androzzo, is suitable for students in 6th grade and older. Discussion follows the performance.

Sunday, January 23 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: Free with Museum admission. Reservations required; 847-967-4889. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Lillian & Larry Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

2011 MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES

General Admission: \$12

Seniors (65+): \$8

Students (12-22): \$8

Children (5-11): \$6

North Shore Theater of Wilmette Season Schedule

Brighton Beach Memoirs

Production Dates

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.: February 4 & 5; 11 & 12; 18 & 19

Sundays at 2 p.m.: February 6, 13 & 20

Willy Wonka, Jr.

SPRING Children's Theater

AUDITIONS: Jan 3 and Jan 4 @ 7:00 p.m. (see attached, this is TODAY)

Production Dates: March 4 thru March 13, 2011

Fridays, @ 7:00 p.m., Saturdays, @ 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Sundays @ 2:00 p.m.

Hairspray

North Shore Theater of Wilmette -

AUDITIONS: Monday, Feb. 7, and Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for all roles except for "Motormouth Maybelle." Callbacks - Thursday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Hairspray Performances

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.: April 15 & 16; 29 & 30; May 6 & 7

Sundays at 2 p.m.: April 17, May 1 & 8

Check the website for more up to date information for which musical and audition dates. <http://www.wilmettepark.org/performing-arts>

Or contact Bob Bierie @ robertbierie@wilpark.org or 847-256-9786 if you have questions or concerns.

BritBeat Beatles Tribute Band Performs 'All You Need Is Love' Benefit Concert For Animal Shelter

BritBeat - America's Premier Tribute To The Beatles lends their 'Help!' and hosts concert to benefit the 'Heartland Animal Shelter'.

BritBeat - America's Premier Tribute To The Beatles will be performing a fundraiser concert event entitled 'All You Need Is Love' at the Skokie Theater in Skokie, IL to benefit the Heartland Animal Shelter in Northbrook, IL. BritBeat will perform a special 'Beatles History Show' which includes Ed Sullivan, Sgt. Pepper, Abbey Road eras and a rare, never before seen in Chicagoland, tribute to the Beatles called 'BritBeat's Fantasy Reunion' rendering the audience a complete history of the Fab Four and their solo careers.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Heartland Animal Shelter located at 2975 Milwaukee Ave. Northbrook, IL 60062. The benefit concert will take place at the Skokie Theater on Saturday January 22, 2011 at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. For Ticket information please visit www.BRITBEAT.com or call 847-677-7761

Local Arts and Entertainment

The Aisle Seat

by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

During the holiday season nothing new has opened until after the New Year. I wish that Light Opera Works could find backers to bring their production of "Hello Dolly" to the Mercury Theatre or the Royal George.

Rudy Hogenmiller has done a first-rate job with his direction and choreography.

Mary Robin Roth as Dolly Levi proved you don't need a Carol Channing or Barbara Streisand. Her performance gets a standing ovation every performance. We only hope other theatres open their eyes and cast her in more shows as she is a top-notch professional. Other standouts are Jessye Wright as Irene Molloy and Patrick Tierney as Barnaby.

My top shows for 2010 were "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Remy Bumppo – The performance of Greg Matthew Anderson is astounding. TimeLine production of "Frost/Nixon," Raven's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," Artistic Home's production of "Sweet Bird of Youth" also were 2010 favorites.

In the music field my favorites were "Ragtime," "Music Man," "She Loves Me," "Cats" at the Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre which is a small black box theatre. The first three were at the larger equity theatres.

Drury Lane Oakbrook is the first theatre to get the regional rites to Marty Python's "Spamalot."

BoHo is opening the year with "The Elephant Man" at Theatre Wit on Belmont Avenue. Last year they staged "Big River" and it was a terrific production.

Provision Theatre is doing "Shadowlands" which will open in February.

In the fall Marc Robin will be directing "For the Boys" which is based on Martha Raye as she was a great supporter of servicemen. I had the privilege of meeting her when I took some wounded Viet Nam veterans to see her in a show through the Blackhawk Standby Hockey Club.

Well that is the news for now.

Acting for Women in Evanston

Calling all women with the itch to perform: take Acting for Women and release your inner thespian! Students age 18 and older will explore improvisation techniques, take on the roles of Shakespeare's leading female characters, and investigate the modern women written by today's amazing female playwrights. Class meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays from Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St. The fee is \$50/resident and \$75/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8254.

"A Theater Review"

"Cats"

Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre

At the No Exit Café

6970 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre at the No Exit Café is one of the best black box theatres and it is in Rogers Park on Glenwood Ave. Parking is not only available but the Morse El stop is a block away and it is close to Clark Street and Broadway Avenue.

Andrew Lloyd Weber's production "Cats" is terrific and while it is not a traditional holiday show it is perfect for the holidays.

The show has a cast of thirteen exceptionally talented non-equity actors who can sing and dance in the small space area that makes for an intimate two hours and twenty minutes. The show is being directed and choreographed by Brenda Didier with an assist by Andrew Waters. The show has an orchestra of seven talented musicians.

While "Memories" is the big hit song from the show other standouts for me are "Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats," "Moments of Happiness" and "Macavity" to name a few.

Sydney Charles as Grizzabella and Matt McNabbas as Old Deuteronomy are strong singers and actors. Some of the performers Elliot Burton, Josh Huppert, Brian-Alwyn Newland, Hillary Patingre, Rebecca Pink, Maggie Portman play other "cats" in the show.

The show is different in that for this production they have one new character to the show who is a human character.

It's a show young and older children would enjoy besides adults. Those not familiar with the show I suggest you go to the library and read T. S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats." "Cats" is Broadway's second longest-running show in Broadway history.

You'll be hearing a lot from Hillary Patingre, Josh Huppert, Tommy Rivera-Vega as they are three very promising performers who have great futures in Chicago theatre.

The food is excellent as they have two entrées that include soup-entrée, and dessert for \$20.00. You can at an additional cost get beverage of choice.

This theatre is very popular so make reservations early or you might miss out and this is a production to see.

Opening in March will be "Some Enchanted Evening" The Songs of "Rodgers and Hammerstein" directed by the theatre's artistic director Fred Anzevino and in May also under Fred's direction will be "The George M. Cohan Revue" that is being written by Chip Deffaa.

"Cats" has been extended to run through January 16th. For performance days – show times and reservations call 773-347-1109. Tickets are \$30 - \$35.

Also remember if you order dinner – the waitress or waiter are performers so tip them generously.

-Four Stars-

"A Family Portrait" to Open at Noyes Art Gallery Jan. 23

The City of Evanston Cultural Arts Division is pleased to announce an upcoming special exhibition in celebration of Black History Month, "A Family Portrait," at the Noyes Art Gallery. The exhibition will be on display from Jan. 23 through Feb. 28 and will feature artwork by the award-winning Turner family of Chicago.

The exhibition is presented jointly by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center to celebrate Black History Month. An artist's reception for the public will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 30 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston.

Turner family artistic tradition started half a century ago with Josephine Curtis Turner and Robert (Bobby) Lee Turner. Their children, Jan, Robert, Phillip, and Beatrice have all gone on to a life in the arts and music. The family started their own gallery on Chicago's south side in the 1940s when Josephine Curtis exhibited her artwork in her mother's living room when she was ten years old. Phillip Turner encouraged the gallery to expand in the late 1980s, and they exhibited local and international artists. The exhibit will mark the first time the entire family has mounted an exhibition, and it will celebrate their creativity, as well show the diversity of their individual and collective styles. "A Family Portrait" will also feature works by Phillip Parker-Turner and Teresa J. Parker, and portraits of family members, Mary Washington, Margaret Curtis, Laverne and Jon Gill, and Erika and Erin Turner, will be highlighted.

The Noyes Art Gallery is located within the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is always free. For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at 847-448-8260 or Philip J. Turner at 773-643-6526. Admission is free.

Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission Grants

The Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission offers grants to Skokie schools that promote arts and cultural diversity in the community. The Cultural Arts Grant is available to Skokie schools for in-school performing arts programming. Skokie public and private schools who host professional visiting artists are eligible to apply for this grant. Programs should have an emphasis on fine arts, music and dance while promoting cultural diversity. The maximum grant level is \$500. Deadline is February 1, 2011. Applications for this year's Cultural Arts Grants are available online at www.skokie.org or by contacting the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257.



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Get creative with pottery at any age by taking Pottery for Adult Beginners (for ages 17 and older) or Family Clay Sculpture (kindergarten and older with an adult). In Pottery, participants make sculptures, pots, plates and more by hand-building and using the wheel. Class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on either Mondays or Wednesdays and costs \$89/resident and \$96/nonresident. In Family Clay, children and parents work as a team to create clay pieces they'll always treasure. Class meets from 6 to 6:45 p.m. on either Mon. or Wed. and costs \$76/resident and \$84/nonresident. Both eight-week classes begin the week of Jan. 10 and are held at Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8258.

NILES NORTH THEATER DEPT. PRESENTS REFLECTIONS: AN IMPROV SHOW ON JANUARY 12-13

The Niles North Theater Department's Play Production class presents "Reflections: An Improv Show" to be held at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on January 12 and 13, 2011 in the Drama Performance Center at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. "Reflections: An Improv Show" consists of sketch comedy developed through improvisation as well as comic improv created on-the-spot!

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by calling the Box Office at (847) 626-2122.

The cast includes: Dylan Connelley, Danny Takushi, Steven Yandell, Clark Fox, William Boersma, Jonathan Berg-Einhorn, Daniel Friedman, Yiorgos Gianetos, Joane Joseph, Shannon Rourke, Cate Hensley and Sophie Scanlon. The Faculty Advisor is Timothy Ortmann.

DISTRICT 219 MUSICIANS SELECTED FOR IMEA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Eight Niles Township High School District 219 musicians have been invited to perform at the 2011 All-State Festival, held January 26 through 29 at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, IL. Students from the orchestra, choir and band underwent stringent auditions to qualify for the All-State Festival, the most prestigious high school music festival in the state of Illinois, and the highest single honor a high school musician can achieve.

Performing at the All-State Festival:

Niles North: Michael Cox, Euphonium, All-State Band; Robby Moss, Double Bass, All-State Orchestra; Anthony Pavel, First Tenor, All-State Honors Choir; Connor Thummel, Trombone, All-State Band; and Tamara Winston, Oboe, All-State Orchestra.

Niles West: Aleksandr Krapivkin, Tenor 2, All-State Choir; Lauren Langer, Alto 1, All-State Choir; and Holly Jensen, Flute, All-State Orchestra.xzzzzZz

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January 15 at 8:00pm Love Letters starring Ilene and Mark Collins

January 16 at 2:00pm Love Letters starring Teri Lang and Brian Parry

January 19 at 1:30pm Mark Burnell's BROADWAY ALA JAZZ

January 21 at 8:00pm Cathy Richardson

January 22 at 8:00pm BritBeat Beatles Tribute 'All You Need Is Love' Concert to Benefit Heartland Animal Shelter

January 23 at 2:00pm Steve Richard's Neil Diamond Birthday Bash

January 26 at 1:30pm Rob Dorn's CRAZY 'BOUT BROADWAY

January 28 at 8:00pm Folk Music in the Heartland: Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie

January 29 at 8:00pm Jim Wiggins "The Last Hippie"

January 30 at 2:00pm Emily Becker Classical Concert

Evanston Classes for Youth

Nature Class for Toddlers

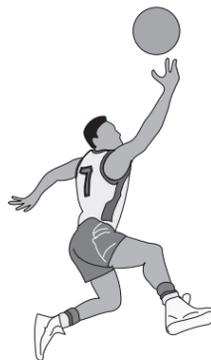
Teach your toddler the wonders of nature! Nature Pals: Winter Wonders is the perfect activity for you and your 2-year-old. Children will learn about winter through stories, songs, nature activities, walks through the Ladd Arboretum, and more. Dress for the weather as there will be outdoor adventures each class. The eight-week class meets from 10 to 11 a.m. on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays starting the week of Jan. 10. The fee per child/adult pair is \$80/EEA member, \$88/resident, and \$96/nonresident. The Ecology Center is located at 2024 McCormick Blvd. (at Bridge Street). For more information and to register, call 847-448-8256.

Small Fry Science

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of science with Small Fry Science at the Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. These one-day sessions teach children ages 4 to 6 about different animal groups through experiments, crafts, stories, and other activities. The Mammals session is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19 and costs \$12 per child/caregiver couple. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 847-448-8256.

School Day Off Basketball Camp

Get out of the house on your day off school. On Monday, Jan. 17, youth can get some exercise learning basketball drills and skills and playing games at School Day Off Basketball Camp. Participants are grouped by age. Camp will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St. The cost is \$60/resident and \$74/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8252.



Open Studio's Wishlist

During this holiday season, we hope you'll remember us either with a monetary gift or an in kind donation from our wish list below. Your gift will be used to invest in ongoing community outreach programs and scholarships for under-served populations. Programming such as our Art & Action after-school program, inspires personal growth, interpersonal understanding, and positive social change.

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If you are interested in donating any of the above items, please contact us by phone or email for more information or to schedule a drop-off time.

Your in-kind donation is tax-deductible, and very much appreciated by the Open Studio Project community! Thank you.

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Career/Jobs Corner

Chicago's After School Matters Seeks Program Providers to Develop, Deliver Teen After-School Programs

Interested independent professionals, community/teaching organizations invited to complete online Request for Proposals.

After School Matters today released a new Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking independent instructors and community/teaching organizations interested in sharing their expertise and mentoring teens in the areas of the arts, communications, science, sports and technology with Chicago Public Schools high school students.

Chaired by Chicago First Lady Maggie Daley, After School Matters is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization embarking on its 20th year of providing quality after-school programs to thousands of Chicago teens through a network of public and private partnerships that include Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Public Library, as well as a wide range of community/teaching organizations.

After School Matters offers programs through two delivery models:

Apprenticeships, in which teens work alongside talented professionals in safe, structured environments to develop hands-on skills in their areas of practice, as well job-readiness skills; and

Internships, which are specialized opportunities for skilled teens to work directly with nonprofit organizations.

In these programs, teens receive stipends as both a financial incentive and to provide reinforcement of the accountability that comes with having a job.

After School Matters has become the largest program of its kind in the nation and is a model for out-of-school-time programming that has been replicated in other U.S. cities.

"To provide nearly 20,000 meaningful out-of-school-time opportunities to teens each year, After School Matters utilizes a network of skilled professionals and community and teaching organizations who are paid to develop and deliver our quality programs," said David Sinski, executive director of After School Matters. "From mural artists and advertising executives to sports managers, engineers, scientists and journalists, we are seeking dynamic professionals to help teens find their future and gain valuable job readiness skills."

After School Matters offers professional development and training opportunities for these valued program providers to develop and enhance their ability to engage teens, as well as to support skills enrichment in relationship-building, conflict resolution and more.

While in years past, potential program providers have submitted separate RFPs for Summer and School Year programming cycles, this year, After School Matters has launched a new, streamlined process in which potential program providers will submit just one proposal that will cover three program cycles—Summer 2011, Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.

Both new and returning program providers interested in creating and leading programming for teens during these cycles must complete an online Application of Intent, available at www.afterschoolmatters.org/programproviders. Those invited to advance to Phase II of the process will be notified in late Jan-

uary. After School Matters will review and award contracts to both returning and new program providers in April and May. Some program providers may be placed on a waitlist.

Throughout this process, After School Matters will provide a number of tools to aid new and returning program providers during the RFP process. Workshop times and locations, as well as a list of frequently asked questions about the RFP, can be found at www.afterschoolmatters.org/programproviders. Additional questions can be directed to RFPquestions@afterschoolmatters.org or the After School Matters RFP hotline at 312-742-6205.

After School Matters' new, streamlined RFP process is part of the organization's implementation of a new strategic plan, developed in consultation with the Civic Consulting Alliance, Boston Consulting Group and Deloitte. This plan is designed to support the organization's ongoing continuous quality improvement efforts, as well as to guide its alignment of resources, enhance teen academic outcomes and more effectively reach those teens who will benefit most from its programs.

To maximize the impact of every program, After School Matters' strategic plan focuses on:

Ensuring all programming supports teen development of job-readiness skills;

Increasing teen retention in programs throughout four years of high school; and

Ensuring that programs are provided to those CPS students who need it most.

Throughout this process, After School Matters will continue to utilize an information management system that facilitates the organization's capability to track key data, such as number of teen applicants, enrollment, attendance and retention numbers, as well as key indicators of program quality as determined by research and best practices.

After School Matters is a nonprofit organization that offers Chicago teens innovative out-of-school activities through its science37, sports37, tech37, words37 and nationally recognized gallery37 programs. Programs are provided through a network of public and private partnerships that include Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Public Library and community organizations across the city. Hands-on, project-based programs introduce teens to rewarding careers and help them develop marketable job skills. After School Matters was founded by Chicago First Lady Maggie Daley and Chicago Cultural Affairs Commissioner Lois Weisberg in 1991. Mrs. Daley continues to serve as the organization's chair. Programs are funded through public, corporate, and individual private donations.

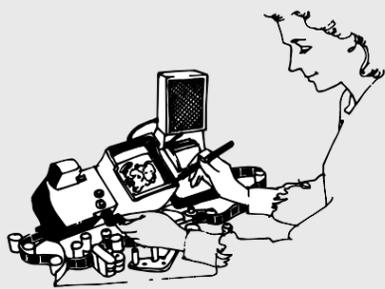
Skokie TeenLink Program

The Village of Skokie offers the TeenLink program to unite Skokie residents who are in need of outside seasonal yard work, including snow shoveling, raking and lawn care, with Skokie teens who are available for hire to do the work.

The TeenLink program list provides contact information for Skokie teens available to do seasonal yard work. The list includes the name and address of the teen, days available, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

If you would like the TeenLink contact list please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257. Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting www.skokie.org to download an application.



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When: February 24 – 26, 2011

Where: La Crosse Center in La Crosse Wisconsin

Organized by the Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES), the annual Organic Farming Conference (OFC) is the largest organic farming conference in the U.S. It will be held February 24 – 26, 2011 in La Crosse, WI. It's an extraordinary, farmer-centered event featuring more than 70 informative workshops, 150 + exhibitors, locally sourced organic food, live entertainment and nationally known keynote speakers.

The OFC is considered the foremost educational and networking event in the organic farming community. In 2010, the OFC attracted more than 2,700 farmers, advocates, educators, students and industry representatives. A 27-page flyer of all the 2011 conference offerings and registration form can be found at, <http://mosesor-organic.org/conference.html>.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OFC

MOSES Farmer of the Year award – Every year, MOSES recognizes an outstanding organic farmer or farm family who are innovators; who excel in managing their farm resources and are good stewards of the land; and who serve as educators and shining examples in their communities and to the next generation of organic farmers.

Organic University – The Organic University offers nine intensive courses on various organic agriculture topics for novice and experts alike through pre-conference, full-day courses.

Research Forum – Through integration of the Organic Research Forum with the Organic Farming Conference, researchers have a unique opportunity to share their cutting edge organic agricultural research with farmers, students and agriculture professionals.

Workshops – More than 70 workshops will be offered on a multitude of organic farming, marketing, production and management topics and timely agriculture issues.

Young Organic Stewards - Young people have always been at the heart of the MOSES Conference. The Young Organic Stewards program recognizes the need to honor and support the next generation of food producers through targeted workshops and social activities.

Organic, Locally Sourced Food – Two full days of meals for conference attendees featuring the best locally sourced, organic food prepared in delicious entrees, sides, salads and desserts.

Networking Opportunities – The OFC is an outstanding place for new organic farmers to connect with experienced ones to share and collect information. This year offers even more opportunity through Farmer Connection Roundtables.

Evening Entertainment – Live music, topical films, a children's show and a poetry slam will all be featured as "after hours" entertainment at the 2011 OFC.

Inspiring Keynote Speakers – MOSES will once again be host to two outstanding keynote speakers. Urvashi Rangan, Ph.D., is the Director of Technical Policy for Consumers Union. She developed the ratings system, database, and website for evaluating environmental labels. Rangan continues to decode the meaning of eco-labels for consumers, and advocates for credible labeling in the marketplace, including influencing government policy decisions at the state and federal level.

Tom Stearns, of High Mowing Organic Seeds, will speak about local food systems development in Hardwick, Vermont, and the fascinating, collaborative work among farmers, businesses, and the community as they face this challenge in a bold and ambitious way. Tom Stearns founded High Mowing Organic Seeds in 1996 when he began sharing seeds with others through a small seed flyer. Since that time, High Mowing Organic Seeds has expanded into one of the leading organic seed companies in the United States.

To request a conference flyer contact MOSES at 715-778-5775, info@mosesororganic.org or www.mosesorganic.org.

Celebrate the New Year With 10 Free Flowering Trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Illinois can ring in the New Year by receiving 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2011.

By becoming a member of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, you will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain trees.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Illinois lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2011. Illinois residents can also join online at www.arborday.org/january.

Volunteers Needed to Shovel Snow for Elderly & Those with Disabilities in Evanston

The City of Evanston is looking for individuals that are willing to help shovel Evanston residents' sidewalks and driveways. This volunteer service will help residents, especially older residents and those with disabilities, who are unable to shovel themselves out of their homes. If you are able to volunteer your time today, please simply respond to this e-mail or call the Volunteer Coordinator, Shanee Jackson, at (847)448-8266 or e-mail at sljackson@cityofevanston.org.



Village of Skokie Christmas Tree Pickup and Holiday Light Recycling Program

Weather permitting, Village of Skokie Public Works crews will pick up Christmas trees during the first two weeks in January. The trees are then chipped and prepared for mulch which is available to Village residents after the New Year's holiday.

After these initial collections, Village refuse crews will collect trees during normal garbage collections. The mulch pick-up area is located on the south side of Church St in the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way property which is just east of Terminal Ave.

To have your tree picked up for recycling, place it in the alley or at the curb where refuse is collected.

Do not put the tree in a bag or container, and please remove all decorations. Wreaths are not collected with the trees and should be disposed with the regular household garbage.

Additionally, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and the Village of Skokie are offering a free Holiday Light Recycling Program. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, December 6 through January 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other materials are not accepted in this program. For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.



Evanston Holiday Tree Pick-up

This holiday season, City of Evanston crews will pick up trees beginning Dec. 27, 2010, and continue for five consecutive weeks. All trees should be placed on the parkways, as trees will not be picked up from alleys or private property.

Trees will be picked up on the same day of the week as your normal refuse and recycling during the weeks of Dec. 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 24. This gives residents the flexibility to take down a tree when it's convenient.

Please remove all lights and decorations, and do not place a tree in a plastic bag, as this material can damage the equipment used to convert the trees into mulch. Questions? Please call the Parks/Forestry Division at 847/866-2912.

Winter Activity Ideas in Evanston

With Winter already upon us, the City of Evanston has ideas to keep everyone busy.

Ice-Skating in the Parks

Ice-skating rinks are located at several city parks: Ackerman Park, Central St. at McDaniel; the Dawes Park Lagoon, Sheridan Rd. at Church St.; and Baker Park, Forest Ave. at Keeney St.

Please be aware that there are no attendants on duty to supervise rinks and shelter houses will not be open. Skating conditions vary throughout the season, based on air temperature, sunshine levels and snowfall. The Dawes Park Lagoon has good quality ice most frequently, as it is not created on turf.

What does it take to make ice that's ready for skating? It takes three consecutive days of temperatures 15 degrees or lower to have sufficient frost penetration of the ground. It then takes at least six days of applying water to have ice thick enough to skate upon, and a warm spell and significant snowfall will disrupt the ice-making process.

Traditionally, the latest dates skating takes place is in mid-February. For a recorded message regarding outdoor ice rink conditions, please call 847/859-7822, ext. 8.

Sledding

James Park is located at Dodge Ave. at Mulford St. James Park regulations are as follows:

Small and Intermediate Hill Regulations- Sledding is at the user's own risk. No tobogganing, skiing, or snowboarding is permitted. Users assume full responsibility for determining if conditions are safe for sledding. Adults are responsible for supervising children in their care.

Large Hill Regulations- No sledding, tobogganing, skiing or snowboarding are permitted. No trespassing when signs are posted. If you have questions, please call 847/866-2900.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY & FEDERAL RESERVE PARTNER TO PROVIDE FREE MONEY SMART PROGRAMS

Strategies for Paying for College, Filing Your Federal Income Tax and Bankruptcy & Foreclosure Advice are featured in January

The Chicago Public Library presents free financial literacy programs designed to help people of all ages learn to become more "money smart." Presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve and its partners, Money Smart programs help participants understand the business of money, gain control of their finances and learn practical money skills for life. Money Smart programs are held year round at library locations throughout the city.

Additionally, all Chicago Public Library locations offer books and online resources which allow participants to learn more about organizing their personal finances and financial planning. For a complete listing of Money Smart programs, please visit chicagopubliclibrary.org

Misconceptions about Bankruptcy and How to Avoid Foreclosure

Learn about available options to take control of your financial future and learn why bankruptcy may help save your home, credit and peace of mind. Come with questions! Presented by Money Smart Partner, Fonfrias Law Group, LLC. Wednesday, January 12 at noon Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Authors Room, 7th fl., 400 S. State St.

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!

Discover the three key areas of opportunity to reduce the overall cost of a college education will be discussed: focus on strategies to maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid and take advantage of tax-saving opportunities. Bilingual Q&A (English/Spanish) to follow presentation. Presented by Money Smart Partner, College Aid Planners, Inc. Saturday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m., Lozano Branch, 1805 S. Loomis St.

IRS Income Tax Filings: Tax Law Updates

Learn about the latest news on tax law changes for individual taxpayers and its impact on your tax filings. Presented by Money Smart Partner, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Wednesday, January 19 at noon Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Authors Room, 7th fl., 400 S. State St.

All Money Smart programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The Chicago Public Library does not endorse, promote or guarantee the products and/or services of the presenters. Products and/or services are not sold at these presentations. For more information about Money Smart programs, please call (312) 747-8184.

Evanston Ecology Center Accepting Holiday Lights for Recycling

Holiday lights can be dropped off for recycling at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., and Evanston's Main Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue.

The Holiday Light Recycling Program is offered by Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and its member communities. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off, but garlands, live greens and wreaths are not accepted in this free program.

At the Ecology Center, lights can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. effective immediately through January 31. They also may be dropped off after-hours as long as they are contained in a paper or tied plastic bag.

The drop-off at the Main Library is available December 1 through January 31. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Throughout the year, the Ecology Center also accepts compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), cell phones, digital cameras, iPods, and inkjet cartridges for recycling. Batteries and computers are not accepted. For more info, please call 847-448-8256.

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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



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TAX FREE INVESTING SEMINAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011 2PM

Tax-free investing (It's not what you make, it's what you keep!) is an educational program designed to help inform individuals of the benefits and considerations of choosing investments that offer tax advantages. Participants will learn about tax-advantaged investments and their features, tax-free investment returns vs. taxable investment returns, methods for purchasing municipal bonds, and how tax-free investing can help you achieve your goals faster.

Mr. Nate Cropp, a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments, will be the presenter for this free and timely program.

These programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The Chicago Public Library does not endorse, promote or guarantee the products and/or services of presenters. Products and/or services are not offered or sold at these presentations. For further information, please call the Library's Adult Services Department at (312)747-8184.

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Wednesday, beginning January 19

Join our preschool and toddler story times. Toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) meet from 10:15 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. Preschoolers meet from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for stories and crafts. No pre-registration is required. Contact the children's librarian for more information.

Thursdays, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The social worker is in! Are you confused about the maze of social services and assistance programs? Library Volunteer Susan Fox-Larkin, LCSW, is a professional social worker with 20 years of experience. She will be able to refer you to the proper agency or service for help.

Monday, January 10 at 4:15 p.m.

Join our family reading club as they discuss Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Martin. Ages 6 to 9 (grades 1 to 3) and their parents. Call to reserve a copy.7

Wednesday, January 12 at 2 p.m.

The Wednesday afternoon book discussion group will feature Arctic Chill by Indriadson Arnaldur. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Join our pre-teen book discussion as they discuss Haunted Houses by Robert D. San Souci. Ages 10-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The Tuesday evening book discussion group will discuss Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls. Call to reserve a copy.

EDGEBROOK BRANCH

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The Adult Book Club will discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows on Wednesday, January 26th, at 6:30 p.m. The story is set in 1946 in the Channel Islands. Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a man living on Guernsey, recently liberated from Nazi occupation, and so begins a correspondence that introduces Juliet to members of a unique reading group. Those attending the discussion can pick up the book at the reference desk.

A member of the Lyric Opera's award-winning Education Corps will entertain and educate with a lecture and musical highlights from The Girl of the Golden West on Friday, January 27th, at 11 a.m. Giacomo Puccini was fascinated by the American West, and California during the Gold Rush; he found it the perfect setting for the adventures of one of his most memorable leading ladies. In The Girl of the Golden West there is a handsome outlaw in disguise, a sheriff in hot pursuit, and a garter-snapping, pistol-packing, poker-playing heroine who knows when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em to save the man she loves.

MORTON GROVE LIBRARY

6140 Lincoln, Morton Grove

NILES WEST ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT MORTON GROVE LIBRARY IN JANUARY 2011

Niles West High School students' artwork will be on display January 5 through 30 in the Baxter Room at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln, Morton Grove. The show is open to the public and features artwork from all areas of the Niles West visual arts curriculum.

Public Libraries

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

The **Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, January 10 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, January 11 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick. Copies in both regular and large type are available at the library.

Classic Films continue at Eisenhower: *Strangers on a Train* with Farley Granger and Ruth Roman, directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies! All films begin at 1 p.m.

Tired of Knitting Alone? Join our Knitting Circle! We meet the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. September's Knitting Circle will be on the 21st. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

Computer Classes

Drop in Computer Help: Saving computer Documents: Monday, January 10, 7-8 p.m.; How Do I Get Online: Wednesday, January 12, 7-8 p.m.; Intermediate Internet: Monday, January 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Email Basics: Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. These classes are free but you must register.

MS Excel: Tuesday, January 25, 7-8 p.m. This class costs \$10.00. You must register.

Jim Henson's Fantastic World at the Museum of Science and Industry Get a peek into the mind of legendary puppeteer, Jim Henson at the Museum of Science and Industry. They're highlighting Henson's career through his art, pictures, film and, of course, puppets. We will be spending the day at the museum with plenty of time to explore other exhibits or go for a walk on the lakefront. Tuesday, January 18, 9-3. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Retro Crafts Amy Alessio will show you some great examples of 60s and 70s crafts, as well as help you create your own macrame bracelet, a raffia flower on the flower looms and a paper quilted heart on a card. Thursday, January 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 per person for materials.

Please register for all programs by calling (708) 867-7828 and asking for the Answers Desk, or register online at eisenhowerlibrary.org. You must register for fee-based programs through library staff.

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CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & PRESERVATION DIVISIONS EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

The Chicago Public Library's Special Collections and Preservation Division, established in 1975, collects, preserves, and provides access to rare and unique materials of the Chicago Public Library. Throughout the year, the Special Collections Division features a host of short-run and extended-run exhibitions either in the 9th floor Special Collections Exhibit Hall, the 3rd floor Chicago Gallery, or the ground level Congress Corridor. Additionally, the Division houses the Harold Washington Archives & Collections on the 9th floor, which documents Mayor Harold Washington's political career with artifacts, published material and manuscripts, and more than 10,000 photographs, audio and video cassettes. The Special Collections and Preservation Division also owns an interesting selection of historic materials including items relating to the Civil War, Chicago theatre history, Chicago's world's fairs, neighborhood history, and rare books and manuscripts from Chicago authors and publishers and relics from Chicago's past.

2011 Collections Exhibit Schedule

Chicago's Sculptor: Lorado Taft at 150 Years

Through February 4, 2011

Congress Corridor, Ground Level

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lorado Taft (1860-1936). Join us for an exhibit of photographs and several of Taft's sculptures. Taft was responsible for some of Chicago's best-known sculptures including *Fountain of Time* in the Midway Plaisance, *Eternal Silence* in Graceland Cemetery and the *Fountain of the Great Lakes* at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Made by WPA: Illinois Art Project Chicago

Through April 3, 2011

Chicago Gallery, 3rd Fl.

This exhibition and film highlights the history and legacy of government funded arts programs during the 1930s in Illinois.

Called to the Challenge: The Legacy of Harold Washington

Ongoing

Harold Washington Exhibit Hall, 9th Fl.

This exhibit highlights three themes from Washington's personal and political legacy – his life, his image and his work. Harold Washington, 42nd mayor of Chicago, was the city's first African American mayor. He was a reformer who changed Chicago politics and a person who never lost sight of the place from which he came and the influences that inspired him. This exhibition is drawn largely from the Harold Washington Archives & Collections of the Special Collections & Preservation Division of the Chicago Public Library.

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.

Chicago Public Library Services in High Demand in 2010

The increasing demand for library materials and services continued unabated in 2010. As more Chicagoans felt the effects of the economic downturn this year, they continued to turn to their neighborhood libraries for free access to computers, books, movies, music, programs, information and entertainment. Thanks to the continued support of Mayor Daley and the City Council, the Chicago Public Library was able to maintain its services at the levels Chicagoans depend upon. "Chicago has been fortunate to avoid the situation faced by most cities in recent years – that of library budget cuts and reduced services," said Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey. "We are grateful that in Chicago we are able to fulfill our mission to preserve and enhance the freedom of all Chicagoans to read, to learn and to discover."

All 76 CPL locations continue to be stocked with the latest books, magazines, on-line databases, free WiFi and speedy Internet access through new and upgraded computers. And Chicagoans clearly know this: more than 1 million patrons visit a Chicago Public Library location each month to use computers; seek reference assistance; check out a book, audio book, DVD or video; attend a technology class; read in a quiet setting; participate in programs; and view exhibits. During the first 11 months of 2010, CPL circulated more than 8.8 million items - books, CDs, DVDs and downloadable media - and provided more than 2.8 million free computer sessions to the public.

Help for Job Searchers As layoffs touched the lives of more Chicagoans in 2010, CPL librarians and CyberNavigators reported that more than 60% of the time they spent with patrons was devoted to searching and applying for jobs on the Library's free computers. To aid in those searches, CPL staff developed an "Especially for Job Searchers" section of the Library's website (www.chipublib.org), a virtual self-guided career counselor with advice on finding job openings, writing a resume, developing interviewing skills, and such. In 2010, thousands of Chicagoans attended free financial literacy programs to learn how to better manage their finances, save for college, avoid foreclosure or prepare for retirement.

New Branches Working in cooperation with the Department of General Services, the Library opened the new West Town Branch at 1625 W. Chicago Ave. in September. In its first month of operation, this branch circulated 10,000 items. Thanks to a partnership with the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Housing Authority, the new Altgeld Branch opened in November, replacing the former branch which was forced to relocate due to building deterioration. Working in cooperation with the Public Building Commission, construction is nearing completion on new branch libraries in the Dunning, West Humboldt Park, Greater Grand Crossing and Little Village neighborhoods. All projects are scheduled to open in 2011. These new state-of-the-art, fully equipped branch libraries will replace inadequate storefront facilities, or bring library services to neighborhoods which previously had none.

CPL 2010: The Library's Strategic Plan This year, the Library completed its current five year plan, CPL 2010 and prepared to begin its next strategic planning process in January 2011. This planning process challenges CPL to create and maintain a library system that enhances the lives of the people of Chicago while also providing state-of-the-art and visionary library services that will ensure Chicago a primary place in the global economy.

Technology Working with the City's Department of Innovation and Technology, in 2010 the Chicago Public Library successfully applied for the competitive federal technology grant awarded through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). The components of the 2 BTOP grants enable the Library to expand online information access to patrons with balanced and reduced waiting times by adding additional computers and learning opportunities at all library locations.

All CPL locations will receive at least 2 ADA accessible computers, additional desktop computers and any location which does not currently have laptop computers for public use will receive 4 laptops;

A Computer Commons area, comprised of more than 140 computers each, will be created at both the Woodson and Sulzer Regional Libraries to meet the needs of patrons. This addition will nearly triple the number of computers presently at each regional library.

YOUmedia, the Library's innovative digital learning space for teens, will be expanded to the Thurgood Marshall (Englewood), Rudy Lozano (Pilsen) and the new Richard M. Daley (West Humboldt Park) branch libraries. YOUmedia in the neighborhood locations will serve both middle school and high school youth.

This new technology enhances the approximately 3800 public access computers systemwide, and free WiFi currently in operation at all library locations. Trained CyberNavigators or technology tutors work 20 hours each week in branch libraries.

For many years the Chicago Public Library has promoted digital excellence and access for all Chicagoans. Thanks to the Library's free computers, tens of thousands of Chicagoans are able to conduct research via online databases or the Internet, and seek essential human services that are increasingly only available to those with access to technology. From January through November this year, all locations of the Library provided 2.8 million (an average of more than 254,000 per month) free Internet sessions to the public. An average of 41,000 patrons per month access the Library's free WiFi system with their personal laptops or with laptops checked out for in-library use, a 20% increase over the same period last year.

Downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, music and video continued to be increasingly popular in 2010. 115,077 items were checked out, via downloads from the Library's website, www.chipublib.org, an increase of 38% from 2009.

Everyone Needs a Periodic Checkup



Chester M. Przybylo

Even the healthiest person needs a periodic medical checkup. Similarly, even the best estate plan needs periodic review. Even if you are in peak health today, a few years later some things may have changed that require a revisiting of your treatment plan. Maybe your blood pressure needs medication. Maybe you have high cholesterol, which is capable of being controlled with adjustments to diet or medication.

Like your health, your estate plan needs a periodic checkup. Here are some factors which might lead to a change in your estate plan.

Changes in the Law

In health, the laws of physics and chemistry do not change. However, changes in the law, both small and large, may have a large impact on your estate plan. For example, tax laws change frequently and your plan may need to be revised to minimize your tax liability. Non-tax laws also change periodically, opening the doors to new opportunities that were not available when your estate plan was drafted.

Changes in Your Life

Just as with your health, circumstances change. Maybe you had changes in your family circumstances, like marriage, divorce, or the birth of children or grandchildren. Perhaps someone in your family has had health or financial changes that should be reflected in your plan.

Changes in Desires

Even if there are no changes in the law or your life, sometimes we simply change our minds. As we age, hopefully we gain wisdom and experience. Sometimes that leads us to change our estate plan. For example, if a close friend of yours goes through a messy divorce, you may be more inclined to leave assets for your children in a trust that provides protection in the (hopefully unlikely) event of their divorce.

If you already have an estate plan in place, be sure to schedule an appointment with your estate planning attorney for a periodic review. There may be new factors and laws to consider of which you are unaware. And, just as with your health, if you notice important changes in circumstances, you should be sure to schedule that review sooner, rather than later.

If you are just starting out and do not have an estate plan, or you have moved to a new state, be sure to find a qualified estate planning attorney, who focuses his or her practice in estate planning.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525. Please visit our website at www.PlanOurEstate.com

MEDICARE: GENERAL ENROLLMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs

Need Medicare Part B? If you're eligible, now is the time to sign up. The general enrollment period for Medicare Part B runs from January 1 through March 31. Before you make a decision about general enrollment, let us fill you in on some general information.

Medicare is a medical insurance program for retired and disabled people. Some people are covered only by one type of Medicare; others opt to pay extra for more coverage. Understanding Medicare can save you money; here are the facts.

There are four parts to Medicare: Parts A, B, C and D. Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care, and other services. Part B helps pay for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services and supplies not covered by Part A. Part C allows you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. These plans, known as Medicare Advantage Plans, may help lower your costs of receiving medical services, or you may get extra benefits for an additional monthly fee. You must have both Parts A and B to enroll in Part C. And Part D is the Medicare Prescription Drug Program.

Most people first become eligible for Medicare at age 65, and there is a monthly premium for Medicare Part B. In 2011, the standard premium is \$115.40. Some high-income individuals pay more than the standard premium. Your Part B premium also can be higher if you do not enroll during your initial enrollment period, or when you first become eligible.

There are exceptions to this rule. For example, you can delay your Medicare Part B enrollment without having to pay higher premiums if you are covered under a group health plan based on your own current employment or the current employment of any family member. If this situation applies to you, you can sign up for Medicare Part B without paying higher premiums:

- Any month you are under a group health plan based on your own current employment or the current employment of any family member; or
- Within eight months after your employment or group health plan coverage ends, whichever comes first.

If you are disabled and working (or you have coverage from a working family member), the same rules apply.

Remember: Most people are automatically enrolled in Medicare Part B when they become eligible. If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B when you first become eligible to apply and you don't fit into one of the above categories, you'll have to wait until the general enrollment period, which is January 1 through March 31 of each year. At that time, you may have to pay a higher Medicare Part B premium.

For more information about Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at www.medicare.gov. Or read our publication on Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html.

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

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

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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Bosley Bad Bones

Happy New Year My furry friends! I hope that everyone has recovered from the craziness of the Howlidays! Was Santa Paws good to everyone? If not, maybe you should work on begin a better pooch this year; just a friendly suggestion!

Barking about being better, I have a bone to pick with my Human. Last year my pack and I were on our best behavior, we truly put up with a lot from he!. With her new business venture she put us last. Being the understanding pooch that I am, I know why; she tells us how she is making a better life for us; but enough already!

I was participating in agility classes and love it. I miss the class and my furry friends! I have been good and pawtient so we should go back, right? So, I have a plan in mind! Since being good isn't working, here comes Bosley Bad Bones! I am going to show her; so I have devised a plan! What drives my human mad is stealing food from the counters. She has worked hard teaching us that the counters are off limits. So, this will show her! I will wait and steal something good!

Wait a minute! She is packing the agility bag! What is going on I wonder? Then she tells, "Well, guys next week we are finally going back to class!" Woof! Woof! I am so excited and now I don't have to be bad! However, I will keep that idea just in case because you never know when your Human needs a lesson!

Bosley Bad Bones (my alter ego)

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



Skokie Pet Owner's Etiquette

The Village of Skokie would like to remind all pet owners to clean up after their animals and deposit any animal waste in an appropriate refuse receptacle. If a person is caught not properly cleaning up after their dog, the Village can issue a citation in the amount of \$50 for the first offense. Repeated offenses could result in fines ranging from \$100 for the second offense and upwards of \$750 for multiple offenses. Proper disposal of animal waste will not only assist the Village in keeping alleyways and sewer inlets clean, but also will reduce rodent infestation.

Please use the following pet etiquette:

Always clean up after your dog.

Do not allow a dog's barking to disturb neighbors.

Observe leash laws and do not allow dogs to run loose and/or cats to roam off your property.

Spay or neuter your cat or dog.

Do not allow the dog to fight at the fence with neighbor's dogs.

Always make sure your dog's vaccinations are up to date.

Good pet-owner etiquette not only helps neighborly relations, it also can benefit the pets. For more information on pet owner's etiquette and being a good pet owner, please contact the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8484.



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Boursin Cheese

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1 tsp. basil leaves
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lemon pepper

Blend cream cheese and garlic and add everything else. Serve with crackers or in celery.

Piquant Meat Balls

2 pounds ground beef
1 egg
2 tablespoons bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt
pepper to taste
12-ounce bottle of chili sauce
6 ounces grape jelly
Juice of 1 lemon

Combine meat, egg, bread crumbs, and seasonings. Shape into balls the size of a walnut. Heat chili sauce, jelly, and lemon juice in a heavy skillet or Dutch oven until blended. Add the meat balls, cover, and simmer for 30 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. Serves 8 to 10. Keep hot in a chafing dish.

Keep up to Date on Food Recalls & Safety Tips

Want to know about the latest Food Recall? Need Food Safety Tips for you next family dinner?

The Evanston health department has posted a widget with the latest food recall information and food safety tips courtesy of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Please visit www.cityofevanston.org/health to view the information on the right hand side of the page. If you have additional questions e-mail safefood@cityofevanston.org or call 847/859-7831.



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.

Jackson is quite a character! This 1-year old Rat Terrier mix loves people and is loaded with personality. He's a cute little guy having wonderful markings and great big cute ears that make him look absolutely adorable! Jackson came to the shelter when someone in his family became allergic and he had to give given up. He is a little overweight for his size, but with a lite diet and plenty of long walks and exercise, Jackson will be fit and trim in no time! He has some mild tartar, but nothing that a dental cleaning won't take care of. We have been told that Jackson is already housetrained so bringing him home should be a smooth transition for this sweet boy. A great addition to almost any family, Jackson would love the chance to meet you! Small enough for a condo or apartment, Jackson would be great company and an even better friend! Hurry on over to The Anti-Cruelty Society and ask to meet Jackson, #12050264. Jackson is ready to go home with you today!



Once you meet **Camila**, you'll wonder where she's been all your life! This beautiful girl is 9 years old and is as lovely as they come. Camila is a very pretty black and white kitty who has the cutest little nose that almost appears to have a little heart at the tip! Most times you visit, you'll find Camila lounging in her favorite cat bed as if she's just waiting for all her admirers to arrive!! Camila came to the shelter when her owner was moving and couldn't take her along. It's so very sad that Camila lost her home after so many years, but we are so very glad she's made her way to us! Camila is curious and fun, and loved batting around a fun kitty toy during our photo shoot. She loves soft pets and chin scratches, and will be a great new feline addition to almost any family. Our vets checked Camila out and the only thing noted was that she'll need a dental cleaning down the road -- but that's it, she's otherwise in tip-top shape! Camila deserves to have a forever home where she can spend her days taking long cat naps in the sun and her nights cuddling with you. Stop on by The Anti-Cruelty Society and ask to meet Camila, #11576745. She's patiently awaiting your arrival and she's ready to go to her new home today!

For more information about any of our pets, visit www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.



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These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.*

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is proposing to make improvements, subject to the availability of funding, to the North Red and Purple Lines. The improvements are proposed in order to bring the existing transit stations, track systems and structures into a state of good repair from the track structure immediately north of Belmont station to the Linden terminal (9.5 miles). This project is one part of CTA's effort to extend and enhance the entire Red Line.

We want to hear from you!

Attend one of the public scoping meetings to learn more about the project and provide feedback on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project and the environmental and community impacts to be evaluated. The input will help define the environmental studies to be considered in the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Submit a Comment by February 18, 2011

In addition to comments received at the meeting, written comments will be accepted until February 18, 2011.
Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax, with attention to:
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