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# Year of Chicago Theatre



Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) and the League of Chicago Theatres have designated 2019 the "Year of Chicago Theatre." This citywide, year-long focus on theatre is the first of its kind in the U.S. The initiative will include theatre performances and special events for the public - many of them free at hundreds of cultural venues, theaters, parks and neighborhood locations throughout the city. The City of Chicago and its partners will also launch a marketing campaign that leverages a powerful new brand for Chicago theatre; provide additional financial grants to theatre projects; encourage dialog around inclusion and equity; and call on civic, philanthropic, arts and business leaders to support the theatre community.

## The Safe Passage Program is a way for businesses, parents, and residents throughout the City to become involved in the community.

It includes the Safe Haven Program, Parent Patrol and the Walking School Bus Program. Safe Havens include municipal properties such as police stations, fire houses, and libraries; but, they also include businesses. If a child is walking to or from home or school, and for any reason they become alarmed or approached by a stranger, they can find refuge in any "Safe Haven".







The City of Chicago reminds residents and business owners to keep your sidewalk shoveled this winter: it's neighborly and it's the law. There is no holiday for shoveling.

Readers, Please Watch For Signs For Parking Bans During The Winter Months Along The Designated Snow Routes.



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#### **Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:**

Thursday, January 10, 2019, 5:00 - 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 5:00 - 8:45 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2019 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2019 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Call 847.635.1426 for information about upcoming classes.



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## Veterans' Artwork Auction The Bidding Starts Now!

Why is today a great time to start your own collection of veteran artwork? Because the National Veterans Art Museum's first ever Triennial Veteran Art Auction is now live and taking bids! To see the artwork and place a bid, simply click on the orange button and register.

Funds raised from the auction will support NVAM'S first Triennial, an exciting new schedule of public exhibitions occurring in locations throughout Chicago this coming May.

From the Great War through the Global War on Terror, veterans have made art about their military experiences that challenges stereotypes, politics, and media portrayals. The NVAM Triennial draws on this history to connect veteran artists today with the history of veteran creative practices and their impact on society over the past century.





We invite you to support the NVAM Triennial by participating today in our Veteran Art Auction. Auction items include prints, photos, ceramics and more. These original works are on display at the museum. Bids may be placed by registering here, or at the museum during regular hours. Staff members are available to help you place your bid or answer questions about the process. Thank you for your support!

## **Pappas:** Automatic property tax refunds of \$8.3 million going to 30,000 homeowners

The Cook County Treasurer's Office is sending nearly 30,000 homeowners refunds totaling \$8.3 million without requiring an application, another example of using technology to make things easier for taxpayers, Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

'We've taken steps in the past to make the refund application process easier," Pappas said. "Now we're trying to eliminate the application altogether."

Overpayments occur for a variety of reasons, including the simple mistake of paying more than is owed on the tax bill. More often, overpayments result from a reduction in property taxes after the bill was paid. Here are details about the 29,752 refunds:

• The 8,947 homeowners who paid their taxes through a bank/mortgage escrow account are receiving refund checks

• The 20,805 homeowners who paid by check or online are automatically receiving refunds to their bank or credit card accounts

To see if you are entitled to a refund, visit cookcountytreasurer.com and take these steps:

• Select the purple box "Your Property Overview"

• Enter your address or Property Index Number (PIN)

The refunds are due to tax overpayments made since 2013. Using bank, credit card and property records, the Office has electronically determined who made the overpayment in these cases, making refund applications unnecessary.



## **Pappas: There's Help For Senior Citizens Struggling To Pay Cook County Property Taxes**

rising faster than Social Security payments, a tax-relief program can help senior citizens who are hard-pressed to pay their property taxes, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Seniors whose annual household income is \$55,000 or less can apply to the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program for loans to cover property tax payments.

"When property taxes are due, too many of our elderly are forced to make difficult choices about which bills to pay," Pappas said. "This program is one way to ease their worries."

The State of Illinois issues the loans, which do not have to be repaid until the property

With prescription prices and utility bills is sold or the homeowner dies. An interest rate of 6 percent per year is charged by the state. The maximum loan is \$5,000 per year. To qualify, homeowners must be at least 65 years old by June 1 of the year in which the application is made. To apply:

- Download the application from cookcountytreasurer.com
- Submit the completed application and copies of the required documents to the Treasurer's Office
- The deadline is March 1, 2019. Applications after that date cannot be accepted
- Homeowners must reapply every year

## WIN FREE MONEY!!!

We are extending our deadline for collecting receipts from local Norwood Park Businesses!

Did you spent \$150 or more in Norwood Park between 11/23-12/24?

Send us a picture of your receipts to info@norwoodpark.org with your address and we will mail you a local gift card! -While supplies last!

## **Cook County Assessor Releases Senior Exemption Applications**

#### State Law Requires Annual Renewal of Senior Exemptions

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announced that his office has mailed Senior and Senior Freeze Exemption renewal applications for tax year 2018. Over 300,000 applications were mailed to seniors who received the exemptions last year. The application deadline is February 6, 2019 and annual renewal is required.

The Senior Exemption application is part of a booklet sent to eligible seniors. The booklet also contains the separate, income-based Senior Freeze Exemption application.

"It is very important to me as I begin my term as assessor that my office reaches as many seniors as possible to ensure that they continue to receive the exemptions to which they are entitled," said Assessor Kaegi. "No senior in Cook County should be in a position where they are paying more their fair share."

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for tax year 2018, a taxpayer must have:

- been born prior to or in the year 1953
- owned the property during 2018 or have a lease or contract for 2018 which makes them responsible for the real estate taxes
- used the property as his or her principal place of residence in 2018

Please Note: Beginning last year, a new law increased savings for the Senior Exemption from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV).

It is important to note that the exemption amount is not the dollar amount by which a tax bill is lowered. EAV is the partial value of a property to which tax rates are applied; it is this figure on which a tax bill is calculated.

The savings for a Senior Citizen Exemption is calculated by multiplying the exemption savings of 8,000 by the local tax rate. The Assessor does not set tax rates.

#### **Need A Lawyer?** The Chicago Bar Association Can Help Talk To A Lawyer For Free On Saturday, January 19th

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, January 19th, as part of an ongoing legal public service program offered by the CBA.

Calls will be accepted Saturday, January 19th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001. Call-A-Lawyer events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month in the morning hours.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service during the week for a referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The CBA's Lawyer Referral Service has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law that offer their services to the public. When contacting the LRS during normal business hours Monday through Friday, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in numerous areas of law including:

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ters):

• Personal Injury (including auto accidents, slip and falls, products liability, wrongful death, malpractice and other types of injury cases.

• Estate Planning, including will and trust drafting, probate and will contest.

• Real Estate, including buying or selling real estate, foreclosure defense and landlord/tenant issues.

• Employment Law, including wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination. Additionally, the CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides callers access to attorneys in three different areas of law at any time after normal business hours. You can reach a lawyer 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling (312) 554-2001.

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## Niles-Maine Library Partners with Advocate Children's Hospital for Board Book Drive

The Niles-Maine District Library is seeking donations of brand new children's board books for its Board Book Drive. The annual drive is the result of the Early Literacy Initiative partnership between the Library and Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge. Donations directly assist Advocate's Book Nook by providing books for hospitalized children.

Donated books will be placed in the Hospital's Book Nook, which acts as a mobile library used to give away books to inpatient and outpatient children alike. The program aims to encourage children's literacy at a pivotal point in their development—something especially crucial for the Hospital's youngest patients.

"I am so excited to partner with ACH for this board book drive," says April Lee, Youth Services Librarian and the main facilitator of Niles-Maine's participation in the Initiative. "Building a strong foundation in early literacy starts from the moment a baby is born. That is why I am even more excited to know that these board books will go to very youngest children, infants and toddlers, during their stay at ACH!"

To those who have already donated, she expresses a heartfelt gratitude: "Thank you to everyone for your donations, which will directly help young children in our community grow up with a love of reading."

For those wishing to donate, the Library is asking for brand new board books, which may be dropped off in the blue box labeled "Board Book Donations" in the Library lobby, just inside the main entrance. Books written in languages other than English—and particularly Spanish—are especially appreciated. Donations will be accepted through January 4.

Niles-Maine District Library is located at 6960 Oakton Street, the northeast corner of the Oakton and Waukegan intersection. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 9pm, Friday, 9am to 7pm, Saturday, 9am to 5pm and Sunday, 1 to 5 pm.

#### **Medicare 101**

#### Thurs., January 24 at 6:00 p.m. Roden Branch

Medicare can be confusing. Mike Salvaggio from Premier Medicare Benefits will be presenting a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't and your potential out of pocket exposure. We will review Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost saving strategies for the years ahead. **Registration online at chipublib.org or call 312-744-1478.** 

#### **CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Carl B. Roden Branch • 6083 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631 312-744-1478 Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10 am -6 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 12-8 pm; Friday & Saturday 9 am – 5 pm; Closed on Sunday

#### New Book Group for Adults with Disabilities

The Evanston Public Library now offers the Read-Ability book group, a group for adults with cognitive disabilities. The group began as a pilot in partnership with the Evanston organization, Center for Independent Futures (CIF).

CIF Executive Director Ann Sickon says, "We are delighted to work with Evanston Public Library through our Change Champions initiative, which encourages programs like the Read-Ability Book Group. I have spoken to many individuals with disabilities that have high praise for the Read-Ability Book Group. It is wonderful to see inclusive community actions that welcome people of all abilities to participate and to lead full lives."

Through the Change Champions project the Library and CIF are working to enhance and build on the inclusion of people with disabilities at the Library, from physical space, equipment, and resources to programs and services.

The Read-Ability book group is held at the Main Library on Mondays from 5 to 6 pm. There are three sessions a year: January through April, May through August, and September through December. Each session is devoted to one book.

The way the book group is run is different from traditional book groups and other book groups specifically targeted to adults with disabilities—it allows people to participate in the group without having to worry about reading in front of their peers. Books are selected that are of interest to the participants. Group members can participate as much or as little as they want, in whatever way works best for them.

The books the group reads come from a variety of genres and comprehension levels. The first session read The Land of Stories, a juvenile book by Chris Colfer. Recent books included Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs, I Am the Messenger by Marcus Zusak, House Rules by Jodi Picoult, the young adult dystopian novel Cinder by Marissa Meyer, and the science fiction novel Artemis by Andy Weir. Participants vote on what book will be read next from a list of pre-selected titles.

Volunteer Linda Otto says, "I think this program serves as a valuable resource to challenged young men and women. I am proud that our library is committed to offering such a program, and I am gratified be a part of it."

The current session ends on December 17, and the next session begins on January 7. The next book will be decided at the end of the current session. For more information or to join this group, contact Jeny Wasilewski Mills at jwasilewski@cityofevanston.org.

The Library is more than a building of books; it is a place to meet, connect, learn and explore. To learn more, visit www.epl.org.

Evanston Public Library 1703 Orrington Avenue Evanston, IL 60201

#### **Keeping Your Car Clean**

Keeping your car clean has many significant financial and environmental benefits, especially when performed by a professional car wash. Let's start with the financial rewards. Every day our cars are subjected to sun, salt from the sea, salt from snow trucks, grease and grime from the road, acid rain, smog, tree sap, dead bugs, and worst of all, the everacidic compound of bird poop bombs. We've all been riddled and splattered at one time or another. These conditions eat away at a car's metal and chrome. They dull the paint. They corrode and cause rust. They attack your pride and joy day after day. You may not see it right away, but over time they will contribute to the decay of your car's exterior, ultimately diminishing its resale value.

fessional car washes will reach our waterways. Though a parking lot car wash might sound

Though a parking lot car wash might sound like a good way to make money for your organization, many groups don't realize that dirty water from parking lot and driveway car washing enters the storm sewer system. Meant only for rainfall, storm sewer water flows directly into the closest creek, stream, or river

#### **City to Pick Up Holiday Trees through February 1**

City of Evanston crews will pick up holiday trees beginning Monday, December 31, 2018 through Friday, February 1, 2019.

The five-week window provides residents with the flexibility to take down their trees when it's convenient. Trees will be picked up on the same day of the week as residents' normal refuse and recycling collection.

All trees should be placed on the parkway, in between the street and the sidewalk. Trees will not be picked up from alleys or private property. Residents are asked to remove all lights and decorations from trees, and to not place them in plastic bags. These materials can damage equipment used to convert trees into mulch.

For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents can also dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

#### **Recycle Holiday String Lighting through Jan. 31**

The City of Evanston's annual holiday light recycling program will be held from Saturday, December 1, 2018 through Thursday, January 31, 2019. This year's donations will be recycled in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling.

All holiday string lighting and extension cords are accepted through this free program. Garlands, live greens, and wreaths will not be accepted.

Lights can be dropped off at the following Evanston locations:

Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick

Blvd. Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, please visit www. elginrecycling.com or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

#### Village of Skokie Light & Tree Recycling

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

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

To have your tree picked up for recycling, place it in the alley or at the curb where refuse is collected. Do not put the tree in a bag or container, and please remove all decorations.

Through January 31, 2019, all holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off for recycling at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and the Village of Skokie are sponsoring the free Holiday Light Recycling Program, along with Elgin Recycling that is processing the material. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

Additionally, remember to remove holiday decorations and lighting early in the New Year. In accordance with the Village of Skokie adopted 2008 National Electric Code section 590.3 (B), temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. For more information, please contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224.

For more information on recycling, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

## Managing Jet Lag

Jet lag, also know as time zone change syndrome, is a sleep disorder that is attributed to a disruption of the body's internal clock caused by rapid travel across time zones. It affects millions of people every year and interferes with business and vacation activities.

Although jet lag is not a serious medical condition, it does interfere with normal sleep cycles and circadian rhythms. This interference can produce a variety of symptoms, including insomnia, early waking or excessive sleepiness, irritability, difficulty concentrating or functioning at a usual level, headaches, muscle soreness and constipation or diarrhea.

The symptoms get worse with the number of time zones that are crossed during travel and with the age of the person traveling. Most people can feel the effects after crossing at least three time zones, although shorter trips can prompt jet lag in others. In addition, trips that go eastward generally cause more severe symptoms than those to the west.

What can you do to try to keep your internal body clock in sync with the time in the locale to which you are traveling? Although cures work differently in people, the following are basic rules to combat jet lag:

- For a stay of three or fewer days, the traveler may want to keep their watch on hometime and ignore local time by maintaining normal eating, sleeping and other activity patterns.

- If the stay is for four or more days, the body clock can be advanced about one hour per day for the three days before leaving by exposure to bright light on rising or by taking melatonin in the evening. Several studies have shown that 3 to 5 mg of melatonin, taken 2- 3 hours before bedtime, improved sleep and decreased daytime fatigue.

- Get plenty of rest before the trip and drink lots of water before, during and after the flight to fight dehydration. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, both of which cause dehydration.

- Try to sleep on the plane if it is nighttime at your destination.

- Bright light, gentle exercise, and caffeine can be used to cause alertness on arrival at your destination.

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# Winter Fun, Inside And Out!!

#### Chicago Park District & Chicago Blackhawks Team Up to Offer Free Ice Hockey Clinics at Neighborhood Ice Rinks

The Chicago Blackhawks and the Chicago Park District are partnering again this winter to offer free hockey clinics at six neighborhood ice rinks across the city. Parents of children, ages 5 to 12 years old, are encouraged to enroll their young ones in this year's clinics.

The free Blackhawks clinics will take place Wednesdays and Saturdays starting on December 8, 2018, and continuing through February 6, 2019. Skates and equipment will be made available to participants for free. Upon arriving at the rinks for their scheduled clinics, participating kids will also receive a keepsake Chicago Blackhawks jersey.

"The Chicago Park District is excited to team up with the Chicago Blackhawks for yet another year of offering our children access to instructors, equipment and facilities with the goal of teaching them how to play the sport with pride," said Chicago Park District Superintendent & CEO Michael P. Kelly. "This long-standing partnership has allowed us to continue to grow the presence of the sport in

neighborhoods citywide."

Online registration is required before attending one of the clinics. Parents are also encouraged to arrive 20-30 minutes before the clinic begins to better facilitate the distribution of equipment and jerseys. For more information and to register, parents should visit www.chicagoblackhawks.com/cpdclinics.

Chicago Blackhawks Clinics will take place at the following Northside locations:

- January 16, 2019 Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave. 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (ages 5-8) 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. (ages 9-12) January 23, 2019 Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave. 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (ages 5-8) 5 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. (ages 9-12) February 2, 2019 Riis Park, 6100 W. Fullerton Ave. 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (ages 5-8) 12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. (ages 9-12)
- Earlier this year, the Chicago Park District,

## **Brush With Nature – Art Exhibition**

The artworks that are displayed in this exhibition were created by local plein air artists who created their pieces while outdoors at the Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie, IL.

Exhibiting Artists include: Adrienne Aaronson (Highland Park), Zhanna Biletska (Chicago), Laura Frisch (Morton Grove), Steve Johnson (Chicago), Debra Nichols (Skokie), Naomi Pollack (Skokie), Talia and Clare Prilutsky (Wheeling), Amanda Roman (Evanston) and Aruna Sarode (Round Lake).

The juried exhibition will be on display in the Emily Oaks Nature Center Gallery at 4650 Brummel Ave, Skokie, IL 60076 from November 16, 2018 through February 24, 2019. Regular viewing hours are Monday - Friday 8 am- 5 pm; Saturday 8 am- 4 pm; and Sunday 10 am- 4 pm. Phone (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 for more information.



Emilv Oaks Nature Center - Aruna N Sarode

Brush with Nature is sponsored in part by the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Founded in 1991, Anatomically Correct is a 501(c)(3) notfor-profit organization dedicated to showcasing works by artists in alternative spaces in a combined effort to educate, diversify, and promote community awareness of the visual and performing arts. http://www.brushwithnature.org



Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Blackhawks opened a Hockey Rink at Norwood Park in Chicago's 41st Ward. The new 75' x 160' rink features a SportCourt surface for both street and roller hockey use, creating accessibility across multiple seasons. The rink,

located at 5801 N. Natoma Avenue, will serve as a public park amenity and will be programmed by the Chicago Park District. While the Chicago Blackhawks may hold occasional clinics and camps at the rink, its primary purpose is for residents to use at their own discretion.



Join us on Saturday, January 26th for the 8th Annual Winter Brew. 17 local breweries will be pouring 44 beers for your drinking pleasure. Koval Distillery will once again be shaking up some amazing cocktails. And new this year 3 cideries will be joining.





When and Where? Saturday, January 26th Dank Haus, 4740 N. Western Avenue Session 1: 12pm to 4pm Session 2: 6pm to 10pm \$10 Admission (advanced ticket purchase)

For tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-brew-2019-tickets-53610189520

## **Interested In Getting Involved In The 2019 NWSI Parade?**



https://northwestsideirish.org/nwsi-parade-application

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## by Joseph Zettelmaier

Jan. 23 ~ Feb. 24 May the Force be with you... and the comedy will follow!









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(M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) Evening/weekend help available for criminal, domestic relations and personal injury matters. Visit www.chicagobar.org/LRS for 24-hour referrals.





312-554-2001 or www.chicagobar.org/LRS

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#### **Relax & Renew Spa Night at Resurrection**



Resurrection College Prep High School invites alumnae, parents and community members to attend Relax, Renew & Focus on You, an event for women ages 21 and up, on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$40 per person and registration includes yoga, a tea station, detox waters, sangria, appetizers, make-your-own sugar scrubs and refreshing spritz bottles and an opportunity for reflection. Mini-spa services, massage and shopping will also be

available for additional fees from Salon 360, Young Living Essential Oils and the Kendra Scott Pop Up Shop. The event is expected to sell out quickly. Details and registration are available at www.reshs.org or at 773.775.6616 Ext 112.



Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org

## **Two More Polar Adventure Days at** Northerly Island in 2019 January 26 & February 23 from noon to 4 p.m.

Chicagoans and tourists are invited to explore Northerly Island, located at 1521 S. Linn White Dr., and engage in exciting winter activities, come face-to-face with live animals and create nature inspired crafts during the 14th annual Polar Adventure Days.

The annual winter series will treat visitors to a number of fun-filled activities that are both educational and fun for all ages. Participants will tour Northerly Island's Natural Area, either on foot or in snowshoes depending on weather, and learn about winter animals including



Siberian huskies, wolves and birds of prey. Park patrons can also work together to create a nature inspired winter craft, while sipping on a cup of hot cocoa.

"Polar Adventure Days has quickly become a winter tradition for Chicagoans and visitors alike," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly. "This unique event series connects city dwellers to nature and wildlife and offers an experience unlike any other during Chicago's colder months."

All Polar Adventure Days take place from 12 p.m. -4 p.m. The first 500 visitors will be treated to hot cocoa.

For more information about Polar Adventure Days and Park Points, visit the Chicago Park District's website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

#### Dads and Daughter Walk the Red Carpet at Lincolnwood's Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 1

On Friday, February 1, the Village of Lincolnwood presents its annual Lincolnwood Daddy Daughter Dance. This red carpet worthy event is an unforgettable magical evening that provides the perfect opportunity for dads and their daughters, ages 5 to 14, to dress up, dine, and dance the night away.

Each couple will walk the red carpet and start with a delicious dinner and dessert prior to hitting the dance floor. Dads and daughters will then enjoy music and games with a DJ while experiencing magnificent views from the Monaco Ballroom. To capture all the wonderful

#### **Skating Theme Nights at the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink** Admission Is Free, Skate Rentals Available

Skating with a twist (and a twirl) at ice skating parties hosted by local Chicago DJs. Costumes encouraged! November 29: Charlie Brown Classics (jazz music) December 6: Ugly Sweater Soul-mas (soul and R&B music-and wear your ugliest Christmas sweater) December 20: Christmas Classics (all holiday music) December 27: Homecoming (house music) January 3: Bling in the New Year (90s hip hop music) January 17: Totally Tubular (80s pop and rock music) January 31: Soul Train (70s disco, funk and soul music) February 7: Purple Passion (all Prince) February 21: Mambo Mania (40s & 50s latin music) March 7: It's a Wrap-sody (all Queen)



#### Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon Maggie Daley Park

#### **Skating Ribbon** Friday, November 18 - March

- Monday - Thursday: noon-8pm

- Friday: noon -10pm

- Saturday: 10am-10pm
- Sunday: 10am-8pm

In the heart of downtown Chicago, with the City's skyline as a backdrop, a ribbon of ice winds through a rolling landscape providing an ice skating experience unlike any other. The skating ribbon is dramatically different from typical civic ice rinks, creating a multisensory activity that is integrated into the landscape. Skaters can experience "alpine in the city" as they lace up their ice skates and follow a path twice the length of a lap around a traditional skating rink. Complementing the ribbon are places to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and rent skates. FREE Admission; Skate rental is \$13 Mon-Thu and \$15 Fri-Sun/Holidays. \$40 Fast Passes are available.



## **Are You Leadership Material? RPWRHS Needs YOU!**

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is a volunteer-run community organization, overseen by a Board of Directors. The current board is composed of eight volunteer directors who are responsible for managing the affairs of the society and working with our core of volunteers to create and execute our full calendar of programs. It's an important job, and we're always looking for new director candidates to keep our board strong and active.

Our 2019 Annual Meeting and Election is scheduled for March 23. If you would like to take an active leadership role in the society, consider becoming a candidate for the Board of Directors. The slating committee is accepting expressions of interest, and we'd be happy to hear from YOU!

Visit our website to Learn About Board Member Responsibilities and Duties: https:// rpwrhs.org/expectations-for-board-members/



will be a beautiful backdrop for this event" says Recreation Supervisor Katie Lazzara. "This event is has become an annual tradition within the community and is sure to be an unforgettable evening for all". The Daddy Daughter Dance will be held at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Chicago - North Shore Conference Center, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Illinois 60077 on Friday, February 1 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register for the dance, please visit www.recreation.lwd. org or stop by the Village of Lincolnwood's Parks and Recreation Department at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call (847) 677-9740.









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## The Twelve Sites Of Social Security

#### By Andrew Salata, Public Affairs Specialist

During the holiday season, it was hard to walk in a public place without hearing a Christmas carol or two. One of the most popular traditional songs is "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It's been a holiday favorite since it was published in 1780. Here's our take on the song: "The Twelve Sites of Social Security."

For the first site of Social Security, we present to you: our home page, www.socialsecurity. gov. It's the place to go for all things Social Security. Everything you could want — from online services and screening tools to publications and press releases — can be found easily from this starting place.

On the second site of Social Security, we present to you: an easy way to get or replace your Social Security card using our online application at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

On the third site of Social Security, we present to you: an online application for retirement benefits that you can complete and submit in as little as 15 minutes at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/about.htm.

On the fourth site of Social Security, we present to you: a secure, convenient way to apply for disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

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On the sixth site of Social Security, we present to you: an online application for Medicare that lets you complete an application for Medicare benefits in as little as 10 minutes, at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

On the seventh site of Social Security, we present to you: Extra Help with prescription drug costs. You can learn more and apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

On the eighth site of Social Security, we present to you: our convenient publication library with online booklets and pamphlets on numerous subjects, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

On the ninth site of Social Security, we present to you: popular baby names. Learn about popular baby names and trends based on child Social Security card applications over the years at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/babynames.

On the tenth site of Social Security, we present to you: the location of your nearest Social Security office, no matter where you are, at www.socialsecurity.gov/locator.

On the eleventh site of Social Security, we present to you: a way to get your Social Security forms online, at www.socialsecurity.gov/online.

On the twelfth site of Social Security, we present to you: services for people who are currently receiving benefits, like the ability to replace your Medicare card, get or change a password, request a proof of income letter, or check your Social Security information or benefits. You can do these and other things at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/getservices-change.htm.

Get all your Social Security services and information at www.socialsecurity.gov.

#### Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"-2019 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2019 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to



Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran. There are approximately (21,000) WWII Veterans remaining in the Chicago area – which HFC is requesting assistance from the public to help locate these WWII Heroes.

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

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of flying our World War II veterans to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial built in their honor.

## **St. Thecla Seniors Meetings**

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

#### Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope And Opportunity To Families

With your help last year Metropolitan served more than 53,000 individuals and families in the Chicago area, helping them become more self-sufficient and strengthening family bonds. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website, metrofamily.org.

#### **Norwood Park Seniors Club**

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

## Scams Aimed At Veterans, Caregivers And Donors Cheat And Dishonor Vets Service

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning veterans and their families of scams that may be targeting them. The scams also target those with plans to donate to a military or veteran- related cause. The BBB says veterans and civilians who are planning to donate to a charity for Veteran's day should use caution; and recommends that they research the organization and check with the BBB.

"While these types of scams represent the most common there can also be several variations of them," says Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "It's important to remember, never give money to someone online or over the phone when you aren't 100 percent certain where it's going or what your donation will be used towards."

The most common veteran scams include:

• Charging veterans for services they could get for free or less expensively elsewhere, such as military records.

• Fraudulent investment schemes that convince veterans to transfer their assets into an irrevocable trust.

• Offering "instant approval" military loans ("no credit check," "all grades and ranks approved") that can have high interest rates and hidden fees.

• Advertising housing online with military discounts and incentives then cheating service personnel out of the security deposit.

• Trying to sell things like security systems to spouses of deployed military personnel by saying the service member ordered it to protect his or her family.

• Selling stolen vehicles at low prices by claiming to be soldiers who need to sell fast be-

cause they've been deployed.

• Posing as government contractors recruiting veterans and then asking for a copy of the job applicants' passport (that contains important personal information).

• Posing for online dating services as a lonely service member in a remote part of Iraq or Afghanistan, and then asking for money to be wired to a third party for some emergency.

If you plan on donating to a military-affiliated charity this year, here are some tips on how to avoid scams:

• Watch out for charities that sound similar to more well-known ones. Many fake veterans' charities include the same words in different order or form to appear legitimate.

• Look for a clear description of the organization's programs in its appeals and on its website. If the charity says it's helping veterans, does it explain how (financial assistance, shelter, counseling) and where it is doing so?

• Telemarketing can be a costly method of fundraising unless carefully managed. If called, do not hesitate to ask for written information on the charity and its finances before making a decision.

• Be wary of excessive pressure in fundraising. Don't be pressured to make an immediate on-the-spot donation. Legitimate charities will welcome your gift whenever you want to send it.

• If donating clothing or other goods, find out how the charity benefits from the collection and re-sale of gifts.

 Check first before giving for free with charity monitoring services like BBB's give.org.

For more tips on scams, visit www.bbb.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

#### **Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion**

Edison Park 541 of The American Legion invites Veterans and Sons of Veterans on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., to attend our informational meeting. Location is Edison Park Field House 1st floor North at 6755 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron are looking for Sons of Veterans to be members. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of



The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. This is an informational meeting. All Veterans are invited and if you qualify we would love for you to join us. Veterans qualifications are for service during the periods stated above. Contact: Past 9th District Commander Bob Fuggiti 847-921-8738 Edison Park Post 541 — AmerLegion541@aol.com 6755 W. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

## **Cell Phones For Soldiers**

Representative D'Amico has partnered with Cell Phones For Soldiers, a nonprofit serving troops and veterans, to collect gently used cell phones for members of our military. Donated phones will be used to provide free communication services to military members so they can connect with their loved ones. Donations will be accepted in Representative D'Amico's public service office located at 4404 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Office hours are 9 AM to 4:30 PM.

## How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Illinois Chapter speakers are available to speak for free thanks to the generosity of our walkers, donors, and volunteers. To request a free AFSP Illinois volunteer speaker at your company, organization, club, religious center, meeting or other group complete the simple form at www.AFSPILSpeaker.org. For free AFSP materials and resources thanks to the generosity of Walkers like you go to www.AFSPMaterials.org. To donate to support AFSP go to www.Chicagowalk.org.

If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 1-800-273-TALK • 1-800-273-8255

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# **Roadside History** of Illinois

This is the twenty-fourth in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago, nearby suburbs and elsewhere in the state that can be visited by those who seek to learn more about local history. The articles are partial excerpts from the book, Roadside History of Illinois (Mountain Press, 2013), by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash.



## **McCormick Harvesting Machine Company**

Cyrus Hall McCormick was one of the many industrialists to contribute to Chicago's development as a world-class city. His great-nephew, Robert R. "Colonel" McCormick (for whom McCormick Place was named), also became a major player in Chicago as publisher of the Chicago Tribune from the 1920s to the 1950s

Born in 1809, Cyrus Hall McCormick grew up on a farm in Virginia, where his father, Robert McCormick, tinkered with designing a mechanical reaper. By the age of twenty-two, Cyrus had improved upon his father's invention, and three years later he patented it. Seeking to manufacture and sell the machine to local farmers but meeting with little success, the younger McCormick moved west in 1845. After two years in Cincinnati, he moved to Chicago, where he opened a three-story brick factory on the north bank of the Chicago River, just east of what is now the Michigan Avenue Bridge.

The McCormick Harvesting Machine Company proved a great success. For the next 20-plus years, sales steadily increased, but the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed

the plant. Undaunted, McCormick bought 130 acres on the city's Lower West Side and built a much larger facility along the South Branch of the Chicago River, in what is now known as Pilsen.

Upon his death in 1884, McCormick passed the business to his son, Cyrus Hall McCormick, Jr., who two years later would be faced with labor unrest that culminated in the Haymarket Square riot. In 1902 the Mc-Cormick Company merged with competitor Deering Harvester Company and several smaller manufacturers to form International Harvester (now Navistar International). The plant closed down in the 1950s, when International Harvester moved its operations to less expensive locations outside the city.

International Harvester began to change in the 1980s. In 1985, International Harvester sold off its agricultural division to Tenneco, Inc., which merged with subsidiary J.I. Case, now becoming Case IH, a global leader in agriculture and farm equipment. The balance of International Harvester, primarily producing heavy trucks, became Navistar International Corporation in 1986.

Copies of Roadside History of Illinois may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. More information about the author can be found by visiting his website www.stantexbanash.com.

## Winter Farmers Market in Jefferson Park

December 23, 2018, January 27, 2019, April 7, 2019, May 5, 2019. Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Produce, Canned Goods, Meats, Crafts & More! Brunch available - Cash Bar. Also see www.JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com

## Visit the Evanston Indoor Farmers' Market this Winter!

The Ecology Center Indoor Farmers' Market returns for the season with a variety of vendors selling wintertime goods! The market will be at the Ecology Center every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, until the end of April. Free parking is available in the lot at Bridge Street and McCormick Boulevard.

## Maxwell Street Market will Offer New Hours and Programming this Winter

Beginning in 2019, the historic Maxwell Street Market will have new hours of operation, open every Sunday from 9am until 3pm. This January and February, shoppers will also enjoy a convenient winter layout with all vendors located on Desplaines St. between Polk St. and Taylor St. as well as a free parking lot (enter on Polk St.).

Recently, the Maxwell Street Market - the year-round Chicago tradition of bargains and bargaining with an international flavor - received an "Our Town" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding will be used to support creative entrepreneurship, to enliven the street with performances and public art works and to improve the design, function and sustainability of the market in the South Loop community.

### **Kiwanis Of Ravenswood** THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD meets at the Barba Yianni Gre-



## We Celebrate The Ethnic Diversity Of Chicago's Heritage Village Cooking Corner

#### Appetizer

Make a list now of all your social obligations for the future. Save this recipe in your "Appetizers" folder so you can serve it to your guests while they are sipping on their cocktail or glass of wine to prevent them from starving, just in case dinner is late.

- Ingredients: 2 eggs, beaten, 2 pkgs. frozen chopped spinach, drained
- 1/2 stick melted butter, cooled, 1 cup milk
- 1/2 lb. grated Monterey Jack cheese, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. salt
- 1 capful lemon juice and several dashes garlic powder or garlic salt

Preparation: Mix all ingredients and spread in a greased 12" x 17" pan. Or, spray with Pam to prevent sticking. Bake for 25 minutes in a 350 degree oven or until lightly browned on top. Cut in squares while warm and serve. Leftovers are good to eat for breakfast, lunch or as snacks..

\* May be found in any Greek or Italian market

Suggestion: leftovers, if any, makes a great sandwich the next day. Serves 4.

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

#### **Italian Sorbeto Punch**

2 cans frozen cranberry juice 16 ounces ginger ale 6 scoops rainbow sorbeto (sherbert ice cream) 1 whole orange

1 can frozen orange juice 16 ounces lemon lime soda

1 can sliced pineapple

Mix all liquids together and stir thoroughly, add 6 scoops rainbow

sorbeto and let float, top with sliced oranges and pineapples for garnish.

\*for alcoholic punch, add gin or vodka to your liking.

Submitted by Vinces Italian Restaurant, Harwood Heights

#### **Pesto Recipe**—Double Batch

This is delicious with pasta, on pizzas, anywhere you want a green taste of summer. 1 cup olive oil

- 2 cups packed fresh basil 6 tblsp fresh Parmesan cheese
- 4 tblsp pine nuts
- 6 small garlic cloves
- 2 tblsp fresh parsley (flat-leaf works best)
- 1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp ground pepper

3 ripe or dried chilies (optional) to add spicy heat

Combine ingredients in a food processor while drizzling oil slowly. Pulse til thoroughly blended. Store in glass jars with a layer of oil on top. Wipe rim and refrigerate. Keeps up to a vear.

I put it in jars like this, rubber rim and snap top. Little bit of olive oil poured on top, just a layer, and it'll keep in the fridge for a year. Just spoon aside the oil when you need pesto and smooth it out after with a fresh new bit of oil. Pesto turns dark when exposed to air, and will occasionally develop a bit of mold, but wipe that away, the olive oil is a surprisingly good way to keep it fresh. I find the jars at TJMaxx, Bed Bath & Beyond, Cost-Plus..

From the Kitchens of Lilia Chacon, Public Information at City of Chicago Business Affairs and Consumer Protection



have been made for FREE PARKING in the mb Financial parking lot. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 as the restaurant needs to know for how many people to set the table. Thank you.

#### C.A.R.E. Expands Adoption Hours To Include Weeknights

Starting January 2019, Community Animal Rescue Effort will offer weeknight adoption hours for cats and dogs.

Community Animal Rescue Effort, an all-volunteer run animal rescue organization, steps into the New Year with expanded adoption hours.

Starting Tuesday, January 8, 2019, C.A.R.E. will be open during the week for Cat adoptions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm, and for Dog adoptions on Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Our regular weekend adoption hours will continue to be Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am to 3 pm.

Visitors can come to meet available animals (we encourage potential adopters to fill out online

adoption applications in advance, to save time and help our adoption counselors better prepare). They can also stop by for a tour of the Adoption Center, and to learn more about volunteering for C.A.R.E.

The C.A.R.E. Adoption Center is located at 4927 Main St., Skokie, Illinois. Visit C.A.R.E. online at CAREnorthshore.org to learn about our many "adorable adoptables."



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