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HAPPY Labor Day

And Best Of Luck To All Of Our Young People As They Begin Their New School Year. Study Hard, Do Well And Have Fun.

Here's a quote from our dear friend, Frank Bappert, who has recently passed on to his new Heavenly Life:
On the subject of laboring and working, translated from the original German, "Whoever invented work, must not have had anything to do."

BELLS ARE RINGING- SCHOOL'S BEGINNING!

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Twilight Canoe Fundraiser for Clark Park
(See page 11 for details)

Historic Downtown Long Grove Presents Irish Days, Aug 31 – Sept 2

With its colorful, vintage building and structures casting an ideal backdrop, historic downtown Long Grove proudly presents another year of its famous Irish Days festival August 31st through September 2nd. All eyes will be smiling over Labor Day weekend for the 3-day family-friendly celebration of Irish culture, music, merchants, food and of course, beer. Visitors are invited to stroll the town's cobble-stone walkways and enjoy bagpipers, folk bands, and Irish dancers in addition to other entertainment like the popular Irish Dog Competition and the Men's Kilt Contest.

This one-of-a-kind St. Patrick's Day on Labor Day experience takes place in the heart of town, Fountain Square, and includes some of Chicago's top Irish musicians and dance troupes, such as: The Toolies, Beamish, The Shannon Rovers Bagpipe Band, Trinity Irish Dancers, Academy of Irish Music, and many more (the full 3-day lineup can be found at <http://longgrove.org/festivals/irish-days/>).

Culver's of Skokie to Support Special Olympics With 'ButterBurgers & Badges' Fundraiser August 29

Culver's restaurants throughout Northern Illinois, including right here in Skokie, are partnering with Special Olympics Illinois this August with several in-store activities planned, most notably the 5th annual 'ButterBurgers & Badges' fundraising event, scheduled for Thursday, August 29, from 4-8 p.m.

ButterBurgers & Badges will feature local law enforcement officers providing table service for guests dining inside, and also delivering the chain's famed burgers and fresh frozen custard desserts to those visiting the drive-thru.

Law enforcement officers will collect donations for their service. One dollar for every purchase of any size Culver's Concrete Mixer will benefit Special Olympics. Also, Special Olympics Illinois athletes will be on-site to meet and greet guests.

ButterBurgers & Badges is part of a month-long initiative by select Culver's locations across Chicagoland that includes participating stores proudly displaying 'Change for Champions' donation canisters near counter areas.

"Culver's is proud to partner with Special Olympics Illinois," says Culver's of Skokie owner Katie Bulgrin, whose restaurant is located at 9455 North Skokie Blvd. "Many of our restaurants currently employ team members who are also Special Olympic athletes, and that brings us an even closer connection to this great organization."

Funds raised will help Special Olympics Illinois continue its programs that provide year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

For more information, call (847) 983-8860 or visit <https://www.soill.org/event/butterburgers-and-badges>.



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WE WILL NEVER FORGET
September 11, 2001

America is the land of freedom and liberty. NEVER FORGET, liberty comes at a huge cost at times. NEVER FORGET the victims of September 11th, 2001 in New York, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon whose lost lives left a void in our hearts forever, but will be a perpetual reminder of the values we cherish as a Nation. NEVER FORGET them and the sacrifice of all those who have gone before them, after them, and those who continue to defend our liberty and freedom everyday.

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Hope & Prayers

All of us at Village Publications are keeping the victims of the many recent disasters in our thoughts and prayers. For the devastated Families and Friends of the victims of violence which, since September 11, 2001 have become all too common, we wish you God's Love and Help and we keep you in our hearts as you continue to suffer from your losses.

99th German-American Oktoberfest & Steuben Parade
September 6-8

(Turn to Pages 5 thru 8 for a Special Feature)

SAVE THE DATE!
Pick up Our Village News next edition for full schedule of events

NORWOOD PARK CHAMBER PRESENTS
[2019]
FALL FESTIVAL
LIVE MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • FUN FOR KIDS

SEPT 20 5PM to 10PM
SEPT 21 12PM to 10PM

Friday September 20th from 5PM to 10PM
Saturday September 21st from 12PM to 10PM
6121-6187 N Northwest HWY

FRIDAY
Hodie Snitch 6-7:30PM
Lounge Puppets 8-10PM

SATURDAY
Bourbon On Ice 12-1:30PM
Rhythm Rockets Band 2-3:30PM
ALT 101 4-5:30PM
Karma Committee 6-7:30PM
WEDDING BANNED 8-10PM

www.npfallfest.org



Patriot Day - September 11

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year, designated in memory of the 2,977 killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Initially, the day was called the Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

On this day, the President directs that the American flag be flown at halfstaff at individual American homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government

buildings and establishments, home and abroad. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



Photo by Joe Woolhead



Nightfall on the 9/11 Memorial at WTC. Honoring the lives of those who were lost is at the heart of our mission. Occupying eight of the 16 acres at the World Trade Center, the Memorial is a tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future. Go to 911memorial.org for more information.

"Tower of Voices" at the Flight 93 National Memorial located in southwestern Pennsylvania. www.9-11memorialgarden.org



The Nation's 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. www.pentagonmemorial.org

Prayer For An End To Crime And Violence

Although we are a peace-loving nation, Lord, crime and violence affect the lives of many of our people.

Help us to develop a genuine love, concern and respect for ourselves and for all people. May our desire for freedom, greater resources or material possessions never be an excuse for unjust aggression or an infringement on the freedom, dignity and rights of another.

Guide us, Lord, as we strive to follow your example towards lawful and nonviolent solutions to the problems we face as individuals and as a nation. Amen.

(Submitted by Maria Bappert)

Connections for the Homeless

Connections' mission is simple: ending homelessness. The most efficient way to do that is also simple: we prevent it from happening in the first place.

In the past 12 months, we prevented 224 families from becoming homeless (a 95% increase over the previous year).

In our new fiscal year starting July 1, our goal is to prevent 365 families from ever experiencing homelessness. But to ensure that more of our neighbors will remain in their homes, we need to raise an additional \$100,000! We are 80% of the way to reaching that goal.

Partner with us to achieve this goal by making a gift of \$365 by June 30. That's one dollar for each family we will help avoid the life-long trauma and consequences that accompany evictions and perpetuate homelessness.

Whether you join us with a one-time gift or a recurring monthly donation, your support will help us not just end homelessness, but prevent it altogether.

Ending homelessness, one person at a time • connect2home.org



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.



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What Dog Owners Should Know About the FDA Alert

Our friends at VCA Hospitals recently shared an article by Melanie Hoffman, DVM, of VCA Misner-Holley, about the FDA Alert on grain-free dog food diets that should be noted by all dog owners.

Visit our website to read about the alert and Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM): <https://anticruelty.org/news/what-dog-owners-should-know-about-fda-alert>



Timely Talk at Norwood Crossing

Medicare can be confusing. Join us at 2pm on 9/18 at Norwood Crossing where Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network 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'll discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost saving strategies for the years ahead. Light refreshments will be served. Raffle prizes will be awarded. Located at 6016 N Nina Chicago, IL 60631, Norwood Crossing has been serving as a non-profit for seniors since 1896. Call today to reserve your spot for this free informative event 773-577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org. www.norwoodcrossing.org.

Northtown Garden Society Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:00 at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western, Chicago

The subject of the evening will be the Svalbard Global Seed Vault which is a seed storage facility built to stand the challenges of man made or natural disasters. We will watch a short video and have a discussion afterwards led by Eva Mannaberg in reference to the book: *Seeds on Ice*, by Cary Fowler.

We will break for refreshments (your contributions will be welcome) and a special musical presentation. Violinist Rebecca Boelzner, who is currently a fellow with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and her string quartet, will entertain us with original music inspired by nature.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-NGS members, and refreshments will be served.

Adoption Event

An adult continuing education class offers an in-depth look at "The Adoption Process from A to Z". Offered through the Wilmette Public Library, one session will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091. This program is free and open to the public.

For information, call 847-256-6936. To register view: <https://bit.ly/2JnCivu>
This program is free and open to the public. Registration requested by Sept. 8, 2019.

Operation North Pole Applications Open!!!

Just a short reminder that tomorrow morning at 8am, ONP will begin accepting applications for our Winter Wonderland event. The Application Link can be found on the home page of our website: www.operationnorthpole.org

If you or someone you know think they meet our eligibility requirements, make sure you apply. Each year the competition gets keener so don't delay in applying!

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Families may only attend Operation North Pole one time, no repeat participation is permitted.
2. Operation North Pole does not provide transportation to or from the event, this is your responsibility.
3. The sick child must be 12 years of age or younger at the time of the event.
4. The illness must be life-threatening/terminal or result in permanent disability.
5. The sick child must be healthy enough to participate in activities that span up to 10 hours.



6. ONP requires releases that must be signed by the legal guardian regarding Use of Image and Likeness and a General Hold Harmless. We cannot make exceptions to this policy.

7. Families agree to provide hospital and/or physician contact information

for verification purposes of information provided.

Be aware that our event includes therapy dogs and miniature horses as well as loud noises and bright lights. Our event may not be appropriate for your child if they have certain allergies or sensitivities. Food is also served at various times during the day. Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to accommodate special dietary needs. Finally, because our event includes a train ride on the Union Pacific Northwest Line, we have limited space for children requiring use of a permanent and/or motorized wheelchair. If your child requires use of a wheelchair and you feel your family is otherwise eligible, we encourage you to apply as early as possible.

GOOD LUCK!!!!

Friday Night Flights

Sep 13, 6-9pm • Chicago Riverwalk at The Jetty (Franklin/Orleans St to Wells St)

Season three of Chicago Friday Night Flights finishes at the scenic Chicago Riverwalk. The urban waterfront park will host over 20 award-winning breweries from across the city — all against the backdrop of Chicago's iconic skyline, Art on theMART and the Chicago River.

Visit the website for tickets and participating breweries: <https://cfnc.chicagoconcerge.com/friday-september-13-2019>



Mayor Lightfoot Responds To Release Of Feasibility Study On Chicago Casino And Announces Results Of Community Survey

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot recently responded to the independent report commissioned by the Illinois Gaming Board that examined the economic feasibility of a casino in Chicago. This report found that the "gaming expansion legislation that allows for a casino in the City of Chicago is very onerous from a tax and fee perspective" and it is likely not financeable under the proposed structure.

"We have been clear from day one that the creation of a new casino for Chicago has to be financially viable and address the revenue needs of the City of Chicago," said Mayor Lightfoot. "While the study confirms our concerns about the tax structure that the legislature passed, we know that this can be addressed, and we look forward to working with the governor and legislative leaders to revise the legislation and ensure a new casino will be beneficial for Chicago's communities and the entire state."

The feasibility study, required by state statute, marked the first step in the City's process for moving forward with a casino by seeking to evaluate the economic feasibility of the

project. A separate process will inform the site selection for a casino and will be met with a robust community engagement process.

With more work to be done to inform planning, and ensure Chicago harnesses the full revenue generating benefits for a casino and its impact on communities, the City will provide ongoing opportunities for the public to give feedback during community meetings beginning later this year. During public meetings, residents will have the opportunity to share their feedback on issues that will inform the location, development and operation of a casino, and to learn more about how a casino will inform future financial solutions for the city.

A new casino is envisioned for Chicago as a result of recently enacted legislation and is made possible as a result of Mayor Lightfoot's efforts working with state leadership to secure the requisite approvals. Under the state law, new revenues from a Chicago casino will be used to fund Chicago's police and fire pensions. It is estimated that a Chicago casino will create thousands of jobs as well as contracting opportunities for the community.

Mayor Lightfoot And Chicago Park District Announce Record Season With Over 90,000 Participants This Summer

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Chicago Park District announced a new record set for youth participation in summer parks programming with over 90,000 participants enrolled across the City of Chicago. This includes 55,000 kids participating in the camps and marks the third consecutive year the Park District set a new summer day camp registration record.

"This summer, the City of Chicago joined together for an all-hands-on-deck partnership to give every young person a safe, rewarding and memorable summer season filled with opportunities to learn and thrive while school is out," said Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. "Thanks to another record-setting year of Park District programming, youth and families across Chicago's 77 neighborhoods participated in an unprecedented number of sports leagues, movies in the park, and other community-centric cultural opportunities that allowed our kids to have fun and be safe as they prepare for another school year."

Highlights to this year's programming included a 33 percent expansion of activities at parks across the city, with new programming including teen sports leagues, BMX and Skating clinics, boxing training and showcases, Girls Day of Play, gymnastics and more. In all, more than 286 parks citywide offered some form of summer programming ranging from summer camps to cultural activities for participants of all ages, including theater, concerts, and movies in the parks.

This summer, the Chicago Park District expanded its Rollin' Recreation mobile activity program to 54 parks, four days a week, for six weeks. The program features the "Rollin Rec

Van," which offers families free activities at parks throughout the city, with no registration required.

By September 1, the Night Out in the Parks program will have hosted more than 250 movie screenings at 160 parks across Chicago. The Park District's award-winning Night Out program brings cultural events to parks throughout the city all year long, so Chicagoans and visitors alike can enjoy world-class activities in every one of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods. By the end of the year, the program will host and produce more than 2,000 events at Chicago parks – including dance (106 events), festivals (66), movies (251), music (292) and theater (287).

This record season for participation in parks programming follows a call by Mayor Lightfoot to increase programming for youth in every community during the months of June through August when school is out. Earlier this summer, Mayor Lightfoot directed the city's departments and agencies – including Chicago Park District, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Public Library, Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges of Chicago and the Department of Family and Support Services – to collaborate on programming to keep youth safe, healthy and engaged during summer break. A comprehensive resource guide, called "YOUR CHI" was released to provide families with a robust menu of information on where to enroll their child in positive programming and events, youth health services, learning opportunities, and free summer meals for students of all ages this summer season.

Norwood Park Historical Society To Host Stems & Steins Event On Sept. 7 At Chicago's Oldest House

Help support Chicago's oldest home, mingle with your friends and neighbors while enjoying drinks at the event, Stems & Steins, in and on the grounds of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave. in Chicago, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., on Sept. 7. This annual event includes 3.5 hours of wine or beer tastings, with 50 beers or 50 wines available for \$55 (when tickets are purchased before Sept. 1, 2019; afterward tickets cost \$65 per person), hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and instant-win raffle.

Commemorative glasses will be available to the first 200 registrants. The event features a huge silent auction at which attendees can bid on wine or beer baskets and gifts, sports memorabilia, dance and theater tickets, lessons and memberships, and many other items. Feeling lucky? Instant-win raffle winners take home a "mystery" bottle of booze, which may also include airline tickets, restaurant gift certificates, gift cards, and other exciting

prizes. Raffle "pulls" will be sold for \$40 each (you will win immediately). The silent auction and raffle close at 6 p.m., and winners can pay for and pick up their winning bid item or raffle prize shortly thereafter.

While the event usually is a sell-out, a very limited number of walk-up tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-up tickets are \$65 per attendee, cash or check only (check made payable to Norwood Park Historical Society). In past years, there have been 20 to 25 tickets available the day of the event. Tickets are non-transferrable and cannot be refunded.

For tickets or more information, please contact the Norwood Park Historical Society at (773) 631-4633 or email them at info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Neighborhood Farmers Markets Opened in May

Chicago City Markets sell fresh seasonal produce, flowers, prepared foods, unique Chicago-made products and rare finds – at Chicago's longest running farmers market on Daley Plaza, the historic Maxwell Street Market and a dozen more community markets in neighborhoods across Chicago.

• Andersonville Farmers Market
1500 W Berwyn Ave., Chicago

This season is the market's 10th year in business. New vendors include breads and baked goods from Lost Larson and grain bowls and seasonal jams from Black Cat Kitchen.

May 8 to August 28 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and September 4 to October 16 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays

• Logan Square Farmers Market
2363 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

Here you can find plants for sale, learn about raising chickens, and use the free bike valet.

May 12 to October 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays

• Green City Market Lincoln Park
1817 N Clark St., Chicago

This massive market is just steps from Lincoln Park Zoo. Enjoy flatbreads, whole roasted chicken, farm produce, and bottled goods like maple syrup or hot sauce.

May 4 through October from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday.

• City Market at Daley Plaza
50 W Washington St., Chicago

Surrounded by the hustle and bustle of the Loop, this is the longest running farmers market in

Chicago, according to the city. A perfect spot for a downtown lunch break.

May 10 to October 24 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. No market on July 4.

• Maxwell Street Market
619 W Taylor St., Chicago

While you can get fresh produce and Mexican street food here—this isn't just a farmer's market. Find everything from furniture to clothing and rare collectibles at this massive market.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays year round

• Glenwood Sunday Market
6962 N Glenwood Ave., Chicago

This market only sources farmers and other vendors that are within 200 miles of Rogers Park. Each month there will be a Giving Sunday which will raise funds to give low-income SNAP shoppers double dollars.

June 2 to October 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. No market on August 18.

• Lincoln Square Farmers Market
N Lincoln Ave & W Leland Ave., Chicago

This market has morning and night hours, and is conveniently right off the Brown Line Western station. There's kids activities, yoga and chef demos.

June 4 to October 29 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.



on Tuesdays and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays (4 p.m. to 7 p.m. after Labor Day)

• Horner Park Farmers Market
2741 W Montrose Ave., Chicago

Get flowers, herb gardens, produce, and more from local farmers and sustain-

able food producers.

June 8 to October 5 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays

• Independence Park Farmers Market
3945 N Springfield Ave., Chicago

Tamales, music, and open air—what more do you need? Get your groceries from farmers across the state.

June 8 to October 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays

• Low-Line Market at Southport
3410 N Southport Ave., Chicago

This market takes place at Southport's Low Line, which is energized with murals by Lauren Asta and Caroline Liu.

June 6 to Oct. 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays

• City Market at Federal Plaza
S Dearborn St., Chicago

Enjoy Do-Rite donuts underneath Alexander Calder's red flamingo sculpture for the perfect midday break.

May 14 to October 29 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays

• Columbus Park City Market
500 S Central Ave., Chicago

Just on the border of Oak Park and Chicago, enjoy historic Columbus Park after getting all the greens. This market also accepts Link and SNAP payment.

July 9 to September 3 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays

• Printers Row City Market
700 S Dearborn St., Chicago

Located in pint-sized Printer's Row Park, skip the crowded hustle of other markets and leisurely stroll through vendors with seasonal produce, baked goods, cheese, eggs, and flowers.

June 15 to October 26 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays

• South Loop Farmers Market
1936 S Michigan Ave., Chicago

Artisanal vendors like Stamper Cheese, The Roof Crop, Yvolina's Tamales, Organic Bread of Heaven all regularly sell their goods here.

June through Sept. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays

NEW: Chicago Riverwalk Community Marketplace

Daily, 8am-9pm, through Fall 2019

Chicago Riverwalk between Michigan Ave & Wabash Ave

Welcome to the new Community Marketplace on the Chicago Riverwalk! - a new program exposing small, neighborhood businesses to the Riverwalk audience and inspiring visits to their neighborhood locations.

2019 Marketplace vendors include:
Shop Small Chicago, Neighborly, Batter and Berries, Justice of the Pies, Chiya Chai Café, Twisted Eggroll, Gordo's Homemade Ice Cream, and Beat Kitchen on the Riverwalk.

Visit the website for more details: www.chicagoriverwalk.us/communitymarketplace



Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market Season Is Open!

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market kicked off its 44th season on Sat., May 4, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at University Place and Oak Avenue! This year, up to 60 vendors will sell a wide variety of goods, including fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs, baked goods and more. Come hungry; food will be sold on site.

Weekly Fulton Market Expo Launches In Historic District

Every Saturday between the months of May through October, FMX will be held on Fulton Market between Peoria and Green Streets from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The block, first constructed in 1887 as the historical Fulton Street Wholesale Market, will once again be the home of a bustling exhibition.

The West Loop Community Organization is a 501(c)(3) membership organization that represents hundreds of businesses, dozens of local non-profits, and the various residential communities within the West Loop. For more information, visit the WLCO website at <https://westloop.org>.

Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society

Annual House Walk: Exploring Jarvis Four-Squares

Join us for A 33 Year Rogers Park/West Ridge Tradition

Each year, our Historic House Walk features a unique neighborhood in Rogers Park or West Ridge. This year, we're exploring just two blocks of one street, Jarvis Avenue, a short walk from the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society office.



When Rogers Park was a newly-developing village, the street we know as Jarvis was named Bryan Avenue and the train that ran along the current CTA tracks stopped at the Birchwood Beach Station. The new neighborhood featured spacious homes, many in the then-new style we call the American Four-Square, set amidst the remains of the birch forest that once lined the Lake Michigan shore. Join us for an inside look at lovely examples of homes dating from the early days of Rogers Park and see how today's homeowners have adapted them to meet the needs of life in the 21st Century while retaining the character and beauty of an earlier time.

Where: Start your self-guided tour at the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, 7363 North Greenview Avenue. When you check in, you will receive a Tour Guide Book detailing the history and locations of the five homes open for viewing.

When: Sunday, September 22. Check-in opens at 11:30. Homes are open from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$30, or \$25 with Member Discount. Your ticket purchase supports the year-round work of the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society.

Visit this link to register: rpwrhs.org/program/33rd-annual-house-tour-coming-september-22/

Tourism to the Heritage Corridor Contributing to Record Economic Growth in Illinois

The Heritage Corridor generated \$25.15 million in local tax revenue and \$1.1 billion in visitor expenditures.

The Illinois Office of Tourism announced both international and domestic travel expenditures reached \$41.7 billion in 2018 which is a \$2 billion boost to the state's economy since 2017. More than 117 million visitors came to Illinois in 2018 – the 8th consecutive year of record tourism growth in the state – contributing to an increase of visitor spending, tax revenue and local jobs.

The Heritage Corridor contributed to the state's added economic domestic growth, with \$1.1 billion in travel expenditures (a 3.8% increase) and \$25 million in local tax revenue (a 2% increase). More than 5,200 jobs were created across the state as a result of visitor spending, with 100 of them in our area.

"Tourism is a critical part of our economy, helping to boost local and state tax revenue and create jobs," said Jan Kemmerling, Acting Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism. "From scenic road trips, stunning state parks, amazing family-friendly attractions and spectacular nightlife, Illinois offers incredible experiences for visitors all year long."

Illinois Office of Tourism receives domestic visitor volume estimates from DK Shifflet and international visitor numbers from Tourism Economics. Visitor expenditures, tax revenue and jobs numbers come from U.S. Travel Association.

For travel inspiration and trip ideas, visit EnjoyIllinois.com.

Dr. Leslie Goddard presents The Colorful History of The Little Black Dress

benefits the SENIOR FIT Program at Norwood Crossing



When: Saturday, September 7, 2019

Where: Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop

6017 N. Nina Avenue

Chicago, IL 60631

773-763-3775

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by: NLS Thrift, Empower Yoga and AcuBalance Wellness

Req. Dress Code: Please wear your favorite Little Black Dress

Ticket price: \$25.00 per person Refreshments included

Reservations Required – Space Is Limited



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99th German-American Fest



99th Annual German-American Fest and 54th Annual Steuben Parade

**September 6th, 7th and 8th, 2019
Lincoln, Leland & Western**



**Join us for the Parade
2:00 pm Saturday, September 7th
Lincoln Ave**
The parade begins at 4000 N. Lincoln Ave. traveling to Wilson Avenue and north on Western Ave. The parade's reviewing stand is located at Leland and Western avenues.

German-American Oktoberfest 2019 Program of Events

Friday, September 6th

8:00 PM Opening Ceremony and Introduction of the Parade Queen Nicole Brandt

National Anthems are being sung by Katrina Giannoni

Saturday September 7th

2:00 PM Von Steuben Parade
3:00 PM Combined Choruses of Chicago
3:10 PM Greetings by G.A. Society President Mr. Erich Himmel
3:15 PM German American Children's Choir
3:30 PM Schuhplattler Edelweiss Dancers
3:45 PM D'Lustigen Holzackerer Buam Chicago Dancers
4:00 PM Rheinischer Verein Chicago, Fanfaren Drum and Bugle Band and Amazonen Dancers

Sunday, September 8th

11:00 AM Sunday Mass at the Fest Site
12:00 PM Festival Begins in the big tent
2:00 PM Program starts on the big stage with the National Anthems sung by Katrina Giannoni and Greetings by the President of G.A. Society Mr. Erich Himmel
2:15 PM German American Children's Chorus
2:30 PM Donauschwaben Children Group

Dance Group
2:45 PM American Aid Society Children Group Dance Group
3:00 PM American Aid Society Youth Dance Group
3:15 PM Donauschwaben Youth Dance Group
3:30 PM "Noch Ein Mal" American Aid Society Adult Dance Group
3:45 PM Egerlander Adult Dance Group
4:00 PM Donauschwaben Adult Dance

Group
4:15 PM Schupplattler Edelweiss Dance Group
4:30 PM D'Lustigen Holzackerer Buam Chicago Dance Group
4:30 PM Rheinischer Karneval Verein Chicago - Fanfaren Drum and Bugle Band and Amazonen dancers
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BAND SCHEDULE FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN DAYS

FRIDAY 9/6

Large tent: Paloma 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Small tent: Phenix 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Outside stage: Pieptone 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

SATURDAY 9/7

Large tent: Phenix 4:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Small tent: Paloma 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Outside stage: Pieptone 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm

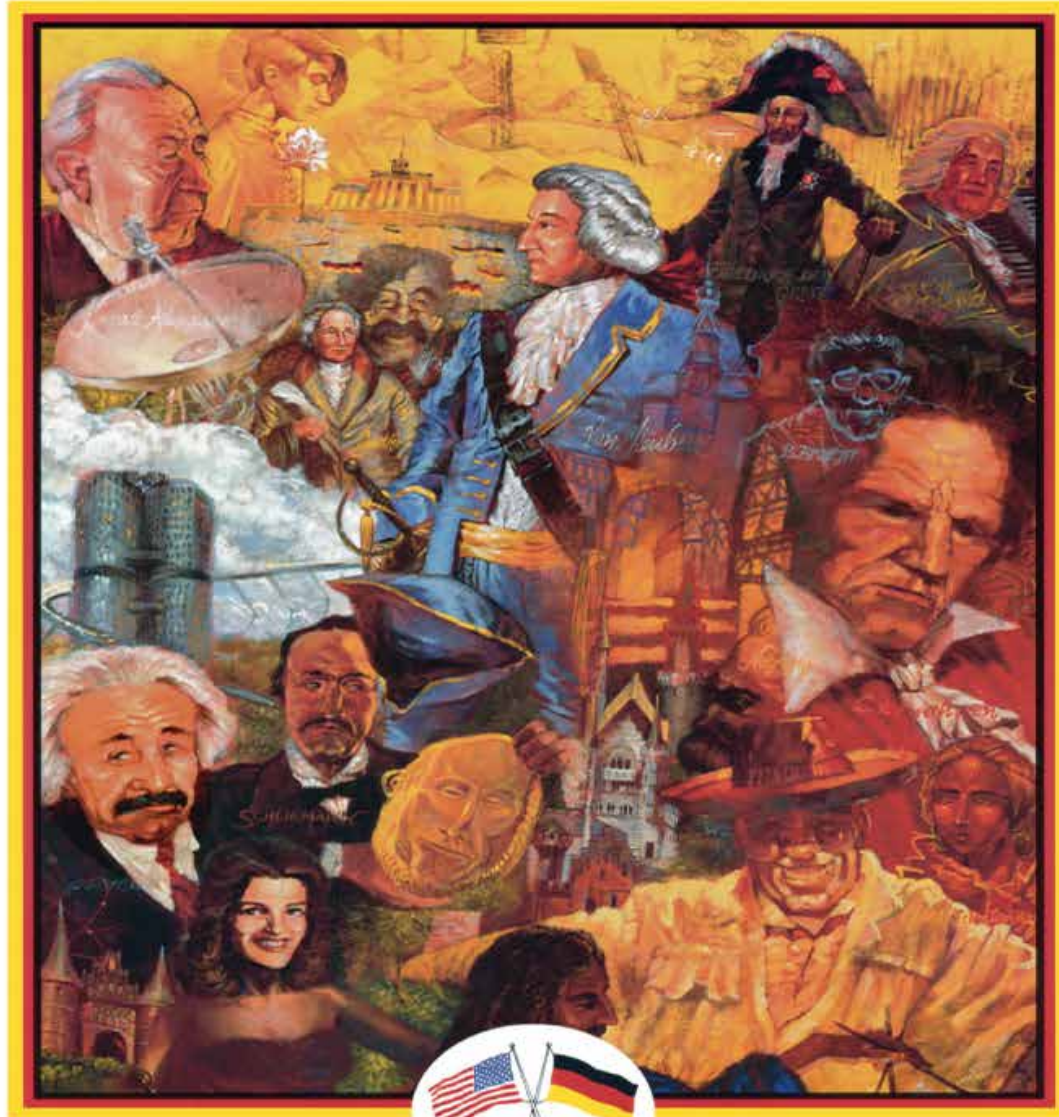
SUNDAY 9/8

Large tent: Tempos 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Phenix 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Small tent: Paloma 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Outside stage: Pieptone 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm

German American Day Commemoration

2:30 pm, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019
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General Friedrich Wilhelm Von Steuben German-American Hero

General Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin Von Steuben was born in Magdeburg, Germany on September 17, 1730.

Von Steuben's military career began at an early age, when he entered the Prussian army and served with Distinction in the Seven Year's War. He later became the aid of Frederick the Great of Prussia, who was recognized as the military genius of his time. Von Steuben became expert in the drilling and training of troops. Because of this exceptional ability, Benjamin Franklin and Count St. Germain, French Minister of War persuaded Von Steuben to volunteer his military expertise to the American Revolutionists.

Von Steuben sailed for America and arrived at Portsmouth, NH in 1778 to aid the young nation in its fight for independence. He offered his services to General Washington without rank or pay, arriving at Valley Forge in the late winter of 1777-78. He found the soldiers in deplorable condition, without uniforms, weapons or food. Appointed by Congress to be inspector General of the Army, Von Steuben set about training the unorganized band of ragged soldiers. He infused in them a sense of discipline and converted them into an excellent fighting force, training them to



bear arms, march, form columns and to execute maneuvers with precision. He gave confidence to the officers and men, enabling them to continue on to victory at Yorktown.

As "Drill Instructor" of the Continental Army, Von Steuben wrote "Regulations of the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States." Although his Manual has been modified, it still remains in the basic guide for the discipline and drill of the Army.

On June 28, 1778, Von Steuben's training was put to test when the American troops encountered the British Army near Monmouth Courthouse in the town of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey. What early threatened to become a disastrous defeat for the Colonial forces was turned into a glorious victory by General Von Steuben. The retreating troops of General Lee were brought to a halt by Von Steuben and reformed under heavy fire. The retreating men knew how to conduct themselves and wheeled into line with the precision of veterans. What seemed to be a certain defeat turned into a patriot victory and a turning point in the war. This battle was followed by victories in Stony Point, Yorktown and other places.

The First Germans in America

While individual Germans had been in America as early as 1608, 1683 is rightfully celebrated as the beginning of group immigration from the German states. The first to arrive as a group were religious dissenters who landed at Philadelphia aboard the Concord in Mid-August 1683. Francis Daniel Pastorius, an agent for a land purchasing company in the city of Frankfurt am Main, organized the original party of settlers. It was a group largely made up of nonconformist sects such as the Mennonites, Amish, Moravians German Quakers, and other Protestant minorities, notably dissidents of the Reformed and Lutheran persuasion.

These settlers were from Krefeld, Frankfurt and the Palatinate. Germantown, the settlement they established near Philadelphia, became a point of entry for later waves of German immigrants to Pennsylvania. By 1689, the settlement had grown so large that it had to be incorporated. Germantown's citizens were pious, peaceful, industrious people, who quickly established southeastern Pennsylvania as a leading agricultural region.

Over the centuries, the community has continued to cling to the language and culture of its native land. Descendants of the first German immigrants are called Pennsylvania Dutch - an Anglicization of the word "deutsche" meaning "German."

The eastern counties of Pennsylvania became the center of German immigration to America during the colonial period, but there were several other important areas of settlement. One of these was New York state, including the Mohawk Valley region around Utica and the area around Schoharie. The latter area was settled by so-called Palatines, Protestant refugees from the Palatinate in southwest-central Germany. The Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia was also an important area of German settlement in colonial times. Other areas were in Georgia and the Carolinas. Salem, NC preserves many historic buildings reminding one of early German settlement there.

When the first American census was taken in 1790, Pennsylvania's German population was put at 225,000 which amounts to a third of the state's entire population. If we further count those Germans who in the course of the 18th century settled in the English colonies of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, especially those from the Palatinate, Baden and Wurttemberg, and include their children, then Americans of German origin were about 9% of the total population of the youthful United States around the close of the 18th century.

The term "German-American" refers to immigrants from German-speaking areas and their descendants. In the narrow political sense, the term "German-American" can refer to emigrants from Germany and its given geographical area in a specific historical period.

Taken in the broad ethno-linguistic and cultural sense, German-Americans also include immigrants--and their offspring--from Austria and South Tyrol, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, Germans from Russia and the Balkan countries, and Jewish-German immigrants. In earlier centuries most of these areas were within the boundaries of "Germany."

Before the "homogenizing" processes of the 20th century, there were many more distinct differences in how people live in the various German-speaking regions. It was often possible to tell where someone came from by observing how he or she was dressed. And there were -- and still are -- numerous regional customs and traditions.



Congratulations Harry & Guenter Kempf on the September Anniversary of the Dedication of Kempf Plaza in Lincoln Square

The Kempf brothers, Harry (left) and Guenter (right) flank their iconic emblem of the Chicago Brauhaus as they overlook Kempf Plaza.

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German Bratwurst – An Oktoberfest Favorite

When you think Germanfest and Oktoberfest what food comes to mind right away? A delicious bratwurst of course. There is nothing that identifies with German more than a bratwurst. Bratwurst are what most people envision when it comes to German sausage. Bratwurst are usually grilled and served with sweet German mustard and a hard roll.

German heritage is identified with sausage as the pig was the animal of choice for meat as probably beef is in America.

While sausage recipes can be found as early as 228 AD, the first documented evidence of the Bratwurst in Germany dates to 1313 and can be found in the Franconian city of Nuremberg, which is

still an internationally renowned center for the production of grilling sausages.

Bratwurst is a type of German sausage that can be made from either veal, beef or from pork. The name bratwurst comes from the Old High German Brätwurst. Brät - which means finely chopped meat, and wurst, which means sausage. In modern German it is often associated with the verb braten, to pan fry or roast.

The difference between sausage and bratwurst is the in the preparation. Sausage is a preparation of ground meat that can be found in dried or fresh varieties and sold either in casing as links or in bulk while Bratwurst is a specific type of fresh link sausage made with pork or veal or a combination of pork and beef.

In late fall or early winter our German

ancestors slaughtered animals and made sausage for the long winter months ahead and because when they slaughtered animals they could not waste precious meat scraps. The meat scraps were finely chopped and were turned into sausage.

While most civilizations came up with the idea for a sausage, our forefather's and mother's ingenuity probably came up with the idea of using the intestines to put all the little parts of the pig that were left over including the blood all on their own. Nothing was wasted.

Bratwurst is generally made with pork and veal, but beef can also be used. It's seasoned with a variety of subtle flavors like caraway seeds, coriander, ginger or nutmeg. It is often paired with sauerkraut or potato salad and is usually sautéed, broiled or grilled.

Germans like their sausages, and it's for a good reason. The variety and availability of it when you step onto German soil is astounding. Ranging from classic fried Bratwurst to tangy Currywurst, there is no lack of choice when it comes to sausage in Germany.

According to the food historian Alan Davidson the best sausage makers were in the colder countries like Germany, as opposed to Mediterranean countries where food was more available during the cooler months. The best cured sausages came from the mountainous regions where the dryer northern winds helped in the curing process.

In America our German ancestors have kept the Bratwurst tradition going. It has become a social food in places like Wisconsin, Illinois and other states that had a high number of German

immigrants, where they have "Brat fry's" on the weekends like they have BBQ's in the south.

There are several different Brats

Weisswurst

Bavarian white sausages, or Weisswurst, are pale beige-colored links made mainly from veal, with a little pork and pork skin added in. They're milder in flavor, and spiced less than other varieties. Weisswurst is traditionally boiled, rather than grilled or griddled, and served with pretzels and sweet German whole-grain mustard.

Thüringer Bratwurst

The Thüringer Rostbratwurst (or just Thüringer Bratwurst) is a bratwurst from the Thüringen region. It is made from finely ground pork and veal or beef and seasoned with salt, pepper, caraway seeds, marjoram, and garlic. Some butchers also add nutmeg, coriander, and/or lemon zest as additional flavorings. It is a spicy sausage and it is long (6-8 inches) and thin in shape. In Thüringen, the bratwurst gets much of its taste from the way it is cooked. It is grilled over a wood fire on a grill that is greased with bacon fat. However, any grill will do fine.

Nürnberger Bratwurst

These smaller, pinkie-sized sausages originate from the historic German town of Nürnberg. They make a great breakfast sausage and are typically served 6 at a time, grilled, with potatoes, sauerkraut, and horseradish cream.

So next time you visit a Germanfest or an Oktoberfest be sure to try one of these delicious Brats and of course don't forget that nothing goes better with a Bratwurst than a Stein of Beer.

KINDERCHOR

The German American Children's Chorus or The DA Kinderchor was founded in 1935 in hopes of preserving German culture through music and song. 80 years later the Kinderchor still thrives under the direction of Ms. Carol Himmel. The children range in age from 4 to 21. The Kinderchor sings at various engagements throughout the City of Chicago. Each year the Chorus has two annual concerts, the Christmas and the Mother's Day concerts. The Chorus has taken three very successful Concert Tours in Germany. The Kinderchor has also sung at Epcot Center in Orlando, FL and has sung for the German Consulate at The Union League Club of Chicago. The Kinderchor will also participate this year at the annual Von Steuben parade held on Lincoln Ave. on Saturday Sept. 7, 2019. The Kinderchor will also have a food and beer tent this year at the annual Germanfest held in Lincoln Square. The Kinderchor is always looking for new members. The Chorus rehearses every Saturday morning beginning in early October 2019, 9:30 am.

For more information please take a look at our website, www.dakinderchor.org

Christkindlmarket History & Tradition

The Christkindlmarket unites cherished German and European tradition with international flair and local charm. Inspired by the 16th century Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, one of the first outdoor markets of its kind, the Christkindlmarket is well-known for its vendors' high quality gifts and food, holiday cheer, and for being the ideal place for families to make unique memories.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago was first conceptualized in 1995 when The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest Inc. (GACC Midwest) was seeking alternative ways to promote bilateral trade between the USA and Germany. Peter Flatzek, former Vice President of GACC Midwest, and Ray Lotter, then Manager of Commercial Services for GACC Midwest, initiated the partnership with city officials of Nuremberg, Germany. Mr. Lotter invited companies from Germany and the Chicago area to participate in the first Christkindlmarket Chicago in 1996. The market was an instant success and continues to flourish through the work of GACC Midwest's subsidiary, German American Events, LLC.

The inaugural event took place on Pioneer Court in 1996 for the first time. By special invitation of former Mayor Richard M. Daley, the Christkindlmarket Chicago moved to Daley Plaza in 1997 and has become a staple event on the plaza ever since. With the support of the City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), the Christkindlmarket Chicago has grown to become one of the most popular winter attractions for locals and tourists alike.

(Pick up the Holiday editions of Our Village News for the complete 2019 schedule)

40th Anniversary Austrian Mixed Chorus Concert

October 13, 2019 @ 2:30 pm

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(Watch for more details in future editions of the Our Village News)

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

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

OKTOBERFEST IN A POT

Germans can't think of an Oktoberfest without Sauerkraut – the two just go hand-in-hand. Also please note that Germans spell Oktober with a "k" and not a "c," but spelling it either way is OK in the good old USA. (I like to say, "We are German-Americans). What I love about this recipe is that it is a one-pot meal and that it tastes better the next day, as it is the case with all dishes made with Sauerkraut. German grammar also demands that all nouns are spelled with a capital letter.

While I learned to cook Sauerkraut from my Mom, this recipe comes from our good Austrian friend Loretta, who served it to members of the Austrian Mixed Chorus after one of our rehearsals. It was a special treat for us. So here's what you will need: A glass or bag of Sauerkraut, some Spaetzle or a pasta of your choice like Kluski, Macaroni, Rotini or Spaghetti, smoked Bratwurst, Polish Kielbasa or your favorite Wieners, some bacon, a good-size onion and caraway seeds and a couple of bay leaves if you like their taste. If the Sauerkraut is very sour, rinse it with cold water and drain it.

Add the seasonings and bring to a boil; lower heat to a simmer and cook for about half an hour. In the meantime, cut up some bacon into small pieces and fry it. Add the chopped onion and cook and stir until it is slightly browned. If you don't want to use the bacon, use a bit of olive oil instead. Cook the pasta in a separate pot until it is "al dente." Cut up the sausage of your choice into bite-size pieces and add it to the Sauerkraut along with the pasta. Stir it all together and heat it up (it should not be watery), then taste it. It might need some salt, or try a sprinkle of Vegeta, which is an all-purpose vegetable seasoning imported from Croatia which a lot of our people have become fond of using. Go easy with the stuff as you can always add more. For a "gourmet touch" add a nice fruity German wine if liquid is needed and simmer gently. Taste for doneness and flavoring. If you are a bacon lover, you can fry up several strips of bacon, drain them on paper towels and cut them up into small pieces to top off your dish. Serve it with rye, crispy white bread or pretzel rolls. Refrigerate leftovers or freeze a portion of it to enjoy on another day when you're too busy to cook. Loretta suggests that you use equal parts of Sauerkraut and pasta prepared "just the way you like it." Guten Appetit!

Oh, one final thought: You might wonder why they call it Oktoberfest if it's usually held in September. Years ago I was told that because it's usually held outdoors, if they would wait until Oktober, it would be too cold. You might also have seen advertisements for "Oktoberfest in August." Seems like people just cannot get enough of these festivities.



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Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert

Attila Glatz Concert Productions proudly announces:

SALUTE TO VIENNA NEW YEAR'S CONCERT



Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019
2:30 pm
Orchestra Hall
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Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert has dazzled audiences young and old across the United States and Canada. The music of Johann Strauss and his contemporaries is brought to life in a spectacle of joy with a live symphony orchestra, European singers, ballroom dancers, and ballet. From the eternal notes of the beautiful Blue Danube Waltz, to overtures and arias from beloved operettas, the concert features a fresh musical programme and a new cast each year. Dedicated to preserving a musical heritage, Salute to Vienna celebrates a gilded age of Viennese music.

Salute to Vienna will once again deliver charm and romance to the audience at Orchestra Hall, Symphony Center on Sunday, December 29, 2019. This year's performance will be conducted by Maestro Imre Kollár of Budapest, while Vienna's Sera Gösch and Roman Martin, along with dancers from Kiev-Aniko Ballet of Ukraine and International Champion Ballroom Dancers will fill the hall with the sights and sounds of Vienna at the turn of the 20th Century.

Directly inspired by the traditional Neujahrskonzert, presented every year for more than eight decades in Vienna, Salute to Vienna is also a reminder of the longstanding tradition of the Viennese ball where waltzes and polkas are danced to the music of a live orchestra into the wee hours of the morning. The music of Strauss and his contemporaries is connected to the New Year worldwide. Lighthearted and romantic, Salute to Vienna has become a 25-year tradition and has earned a dedicated following in North America. Like a champagne toast, it's the perfect way to start the New Year.

About Attila Glatz Concert Productions

Attila Glatz Concert Productions produces, promotes, and manages classical, jazz, folk, country, movie, and video game music performances worldwide. The company's signature presentation is the beloved Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert (salutetovienna.com), presented annually in more than 20 cities across North America during the holiday season. Salute to Vienna was recreated at Vienna's Konzerthaus for PBS featuring more than 130 performers, and this concert has aired across North America on public television more than 1,000 times. Other company highlights include the North American tours of the Vienna Mozart Orchestra, and David Foster, as well as a cinematic concert series with films including the Harry Potter Film in Concert series, Ghostbusters, Amadeus, and Jurassic Park. For more information, visit glatzconcerts.com.

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Ingrid at 17 Years

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Ingrid Today In Her Shop

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to the German American Immigrants who were a great part of making our City great and have given us such an asset as the new generations carry on those memories and devotion to hard work and steadfastness. Ingrid's contributions to that heritage is well known and she is admired for her dedication to tradition and for being a part of perpetuating the culture of these inspiring base of people.

But, admiration for Ingrid goes beyond her style and work ethic. When most of us, at the age of 17, were relishing in experiences of the day like excitement over our first drivers' license, in our first dates, and planning for our high school proms and future studies, Ingrid was planning her escape from East Germany. That's right!! This was still the time of the existence of a divided Germany after World War II.

She, along with so many at that time, had only one desire - for freedom and for many of those, to be able to participate in and contribute to the American Dream. At age 18, she began her dangerous journey, first to East Berlin. With the help of people who assisted by smuggling folks across the border, Ingrid made her dangerous and courageous trip over the lines to West Berlin. In the

next few years she migrated to Bremerhafen where she met Karen Steiner, who would become her lifelong friend. They made their trip together to America in 1964.

Ingrid and her friend Karen remained close as Ingrid found her way to Chicago and to the large German immigrant community in Lincoln Square. In 1969, she joined the sales staff of a shop in the neighborhood, which her future Mother-In-Law, Carina Kaltenbach, owned.

In 1978, the torch was passed to Ingrid and she became the owner and operator of this establishment. Through her regular buying trips to Europe, she has insured that her shop is still carrying the latest in fashion, in the quality that is almost impossible to find these days anywhere else. We are grateful and honored that Ingrid's incredible journey of life brought her to us, and that International Fashions by Ingrid endures to this day as her gift to all of us. The dreams of this once 17 year old have been attained in ways which have gone far beyond her dreams. She is an indispensable presence in Lincoln Square.

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THE OTHER "OKTOBERFEST"!! The Cannstatter Wasen Or Stuttgart Beer Festival

The Winter of 1815- 16 in Wuerttemberg was the coldest since records were kept. Harvesting was made impossible. People were starving and the little existing flour was stretched with sawdust to feed the hungry.

When Wilhelm the First became King of Wuerttemberg in 1816, the crisis was at its worst. His brother-in-law, Czar Nikolaus of Russia, helped relieve the biggest misery by delivering grain to the starving people in his relative's region. Then in 1817, when the first harvest wagon was brought in, King Wilhelm and his wife Katharina, had the glorious idea to sponsor a harvest festival. This would take place annually on the King's birthday of September 28th in the area of Cannstatter Wasen, by the river Neckar.



Starting as an agricultural festival lasting up to 5 days, in 1972 this Autumnal Fair, as it is better described, has expanded to a celebration of 16 days and includes carnival games and rides including the tallest Ferris Wheel in the world. Food, beer and wine tents are also an important site at the Volksfest since as many as 3 to 4 million people attend each year. In the center of the Festival grounds stands the symbol of "Thanksgiving", a 25 meter high pillar decked in fruit with a huge basket of more fruit on the top.

This tradition, second in size some believe only to the Oktoberfest in Munich, has not changed and will continue for years to come. Beginning 1 week before the Munich Festival, the 16th Cannstatter Wasen, or as referred to by locals, "Wasen" will take place from September 27th to October 13th in the extensive Wasen are of the Stuttgart City District of Bad Cannstatt.

(Portions of this article submitted by Helga Zettl and other portions taken from Wikipedia)

"Plum Cake" is one of our very favorites from the days that our Grandmothers used to make it. We all devoured it so quickly that she made sure that she baked extra portions each year. We think you will enjoy creating your own Family traditions, as we all do, but for those of us of German and Eastern European heritage, this is an essential. With the Season for the right Plums to use upon us, don't hesitate taking advantage of this tasty cake!!

Zwetschkuchen (German Plum Cake)

From the southern region of Swabia, this popular German plum cake features a delicious yeast crust and butter streusel topping.

Prep Time 2 hrs. Cook Time 30 mins. Total Time 2 hrs 30 mins. Servings: 12 servings

Author: Kimberly Killebrew

Ingredients

- 3 + pounds Italian plums, cut into quarters, pits removed
- 3/4 to 1 cup warm milk, start with 3/4 and add extra to the dough as needed
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dry active yeast
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar (150 g)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick butter (120 g) (1/2 cup melted but not hot)
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon quality pure vanilla extract

For the Streusel:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature

Instructions:

Dissolve the yeast into the 3/4 cup warm milk and let it sit for 5-10 minutes until frothy.

Place the flour, sugar and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer and pour in the yeast mixture, melted warm (not hot) butter, eggs and vanilla extract. Give it an initial stir to combine the ingredients and then attach a dough hook and knead it on the bread setting ("2") for 4-5 minutes, adding the remaining 1/4 cup milk as necessary.

(The dough will be sticky but should hold together fairly well. It will not be firm enough to knead into a ball, think of it more as a thick batter.)

Cover it loosely with plastic wrap and set it in a warm, draft free place to rise for an hour or until it has about doubled in size.

Generously butter a German Backblech (baking sheet) extended to full length or a large jelly roll pan (at least 18 inches in length and 1 inch sides but even then the crust will be thicker than with the Backblech).

Use your hands to spread the dough out across the full length of the pan, pressing it up against the sides. (Since it's a yeast dough so it will resist, but just keep pushing it back into position the best you can. Once you put the plums on it, those will help keep it in place). Lay the plums close together in rows over the whole length of the dough on the sheet pan. (If you want your cake a bit sweeter you can sprinkle it *lightly* with sugar or cinnamon-sugar if you prefer more cinnamon. I emphasize "lightly" because the more sugar you add the more watery the cake will be as the sugar liquefies during baking and your streusel will also "melt" in contact with it.)

Set the pan in a warm place and let it rise for up to another hour.

To make the streusel: Place all the ingredients in a medium-sized bowl and use your fingers to bring it all together. Work with the mixture until it's thoroughly combined and forms a rough sand and clumpy texture. Sprinkle the streusel over the top of the cake.

Bake the cake on the middle rack of the oven preheated to 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until the top is golden.

Let the cake sit for at least 10 minutes before slicing to let some of the liquid set. Slice the cake into squares and serve.





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NDCP Students Attend Holy Cross Student Leadership Conference



The Holy Cross Conference for Student Leaders is held annually at Holy Cross College and includes visits to the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana.

The goal is to develop the students' leadership skills and to deepen their knowledge of the Congregation of Holy Cross. This year, nine of the high schools sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross participated, sending groups of students and adults. The schools represented came from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, and Connecticut.

The group from NDCP was made up of six seniors, two juniors, and two faculty members: seniors Lucas Geiger (St. Emily), Michael Jekot (St. Emily), Tim Jennings (Garvy Elementary), Owen Krappman (Queen of Angels), Josh Lill (Queen of All saints), Kenny Such (Lincolnwood), Jared Baffa (OLPH), and Matthew Meyer (St. Raymond), and faculty members Roberto Costa and Scott Dutton.

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Province, and located on 28-acres in Niles, Illinois. NDCP guides students using its core principles of faith, scholarship and service and provides a challenging curriculum to meet the individual needs of a diverse student body. With 16 interscholastic sports and more than 30 clubs, activities and intramural teams, the 750 students achieve a well-balanced education and 98 percent of graduates continue on to college. Learn more at www.nddons.org.



Adult Enrichment Course At Resurrection

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering a Fall 2019 Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Darkness in the Light of Democracy" on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on September 10, September 24, October 8 and October 22, 2019.

Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo will examine some of the threats to the democratic process of government in our country and in other democratic countries. Mr. Longo will incorporate observations and thoughts he had after attending author David Brooks' 2019 discussion at the Chicago Humanities Festival about his book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. Course participants will explore how the democratic process requires that citizens move from the "first mountain" of individualism and tribalism to the "second mountain" of interdependence and community. Additional books that will be utilized for this course include *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt and *Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America* by Kathleen Belew.

The course will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School and will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo, who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University. The fee for the course is \$50; to register or for more information, please contact Laura Dennis ldennis@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 136.



Resurrection COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

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.

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Mayor Announces 22nd Annual Chicago Football Classic

Today Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined representatives from the Chicago Football Classic Scholarship Fund, Inc., Chicago Public Schools, Howard University and Hampton University to announce the 22nd annual Chicago Football Classic (CFC), which will take place on Saturday, September 14 at Soldier Field.

"The Chicago Football Classic is a vital resource for the young people of our city in helping to plan their career and educational pursuits," said Mayor Lightfoot. "During their formative years, we must all come together to help young people discover their talents and interests whether in college or with a trade. It is important that youth and their parents attend this important day to experience and discover all the possibilities that the future holds."

For the first time, the college fair will include a career component for Chicago-area youth produced by the City Colleges of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools. The college and career fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This expansion will allow CFC to strengthen the enrichment of the various programs offered to students interested in going directly into the workforce after high school. Following the college and career fair will be a battle of the bands between various Chicago Public Schools' and suburban bands with the iconic football game between Howard University and Hampton University kicking off on the field at 3:30 p.m.

"The Chicago Football Classic is a time-honored tradition that celebrates excellence in sportsmanship and academics as students get a glimpse of college life and exposure to diverse postsecondary options," said Chicago Public Schools CEO Dr. Janice K. Jackson. "I'm thankful that so many partners come together to show our young people that sports and academics go hand-in-hand by helping students understand the diverse pathways and support available to help them reach their goals."

Last year, more than \$1.5 million was awarded in scholarships to Chicago-area students that attended the college fair, where more than 30 historically black colleges and universities from across the country, City Colleges of Chicago and Chicago State University participated.

"This is more than just a game. This three-day event brings awareness to HBCUs, exposes Chicago students to various aspects of the college experience and focuses on an uplifting theme that unites the community," said Chicago Football Classic Co-founder, Everett Rand. "We appreciate our ongoing partnership with the City of Chicago, and we look forward to exposing our youth to these educational opportunities that will help them become viable community leaders."

Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel And Governor Jb Pritzker Announced Expansion Of Universal Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten To 28 Communities This School Year

As citywide rollout of universal full-day pre-k for 4-year olds continues, DFSS will support additional investments in early childhood programs at community-based organizations

Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Governor JB Pritzker, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) in March of 2019 announced the expansion of universal full-day pre-kindergarten programs in 28 communities across Chicago. As part of the former Mayor's plan to provide universal pre-k by 2021, more than 100 new full-day classrooms will be added next school year.

"Every child in every neighborhood deserves a quality education, and that must begin in their critical earliest years," said former Mayor Emanuel. "We must remain committed to expanding early education programming to ensure every student, regardless of their family's resources, gets the great start they deserve. This expansion helps us to further close the achievement gap and build stronger communities across Chicago for generations to come."

"I've worked on early childhood development and education for decades because I believe to my core that every child should be given the best possible chance for a bright future," said Governor JB Pritzker. "With a \$100 million increase in the Early Childhood Block Grant in my budget, we are proposing the largest ever one year increase in the program's history and more money for preschool than we've ever invested. This means Illinois can expand universal full-day, high-quality pre-K to 14,000 more children this year. Investing in early childhood development means taxpayers spend less and more people are contributing to our communities' health and prosperity. That's why pre-school can't be a luxury reserved only for some. It should be a right afforded to all."

"Universal pre-kindergarten is a powerful equalizer that ensures every student, in every neighborhood has access to a quality education that lays the foundation for future academic success," said CPS CEO Dr. Janice K. Jackson. "Access to early education has the power to transform lives and this initiative will benefit Chicago's families and Chicago's future."

As part of this expansion, the Department of Family and Support Services will add an-

other \$50 million to support community-based organizations providing early education programs through an upcoming RFP. This investment builds on investments of both DFSS and CPS to ensure that City-administered programs are high quality and effectively preparing children for success in their early years and beyond. In the first year of this ambitious plan, an additional 180 full-day CPS classrooms were added to serve the families most in need. Through the continued expansion of the programming, roughly 15,000 of Chicago's 4-year olds are anticipated to be served in the 2019-20 school year.

Access to universal full-day pre-kindergarten will roll out to additional communities each year, prioritizing communities with the most children in need. By the fall of 2021 pre-k will be universally accessible for all 4-year-olds in Chicago. Before the Mayor took office, less than 6,000 4-year-olds had access to pre-K; this plan will ensure that over 23,000 children are served.

Studies consistently show that full-day preschool helps prepare children for kindergarten better than half-day programs, and also better meets the needs of working families. Full day programs typically have higher enrollment and attendance rates than half-day, and research continues to show that they have more impact on student outcomes. The former Mayor's aggressive plan to ensure that all children have access to this critical resource was developed in partnership with Action for Children, learning from local stakeholders and national experts to develop a robust model for Chicago.

All current early learning site locations can be found on the City's easy-to-use, interactive online portal at www.chicagoearlylearning.org.

Chicago's Roadmap to Implementing Universal Pre-K (UPK), a report outlining the details of the four-year plan can be found at www.chilearn.org/UPK.

First Human Case of West Nile Virus In Illinois for 2019

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reporting the first human case of West Nile virus in Illinois for 2019. A Chicago resident in his 70s became ill in late July.

Last year, 74 counties in Illinois reported a West Nile virus positive mosquito, bird, horse and/or human case. For the 2018 season, IDPH reported 176 human cases (although human cases are underreported), including 17 deaths.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a *Culex pipiens* mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People 60 years or older and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

The best way to prevent West Nile virus or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

Contact the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) via email at nsmad@nsmad.com or call 847-446-9434 to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. Community members can also report stagnant water to Evanston's Health and Human Services Department by calling/texting 847-448-4311.

If you observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird, please report it by calling/texting 847-448-4311. The Evanston Health and Human Services Department will then determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the IDPH website at: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>

ST. JULIANA PARISH FRIENDSHIP CLUB 50+



St. Juliana Friendship Club is open to all "50+ Seniors" in the area! Women, men, singles, couples, married, widowed, parishioners & non-parishioners... all are welcome! We meet on the second Thursday of each month (March-November) at the St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 N. Osceola Ave., Chicago.

We have a wide variety of activities at our monthly meetings including luncheons, guest speakers, book exchange, bingo, entertainment & more! We also sponsor special events & day trips throughout the year including casinos, theatres, shrines, boat trips... as well as our very popular off-site Christmas Party!

Please consider joining this cordial social group & feel free to bring a friend, guests are always welcome! For more information keep reading the Sunday bulletins, E-newsletters & SJ-Facebook... or call the Parish office at 773-631-4127. Special inquiries will be directed to our "friendly" Friendship Club Officers!

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"Little Sticks vs. A Big Stick"

You've all heard the message of "you can attract more of anything with "honey" rather than "vinegar"? Well, here is a thought which was shared with us by one of our readers. It is something (among many other things) that her Father would recite. It is paraphrased, so it may not be an exact quote, but is as meaningful as originally presented:

"A Bundle Of Little Sticks" is much more durable than "One Big Stick". You can lose a few "Little Sticks" from time to time, but the "Bundle" remains strong and continues to gather more "Little Sticks". When "One Big Stick" is lost, it has no impact at all. So remember, as a business, to value all the "Little" customers who support you. They will be there through thick and thin and will grow over time into a huge "Bundle"!!!
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Wednesday, September 11@6:30pm

In observance of the 100th anniversary of the 1919 Black Sox Scandal - a watershed event in baseball history and a defining moment that forever altered the fortunes of the Chicago White Sox - author and White Sox historian Rich Lindberg provides an inside glimpse of the scandal, its aftermath and its tragic impact on the South Side team.

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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.



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