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VARIETY OF FREE EVENTS AND OUT-DOOR ACTIVITIES MAKE CHICAGO THE PERFECT SUMMERTIME DESTINATION

Top Summer Activities Include Neighborhood Festivals, Family Events, Outdoor Attractions and More With Hotel Packages and Great Rates Starting From \$99/Night, There's Never Been a Better Time to Explore Chicago

Chicago is one of America's most popular destinations and there's no better time to visit the city than this summer. With unique activities and events from Memorial Day through Labor Day, plus 77 diverse and vibrant neighborhoods to discover, a summer visit to Chicago is fun-filled, action-packed and affordable. Visitors to the city are invited to make their first stop the Visitor Information Center in the Chicago Cultural Center, located at 78 E. Washington St. or in the historic Chicago Water Works, 163 E. Pearson St. at Michigan Avenue. For more information on the events and activities listed below or on visiting Chicago this summer, visit www.explorechicago.org.

Fun For The Whole Family

This summer, the Family Fun Festival in Millennium Park is the place to be for kids of all ages. Every day through August 21, family performances and hands-on activities will take place in the Family Fun Tent, located on the Park's Chase Promenade North between 10 am and 3 pm.

The Family Fun Festival is sponsored by Target and presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. View the complete 2011 Family Fun Festival brochure at <http://www.explorechicago.org/specialevents>



Happy Fourth of July



American Legion Post 541 members surrounding Past Commanders Tom Bensen (left) and Robert Fuggiti (right) presenting a certificate of appreciation to representatives (center) of Happy Foods. The Certificate is in appreciation for Happy Foods support of the American Legion.

See our article on page 12 and recipe on page 15.



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers July Health Programs

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, July 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, July 8, 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. A registered dietitian will discuss how to follow a heart healthy diet. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free lecture titled **'Simple Self Defense for the Average Citizen'** will be held Thursday, July 14, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Timothy Davis, the hospital's director of security, will demonstrate effective methods to minimize the possibility of assault. Attendees will learn methods to protect themselves in situations dealing with violent individuals. Wear comfortable clothing to practice defense moves. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, July 19, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, July 20, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

A free lecture titled **'What's New in Joint Replacement?'** will be offered Wednesday, July 20, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Orthopedic surgeon Joseph D'Silva, M.D., will discuss different types of joint replacements, including an explanation of the surgical process, risks, benefits and the recovery process. 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, July 27, 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, July 28, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

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

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Names Nursing Award Recipients



Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center celebrated its 2011 nursing award winners. Photo, from left: Martin Judd, CEO; award winners Fernanda Braswell, unit clerk; Maryann O'Connor, R.N.; and Yaedmie Caraballo, R.N.; and Maryanne Bajgrowicz, R.N., CNO.

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, has announced its 2011 Nursing Excellence Award winners.

Fernanda Braswell, unit clerk, 3-South, was selected for the Mission Effectiveness Award that recognizes superior performance in meeting the mission, core values and strategic goals of Resurrection Health Care. Co-workers say that compassion, accountability and excellent service are key characteristics that make Braswell "the backbone of the nursing unit." She is sensitive to the needs of patients and staff, and embraces new responsibilities positively. "Fernanda is the calming presence on our unit and is a true role model for us all," say unit nurses.

Yaedmie Caraballo, R.N., team leader, Intensive Care Unit, earned the Nursing Leadership Award that recognizes excellence in mentorship and leadership. Caraballo takes ownership of the unit, overseeing throughput and contributing to quality patient care delivery. She is hands-on with patient care, helps out where needed, and is a resource and mentor to others. Her supervisor says, "Yaedmie is a special kind of person. She is everything to everyone and does her job in good spirits with a smile on her face."

Maryann O'Connor, R.N., Outpatient Surgery Unit, earned the Nursing Clinical Excellence Award that recognizes excellence in clinical nursing care. According to co-workers, "Maryann has been instrumental in delivering creative solutions to enhancing the quality of patient care. She keeps abreast of nursing advancements to apply first-hand knowledge for optimal patient outcomes." She exhibits professional practice by incorporating nursing standards of care for surgical patients using evidence-based practices. She mentors novice nurses and partners with physicians to enhance nurse-physician relationships.

COMMON SENSE

A House Divided

A house divided will fall - a prediction by a great American. We as a Country are close to reaching this point.

There are, of course, right ways and wrong ways to approach this looming event. There are some people who will always, and only, back their political party. These people should be ashamed to enter the voting booth.

Politicians have a poor reputation for the most part. If our elected officials, at all levels, cut some of their salaries, perks, benefits and expenses by a small percentage, it would send a message to the voters that they care about them and are aware of the dire circumstances in which we all find ourselves.

President Obama said at his latest news conference that the politicians have spent monies they did not have to spend, while at the same time proposing raising the debt ceiling to cover their hubris. As he put it, it's like going on vacation without the money you need to afford it with the promise of paying it back later.

I will edit this statement slightly to say it's like having our "Uncle Jim" go on vacation and then sending us the bill. The least our politicians can do is to try holding "Uncle Jim" accountable for his own expenditures. Then maybe all of us will be able to afford a vacation again sometime in the future.

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Evanston to Host Latex Paint Drop-off Event for its Residents July 6th

The City of Evanston will offer a one day latex paint drop-off event for Evanston residents only on Wednesday, July 6th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Residents will be allowed to drop-off latex paint at the city's Service Center visitor's parking lot, located across the street from 2020 Asbury.

The city will accept only latex paint. The paint can must have the original label identifying it as latex and be in a usable state. The goal of the latex paint drop-off is to collect, remix and give away the remixed latex paint at the city's inaugural Recycling Fair to be held at the Morton Civic Center on July 23, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Latex paints contain various amounts of toxic materials. If improperly discarded toxic materials are water soluble, that only means they could pollute ground water and the environment more quickly. If residents have any questions regarding this latex paint drop-off event, they can call 3-1-1.

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Artists, vendors, crafters wanted!

Passion for Style - A unique arts and craft show for you and your home is looking for vendors for Sunday, November 20, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Northshore. Download a vendor application at www.westridgechamber.org

6th Annual Tournament of Heroes Softball Game

West Ridge Firefighters vs. 24th District Police Department

Monday, July 11, 2011

Thillens Stadium - corner of Kedzie & Devon - gates open at 6pm

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Lincolnwood Flag Donation Program

Each year, during the month of August, the Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission displays flags along Lincoln Avenue between Devon Avenue and Touhy Avenue to represent the many ethnic heritages of Lincolnwood community residents. All community members are welcome to participate in the Flag Donation Program.

The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission is committed to promoting recognition and respect for the dignity of each member of the community. The Commission creates opportunities for the community to participate in positive interpersonal experiences by sponsoring enjoyable events and activities for citizen involvement, by providing educational enrichment and by serving as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood. The purpose of the Commission is to promote understanding, mutual respect and neighborly cooperation among all Lincolnwood residents.

If you would like to make a donation of \$50.00 to purchase a flag representing your country of origin or to help defer the cost of replacing a worn flag, please contact Sergeant Mark Weidner at 847- 673-2167.

Evanston 2011 Dutch Elm Disease Control Program

Approval of contract in the amount of \$697,305.00 from Nels Johnson Tree Experts, Inc. (NJTE) located at 912 Pitner Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202 for the 2011 Dutch Elm Disease Control Program.



Funding Source:
Funding for this contract will come from the General Fund (3535.62496) in the amount of \$216,400 and Reserve funds from previous years (100.41332) in the amount of \$513,216. This funding will also be used to purchase fungicide and equipment for the additional 250 public elms scheduled for injection by Forestry staff this year. Any remaining balance after all eligible public elm trees have been injected will be transferred back to the reserve fund for future year funding of the program.

Summary:

Work on this project includes providing a preventative treatment for Dutch Elm Disease (DED) in approximately 2,290 parkway and other publicly owned elm trees through the root flare injection of Arbotect 20-S at the three-year rate. This program is a continuation of the City Council's expanded DED control methods initiated in September of 2004. The elm trees to be injected under this contract are the same Signature (30" or larger in diameter) and Significant (all elms on major, collector and distributor streets) elm that were initially injected in 2005 and 2008, as well as all remaining public elms that measure ten inches in diameter or larger. NJTE has agreed to extend their "per-inch" bid price to Evanston property owners who wish to have their private elms injected in 2011.

Bids to Perform the injections were opened and publicly read on May 17, 2011.

Evanston National Winner of U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Award

Evanston, IL Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and Houston, TX Mayor Annise Parker have been selected as the nation's top winners in the 2011 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards, an initiative sponsored by The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Walmart. The annual awards program in its fifth year recognizes mayors for innovative practices in their cities that increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. An independent panel of judges selected the winners from a pool of 130 applicants.

"It is an honor to be recognized for our Evanston Climate Action Plan, where our community leaders and the public identified more than 200 strategies to guide the city as we move forward in reducing our carbon emissions," said Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl.

City Vehicle Sticker Deadline Is Here: Stickers Expire June 30, Enforcement Begins July 16

The deadline for purchasing and displaying the 2011 - 2012 city vehicle stickers is quickly approaching. Current stickers expire on June 30, with a two week grace period to purchase and display the new sticker extending to July 15. Failure to purchase and display the new vehicle city sticker by July 16 could result in a \$120 ticket and a purchasing late fee.

"I want residents to avoid late fees and the possibility of getting a ticket for not purchasing a city sticker. We have hundreds of locations where stickers can be purchased," said Clerk Mendoza. "The fastest, easiest way to buy a city sticker is online. Orders placed before July 4 will be processed and mailed in time to receive and display the sticker before the July 15 deadline."

Vehicle sticker and residential parking permit prices remain unchanged from last year. The cost of a passenger vehicle sticker is \$75 and larger passenger vehicle stickers are \$120. Senior citizens, age 65 and older, are eligible to receive one vehicle sticker for \$30. Annual residential zone parking is \$25 and residential zone daily guest passes are \$8 for 15 passes.

Stickers can be bought online at www.chicityclerk.com by clicking on the Buy/Renew Your Vehicle Sticker Online icon. Orders are being processed in record time and any order placed by July 4 should be received before the July 15 display deadline.

To purchase a sticker in person, residents must bring their driver's license or renewal form and know their vehicle license plate number. There are more than 400 city sticker sale locations in the city, including currency exchanges, Dominick's grocery stores, City Clerk and Department of Revenue offices. In addition, Aldermen are hosting vehicle sticker sales in each ward and motorists can go to any of these sales locations. A complete list of sale locations, including the Aldermanic Ward Sale locations, can be found at www.chicityclerk.com or by calling 312-742-5375.

Names Published of 69,000 Property Owners Who Owe \$234 Million

The names of more than 69,000 property owners who owe about \$234 million in delinquent taxes from last year are being published in community newspapers in advance of the Annual Tax Sale which begins July 19, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Owners have through July 13 to pay the delinquencies and avoid having their unpaid taxes go to the Tax Sale. Payments are made by certified check, cashier's check or money order, and cash (only in person). No personal, company or business checks are accepted. Payments can be made:

Electronically at the Treasurer's website, cookcountytreasurer.com.

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At the Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Suite 112, Chicago, 60602, in person or by mail.

The Annual Tax Sale, an auction of unpaid taxes from Tax Year 2009 (payable in 2010), runs from July 19 through July 22. Registered tax buyers submit electronic bids to pay the taxes. If the owners do not redeem, the tax buyers later can ask a court for deeds to properties.

The on-line Sale will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Unpaid taxes in the County's 30 suburban townships, followed by Chicago's eight townships, will be offered according to the following schedule:

July 19 – Barrington, Berwyn, Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Cicero, Elk Grove, Evanston, Hanover, Lemont, Leyden, Lyons, Maine, New Trier, Niles, Northfield, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Orland.

July 20 – Palatine, Palos, Proviso, Rich, River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, Stickney, Thornton, Wheeling, Worth, Hyde Park.

July 21 – Hyde Park, Jefferson, Lake.

July 22 – Lake, Lake View, North Chicago, Rogers Park, South Chicago, West Chicago.



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EPL Baby Falcons Receive Their New Names

Recently at the Evanston Public Library, scientists from Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, the Shedd Aquarium and the Brookfield Zoo banded four baby peregrine falcons, three boys and one girl. They are the eighth batch of baby falcons to be born at the library. About 150 residents, bird watchers and elementary students were in the audience to view this spectacular event.

The library had a ballot (both on-line and paper) with seven male and seven female names asking folks to pick their top four. Squawker and Nona's (the parent peregrine falcons) latest hatchlings are named:

Wilbur – named after Wilbur, the runt pig in E.B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. The runt of the litter, Wilbur is saved from a terrible fate by his friend Charlotte the spider.

Lincoln – named after Abraham Lincoln, born in Illinois and our 16th president. He led the nation through Civil War and brought an end to slavery in the United States.

Dewey – named after Melvil Dewey, American librarian and reformer. Dewey established the Dewey decimal system of classifying books and played a prominent role in developing professional institutions for librarians.

Rosalind – the central character of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Some critics call Rosalind one of the most complex, fully realized Shakespearean characters. As an added bonus, there is a falcon reference in *As You Like It* (Act 3, Scene 3 - Touchstone: "As the ox hath his bow, sir, the horse his curb and the falcon her bells, so man hath his desires; and as pigeons bill, so wedlock would be nibbling").

The scientists also took blood samples for DNA tracking purposes along with feather samples. When they were finished, the fledglings were successfully returned to their nest.

"For the past several years, a pair of peregrine falcons has nested on one of the columns along the south side of the library and at least one baby falcon has successfully fledged each year," explained Evanston Public Library Director Mary Johns. "While the nest cannot be viewed directly from either inside or outside the building, the library has set up a webcam which transmits a streaming live image for all to enjoy."

The peregrine falcon is a raptor, or bird of prey. Adults have blue-gray wings, dark brown backs, a buff colored underside with brown spots, and white faces with a black tear stripe on their cheeks. They have a hooked beaks and strong talons. Peregrine falcons are the fastest flying birds in the world – they are able to dive at 200 miles per hour and catch their prey in mid-air. There are an estimated 1,650 breeding pairs in the United States and Canada.

Peregrine Falcons have adapted to living in many cities and make use of tall buildings that provide suitable ledges for nesting and depend on the large populations of pigeons and starlings in cities for food. Peregrine falcons mate for life and breed in the same territory each year.

Evanston Reminds Dog Owners to Keep Their Pets on a Leash & Clean Up After Them

With the warmer weather now here, dog owners are more likely to take their pets out into the public. Residents are reminded that not only must their dogs be leashed (Ord 9-4-7 of the City Code), but they also are required under the law to pick-up after them (Ord 9-4-12). Nobody likes to step in dog waste!

City Code 9-4-7 requires that dogs must be leashed in public and they are not allowed to run loose in public parks or on the majority of the city's beaches. If you wish to allow your dog to run off leash, you may purchase an annual membership to Pooch Park or the Evanston Dog Beach.

City Code 9-4-12 requires dog owners to pick-up their dog's waste from public or private property and should have with them something with which to properly dispose of the waste. Dog waste can spread disease and it's bad for the environment. Dog feces may contain various organisms and parasites such as E. coli, tapeworm, and roundworm. They can all make people really sick. Small children are especially vulnerable so it's really important to clean it up! Get the rest of the scoop at <http://www.cityofevanston.org/news/2011/06/city-reminds-dog-owners-to-keep-their-pets-on-a-leash-clean-up-after-them/>

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How To Protect Your Pet During Record Heat Wave



As temperatures reach towards 100 degrees today, pets are particularly at risk of a heat stroke. Pet owners need to know how to protect their pets and the warning signs their animals may be in danger.

Pedro Boria, DVM, MS, DACVIM, an internal medicine specialist with BluePearl Veterinary Partners in the North Shore area, advises pet owners, "Don't go outside in the heat of the day, keep your pets in an air-conditioned environment, and limit strenuous activities such as running and playing ball in the park. Always bring water with you when outside, take breaks during your walks and find shade wherever possible." Dr. Boria also shared that, "If your pet does get overheated, spray the animal down with room temperature water, not cold – and never ice water. The cold water or ice causes a decrease in blood flow to the skin and heat can't escape the body – which makes the heat exhaustion symptoms worse. We have seen this in patients coming into our emergency facility recently."

The emergency care team at BluePearl Veterinary Partners warns if your pet is overly lethargic, vomits several times, has severe diarrhea or brick red gums, these are signs of heat related distress. Cool the animal with room temperature water and consult your veterinarian right away. Dr. Boria adds, "If your pet is panting uncontrollably, becomes severely agitated or collapses, take the animal to your veterinarian or a veterinary emergency hospital immediately."

Pet owners are advised to carry water with them whenever they take their animal outside, stay in the shade, venture outdoors for short periods of time and limit strenuous exercise such as running. And a word of caution: never leave your pet in a locked car with the windows closed. If you have questions or think your pet may be suffering from symptoms of heat exhaustion, contact your veterinarian.

BluePearl Veterinary Partners is a referral-based hospital with 24-hour emergency care services dedicated to providing a superior level of patient and client care through close cooperation with the family veterinarian. BluePearl Veterinary Partners is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and is located at 1810 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, in the North Shore area.

For further information, please visit www.bluepearlvet.com.

Skokie Pet Licenses

Pet licenses are available at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.. With a veterinarian's statement of spay/neutering, the pet license fee is \$6. Without the statement the fee is \$12. A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase whether purchasing in-person or by mail. Pet licenses cannot be renewed online at this time.

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses can be purchased at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423.

Urban Wildlife Coalition:

Bird/Window Collisions – How You Can Help

More than five million birds representing upwards of 250 species are expected to pass through the Chicago area this spring, and May is a particularly busy month. A great time for bird-watching, but unfortunately, a bad time for bird collisions with windows.

Sometimes these stunned animals may appear to be dead, but are not. In fact, with timely treatment, more than 80% of these injured birds can be saved and released back to the wild! Urban Wildlife Coalition works closely with Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, a state- and federally-licensed facility dedicated to rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife.

Volunteers are needed to help transport injured animals to the rehabilitation center(s). A few hours one morning a week can save hundreds of birds. Training is provided. For more information, please visit www.flintcreekwildlife.org/volunteer.htm or phone 847-842-8000.

If you find an injured or orphaned bird:

First off, it is a myth that if you handle baby birds, the mother will reject them. Place the bird in a paper bag with a folded paper towel at the bottom. Secure the bag with a clip.

Place the bag in a dark, quiet location and phone the number above (enter this number into your cellular phone for quick emergency access)

Do not give the bird food, water, or try to provide medical care which may cause further injury. Sometimes our best intentions actually cause further injury to the bird.

Injured birds can be dropped off at Flint Creek's Northerly Island site (1400 S. Lynn White Drive, Chicago, IL 60605) between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. daily. Directions are available on the website at www.flintcreekwildlife.org. Please call the number above first, so the rehabilitation team can prepare. Orphaned birds also are accepted between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. daily, but it is necessary to call first so they are certain the bird requires treatment. Oftentimes, birds that appear to be orphaned may not necessarily be, and taking them from their parents can be detrimental.

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

GREAT OUTDOORS

Snowballs in July?

By: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

He popular perennial flowering shrub, known as the Hydrangea, begins blooming at the start of July. The blooms are either shaped like a large snowball, technically known as a mophead, or like a cone. White is the most popular color. This is why hydrangea flowers are sometimes called "snowballs"... they are white in color and shaped like a ball. However, there are some blue, pink, and red varieties available now which will survive our cold Chicagoland winters.

There are a few reasons why white is the most popular color. First, most of the old fashion varieties that are hardy in Chicago only came in white. Second, the new colorful hydrangeas often require an acidic soil, something we don't have in Chicago because our soil is quite alkaline. In some of the newer varieties like "Endless Summer" and "all Summer Beauty" acid in the soil changes the color of the flower from pink to blue. In the Chicagoland area, one must add sulfur to the soil to make it more acidic to produce more vibrant colors. These varieties seem to do best in the south-eastern part of America where the soil is naturally more acidic.

Hydrangeas can be divided into three size categories. First there are the 3' tall varieties. This size is the most popular. Second, there are the tall varieties that can easily grow to 6'. Third, there are the climbing hydrangeas which they say will grow to 85' tall. Personally, the climbing hydrangeas make a nice climbing plant, but I have never seen one anywhere near to 75' tall.

Hydrangeas prefer growing conditions which range from full sun to part shade. If the plant is in too much shade, then it will not bloom. In my experience, hydrangeas need at least half a day of sun to really bloom well. People might argue with me, but that has been my experience. Some even promote hydrangeas as shade plants and I just do not agree.

The flowers of hydrangeas can be picked in bloom and put in a vase with water. The flower heads can also be picked and allowed to dry out, and then used in dried flower arrangements. When fall approaches, some people leave the dried flower heads on the plant for interest in the garden during winter.

If you want to grow a hydrangea your best chance for success will be to grow one of the old fashion white varieties. I recommend the variety "Annabelle." This is a white, mophead or snowball type flowering variety which grows about 3' tall and 4' wide. "Annabelle" is very hardy during cold Chicagoland winters, and is very easy to grow. Unless you really want to exert a lot of time and effort growing a hydrangea, I do not recommend any of the newer blue and pink varieties. From talking to many gardeners, I have not heard many success stories. So, give yourself the best chance for success by growing an "Annabelle" hydrangea.



Public Libraries

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FEATURES EXHIBITION OF CIVIL WAR ARTIFACTS

The most devastating war fought on American soil was the Civil War. The divisive, bloody armed conflict involved 11 Southern slave states or "the Confederacy," against 20 Northern free states known as "the Union."

As a tribute to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, as well as the soldiers who fought as part of the Union, the Chicago Public Library Special Collections & Preservation Division presents In Service to the Union: Civil War Artifacts, an exhibition of vintage Civil War artifacts that can be viewed in person and online. The exhibit is currently on display through July 27, 2011, in the 9th floor Special Collections Hall at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.



Some of the highlighted items in the In Service to the Union: Civil War Artifacts exhibit include:

- Swords carried by Union field and cavalry officers
- George Armstrong Custer's non-regulation hat
- The saddle Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's used at the Battle of Wilderness and the Appomattox Campaign
- An artillery jacket worn by Pvt. John Stagg, who served in the Chicago Board of Trade Battery
- A bugle and pennant from the Chicago Board of Trade Battery
- A drum from the 65th Illinois Volunteer Regiment
- A Colt .56 caliber single shot musket
- Hardtack biscuits—a staple in the Union soldiers diet
- A spoon-knife-fork set, pocket chess board, rollaway sewing kit, and a collection of dated posters, medals and other Civil War items

Many of these exhibit items, taken from the Library's Grand Army of the Republic and Civil War Collections, have been in the collection for nearly 100 years. The Grand Army of the Republic was a Union veteran's organization.

To make these Civil War artifacts available to a world-wide audience, the Library has mounted detailed photographs of the artifacts on its website. The online images are part of the Wayne Whalen Digital Archive of the Grand Army of the Republic and Civil War Collections. These dramatic photographs include details not visible in the exhibit hall, such as close-ups of maker's marks and fish skin grips on the swords. The digital archive is made possible by generous gifts to the Chicago Public Library Foundation by the partners of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in honor of Wayne Whalen.

TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE WOODIES

22nd Annual Evanston Garden Walk, Sunday, July 10, 2011, 12 noon – 5 pm

After 22 years of sponsoring the Evanston Garden Walk, Keep Evanston Beautiful, Inc. (KEB), is still amazed to find so many new and wonderful gardens to feature. This year, there are seven glorious private gardens and two very different public gardens in locations all around Evanston, so transportation is required. (Bikes and carpooling are recommended.)

Of particular interest this year are some incredible collections of woody plants, including unique evergreens, many types, sizes and colors of deciduous trees, and wonderful flowering shrubs which make up the "bones" of an outstanding garden. One garden is the personal pallet of a retired horticultural writer for the Chicago Botanic Gardens; two surround historic houses near the lake, offering peaceful respite from the hubbub of downtown Evanston, with fantastic container gardens, raised organic vegetable beds, and a wealth of perennials suited to the charming architecture.

Another landscape is the passion of a gardener who "gardens in my head when I go to bed." She has created a designated wildlife preserve as well as a beautiful garden retreat. For those seeking something to soothe their psyche, we offer a Zen garden dotted with treasures from the owners' travels and fun finds at the flea market. There's also a garden created by two artists with a passion for plants, and a perennial garden with layers and levels of beauty in front, and a deep back garden full of surprises. Unusual annuals and perennials, water features and garden art abound on this year's walk.

The two public gardens include an interactive garden behind a senior living facility in downtown Evanston, where residents can get their hands dirty, and a recently renovated public park where local residents united with the local fire department to raise funds and get it done. At the park during the walk, members of the Herb Society of America (Northern Illinois Unit) will answer questions about growing and using culinary herbs, and will serve lavender lemonade and other refreshments.

Most of the private gardens are either designed or planted by the homeowners themselves, though professionals help with hardscape, maintenance and some of the design. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some amazing gardens, and talk to the gardeners/homeowners. Visitors are encouraged to bring your notebook and camera, because you will be inspired!

Tickets for the walk are available on-line at www.evanstonkeb.org, where you can also find a list of local retailers who are selling the tickets through July 9th. Or you can stop by the KEB office in the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Tickets will also be available on July 9th at the Evanston Farmer's market in the Friends Tent. Advance purchase tickets for KEB members are \$10, non-member tickets are \$20.

NEW THIS YEAR: Group Rates, \$15 for orders of 6 or more tickets paid for by one person. On the day of the walk, tickets are available at the Evanston Ecology Center only, 11 am to 4 pm, \$15 for KEB members, \$25 for non-members. Attendees will receive a map of garden locations and a booklet describing the gardens.

All proceeds from the event fund environmental education projects in Evanston and Evanston/Skokie schools, as well as promoting community cooperation in a variety of anti-litter and recycling-related programs.

For more information, contact the KEB office at 847-448-8256 x105 or via email at evanstonkeb@sbcglobal.net.

Evanston Library Director Johns Resigns

Evanston Library Director Mary Johns has submitted her resignation effective July 15, 2011. Ms. Johns has been appointed Library Director of the Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a joint library system of the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County, South Dakota. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz has appointed Lesley Williams to serve as Acting Library Director beginning July 16 until an Interim Library Director is selected. Williams is currently the Adult Services Manager of the Evanston Public Library.

"Mary Johns has served as Library Director during a complex period in the history of the Evanston Public Library. The Library has been through difficult budget and governance challenges while seeing a rebirth of active community support for its services. Through all of these demanding times, Mary has remained focused on providing the best possible service to library patrons and supporting the talented staff of the library. Mary's dedication to serving the residents of Evanston will be missed," said Bobkiewicz. Ms. Johns has served as Evanston Library Director since February, 2008. Prior to her arrival in Evanston, Johns was Assistant Library Director in Lincoln, Nebraska and served in similar capacities in Maricopa County and Chandler, Arizona.

Bobkiewicz expects that an Interim Library Director will be appointed by September 1, 2011.

**EDGEBROOK BRANCH
5331 W. Devon Avenue (312) 744-8313**

The Devon Street Beggars, formerly known as the Edgebrook Sherlockians, discuss a different Sir Arthur Conan Doyle story every other month at Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch at 5331 W. Devon Avenue. Led by Edgebrook resident Nicholas J. De Leonardis, an avid collector of Sherlockian memorabilia, the group investigates, in entertaining detail, the wonderful world of Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. On Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m., they discuss 'The Musgrave Ritual' which appears in The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes. Unlike the majority of Holmes stories, the main narrator is not Doctor Watson, but Sherlock Holmes himself. Watson provides an introduction and then the story-within-a story proceeds – one of the earliest recorded cases investigated by Holmes, and it establishes his problem solving skills. For more information please telephone the library at 312-744-8313.

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JEFFERSON PARK BRANCH 5363 W. Lawrence Ave., (312) 744-1998

The library will be closed on Monday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.

Do you enjoy authors like Elin Hilderbrand, Jennifer Weiner, and Stacey Ballis? Did you enjoy *The Devil Wears Prada* and the *Shopaholic* series? If yes, then this is the book discussion group for you! Jefferson Park is forming a Contemporary Women's Fiction/Chick Lit Book Club. Times and date to be determined. Call 312-744-1998 and ask for Natalie.

Wednesday in July 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.

Saturday, July 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parade your patriotism at our all-day Patriotic Craft Jubilee Program. Make a flag, stars, Uncle Sam, or a fireworks craft. All ages.

Wednesday, July 6 at 11 a.m. Join jazz violinist Diane Delin as she demonstrates jazz and rhythm with other musicians. Participate rhythmically as a group. Ages 5 and up.

Thursday, July 7 at 6 p.m. Learn to make whimsical figurines, paperweights or pencil holders from quick-drying clay in this Art Attack Program. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Monday, July 11 at 4:15 p.m. Join our family reading club as they discuss *Judy Moody Declares Independence* by Megan McDonald. Ages 6 to 9 (grades 1 to 3) and their parents. Call to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. Join Patti Ecker and L. J. Slavin in this *Sundown Serenade*, a celebration of the roots of country music. Sing and clap to the rhythm of the fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo and more. All ages.

Wednesday, July 13 at 2 p.m. The Wednesday afternoon mystery book discussion group will feature *Impartial Witness* by Charles Todd. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. Join our t(w)een book discussion as they discuss *Yolanda's Genius* by Carol Fenner. Ages 10-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Monday, July 18 at 11 a.m. Join Betsey Means and Tamyala Grabill for the Alphabet Rhythm Project. Create music and dance through a rhythm circle. Enjoy call and response songs, games and alphabet exploration. Ages 3-7 and up.

Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. The Tuesday evening book discussion group will discuss *The Long Fall* by Walter Mosley. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Explore music theory through rhythm and dance. Learn cool dance moves and find rhythm all around you in this Rhythm Jam with Metropolis Theatre. Ages 8 to 11. Registration required.

Monday, July 25 at 4:15 p.m. Join our family reading club as they discuss *Rock 'n' Roll Mystery* by Gertrude Chandler Warner. Ages 6 to 9 (grades 1 to 3) and their parents. Call to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, July 26 at 6 p.m. Join Nelson Sosa in this *Latin American Journey* of Afro-Latin rhythms, singing story and music program. All ages.

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

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

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

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

The Adult Stamp Club meets the third Thursday of the month in May, 7 p.m.
The Mac Users Club meets the second Thursday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

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

The **Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, July 11 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, July 12 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Copies in both regular and large type are available at the library.

Classic Films continue at Eisenhower: *Stagecoach* with John Wayne and Claire Trevor, directed by John Ford on June 16; *Godfather II* with Al Pacino and Robert De Niro directed by Francis Ford Coppola on June 30. 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. July's Knitting Circle will be on the 19th. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

Computer Classes Picnik free online photo editing. Learn a fast and easy way to edit your photos. Wednesday, July 6, 7-8 p.m. Saving computer Documents. Tuesday, July 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Writing Groups Pen and Ink Adult Writers. Every third Monday of the month. This month's meeting is Monday, July 18, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Anonymous Writers for Teens. Every Thursday from 4-5:30.

Houdini: His Life and His Legend The true story of the great escape artist! Presented by William Pack. Copies of Mr. Pack's book *The Essential Houdini* will be available for purchase. Thursday, July 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

Photojournalism: Here's Where You Get Your News Learn what's involved in being a professional photojournalist with Pioneer Press and freelance photographer Alan Kaleta. Wednesday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Senator Kotowski's One-on-one Representatives from Senator Kotowski's office will be here to answer all your questions. Wednesday, July 13, 1-3:30.

Author Visit with Jade Lee Bestselling author Jade Lee will speak at High Tea with the Ladies of the Red Feather Society, the Library's romance book discussion group. Saturday, July 16, 3-4 p.m.

Silent Summer Silent Film Festival Join us for four silent films this summer. The first in the series will be *The Big Parade* with John Gilbert and Renee Adoree, directed by King Vidor on Tuesday, July 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Films will be shown by and discussed with John Stangland, author of the film bio *Warren William: Magnificent Scoundrel of Pre-code Hollywood*.

Bus trip to the Illinois Railway Museum It's a Zephyr weekend at the Railway Museum, largest museum of its kind in the United States. Ride the streamlined Nebraska Zephyr through the countryside in air conditioned comfort on the museum's featured train, then spend the rest of the day enjoying the museum. You can buy lunch at the museum, or bring your own. \$20.00 Saturday, July 23, 9-3

Civil War Cooking with the Food Mercenary A tasting of typical foods served during the Civil War along with artifacts, posters, newspapers, dioramas, pictures, replicas, period music and more! The Civil War is a particular passion of Michael Niksic's - you'll be fascinated! \$3.00 tasting fee. Wednesday, July 27, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Photo 101 With this class, you'll learn the Top 10 Tips and Tricks to create the perfect photograph. Saturday, July 30, 1-4 p.m.

Photo Contest Enter your best photograph. Prizes awarded in three categories; Grades 7-8; Grades 9-12; Adults. Photos may be black and white or color, print or digital. Please have photo matted in an 11x14 mat with a hook on the back for hanging. Please turn in all entries by Monday, July 25.

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.

Evanston Library Set to Kick-off Two Summer Reading Programs for Kids

Expanded Summer Reading Game Registration Has Begun

Every summer for almost 40 years, the Evanston Public Library's Summer Reading Game keeps kids reading through the summer months. Children who stop reading often fall behind while those who are encouraged to read more have a head start when they return to school in September.

Registration has begun for this year's Game - Take Flight, inspired by the peregrine falcons that are nesting in the window boxes of the third floor of the Main Library in downtown Evanston. Children can begin recording their reading as soon as they register. Prizes will be awarded for reading nine total hours and for weekly visits. The game will run from June 13-July 30.

The 2011 Summer Reading Game can be played at all six sites in English and Spanish. This year, every child's reading record is available to librarians at every site, so s/he can play at any or all of the sites listed below.

The theme of the teen summer reading program is *A Midsummer Loft's Dream*. Middle schoolers and teens can visit www.epl.org/teens to find a variety of activities throughout the summer and a suggested reading list. Evanston teens will be facilitating book discussions in the Loft and at other locations in Evanston, as well.

EPL's ultimate goal is to make the Summer Reading Game an exciting part of every child's summer throughout the city. In recent years, the Library has increased its registrations to the program by over 200 children per year by partnering with Evanston's schools. Neighborhood Services Librarians are currently visiting all District 65 schools as well as most Evanston private schools for Summer Reading Game assemblies to get the word out about the program.

For more information about EPL's Summer Reading Game, call the Children's Department at 847/448-8610. Information on volunteering at Summer Reading

Game sites is available at www.cityofevanston.org/resident/volunteer.

To find out more about supporting the Summer Reading Game, contact Library Administration at 847/448-8650 or go to www.epl.org/comment. A gift of \$10 will sponsor one child's reading game for a full summer.

Summer Reading Stop in Evanston Plaza June 13-August 13... Stop By!

For the second consecutive year, the Evanston Public Library is opening a Summer Reading Stop in the Evanston Plaza. This year the Stop will be located at 1900 Dempster (the old Washington Mutual location next to Subway sandwiches). The Stop will be open June 13-August 13, Mondays and Wednesdays 4 pm - 7 pm and Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm.

The Summer Reading Stop is a Library outpost with computers, books and magazines for everyone. We have two story times scheduled: Story Time with Mr. Rick for ages 4 and up on Tuesdays at 11:15 am June 14-July 26, and Family Story Time and Craft on Wednesdays at 6 pm in July, all ages welcome, with a craft suitable for ages 3 and up.

The Summer Reading Stop will be staffed by EPL neighborhood services staff, Evanston Public Library Friends, and volunteers. The EPL staff and board are actively recruiting local West Evanston volunteers to get the community involved. Information on volunteering at the Stop is available at www.cityofevanston.org under Resident then Volunteer.

Stop in to look at books and newspapers, play the Summer Reading Game, and use the internet. Join us for our opening celebration on June 20th from 4 pm - 7 pm and watch for additional activities.

For more information about EPL's Summer Reading Stop, contact Library Administration at 847/448-8650 or www.epl.org/comment.

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PORTAGE-CRAGIN BRANCH
5108 W. Belmont Avenue, (312) 744-0152

Adult Book Discussion Group

Meets Second Monday of the Month 6:30 p.m.
July 11 *The Cellist of Sarajevo* Steven Galloway
August 8 *The Last Girls* Lee Smith

Summer Reading Program June 13 – August 6

Reporting Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

Here's how to participate:

Read one book and sign-up!

Come to the library during our reporting hours and tell us about the books you've read by spinning the Book Beats Book Wheel and answering a question or two. Book reports are also accepted.

Picture book readers and emerging readers (those who are being read to) who complete 25 books, and children reading chapter books who complete 10 books, receive a t-shirt.

Each week readers report on books they read, they will collect a different sticker to add to their Book Beats book log.

Participants will have a chance to win paperback books during weekly book raffles.

Please join us for the following Book Beats programs:

Come Read Together! This 8-week series Read Together 20 Minutes A Day in the language you are most comfortable reading invites families to read together and make a fun craft to take home. This program is your chance to earn a sticker for any of the weeks you've missed. This program is recommended for children 3-9 years old, but children of all ages are welcome. Tuesday afternoons, June 14 – August 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Volunteer Readers will be available to read.

Jazz Talk Join jazz violinist Diane Delin as she demonstrates different styles of jazz. You will learn that every piece of music is a story and you will be a part of the musical story.

Wednesday afternoon, July 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. For children ages 5 years and up.

Kidworks Touring Theatre, The Hip-Hop Workshop From Hip-Hop..to Rap..to modern day Tap—They'll cover it all so warm up your voice 'cause everyone's gonna have a part. Monday afternoon, July 11 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. For children ages 6 years and up.

Music A to Z Rick Kelley presents a high-energy, interactive music appreciation course for kids and their families. You'll learn about 26 different styles of music on 14 different instruments. Monday evening, July 25 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. For families and children of all ages.

Scribble Monster Join ScribbleJim and ScribbleJayne as they inspire you to share ideas, collaborate in writing songs, and demonstrate how an idea becomes a song. Thursday morning, July 28 from 11:00 a.m. to noon For children ages 5 years and up.

BUDLONG WOODS BRANCH
5630 North Lincoln Avenue, 312-742-9590

Korean Book Discussion Sat. July 09, 2011 11:00 am

Come join us as we discuss Yongso rul wihayo (용서를 위하여) by Su-san Han(한수산). This discussion is in Korean.

Beginner's Guide to the Golden Age of Radio Wed. July 13, 2011 6:30 pm

Take a trip back to the Golden Age of Radio with Steve Darnall, host of WDCB-FM's 'Those Were the Days' and publisher of 'Nostalgia Digest,' with an evening of sound clips and stories about how radio entertained—and changed—America.

Leaders of the Band Thu. July 14, 2011 11:00 am

Through the rich and colorful history of Chicago kids will learn about the importance of our fair city on the musical scene. Storyteller and historical re-enactor Terry Lynch will delight audiences as he brings to life famous musicians including Benny Goodman and Burl Ives through story and song.

Journey through the Genres Mon. July 18, 2011 6:00 pm

Join us on a musical journey through the genres. Beloved Chicago Public Library and Chicago children's musical star Sandy Lucas teams up with guitar legend Danny Draher and percussionist extraordinaire Lenny Marsh to bring you this lively, interactive concert. This summer at the Chicago Public Library it's all about types of music and celebrating music in our lives. Sing, groove and jam along to blues, gospel, folk and rock as these dynamic artists lead you on a special tour through the featured types of music. You will leave with song in your heart that will keep you singing long after the concert ends.

For the Love of Music Tue. July 19, 2011 10:30 am

Storyteller and author, Lynn Rymarz steps back in time to tell the story of Vivian Fine who is called "one of the greatest American composers of the 20th Century." Hear about her poor childhood growing in Chicago as the daughter of Russian-Jewish immigrants and discover her love of music while listening to some of the 140 compositions she is credited with creating.

CPL'S SUMMER SEASON BLAZES WITH HOT AUTHORS AND EVENTS IN JULY

As the summer season gets hotter, the Chicago Public Library plays host to several cool author programs in continuation of its free monthly Authors Series and a special event celebrating 2011 One Score, One Chicago. All of the events listed take place at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium (Lower Level). For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit chicagopubliclibrary.org.
July 2011 authors and events

COYNE STEVEN SANDERS

I Love Lucy... and Desi, Too!

Friday, July 8 at 12:15 p.m.

Coyne Steven Sanders discusses Desilu: The Story of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, (which he co-authored with Tom Gilbert) described as "the first dual biography" of the real-life husband and wife. Rather than concentrate solely on Ball's life and career (most of which is already well-known), much of the focus during the Library program is given to Arnaz, in recognition of his appealing singing voice and, later, his successful business accomplishments as founder and executive of Desilu Productions.

ROMEO AND JULIET

Ravinia Festival: One Score, One Chicago

Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Ravinia Festival and Chicago Public Library present a lecture on Sergei Prokofiev's masterwork, Romeo and Juliet, the 2011 One Score, One Chicago selection. Ravinia Associate Director of Communications John Schauer places the work within the historical contexts of ballet, tonality and Prokofiev's career.

ALEX KOTLOWITZ:

Storytelling as Bearing Witness

Friday, July 15 at Noon

DePaul University teams with Chicago Public Library for the DePaul Summer Writing Conference featuring programs devoted to the art of the written word. The keynote address titled Storytelling as Bearing Witness presents Alex Kotlowitz talking about his experience as a nonfiction storyteller. Whether writing in prose, for radio or film, Kotlowitz has been drawn to write about outsiders and fissures in the landscape. Using examples from these mediums, his presentation celebrates the place storytelling has in imaging who we are and who we could be.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY



Be a "note-worthy" reader this summer!

Read books for fun, drop in to the library to talk about your books, earn a t-shirt and celebrate music this summer!

The exciting Summer Reading Program for kids is coming to a Chicago Public Library near you.

For details, visit your neighborhood Chicago Public Library, chicagopubliclibrary.org or call (312) 747-4780.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.



Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July From State Representative Michael P. McAuliffe

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am wishing the best to you and your family this 4th of July. I know many of you will be getting out the grills, visiting our parks and spending quality time with family and friends. As we enjoy this holiday, please take the time to honor the anniversary of the birth of our nation.

Come one, come all to the Independence Day Children's Bike Parade Monday, July 4th 9:30 a.m. at Oriole Park Community Club.



MUCCA PAZZA, THE CIRCUS PUNK MARCHING BAND IN A FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT IN MILLENNIUM PARK

Celebrate the Fourth of July when the circus punk marching band, Mucca Pazza, comes to the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion on July 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the Downtown Sound: New Music Mondays series in Millennium Park. Mucca Pazza will replace the previously announced band, Seefeel, who have just announced the cancellation of their U.S. tour. Opening for the night is the psychedelic rock group, Cave.

The highly anticipated free music series, Downtown Sound: New Music Mondays continues in Millennium Park for a third summer, featuring an eclectic mix of music discoveries, cutting-edge indie rock, pop bands and rock veterans. Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, the series includes ten double-bill concerts on Monday nights, and runs through July 25, 2011. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mucca Pazza is a 30-piece self-described "circus punk marching band" based in Chicago. The band, whose name comes from the Italian for "crazy cow," has been performing in and around the Chicago area for over four years. Their repertoire ranges from Balkan-brass to covers of 60's television show themes as well as themes from Shostakovich and Bartok. They have performed nationally at many well known venues and concerts including McCarran Park Pool, True/False Film Festival, Lollapalooza, Rothbury Music Festival, Tour de Fat, Theatre Bizarre, and were featured on Late Night with Conan O'Brien in 2006.

For more information about all of the Downtown Sound concerts in Millennium Park, visit www.millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @Millennium_Park.

Evanston 4th of July Parade

As many as 140 entrants are expected to wind their way from Central Park Avenue East on Central Street to Ashland Avenue, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Lawn chairs may be placed along Central street beginning July 1st, 6:00 AM in accordance with City ordinance.

Evanston 4th of July Parade Seating Ordinance

In Evanston, it is more than just rules, it is the law. Section 7-2-9 (B) of the Evanston City Code states:

Fourth Of July Parade Parkway Regulations:

(B) 1. Chairs and blankets only are permitted on the parkway on Central Street from the west side of Bent Park to Asbury Avenue each year no earlier than six o'clock (6:00) A.M. on July 1 for the sole purpose of viewing the July 4 parade. No such chairs and blankets are permitted at any time on the sidewalks and on areas where the pavement extends to the curb. Such chairs and blankets shall not encumber, obstruct, or encroach on crosswalks or handicapped access to the sidewalk. All such chairs and blankets must be removed no later than six o'clock (6:00) P.M. on the day of the parade. Any person placing such chairs or blankets on the parkway shall assume all responsibility for doing so and by placing such chairs or blankets on the parkway holds the city harmless for any and all consequences of such act. Such chairs and blankets placed on the parkway prior to six o'clock (6:00) A.M. on July 1 or remaining on the parkway after six o'clock (6:00) P.M. on the day of the parade will be removed by the city. The city is not responsible for loss of or damage to property placed on the parkway or removed from the parkway.

2. No tape, rope, stakes, or other similar material for the purpose of cordoning off or reserving any area in the parkway shall be permitted at any time. Such materials will be removed by the city. The city is not responsible for loss of or damage to property removed from the parkway. Any person placing such chairs and blankets on the parkway shall assume all responsibility for doing so and by placing such chairs and blankets on the parkway holds the city harmless for any and all consequences of such act.

(C) Penalty: Any person violating the terms of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for any such offense.

For further information on festivities in Evanston, go to www.evanston4th.org

American Legion School Awards

The American Legion which is a national organization composed of U.S. Military Veterans has a long standing program of awarding the top boy and girl 8th grade graduates a American Legion certificate and a medallion. The American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is proudly a participant of this program.

The selection is based on scholastic achievement, character, patriotism, leadership and other qualities. The school principal, faculty, and teachers are responsible for the selection. This is a highly respected award and is used on college applications and employment resumes.

The following schools participated in this program for 2011: Dirksen, Ebinger, Edison Park, Garvy, Norwood Park, Onahan, St. Eugene, St. Juliana, St. Paul Lutheran and Taft H.S. ROTC(Gold, Silver, Bronze).

We congratulate the award recipients and wish them the best in their goals American Legion Edison Park Post #541

Lincolnwood's Free 4th of July Concert

The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission (HRC) invites all community members to a free Independence Day concert from 10:30 am to 12 noon on Monday, July 4 at the Proesel Park Shelter. The Lincolnwood Youth Strings Orchestra will perform patriotic American music. Free refreshments will be provided by Lincolnwood Produce. In honor of the centennial of the founding of the village of Lincolnwood, the HRC is collecting 100 cans of non-perishable food items to donate to the Niles Township Food Pantry. Please help support these efforts to make a difference for our neighbors.

Celebrate the Fourth of July in Skokie

The Village of Skokie 2011 Independence Day festivities kick off on Monday, July 4 at noon with a parade on Oakton Street beginning at the Oakton Community College parking lot, heading east from Downtown Skokie to Oakton Park. The parade takes place rain or shine.

The celebration continues into the evening with a concert and fireworks display at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street with a "Picnic in the Park," featuring food, drinks and music. The concert begins at 6 p.m.

The Village of Skokie is known for its breathtaking fireworks display and this year is no exception. The spectacular 3-D Fireworks Fest begins at dusk. Skokie's traditional customized 3-D fireworks glasses will be distributed to the first 10,000 visitors. In the event of rain, the fireworks will be held on Monday, July 5 at Niles West High School.

The following business locations will have parking lots available for July 4 parking overflow:

SHORE Koenig Training Center, 8035 N. Austin Avenue

Topco Associates, 7711 Gross Point Road

Block Steel, 6101 Oakton Street

Forsythe Technology, 7770 Frontage Road

For more information, please contact the Village Manager's office at 847/ 933-8257, or visit www.skokie.org.

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Fireworks Safety Reminds

The Skokie Police Department reminds the public that most fireworks are illegal and individuals who use them risk being cited or arrested and of course injured.

The only fireworks considered legal to possess by an individual not licensed to handle them include smoke or glow-worm pellets, smoke devices, sparklers, noise-makers known as 'party poppers,' 'snappers' or paper caps.

Even though sparklers are legal, they are dangerous, especially in the hands of young children.

Sparklers can heat up to a core temperature of 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature is hot enough to melt some precious metals and third-degree burns can result at 220 degrees Fahrenheit. The Skokie Police Department strongly recommends against purchasing these items and suggests leaving all fireworks to professionals.

The Skokie Police will be on the lookout for illegal use of fireworks and will take the appropriate enforcement action.

Each year numerous calls are received about illegal fireworks being set off, and sometimes, the Fire Department must be called out to extinguish a fire started by fireworks.

On Monday, July 4, 2011, shortly after dusk, the Village of Skokie will co-host a 3-D fireworks display at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton, Skokie.

For more information please contact the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5919.

Neighborhood Boys Girls Club Announces 63RD ANNUAL FAMILY FEST & CARNIVAL

The organization's oldest and largest fundraising event of the year All proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club programs at Irving Park Road & Rockwell Avenue (behind Paul Revere Park)

Wednesday, July 6th 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Thursday, July 7th 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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Visit our Family Fest website page for updated information and details about our event www.nbgc.org/family_fest.asp



State Representative

Michael McAuliffe, 20th District

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Drive Now. Text Later - Raise Awareness of the Dangers of Texting While Driving

The Illinois Tollway, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, Illinois Secretary of State and AAA Chicago has issued a new campaign entitled "Drive Now. Text Later."

The Village of Skokie would like to remind residents that it is illegal to text while driving. The State law prohibits sending or reading text messages while driving in Illinois.

Nationally, nearly 5,500 people died in 2009 in distracted driving-related crashes and another nearly half a million people were injured. Distraction-related fatalities represented 16 percent of overall traffic fatalities in 2009 – the same percentage as in 2008.

Tips to avoid distracted driving:

- Put your cell phone out of sight and out of reach when you get in the car.
- Display a "Drive Now. Text Later." window decal and remind yourself and others to stop texting while driving. Which can be ordered from the Illinois Tollway website www.illinoistollway.com
- Pull over to a safe location to use a cell phone.
- If you must answer the phone, use a hands-free device.
- Do not send or read text messages while driving.
- Blackberry users: When in the car, set up a "driving" profile on your smart phone, to silence alerts and the phone.

To listen to the radio, use the volume and station buttons on the steering wheel, instead of reaching for the center console.

For more information about this campaign and how to avoid distracted driving, please visit www.illinoistollway.com.

Bike Pilot Program Kicks-off in Evanston Business Areas

The City of Evanston has kicked-off a pilot program designed to increase public safety and reduce conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists and between motorists and bicyclists. The project is called Walk Bikes on Sidewalk, Ride Bikes on Street Pilot Project. The Chicago Avenue business district corridor between Clark Street and Davis Street in downtown Evanston has been chosen as the pilot area. The program includes sidewalk stencils at curb ramps, posters for shops and police education efforts.

"The City's Walk Bikes on Sidewalk, Ride Bikes on Street Pilot Project is a positive, economical way to promote bike safety in downtown Evanston," said First Ward Alderman Judy Fiske. "Cyclists are reminded to be good neighbors by recognizing the hazards they create for business patrons and pedestrians when they ride on the sidewalk. We want to keep everyone using our downtown safe, and this plan is designed be a win for both."



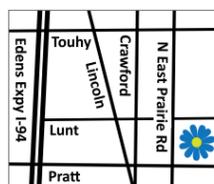
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New Evanston Youth Beach Pass Program

As part of Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl's Safe Summer initiative to promote safe and fun activities for Evanston teens, the City of Evanston has created 10-punch passes for free beach admittance. A pass is valid for entry to any of Evanston's five public swimming beaches through Labor Day; use is limited to the passholder.

Starting Thursday, June 16, Evanston youth age 13 to 18 years of age may pick up a pass at any of four locations. Passes will be available Monday through Friday, during each facility's office hours, at the following locations:

Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main St.

Chandler-Newberger Community Center, 1028 Central St.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St.

The Loft at the Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

Proof of Evanston residency is required, such as a school ID, library card or driver's license. For facility office hours, please call 3-1-1 (847-448-4311).

CHICAGOLAND FARMERS' MARKETS

The following are a few of our local Chicagoland Neighborhood Farmers' Markets. For a complete list go to <http://www.explorechicago.org>.

Eli's / Wright College Farmers Markets

Eli's/Wright College Farmers Market will have a variety of vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and more.

Eli's Cheesecake Co. Parking Lot, 6701 W. Forest Preserve Dr., Chicago, IL 60641 Thursdays: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 16, 2011 to Oct 27, 2011

For additional information please visit, www.elicheesecake.com/eventscalendar.aspx

Lincoln Square Evening Farmers Market

Vendors will offer a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables and other goods at the Lincoln Square Farmers Market every Thursday from 4-8pm.

This market is Sponsored by Alderman Gene Schulner and the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce.

City Parking Lot adjacent to Brown Line Station, 4700 N. Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60625 Thursdays: 7-1 p.m. June 7, 2011 to Oct 25, 2011

Logan Square Farmers Markets

Logan Square Farmers Market is run independently by the Logan Square Chamber of Commerce. A wide variety of fresh goods are available every Sunday.

Logan Square, 3107 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago, IL 60647 Sundays: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Jun 5, 2011 to Oct 30, 2011

For additional information please visit, www.logansquarefarmersmarket.org

Spread The Word -

Double Dutch Competition At Maxwell Street Market On July 24

On Sunday, July 24th the Maxwell Street Market, 800 S. DesPlaines, is holding its first Double Dutch Competition. We are inviting local Double Dutch groups to participate. Registration is FREE. Prizes including Best Buy gift cards will be award to the 1st and 2nd place winners. For more information, contact the market office 312-745-4676 or visit the web: www.maxwell-streetmarket.us

Chicago SummerDance Series July 7 through September 18

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, presents the 15th annual Chicago SummerDance series. Thursdays through Sundays from July 7 to September 18, the Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park blossoms into a vibrant urban dance space.

Each night of the 11-week series offers an introductory one-hour dance lesson by professional instructors followed by two hours of live music and dancing on the 4,900 square-foot, open-air dance floor designed by artist Dan Peterman out of 100% recycled materials.

This summer's highlights include a nostalgic evening celebrating Soul Train's 40th Anniversary on July 23; Locos Por Juana on September 9; and events in conjunction with the Chicago Colombian Music Festival on July 9 and 22, the Latin Street Salsa Congreso on August 17 and 21 and the International American Tango Festival on August 25.

The full program of events is available at www.ChicagoSummerDance.org

Get Out On Lake Michigan

Sign up for private sailing lessons on our new day sailing boats or group lessons in kayaking. Lessons are offered from June 11 through Labor Day at Dempster Street Beach. Participants must be 14 years or older. The fee for two 1-hour kayaking lessons is \$60, Evanston res.; \$80, nonres. The fee for four 1-hour private sailing lessons is \$150, Evanston res.; \$200 nonres. Call 847-866-2913 (pre-season) or 847-866-4167 (beach season) for details or to enroll.

Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held every Sunday beginning June 26 through Sunday, October 30. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street. A selection of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Baked goods, cheeses and various other vendors are an integral part of what makes the Skokie Farmers' Market so unique.

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

Enjoy the Bounty of Midwest Farmers at Evanston Four Locations!

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market is held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday through November 5. Fruit, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items are sold by 37 vendors. The Market is located at the intersection of University Place and Oak Avenue. Free parking is available in the adjacent 1800 Maple Avenue Self Park. Reusable and biodegradable bags are sold on site and Illinois Link cards are accepted.

The Downtown Evanston market features many special events. Unique artwork by "Home Grown Artists" will be showcased on six consecutive Saturdays, July 9 through August 13. Healthy food demonstrations featuring market products and recipes by Now We're Cookin' take place twice a month; this month's demos are on July 9 and 23. "Homegrown Artists" display and sell their artwork every Saturday, July 9 through August 13.

The Ridgeville Market is held from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through October 26 at Ridge Ave. at South Blvd. Come purchase fresh local and organic produce, fresh eggs, cool drinks and baked goods. Connect with neighbors, farmers and musicians while you take in the music and park atmosphere.

The West End Market will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays from June 4 through October 29. Its location is the ETHS lot at the intersection of Dodge Ave. and Church St. Illinois Link cards are accepted at the West End Market.

Evanston's newest market, the Central Street Green Market, has all-organic produce from Lake Breeze Organics and bread from Great Harvest Bread. It will be held on from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through October 26, at Independence Park, Central St. at Stewart St.

For more information on all four markets, please call (847) 448-8138 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/market.

Movies in the Parks Celebrates 11 Years of Outdoor Screenings

The Chicago Park District kicks off the 11th annual Movies in the Parks with 174 screenings of current and classic movies in more than 120 citywide parks from June 14 – Sept. 16. The series is presented by Charter One.

Admission is free, and all movies begin at dusk weather permitting. Patrons can call the Movies in the Parks hotline for daily listings and updated weather-related cancellations at 312-742-1134.

"The Chicago Park District's Movies in the Parks series continues to allow families the chance to relax and enjoy a great tradition in their neighborhood parks," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Timothy J. Mitchell.

"Charter One is proud to serve as the presenting sponsor of Movies in the Parks this summer," said Stacey R. Sather, Senior Vice President, Director of Public Affairs, Charter One. "We are committed to serving communities throughout Chicago and are pleased to help provide individuals and families with safe, free and easily accessible entertainment options in their local neighborhoods."

One of the highlights this year includes the Lake Side Classics Series that features such screenings as North by Northwest June 14 at Belmont Harbor and Jaws July 12 at 63rd St. Beach. Grove 5 at the northwest corner of Balbo and Columbus in Grant Park is a new Movies in the Parks location and will screen Dr. No Aug. 16, A Raisin in the Sun Aug. 23, and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf Aug. 30 as part of the Lake Side Classics Series.

Several of this year's selections include screenings of Despicable Me, Some Like It Hot, Inception, The Social Network, True Grit (2010), and Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Click here for the Movies in the Parks 2011 schedule.

The Chicago Park District's Movies in the Park series provides community residents with free, outdoor film entertainment at citywide neighborhood parks. The Park District encourages Chicagoans to grab a picnic basket and a blanket to enjoy the Movies in the Parks program this summer.

For additional details, call 312-742-PLAY or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

“A Theater Review”

“Broadway Bound”

Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace Theatre
100 Drury Lane Road
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Drury Lane Theatre normally does five musicals every season. The last few years due to the high cost of musicals it has cut back to four and has added one non-musical to its season.

If you are a subscriber or selecting a play to see I encourage you to see their production of “Broadway Bound” by the comedy genius of playwright Neil Simon.

David New is the director of the show and can be proud of what you will see on stage. He has assembled a strong cast that includes three strong veteran stage actors.

Carmen Roman plays Kate the mother and Paula Scrofano is Blanche, the aunt who is wealthy while the family is middle class. Mike Nussbaum is Ben, father of Kate. Mr. Nussbaum is a Chicago actor who is ageless at 87 years old. He gives a memorable performance and has performed not only all over the world, but on Broadway, film and television. He is a remarkable actor.

New has discovered two fresh young talents for the roles of Eugene the Alter Ego of Mr. Simon and is played by Max Polski. I promise you’ll be hearing a lot from him as well as his older brother Stanley played by Jason Karasev.

The other actor in this production is Richard McWilliams as Jack who is the boys’ father who we find to be troubled and a very unhappy person. He has been married to Kate for thirty-three years and we see him walk out on his family.

The scenic design by Collette Pollard will amaze you. She and her assistant Sally A. Weiss give audiences an amazing set.

Simon has written two other shows in his trilogy that includes “Brighton Street Memoirs” and “Biloxi Blues.” This is the final as the brothers start out writing for radio and television with sketch comedies before Broadway and Hollywood discover their talent.

Simon has a knack for writing comedy and believes even that God has a sense of humor.

The show is loaded with one-line zingers and you’ll come out with a good feeling.

“Broadway Bound” runs through July 31st. The show runs two and a half hours. For show days, times and reservations call 630-530-0111. Tickets are \$35 - \$46. Ample free parking.

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July 8 • 8:00pm Adam Kromelow Trio CD RELEASE PARTY

July 9 • 8:00pm Beckie Menzie & Tom Michael in ISN’T IT ICONIC

July 10 • 4 & 7pm Motown Tribute – Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Mary Wells, Michael Jackson

July 13 • 1:30pm Jack Miuccio’s FOREVER FRANKS (Sinatra)

July 16 • 8:00pm This Land Is Your Land: Celebrating Woody Guthrie’s 99th Birthday

July 17 • 7:30pm Northshore Opera Hour

July 20 • 1:30pm Tony Bernard’s ROCK ‘N ROLL LEGACY

July 22 • 8:00pm Directions Jazz Orchestra - Groovin’ Hard: A Tribute to Buddy Rich!

July 24 • 2:00pm MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington & Count Basie

July 24 • 7:00pm You’re the Top! An Evening of Cole Porter and More

July 27 • 1:30pm Jack Miuccio’s BY REQUEST

July 28 • 7:00pm Ronny Cox

July 30 • 8:00pm PIANO MAN

July 31 • 2:00pm Allan Kaye

July 31 • 7:00pm Eddy Patay in “Those were the Days” a musical journey through time.

THEATER ON THE LAKE ANNOUNCES 2011 SEASON

The Chicago Park District’s 59th annual Theater on the Lake season features reprisals of eight artistically diverse Chicago theater companies June 15 – Aug. 7, 2011. The season opens with The Improvised Shakespeare Company (June 15-19) and continues with popular productions by Infamous Commonwealth Theatre (June 22-26); At Play Productions in association with Chicago Dramatists (June 29-July 3); Griffin Theatre Company (July 6-10); Eclipse Theatre Company (July 13-17); Collaboration (July 20-24); Bohemian Theatre Ensemble (July 27 – 31); and Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre (Aug. 3-7). Each production will be performed for five evenings only at the theater at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Michigan.

Hallie Gordon, Artistic Director of Theater on the Lake, comments, “Theater on the Lake is a perfect way to enjoy two great Chicago gems -- the diverse cultural community and the beautiful lakefront -- combined into a unique experience.”

The Chicago Park District’s Theater on the Lake is located at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive in a historic building that offers breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. The schedule for all performances June 15 – Aug. 7 is Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

Single tickets are \$17.50 and a season subscription to all eight plays is available at a discounted price of \$110. For more information about the Chicago Park District, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre Announces Summer 2011 Season

Five Guys Named Moe and From The Mississippi Delta will be Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre’s mainstage productions in June and July, followed by three dramatic readings in August. All shows will be performed at the Theatre at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston.

The 2011 season kicks off with Five Guys Named Moe. This Tony-nominated musical features the whimsical hit songs of Louis Jordan, one of the most beloved songwriting talents of the Twentieth Century. Jordan, a great composer and saxophonist, had more than 50 top-ten singles on the rhythm and blues charts. He brought a popular new slant to jazz that paved the way for the rock ‘n’ roll of the ‘50s. This show inspires the audience to laugh and shout; they may even dance in the aisles! Five Guys Named Moe will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, June 11 through June 26.

The musical director for Five Guys Named Moe is Tim Lenihan; the choreographer is Sean Blake. It will be directed by Tim Rhoze, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre’s Artistic Director; Rhoze also will serve as set designer and costume designer. Allie Miller is stage manager. The cast is Alexander Brown (Little Moe); Andrew White Jr. (Big Moe); George Hull (Eat Moe); Kappuchino (Four-Eyed Moe); James Perrin (No Moe) and Gerald Wilson (No Max).

In July, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre presents From the Mississippi Delta, an autobiographical work by Dr. Endesha Ida Mae Holland. The play traces her journey through poverty and abuse in the Jim Crow South, her role as an activist in the civil rights movement, academic achievement and triumph as a Pulitzer Prize-nominated playwright. This story of courage will be portrayed by three dynamic actresses playing all the characters – black and white, young and old, men and women – who will make her world come alive in an eloquently potent and impassioned journey filled with story and song.

From the Mississippi Delta will be directed by Tim Rhoze and presented at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, July 9 through July 24. Tickets for both mainstage productions are \$10 in advance or at the door.

The late-summer Dramatic Reading Series returns this year with one play featured per weekend at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at The Theatre at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

Merc’y Rising by Gloria Bond Clunie will be read on August 6 and 7; Selecting Memories by Tania Richard will be read on August 13 and 14; and Heat by Marsha Estell will be read on August 20 and 21. Admission is \$5.00 in advance or at the door.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre is a City of Evanston-supported program. Its mission is to present powerful, thought provoking, community-centered theater arts programming with a commitment to diversity and creative excellence. For more information, call (847) 448-8254 or (847) 448-8260.

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DANK HAUS SUMMER MUSEUM THURSDAYS

The Museum, home of the "Lost German Chicago" exhibit, and Scharpenberg Gallery, currently host to the traveling exhibition "Hamburg: Emigration Port," will be open every Thursday from June 30 to August 25 in an effort to provide the public with more opportunities to view these free exhibits.

The Museum and Gallery are currently open and free to the public every Saturday from 11AM to 3PM, except during holiday weekends. For more information, please call 773.561.9181 or email dank@dankhaus.com. Individuals interested in volunteering opportunities at the DANK Haus should email development@dankhaus.com.

DANK HAUS ANNOUNCES COMPLETE RENOVATION OF FAÇADE

First Floor Remodeling with Help of City SBIF Grant to Begin Soon

The DANK Haus German American Cultural Center was fortunate to be one of the Lincoln Square businesses to win the late 2010 lottery for a SBIF Grant from the City of Chicago.

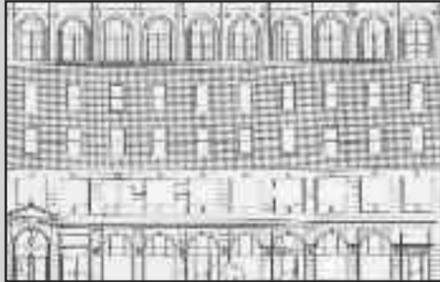
This large-scale endeavor will begin as soon as June and will continue through fall, with the aim of revitalizing the appearance of the DANK Haus and the organization itself, along with several Lincoln Square businesses, including the Athenian Shoe Store and Becker Pharmacy, which are part of the building.

The remodeling might cost up to \$250,000, 50% of which will be reimbursed through the SBIF Grant upon completion. Executive Director Nicholle Domrowski hopes that this project will ensure that the DANK Haus "goes from being a 'hidden gem' to the 'jewel of Western' for generations to come."

The balance will depend on fundraising efforts. Fundraising plans are underway and donations are accepted at any time and are tax deductible.

The SBIF Grant specifically uses local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue to help businesses remodel their facades and is processed by SomerCor 504, Inc., a federally certified Small Business Administration lender. Eligible renovations include new windows, floors or roof, sign removal and replacement, and tuck pointing, among others.

The DANK Haus is a registered 501(c)3 with the mission of preserving and promoting German and German American culture, heritage, language, and the fine arts.



RCC a Safe Place Location

The Ravenswood Community Council is now a Safe Place location in the neighborhood. Safe Place is a national youth outreach program that involves the whole community by creating a network of Safe Place sites. RCC is one of a network of places where youth, ages 11-17, in crisis can get immediate help.

RCC hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If RCC is closed, there will be a "If Closed Call" sign with a toll free number to contact.

Contact us at 1756 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL, 60640. Phone: 773-784-0400, Fax: 773-784-7841; Email info@ravenswoodcommunity.org, Website www.ravenswoodcommunity.org

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By Anastasia E. Weaver

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We can also promise you incomparable Greek and American music with a return visit by the John Linardakis Band, a delightful performance by our own youth preparing to dance to your delight in Greek costume. We can also promise you a memorable evening on the return of the Northside Band, who was planted right here at St. Demetrios where they got their start, bringing you the tunes of Rock n Roll Friday night all under the stars. Most of all, we can promise you the same warm Greek hospitality that you find on any trip to Greece and the sunny Mediterranean. We can promise your visit with us will help us continue building fond memories of the many years we have been doing this for our families and friends. We promise you some wonderful memories to take with you through the fast approaching fall and winter months. We continue to carry on the Festival idea brought to us by our parents and grandparents from their villages in every corner of Greece where every summer a Festival takes place. We still gather from every suburb and every part of the city of Chicago to eat, drink, dance and enjoy the fellowship of our families, friends, relatives and guests. Most of all we promise you this, whether it rains or shines, whatever comes our way, we are prepared to please you and add to the many memories we have gathered over these many years.

Mark your calendars and planners and join us Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 19, 20, 21 at our annual Chicago's Greek Fest. We can be found just one block south of Foster and two blocks west of Lincoln in a quiet residential area and we will be easy to find with the sound of music and the wonderful smells some of our extraordinary cuisine cooking on the grills.

Our doors will be open from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday from Noon to Midnight, for your enjoyment. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and children less than twelve are free. There will be plenty of activities for the entire family including a Kiddie Corner Classroom with fun things to make and do from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday nights, and rides, games and clown performances.

For further information contact the church office at 773-561-5992.

Edgewater Arts Festival Features Local and Nationally-Recognized Artists in Growing Arts Community Festival

Chicago's Edgewater community will come alive with artistic talent across a variety of mediums at the first-ever Edgewater Arts Festival on Saturday, July 16. The festival highlights the north side neighborhood as a growing and noteworthy artistic destination and one focused on cultivating Chicago's artistic talent.

More than 50 artists will be exhibiting and selling their work at the festival. Twenty five were chosen by a panel of local esteemed artists to participate in the juried show which will include original artwork in various media including photography, oil and acrylic paintings, sculpture, jewelry and watercolors.

"Our neighborhood is known for its antique malls, boutiques and historic homes, but Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood also has a distinct artistic community that is often under-recognized," said Jay Delaney, President & CEO of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce. "The Edgewater Arts Festival helps showcase our vibrant arts culture and also the great atmosphere of this neighborhood right next to the lake. Last summer, several arts events took place in the neighborhood, and we have combined them this year into a single, larger event to guarantee that every artistic taste will find something to discover."

This year's festival, held rain or shine on July 16, is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival is just steps from Thorndale Beach and the glimmering Lake Michigan. The main entrance is at Broadway and Thorndale, right off the Thorndale Red Line El stop. An admission donation of \$5 is requested for adults. Children age 10 and under are free.

The Edgewater Arts Festival features a juried selection of artists whose works include 2D and 3D mixed media, drawings, paintings, photography, printmaking and jewelry; a Showcase Exhibit where select artists will display exclusive fine art pieces; and a non-juried section for local artists displaying and selling their arts and crafts. Nearly 80 percent of the festival artists are local to Edgewater.

Part of this year's artistic lineup is live music and dance performances throughout the day. Highlights include singer/songwriter Lisa Lewis at 11:30 a.m., Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre at 12:15 p.m., Chicago Spirit Brigade at 12:45 p.m., Piel Morena Contemporary Dance at 1:30 p.m., GI Alliance Dance Company at 2:15 p.m., Li'l Buds Theatre Youth Performance at 3:40 p.m., Tango Che at 4:05 p.m., and the Who Needs Dave Jazz Ensemble at 4:30 p.m. A complete entertainment schedule and list of artists participating in the festival can be found at www.edgewater.org/artsfest or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/edgewaterartsfestival.

The Edgewater Arts Festival is presented in partnership by the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and the Edgewater Artists in Motion, a growing group of neighborhood artists dedicated to improving the community through artistic displays. Support for the festival is provided by Special Service Area #26.

Local Arts and Entertainment

EVANSTON150 REACHES ITS 1,000th IDEA

Community Well on the Way to Collecting 2,013 Ideas for 150th Anniversary

Evanston150 recorded the 1,000th idea today, putting the community-wide grassroots initiative well on its way to the goal of collecting 2,013 ideas to make Evanston a better place to live, work, play and study. A brainstorm for Evanston's Fifth Ward brought in 85 ideas, officially vaulting the current idea count over the 1,000 mark. The 1,000th idea called for citywide high speed Wi-Fi.

Evanston150 community partners and residents have held numerous brainstorming sessions throughout the city since the March 26 Community Rally Kick Off. In addition to the June 16th 5th Ward brainstorm session, other community brainstorms have been hosted by Downtown Evanston, the Evanston Arts Center, Evanston Community Foundation and Leadership Evanston, Evanston History Center, Evanston Public Library, Evanston Township High School, the Evanston Rotary Clubs, Family Focus, First Bank and Trust, the Kiwanis Club, LAN 40, McGaw YMCA, Northminster Presbyterian, Northern Cook County Informational Expunge-ment Expo, Northshore Retirement Hotel, North Shore Senior Center Evanston/Skokie Senior Services, Northwestern University, Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University, Simply Chicago Art, YWCA Evanston/Northshore and the Woman's Club of Evanston.

Upcoming brainstorming sessions are scheduled for Whole Foods Market at 1111 Chicago Avenue, on Wednesday, July 6 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Dawes Elementary School for District 65 families at 440 Dodge Avenue from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and St. Nicholas Church at 806 Ridge Avenue on Sunday, July 24 from 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.

Organizations hosting a brainstorm session can send their event information to info@evanston150.org to be posted on the website at www.evanston150.org. Evanston150 Steering Committee members and volunteers are available to assist with community brainstorming sessions. To request a brainstorming facilitator send an e-mail to info@evanston150.org or call 847-347-2013.

EVANSTON STARLIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP

The Starlight Concert Series features 16 free outdoor concerts at six park locations throughout Evanston.

Performers on the Starlight Concert series include Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials, circus punk marching band Mucca Pazza, and the first Chicago-area performance in more than 30 years by '70s folk icon Melanie Safka, sponsored by First Bank & Trust.

All performances are free to the public, and will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, rain site information will be available after 4:30 p.m. on the show date by calling 847.448.8258 or 847.448.8260. Rain sites are the Levy Senior Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Center.

Park locations are as follows:

James Park, Dodge Ave. at Mulford St. (S. of Oakton)

Dawes Park, Sheridan Rd. at Church St. (at the lagoon)

Harbert Park, Dempster St. at McDaniel Ave. (east of North Shore Channel)

Twiggs Park, Dodge Ave. at Simpson St.

Bent Park, Central St. at Cowper Ave.

Brummel Park, Brummel St. at Elmwood Ave.

Thurs. July 7 Beatle Brothers, James Park Celebrate Ringo Starr's 71st birthday!

Thurs. July 14 Taj Weekes & Adowa, James Park Socially conscious grooves from Jamaica

Tues. July 19 Sanctified Grumblers, Harbert Park Jug band fuses old country and early jazz

Thurs. July 21 Ted Sirota's Rebel Souls, Twiggs Park Jazz influenced by Afro-pop, funk, and ska

Tues. July 26 Melanie (sponsored by First Bank & Trust), Dawes Park Famed singer of Brand New Key, Candles in the Rain

Thurs. July 28 Expo 76, Brummel Park Impeccable selection of one-hit wonders and dusties

SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION TRIP

The Women's Club of Divine Savior in Norridge extends an 'open invitation' to their upcoming trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 for the price of \$40. The Shrine of Christ's Passion is an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane. You will journey through the Passion of Christ as depicted in the Stations of the Cross. There are 40 life size bronze statues. You will hear a description of the scene along with a meditation narrated by veteran broadcaster Bill Kurtis. Electric carts are available for disabled visitors. The 33 foot statue of Our Lady of the New Millennium's permanent home is at the Shrine. In addition to the above, we will be touring St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and lunching at the Country Buffet.

The trip is open to everyone but is limited to the first 50 paid participants. The bus leaves D.S. back parking lot promptly at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 5:30 p.m. Lunch is included in the price. Phone Marge at 708-456-6689.

CHICAGO ARTISTS' ARCHIVE ADDS ARTLETTER AND SIXTY INCHES FROM CENTER DOCUMENTS

Chicago Public Library announces the addition of two formidable visual art archives to its Chicago Artists' Archive: the complete and current chronicle of ArtLetter, created by art commentator and longtime Chicago art insider Paul Klein; and a comprehensive collection of interviews and commentary from the ongoing Sixty Inches from Center archive.

To spotlight the addition of these two critical contemporary records of the rich art worlds in Chicago, the Library's Visual & Performing Arts Division and Art Information Center presents a free program titled, Vanish? No! A Chicago Artists' Archive Recruitment Event that includes an open house of CPL's art archive, as well as an open invitation to Chicago area artists to donate materials to the Chicago Artists' Archive. The free event takes place on Thursday, June 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the 8th floor Art Reference Room at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Both ArtLetter and Sixty Inches from Center document the work of artists, galleries and curators in Chicago. ArtLetter began in 2004, and continues through the present day, while SIFC is a new venture that seeks to archive work as it happens in Chicago. At the Vanish? No! event, a wide range of gems from the Chicago Artists' Archive will be on view for discussion and perusal. In addition, documents from these archives will be on view in support of The Chicago Artists' Archive: Hidden Pages Brought to Light exhibition by artist Anne Hayden Stevens, currently on display through July 8 on the eighth floor of the Harold Washington Library Center.

Since the 1940s, the Art Information Center has kept records of visual artists living or working in the Chicago area. The Chicago Artists' Archive maintain records in the form of biographical information, artists' applications, artist statements, reproductions of artwork, exhibition catalogs, gallery announcements, reviews, and articles, among other things. All materials are accessible to the public at Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center. Chicago Public Library fields hundreds of inquiries a year about artists in the archive and the names of more than 10,000 artists names are listed, at <http://chicagoartistarchives.blogspot.com>.

Would you like to see your gallery, alternative space, critical writing or exhibitions archived for posterity? Contribute your documentation to the Chicago Artists' Archive! Please bring a piece of your history (show announcements, press releases, and artist statements) to the event for inclusion in the Chicago Artists' Archive.

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Chester M. Przybylo

We use words every day without much thought. Words can have different meaning in different contexts. Sometimes this “play on words” can give rise to humor. In fact, comedian George Carlin based his career on the subtleties in the usage of language. Carlin became famous for the “Seven Dirty Words” skit detailing the words that were prohibited in broadcast media. In fact, Carlin’s skit was the subject of a U.S. Supreme Court Case which clarified the boundary between free speech and obscenity. Carlin often pointed out apparent oxymorons like “jumbo shrimp” or “military intelligence.” George Carlin died recently, at age 71.

Like George Carlin, an attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning understands that subtleties in the language used can make a big difference. An example of the reason for the complexity of language in estate planning matters is the “Rule Against Perpetuities” which can invalidate a gift or other transfer in a Will or Trust if not done the right way. Relax, you do not need to try to figure out what “the Rule” is and how it applies. In fact, the rules involved in estate planning are so complex that a court found “. . . few, if any, areas of the law have been fraught with more confusion or concealed more traps for the unwary draftsman . . .”

If your daughter needed her appendix removed, would you read up online to perform the procedure yourself? Would you get out your knife and wet-stone and start sharpening? Would you take her to the dentist? Well, of course not. In fact, while the possibility is laughable; the reality would be tragic.

The same holds true in estate planning. Just as your daughter is relying on you to bring her to a good surgeon to remove her appendix, your children are also counting on you to plan your estate properly. Just as your daughter’s life could be at stake in the appendectomy, your children’s livelihood and well being could be at stake with the estate plan. A poorly drafted estate plan can wreak havoc on relationships, as well as assets. If you don’t plan your estate properly, it would be almost as obscene as George Carlin’s famous “Seven Dirty Words.”

A qualified estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning can ensure your wishes are carried out smoothly and effectively.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME ON SOCIAL SECURITY’S WEBSITE

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Summertime is here, and for many people that means vacation. Some of the best vacations are the ones that allow you to spend time with family who live far away.

If you’re planning to visit your kids and grandkids this summer, why not make the most of your time with them? You may know your way around a computer. But youngsters today who grew up on a computer can teach most of us some new tricks. And they’d probably be thrilled to share some online time with their grandparents. Ask them to pull out their tablet, iPad, or laptop and show you how to find your way around Social Security’s website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

Ask them to show you how to use www.socialsecurity.gov to avoid unneeded trips to a Social Security office. Have them show you our library of online publications containing all the information you might want to know on an array of Social Security, retirement, and Medicare subjects. The publications can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/index.html. If you’re thinking about retirement, for example, you may want to check out When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html. (Unlike some libraries, there’s no due date to remember.)

That was easy! With the young ones helping you, you might as well go ahead and spend another 15 minutes to get the job done. No need to put on your shoes and sunglasses — you can apply online without having to leave your home. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline where you can apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. Once you click the “submit” button, you’re done; in most cases there are no forms to sign or documents to mail in.

Here’s a way to get the attention of the young ones: ask them about Facebook and Twitter. Once they’ve got you on Facebook, you’ll have a new way of connecting with them. Did you know Social Security is on Facebook and Twitter too? Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov and click the Facebook and Twitter icons on the main page.

Visiting your kids and grandchildren can be a lot of fun. Make it productive as well by asking the young whiz kid in your family about www.socialsecurity.gov.

CJE SeniorLife 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.

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: July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Living Life Through Loss: A Drop-In Bereavement Support Group

Meets every Wednesday, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., at CJE SeniorLife, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. Monthly meeting dates: July 6, 13, 20 and 27

Any adult over the age of 60 who has lost a loved one in the past three years is encouraged to attend. There is a \$5 fee for each session. For more information, call 773/508-1129. Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife and the Jewish Healing Network.

Making Connections: Seniors with Adult Children with Disabilities Meets first and third Tuesday of every month. Offers families an opportunity to connect, share experiences and learn about benefits and community resources. Sponsored by CJE’s Linkages Program. Those interested in attending must register in advance by calling 773/508-1694. Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, 11 a.m. to noon. Monthly meeting dates: July 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: July 5, 12, 19 and 26

JULY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 12

Transition to Wellness 2011: Forward Thinking. The brain begins to slow down as a natural part of aging. Join us and learn about the four pillars of brain health-nutrition, mental stimulation, physical exercise and stress reduction. Presented by Andrea Kaplan, R.N. RSVP to 847/236-7852. 10 a.m., Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield.

Harry Potter for Adults. Melissa Stoeger, librarian from Deerfield Library, will discuss the Harry Potter books and explore how they appeal to adults as well as children. Call 847/236-7852 to RSVP. 2 p.m., Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield.

Thursdays, July 14, 21 and 28

Take Charge of Your Diabetes. This series of classes helps those with Type 2 Diabetes to regain control of their life, to do things that matter to them and have more energy with relief from symptoms of pain and fatigue. Participants can share experiences, meet new people, and learn ways to improve their life. RSVP to 847/253-5532. Weekly from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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Heat Emergency Information

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- Use a buddy system to check in on family, neighbors and friends;
- Plan activities for the coolest times of the day (early morning and late afternoon);
- Reduce exertion and exercise in an effort to stay cool;
- Drink plenty of fluids;
- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing outdoors;
- NEVER leave children or pets in a parked car;
- Protect your pets. Make sure your pet always has cool, clean water and a shaded area to rest if left outside;

Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library – even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat; and

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

The effects of extreme heat conditions on the human body are cumulative and can lead to variety of health complications, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Those without air conditioning may visit the following public cooling centers in Skokie:

Illinois Department of Human Services, 8020 St. Louis Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077, 847/745-3200, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois, 847/673-7774, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 to 6 p.m.

Skokie Park District, Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60076, 847/674-1500 x2700, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. 8 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Skokie Park District, Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60076, 847/674-1500 x2400, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252, or visit www.skokie.org.

Evanston's 2010 Water Quality Report Now Available

All drinking water providers are required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to submit to residents a water quality report known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) each year by July 1st. The Evanston Water Utility is proud that water quality has met or exceeded all drinking water standards as evidenced in this year's CCR.

Please find the City of Evanston's 2010 Water Quality Report [http://www.city-of-evanston.org/assets/2010 Evanston Water Quality Report.pdf](http://www.city-of-evanston.org/assets/2010%20Evanston%20Water%20Quality%20Report.pdf)

Grant Awarded for Senior Lunch Program

The City of Evanston Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department has been awarded over \$40,000 in funding for a senior congregate lunch program to begin in fall 2011. The grant is administered through AgeOptions, the regional agency that distributes federal funding under the Older Americans Act. The Department received funding for a senior lunch program at two different sites. This grant will offset the cost of each meal and no eligible senior shall be denied participation because of inability to contribute.

The Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, will serve lunches on all five weekdays, while Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St., will serve a meal every Wednesday. The grant is for one year and will be renewable for the next fiscal year, with an optional third year. Menus and other program components are still being determined. Updates will be posted at www.cityofevanston.org as they become available.

Help America's National Forests: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in July And Have 10 Trees Planted in U.S. Forests

Nebraska City, Neb. – Forest land is one of America's most prized resources, and everyone can help plant needed trees in these vital areas simply by joining the Arbor Day Foundation.

Through its Replanting Our National Forests campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins the Foundation in July by planting 10 trees in forests that have been devastated by wildfires, insects and disease. The cost to join the Arbor Day Foundation is a \$10 donation.

The need to replant forests in the U.S. is great. Recent years of unprecedented wildfires has left a backlog of nearly 1 million acres that need replanting in National Forests. The Arbor Day Foundation has worked with the U.S. Forest Service for more than 20 years to plant trees in forests that have the greatest need.

It is essential to preserve forests because they produce oxygen, clean the air and are a source of abundant, clean and healthy drinking water for more than 180 million Americans.

"Keeping our forests vibrant is vital to the overall health of the Earth, and we can help simply by planting trees," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "By planting trees in our forests, we can preserve these national treasures so they will continue to benefit Americans for generations to come."

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our National Forests, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or go to arborday.org/july.

Village Cooking Corner

KOTA KAPAMA (CHICKEN IN TOMATO SAUCE)

This is a dish served in many parts of Greece, especially in Arcadia in the Peloponnese - to guests and a special menu on Sundays.

- 1 whole chicken cut into parts
- 1/2 cup of Canola or Olive Oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1-1/2 tsp of cinnamon

Sauce:

- 1 tbsp of drippings
- 1 tbsp of all-purpose flour
- 2-3 cups of water
- 1 cup of canned diced tomatoes (no salt added)
- 1 cup of tomato sauce (no salt added)
- 1/2 cup of dry white wine (optional)
- 1 whole cinnamon stick 6 whole cloves
- 1/2 tsp oregano Juice of one lemon
- 2 tbsp of grated Kefalotyri cheese (found in Greek markets*) or Parmesan or Romano)

Cut the chicken in parts, wash and dry and then place in a bowl. Sprinkle with lemon juice, salt and pepper and 1-1/2 tsp. of cinnamon Marinate for about 15 minutes. Heat oil in a Dutch Oven or large pot and saute the chicken until golden. Add the wine, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes. In the meantime prepare the sauce in another pan by mixing the flour with a little of the water to a paste consistency. Combine the rest of the ingredients but not the cheese. Cook the sauce on a low/ medium fire on top of the range for about 10 minutes stirring to combine. Add the sauce to the chicken and continue to cook another 20 to 25 minutes or until the chicken is well done.

Prepare the pasta Macaroni* or Spaghetti as directed by the pasta maker. Drain and place on a platter sprinkling the pasta with the grated Kefalotyri, Parmesan or Romano as desired. Place the Chicken and the Sauce into an appropriate serving dish along with the platter of pasta and present to your family and/or guests. Bon Appetite (Kali Orexi)

* Kefalotyri and Macaroni is sold at Northeastern Fruit Market, 6000 N. Lincoln, Chicago and at Market Place at 4817 North Oakton, Skokie, IL

From the Kitchen of Anastasia E. Weaver

Free Evanston Youth Summer Lunch Program Began June 13

Free cold lunches will be served to all children age 1-18 again this summer on a first-come, first-served basis. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday, June 13-August 19, 2011 (no service July 4.) This year, a fourth site at James Park has been added.

Lunch sites are Mason Park (Church St. at Florence Ave.), James Park (at the Fieldhouse west of the Levy Center at 300 Dodge Ave.), and the parks adjacent to Fleetwood-Jourdain Center (1655 Foster St.) and Robert Crown Center (1701 Main St).

Lunches must be eaten on site and parents must accompany young children. Lunches are served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fleetwood-Jourdain and Mason Park, while lunches are served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Robert Crown and James Parks.

The Summer Food Service Program is coordinated by the City of Evanston's Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center and funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture policy, this program is available to all eligible children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For more information, please call 847-448-8254.

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