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Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff of Village Publications



Chicago Thanksgiving Parade
Thursday, November 28, 2019 • 8-11am
State St. from Ida B. Wells Dr. to Randolph

Looking for family entertainment on Thanksgiving morning? Please join us on State Street for the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade featuring the nation's best marching bands, giant popular inflatable balloons, spectacular performance acts and much more! Or tune into WGN 9 to watch us on live TV! For more information, visit www.chicagothanksgivingparade.com.



The time for the *Christkindlmarkets* in Chicago/Daley Plaza & Wrigleyville and Milwaukee has arrived.

See the special 4-page pull-out in the center section of this edition.



A Happy Ending



With Summer being just a distant memory as the snow flies and the "polar vortex" descends upon us from the North, here is something that will "warm your heart", if not your bones!!!

This Holiday Season, and over Thanksgiving, let's not forget to give a great big "thank you" to our law enforcement and first responders for their tireless efforts on our behalf. Even as we are all enjoying celebrations and time off with our Families and Friends, they are "never off-duty"!!



Officer Pounds saves the day! Earlier this Fall, Officer Pounds of the Evanston Police Department helped save an injured pelican found on a beach in Evanston. After receiving rehab at the Willowbrook Wildlife Center, the pelican has healed and been returned to the wild.

Holiday Season is Here



Begin to Plan for Celebrations and Events!

Ideas Listed Throughout This Edition



The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival & Tree-Lighting Parade

November 22-23, Friday 4-8pm, Saturday 11am-7pm
The Magnificent Mile (North Michigan Ave.)

The BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival returns in 2019. Free, family fun culminates in the grand Tree-Lighting Parade down North Michigan Avenue with grand marshals Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse from Walt Disney World® Resorts .

Millennium Park Campus Holiday Programs

Skate Millennium Park presented by Hilton opens November 15
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 22, 6pm
Caroling at Cloud Gate starts November 29
Millennium Park

Millennium Park will be the epicenter of holiday cheer in Chicago, featuring your favorite seasonal traditions: Chicago's official Christmas Tree, ice skating, caroling, an art market and free family fun.

More information at millenniumpark.org.



Lincoln Square Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, November 30th 2019
Time: 5:00pm
Location: Giddings Plaza
Admission: FREE

Watch For Signs In Your Communities For Toys For Tots



See Page 3 For Local Drop Point Suggestions



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THIS YEAR THINK OUTSIDE THE BOXES AND SHOP LOCAL!

Let's All Support Our Local Merchants and Restaurants During This Holiday Season, As Well As Throughout The Year To Come!

Small Business Saturday is November 24th

Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas from Our Village News

17th Annual

St. Thecla Women's Council

HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

November 23, 2019

9:00 A.M. -- 4:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS..GIFTS....
.....& GOODIES

HOURLY RAFFLE

SNACK BAR

DEVON and OAK PARK AVES (6725 W Devon Ave)

ADMISSION \$2.00

(Includes a raffle ticket for the big Holiday Raffle)

Community Animal Rescue Effort Presents the 30th Annual

Holiday C.A.R.E. FAIRE

SATURDAY, NOV. 30
11 AM - 4 PM

RAFFLE, ART & CRAFT VENDORS, PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA, SILENT AUCTION, COOKIE WALK

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF EVANSTON
1330 RIDGE AVE.

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT C.A.R.E. | 847-705-2653 | CARENORTHSHORE.ORG



Holidays in the Village



2019 Year of the Chicago Theatre



The City of Chicago and the League of Chicago Theatres have designated 2019 as the 'Year of Chicago Theatre.' This citywide, year-long focus on theatre is the first of its kind in the U.S. The initiative includes performances and special events for the public 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; 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. To truly fall in love with Chicago, you must go to our theatres. This is where the city bares

its fearless soul. From Broadway musicals to storefront plays and improv, there's a seat waiting for you at one of our 200+ theatres. Book your next show today at ChicagoPlays.com.

City of Chicago Designates 2020 as the 'Year of Chicago Music'

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the DCASE have recently designated 2020 as the 'Year of Chicago Music.' The City of Chicago and its partners will launch a marketing campaign for Chicago music; provide additional financial grants for music projects; encourage dialog around inclusion and equity; and call on civic, philanthropic, arts and business leaders to support the music industry. The citywide, year-long focus on music is one of the first of its kind in the United States.



Piano Concert at Indian Boundary

Sunday, November 24, 3-4:30pm
Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Ave.

Internationally known performer and teacher, Yulia Lipmanovich advanced piano students perform a free concert for the community.



Dance-Along Nutcracker

Sunday, December 8,
Dance Lessons at 9am & 12pm; Performances at 10am & 1pm
Free Admission
Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall



Sugar plum fairies and mouse kings of all ages and abilities are invited to point their toes to the familiar music of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic.

9am and 12pm: Members of Ballet Chicago will teach basic ballet positions and movements at an optional lesson

10am and 1pm: Dancers of all ages and abilities are invited to join the dancers of Ballet Chicago

Ballet Chicago is an internationally recognized professional track school of ballet that strives to make classical ballet training accessible to all.

Music for the Dance-Along Nutcracker® is provided by the Lakeside Pride Symphonic Band. The Lakeside Pride Music Ensemble is Chicago's premier family of performance groups for members and friends of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community through its three major music groups – Marching Band, Jazz Orchestra, and Symphonic Band.

This entire event is free and does not require any advance registration. Seating and space is available first come, first serve.



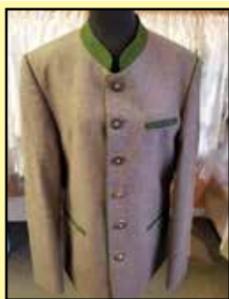
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Family Owl Prowls at NPV

Friday, November 22, 6-7:30pm
North Park Village Nature Center Park,
5801 N. Pulaski Rd.

Learn about owl, hunters of the night. Our Prowl will begin with an educational slideshow about owls and will end with a walk through the preserve to search for this amazing bird that hunts all winter. Dress warmly! Registration required. 312.744.5472



Caroling at Cloud Gate

Fridays, November 29,
December 6, 13, 20

Free Admission • 6-7pm
Millennium Park, Cloud Gate

All are invited to bundle up and belt out holiday classics during Caroling at Cloud Gate located on the park's iconic Cloud Gate Plaza. The festive series is part concert,

part sing-along with some of our city's most entertaining choirs on Fridays from November 29 through December 20 beginning at 6pm.



Skate Millennium Park

November 15-March 8, 2020

Millennium Park,

McCormick Tribune Ice Rink

Take a spin on the ice during the 18th season of this Chicago winter tradition. Admission: Skating is FREE and open to the public. Rentals available.



Lincoln Square Victorian Caroling

Date: Saturday,
November 30th 2019
Time: 11am – 4:30pm
(30 minute performances at the top of each hour)
Location: Giddings Plaza
Admission: FREE



Ravenswood Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Date: Saturday, November 30th 2019
Time: Live Carving Demonstrations
- 11:00am, District, 4835 N Damen Avenue
- 12:30pm, Alapash, 4835 N Damen Avenue
Location: Damen Avenue (Argyle to Leland)
Admission: FREE



Ravenswood Pictures with Santa



Kid Details: Date: Saturday, November 30th 2019
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Location: The Perfect Cup, 4700 N Damen Avenue
Admission: FREE (Professional photography prints available for purchase)
Pet Details: Date: Saturday, November 30th 2019
Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm
Location: Urban Pooch Canine Life Center, 44501 N Ravenswood Avenue
Admission: TBD

Weihnachtsmarkt
DANK Haus 2019

Saturday
December 14
11 AM - 6 PM

Visit Santa
Carriage Rides
Food Drinks

DANK Haus 4740 N. Western Avenue Chicago IL



Holidays in the Village



Edison Park Turkey Trot Thursday, November 28

Race Information

Gobble Gallop begins at 8:30 a.m. for runners ages 3-10. More information on the Gobble 5K Race begins at 9:30 a.m.

Beneficiaries for the 2019 Edison Park Turkey Trot

Huntington's Disease Society of America - Illinois Chapter HDSA is the world's leader in providing help for today and hope for tomorrow for people with Huntington's disease and their families. They provide a seamless connection for help, education, and outreach to Huntington's disease families and health care professionals across the United States.

Illinois Spina Bifida Association

The Illinois Spina Bifida Association works statewide to improve the quality of life of children, adults, and families living with spina bifida, a lifelong neurological condition that affects the spine and is usually apparent at birth.

Visit our website for more: <https://epturkeytrot.enmotive.com>.



Shelter Dogs & Cats Pair Up With Local Firefighters in 'FURst Responders' Calendar

C.A.R.E.'s debut 'FURst Responders Calendar' is now available for online pre-orders.

Hold onto your fire helmets! C.A.R.E. pups and kits have finished their road trip to area fire stations, where they posed with firefighting friends. Now they want to let ALL their friends know that the FURst Responders Calendar 2020 to benefit Community Animal Rescue Effort is available for pre-order at the C.A.R.E. website.

C.A.R.E. pets (and their volunteers) traveled to Morton Grove, Skokie and Wilmette fire stations. There, next to or in the arms of participating personnel, the animals posed with the rigs and other signature features of each station. More than a few hearts were stolen by our furry stars, and at least one C.A.R.E. pup found his forever home with a firefighter as a result.



The FURst Responders Calendar 2020 is available as a limited edition. Pre-ordered calendars can be picked up -- and signed by an actual firefighter -- at the Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire, taking place Saturday, Nov. 30, 11 am to 4 pm, at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge, Evanston.

The cost per calendar is \$20. All proceeds will go toward C.A.R.E. cats and dogs. Order soon, as supplies are limited. To order, click here: carenorthshore.org/2020calendar

Music Theater Works FROZEN Winter Workshop for ages 8 to 13

Plan now for winter break next month:
December 30, 2019-January 4, 2020

Popular "tag team" style of casting, where every child age 8 to 13 is guaranteed a part -- no auditions!

The Disney classic will be December 30, 2019-January 4, 2020, during winter break.

Sign up now and guarantee your spot. Visit our website for more information: www.musictheaterworks.com



Help support the Coldwell Banker Toys for Tots drive.

Pass the love along this holiday season November 12-December 2

You are invited to stop by your local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office to donate a new, unwrapped gift to a child in need.

Donations benefit the Toys for Tots Program, delivering a message of hope for more than 71 years.

Visit our website for more details: <https://cb.today/chicagoland/holiday2019>



Watch for Signs in Your Communities for Toys for Tots Locations



Holiday Toy Drive Fundraiser

2019 marks the 17th NAAAP Chicago Toy Drive. Be a part of this great event by donating today. Just \$25 will buy gifts for a child. Help a child's wish come true for the holidays!

Visit our website for more details: <http://www.naaapchicago.org/>

Vintage Holidays Campaign Starts this Week in Long Grove

Historic downtown Long Grove invites shoppers to take a break from online or big box buying this year and rediscover the magic of the holiday season. The annual Vintage Holidays campaign is what the classic holiday experience is all about -- quaint shops, old-world charms, and family memories. Officially beginning on Thursday, November 14th with a special Holiday Open House kickoff from 5 pm to 8 pm, Vintage Holidays will take place every Saturday and Sunday starting this weekend until December 22nd (including Black Friday, November 29th). The one-of-a-kind campaign in downtown Long Grove features a Christmas tree parade, strolling costumed carolers and musicians, appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a new horse-drawn sleigh ride in addition to some of the "best" shopping in the suburbs.

The scene is out of a picture book, with cobblestone walkways lined with luminaries, Victorian buildings trimmed with lights, and traditional small-town hospitality mixed with the downtown's newly renovated modern comforts (brand new sidewalks, streets, lighting, etc). Organized by the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association, Vintage Holidays presents opportunities to: shop small for unique holiday gifts, capture family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, listen to strolling holiday carolers and musicians, enjoy complimentary horse-drawn sleigh rides, and marvel at the Christmas tree parade (where stores display fresh pines out front decorated to the tune of their own distinctive theme).

Resurrection presents The Little Mermaid

Resurrection College Prep High School drama department presents the fall musical, The Little Mermaid. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."



The production will be performed on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23 at 7 pm and on Sunday, November 24, 2018 at 3 pm. Performances will be held at Resurrection College Prep High School at 7500 W. Talcott Ave, Chicago, IL 60631. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance ticket reservations are available by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 110 during school hours.



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.

Shop Small & Win in Norwood Park

Spend \$150 Shopping Small In Norwood, From 11/24-12/25 and Be Entered To Win Gift Cards From Local Businesses!

Send a picture of your receipts to info@norwoodpark.org by 12/24
Contact Info@norwoodpark.org with questions, or visit www.norwoodpark.org



"A Christmas Story" at the Levy Center

Wednesday, November 20, 8:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Ralphie wants only one thing for Christmas: An Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle. A Christmas Story, The Musical, is the hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect of gifts ends up under his tree this Christmas. Based on the classic 1983 movie that has become a holiday tradition that millions wait for every year, it features a funny and heartfelt score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul who wrote music for the hit movie La La Land. The fee includes transportation, lunch and admission. Lunch includes tomato bisque, fresh bread, beef and bird, gingerbread frozen custard pie, coffee and tea. The Dennis Newton scholarship is available for this trip.
Fee: \$85 Levy Member / \$100 Non Member

Salsa Lessons at Levy Center

Thursdays, November 7 - December 12, Noon to 1 p.m.

Learn swing and Latin-style dancing and help integrate different parts of your brain, like coordination, rhythm, and strategy, all while having fun! Social partner dancing has a higher impact on cognitive functioning over exercise or mental tasks alone. No partner needed, we rotate! Five classes will take place between November 7 and December 12. Registration is required.

Fee: \$20 Levy Member / \$35 Non-member

SHOP LATE LINCOLN

Thursdays - December 5, 12 & 19 - 6-9pm



Small Business SATURDAY

November 30 - Free events all day!



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November 29 through December 24



Damen AT NIGHT

Thursdays - December 5, 12 & 19 - 6-9pm



Comcast NBCUniversal to Provide \$2 Million in Scholarships to High School Seniors

Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Program Recognizes Successes in and out of the Classroom

Comcast NBCUniversal is pleased to invite high school seniors to apply for the Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program, which recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding community service, exceptional academic performance and strong leadership skills. The award, funded by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation, is a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship to be used toward undergraduate education-related expenses.

Since 2001, Comcast NBCUniversal has awarded more than \$33 million in scholarships to approximately 30,000 students in locations across the nation to help them pursue higher education. Last year alone, more than 70 students in Comcast's Greater Chicago Region, which includes Illinois, Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan, received scholarships.

"We believe in developing the next generation of leaders, and that starts with excelling in the classroom as well as making a positive impact in communities," said John Crowley, Comcast's regional senior vice president. "We continue to be impressed with the caliber of applicants and look forward to another great year of recognizing our Leaders and Achievers scholars."

Applicants to the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program must:

- Have a demonstrated commitment to community service, outstanding qualities in character, integrity and leadership;
- Reside in a community served by Comcast and/or participating NBCUniversal or Telemundo markets. Eligibility will be determined by zip code in the online application;
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2020-2021 academic year;
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent);
- Be enrolled as a high school senior; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

For more info. or to apply, please visit the application website at: comcastleadersandachievers.com. Please direct all email inquiries to leadersandachievers@scholarshipamerica.org or call 1-800-537-4180. The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. CST.

Nov. 15 is Opening Day for Forest Preserves of Cook County Picnic and Special Event Permit Sales, 2020 Camping Reservations

Permits, reservations available online and in person

The new year offers numerous opportunities for Cook County residents to come together with family and friends. From birthdays and reunions to holidays and special event gatherings, the public can head to the Forest Preserves to plan their upcoming celebrations outside while surrounded by nature.

Online and in-person permit sales for 2020 picnics and special events, as well as campground reservations begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. In-person sales will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Forest Preserves of Cook County General Headquarters, 536 N. Harlem Ave. in River Forest, or at the Dan Ryan Visitor Center, 8700 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

Online sales will also open at 8 a.m. on Nov. 15, and will remain available 24 hours a day. In addition to saving time by purchasing permits online, visitors can view information such as site availability, grove maps and the various fees associated with grove rentals by visiting fpdcc.com/permits.

Those planning to apply for permits in person must have a valid Federal/state issued identification card. Accepted payment methods are cash, check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard). Purchasers should begin completing their permit application immediately upon arrival to expedite wait time, and have two or three additional locations in mind in case the first choice is not available.

Regular hours at the General Headquarters location are Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seasonal hours are Memorial Day through Labor Day, Mondays through Fridays 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at General Headquarters.

Picnic permits are required for groups of 25 or more. To reserve picnic groves and request event spaces either online or in-person, patrons must first set up an account at fpdcc.com/permits.

Permits for groups with 1,000+ attendees may now be requested. Customers may submit applications in-person at the General Headquarters location, via email at fpd.permits@cookcountylil.gov or via fax at (708) 771-1071.

In 2019, more than 7,000 permits were sold for picnics and special events. Top sites for picnics and special events include Dan Ryan Woods in Chicago, Busse Woods in northwest Cook County, and Schiller Woods in Chicago/Schiller Park.

2020 Camping Reservations

In addition to picnic permits, all 2020 camping dates are available beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. Camping reservations can be made online at fpdcc.com/camping/camping-reservations; by phone at (855) YES-CAMP (937-2267); or in person at Forest Preserves Campgrounds Camp Sullivan, Camp Bullfrog Lake or Camp Reinberg during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days or on weekends when there are campers. For campground contact information, visit fpdcc.com/camping.

Residents and visitors can still enjoy camping at Camps Reinberg, Sullivan and Bullfrog Lake throughout winter; there is limited availability of heated cabins at some campgrounds in addition to tent camping and RVs. Camp Dan Beard in Northbrook is open for winter camping to large groups only.

For questions or assistance with making camping reservations, call (855) YES-CAMP (937-2267). For questions or assistance with online permit purchases, contact Forest Preserves permits staff by calling (800) 870-3666 or visit fpdcc.com.

Multi-Chamber Breakfast Connections with Niles, Edgebrook and Skokie Chambers of Commerce

Dan Patlak from the Cook County Board of Review will be presenting on the role of the Assessor, the recent reassessment of the north suburbs and its ramifications, the role of the Board of Review as an independent body in addressing assessment appeals from aggrieved property owners and the potential ramifications of future reassessments.

Thursday, November 21, 7:45 am - 9:00 am

Lincolnwood Public Library • 4000 W. Pratt, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Visit our website to register: <https://lincolnwoodchamber.com>

Pappas asks: Military members and veterans, are you getting the property tax relief you deserve?

Members of the military can defer Cook County property taxes interest-free while on active duty, one way to ease the financial sacrifice of service to our country, Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

"We owe more than we can ever repay to the men and women of the armed services and their families," Pappas said. "The property tax deferment at least helps them make ends meet while they protect us."

To obtain the deferment, members of the military must apply at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Service members pay no interest on property tax payments that come due from the start of active duty until 180 days after release from duty, Pappas said. After that, the interest rate is just 6 percent per year, well below the 1.5 percent per month (or 18 percent per year) mandated by state law for unpaid taxes.

Illinois law also offers property tax benefits to veterans, including:

- Returning Veterans Exemption
- Disabled Veterans Exemption

To verify your exemptions (going back four years) and to see if you are entitled to a refund (going back 20 years), go to cookcountytreasurer.com:

- Select "Your Property Tax Overview"
- Search by address or by Property Index Number (PIN)

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Change

The J.P.N.A., will change their Regular monthly meeting date to Nov. 20th, Wed., 2019 because of Thanksgiving week. The place will remain the same: The Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings, lower level, at 7:00 P.M.

The main guest speaker will be now State Senator Robert Martwick. There will be a question & answer period afterward. Meetings are free & open to the public with lite refreshments. There will be a free door prize. For more information call (773) 282-3879.

Be A Good Neighbor This Winter

Shoveling your sidewalk is the neighborly thing to do! Help make your Communities safe and accessible for everyone by keeping sidewalks clear of ice and snow.

What to know: Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours when there's an accumulation of four inches of snow; paths must be at least 36 inches wide.

Pitch in: Help seniors and those with disabilities by volunteering. Need a hand? Call us at the Our Village

News and we will do our best to connect you with the help you need.

Stay tuned: Next week is Winter Weather Preparedness Week. We'll be sharing helpful tips and reminders throughout the Fall and Winter Seasons.

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD meets every second Thursday of the month at the Barba Gianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Avenue, on the east side of the street, just south of Lawrence. Arrangements have been made for FREE PARKING in the parking lot of the Fifth Third Bank (5/3).

If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Maria Bappert the day before at 773-728-8127 as the restaurant needs to know for how many people to set the table. Thank you.

SERVICE PROJECTS-Our Club continues to collect-aluminum tabs, paper and plastic shopping bags, as well as Box Tops for Education. Our newest project is collecting new, used, domestic & foreign stamps for the Veterans Project of the Lake View Kiwanis Club. Please cut them off from all envelopes you receive and deliver them to Leah Steele who will send them to the West Coast. Here is our chance to support our deserving Veterans. We are grateful to our Club members as well as members of the Austrian Mixed Chorus and the Greater Rockwell Organization who join us in these efforts. "Together we can," as they say.

Thu., Nov. 28-Thanksgiving Day

"A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING"

O gracious and generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings: First and foremost, the blessing of live itself.

We thank you for the freedom we enjoy as citizens of a democratic nation. We thank you for good health, deep faith, and the love of family and friends.

We realize that many hearts are broken and in need of healing.

We thank you for the spirit that moves us to reach out to them with love and respect.

We ask that you continue to shower us with your blessings, especially at this time of Thanksgiving. Amen.

(From the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana.)

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About the Christkindlmarkets



FREE ADMISSION

Make Wundervolle Memories at the Christkindlmarket

Sparkling ornaments, the smell of roasted nuts, and the sound of lovely holiday carols – visitors can experience all this at the Christkindlmarket. The outdoor German-style holiday markets in Chicago, Wrigleyville and Milwaukee - that are always admission free - are some of the most authentic outside Europe. The

markets boast high quality gifts, authentic German and international food and Glühwein (hot spiced wine), the signature drink. The Christkindlmarket has become the ideal place for families to make unique holiday memories in an intercultural environment.



Participate in Family-Friendly Activities

Folkloric German alpine brass music and regular visits from the Christkind make the Christkindlmarket a fun and educational experience for the entire family. The Christkind, a fairy-like being dressed in gold and white robes with a crown upon her golden locks, is the namesake of the Christkindlmarket Chicago. Christkind folklore dates back to the 1500s and stems from traditional customs: parades during the holiday season were guided by one “grand” angel, the Christkind. Since then, and still today, she is the bearer of gifts to most children in German-speaking countries, much like Santa Claus is in the United

States. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged December 24th and delivered by the Christkind, who leaves gifts under the Christmas tree and disappears before the children can catch a glimpse of her.

One of the highlights of the Christkindlmarket is the Children’s Lantern Parade, an annual German tradition to celebrate St. Martin’s Day. The Christkind strolls around the market with the kids and their lanterns while singing German and English holiday carols. For more information and to purchase lanterns: <http://www.christkindlmarket.com/kinder-club/calendar/>





About the Christkindlmarkets



FREE ADMISSION

Celebrate German-American Friendship with the Annual Souvenir Mugs

The annual Christkindlmarket souvenir mugs have become an iconic part of the market experience and collectors' items that are widely known and loved for their unique styles. In 2019, with a focus on celebrating German-American friendship, the inside of each market location's mug features a different color, representing parts of the German flag (Chicago=black, Wrigleyville=red, Milwaukee=yellow). The outsides of the mugs display distinct market scenes from all three locations.

Visitors can purchase the limited-edition three-pack for \$20 at the

information booths at all market locations. Individual mugs are only available at each of their respective locations as long as supplies last. They are sold at the information window as well as several vendor booths offering beverages such as hot chocolate and Glühwein (hot spiced wine).

In keeping with tradition, there will also be a special surprise for the kids this year: The Kinder Club family is growing and adding a new member, Peppermint the Penguin. This very limited-edition mug is available with the purchase of non-alcoholic beverages or without a drink at the information booth.



Skip the Lines – Reserve your *Stammtisch*

Stammtisch translates to “regulars table”, which is a special table gathering with family, friends or business partners that includes the serving of German foods and drinks at festively decorated tables. Each reserved table seats up to eight guests for two hours. Visitors can reserve one or multiple tables online and relax in a cozy atmosphere inside of the heated Grand Timber Haus in Chicago

or Timber Tent in Milwaukee. Guests pick from different menu packages that include market specialties like Bratwurst, potato pancakes, imported beer and Glühwein.

See the full menus and book your Stammtisch tables: <http://www.christkindlmarket.com/chicago/reservations/>





Christkindlmarket Chicago

at Daley Plaza

November 15th - December 24th



A Holiday Village in the Heart of Chicago

The Christkindlmarket Chicago was first conceptualized in 1995 when the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest was seeking alternative ways to promote bilateral trade between the United States and Germany. The inaugural event took place on Pioneer Court in 1996. The market was an instant success and continues to flourish through the work of GACC Midwest's subsidiary, German American Events, LLC.

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. Inspired by the 16th century Christkindlesmarket in Nuremberg, Germany, the Christkindlmarket is well-known for its traditional candy-cane striped wooden huts and Christkind visits.

The downtown Chicago market generated \$88 in direct output and an estimated \$170 million in terms of total economic activity at the country level in 2017*, which shows what high economic impact the Christkindlmarket has on its host city. According to a 2018 visitor survey, a total of 1.9 million visitors visited all three market locations, with visitors hailing from 32 countries. The majority (66%) named the Christkindlmarket their primary reason for visiting downtown Chicago.

The 24-year old Christkindlmarket is recognized as the most beloved Chicago holiday tradition and has grown so popular it led to the opening of additional markets in Illinois and Wisconsin.



Christkindlmarket Chicago at Daley Plaza (Nov. 15 - Dec. 24)



Regular Hours:
Sunday - Thursday: 11am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday: 11am - 9pm
Special Hours:
Thanksgiving (Nov. 28),
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 11am - 4pm
www.christkindlmarket.com/chicago



*Indicates data from the Economic Impact study conducted by Technomic in 2017. All consumer data is based off a random data sampling, collected from the on-site consumer intercepts conducted and during the 2017 market season. In order to ensure objectivity in results and point of view, the study was designed and executed by a third-party research partner, Technomic. Technomic, founded in 1966, is a Chicago-based market research and consulting firm specializing in the foodservice industry.



Christkindlmarket Milwaukee

at the Plaza outside Fiserv Forum

November 15th – December 24th



Visit the Christkindlmarket Milwaukee

In 2018, German American Events, LLC proudly announced its expansion of the original Christkindlmarket to the most German of major American cities: Milwaukee! Many staple vendors, like Käthe Wohlfahrt and Sweet Castle, appreciated the opportunity to become part of the expansion. At the Plaza outside Fiserv Forum, visitors can experience the outdoor holiday market with delicious food and drinks, shop for unique gifts, and enjoy live entertainment inside the heated Timber Tent.

The Stammtisch tradition is celebrating its debut this year at the

Christkindlmarket Milwaukee. Guests can pick from authentic food and drink packages, served to them at a festively decorated reserved table. Take the hassle out of the holidays and book at Stammtisch at: <https://www.christkindlmarket.com/reserve/>

Christkindlmarket Milwaukee at the Plaza outside Fiserv Forum (Nov. 15 - Dec. 24)



Regular Hours:
Sunday - Thursday: 11am - 8pm
Friday - Saturday: 11am - 9pm
Special Hours:
Thanksgiving (Nov. 23),
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 11am - 4pm

www.christkindlmarket.com/milwaukee



Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville

at Gallagher Way

November 22nd – December 31st



Visit the Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville

In 2019, the Christkindlmarket will return to Wrigleyville at Gallagher Way, offering all the joy of its original downtown market, including international vendor booth with food and beverage specialties as well as artisan handcrafted

merchandise. The Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville will also feature an ice rink, events and entertainment for the whole family.

Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville at Gallagher Way (Nov. 22 - Dec. 31)



Regular Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 3pm - 9pm
Friday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm
Sunday: 11am - 7pm
Special Hours:
Thanksgiving (Nov. 23), Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)
and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31): 11am - 4pm
Christmas Day (Dec. 25): Closed

www.christkindlmarket.com/wrigleyville



Forest Preserves of Cook County Dedicates Milestone 25th Illinois Nature Preserve

Harms Woods Nature Preserve raises Forest Preserves total to 7,248 acres, the most of any local agency in the state

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will dedicate 169 acres of Harms Woods Forest Preserve as Harms Woods Nature Preserve—a milestone 25th Illinois Nature Preserve—during the October Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The site brings the Forest Preserves' total Illinois Nature Preserves-designated protected land to 7,248 acres, with habitats that range from a rare peat bog to a remnant black soil prairie. The celebration includes five guided walks at FPCC Illinois Nature Preserves across Cook County.

Harms Woods Nature Preserve offers an incredibly varied spring woodland wildflower display, including wild geranium, trout lilies, blue cohosh and white trillium. These abundant wildflowers feed butterflies and birds from spring to fall. Visitors can hear frogs call from small ponds and see birds like great crested flycatchers, chestnut-sided warblers, and Cooper's hawks—and maybe even glimpse a mink as it splashes into the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Located in unincorporated Cook County near Glenview, Harms Woods Nature Preserve is part of an extensive network of Forest Preserves that lie along the North Branch Trail System. Natural communities within the site include mesic woodland, mesic upland forest and floodplain forest. Nearly 400 different plant species have been recorded at Harms Woods Nature Preserve, including several that are endangered or threatened in the state.

"Protecting and restoring our natural lands is vital to ensuring these spaces are available for the public to enjoy for many generations to come," says Forest Preserves Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "Without the Illinois Nature Preserves System and the Forest Preserves of Cook County, many of Illinois' plants, animals and ecosystems would be lost forever."

Dedication of a site as an Illinois Nature Preserve provides the highest level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission to natural areas of exceptional ecological quality. These important natural areas represent the few remnants of the landscapes that evolved after the last ice age 13,000 years ago.

"The Illinois Nature Preserves in our system provide critical habitat for native plants, animals and migrating birds, and these are wonderful places to visit. Harms Woods Nature Preserve and the adjacent Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve are examples of how these sites have benefited from years of dedicated volunteer stewardship, as well as concerted land management and restoration efforts by Forest Preserves staff, partners and contractors," says Forest Preserves General Superintendent Arnold Randall.

Within the Forest Preserves are also four designated Land and Water Reserves, another state designation which provides special protections to a natural area, though at a lower level than a nature preserve. Between Illinois Nature Preserves and Land and Water Reserves, the Forest Preserves of Cook County manages nearly 10,000 acres of protected land. The Forest Preserves' Next Century Conservation Plan seeks to designate and register 20,000 acres with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission.

St. Thecla Church and School Closing

St. Thecla Catholic School will merge with two other churches and another catholic school on Chicago's northwest side, the Archdiocese of Chicago said Friday evening.

St. Thecla Parish and School will consolidate with St. Cornelius Parish, St. Tarcissus Parish and Pope Francis Global Academy's north campus, which is located on the campus of St. Tarcissus.

The merger will be effective July 1, 2020. The new parish and school will be given a new name, but will be located at St. Tarcissus Church.

There was overwhelming emotion Friday

night from the parishioners and graduates of St. Thecla.

"I love this place. I have four kids that go here," said one parishioner.

"I live, breathe and die and for this place," stated another St. Thecla parent. "It was the hardest thing to explain to my son that his school is closing."

St. Thecla, which began in 1925, is part of renew my church, an effort to consolidate certain schools to better position catholic schools operationally and financially.

One hundred and eighty students attend St. Thecla and there are about 3,000 parishioners.

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StoryCorps Live: The Greatest Generation

Friday, November 22, 11am-1pm

Chicago Cultural Center, Renaissance Court, 1st Floor North

Free Admission; RSVP at tinyurl.com/storycorpslive

StoryCorps Chicago presents a public listening event of first-person stories recorded with Chicago residents who are age 90 and above highlighting their lives. More than 200 people age 90 and up have recorded at the Chicago StoryBooth since it opened in 2013. Join us to hear excerpts from some of their stories. In partnership with the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services - Renaissance Court Senior Center.



Call for Presentations for Evanston Aging Well Conference

The Aging Well Conference Planning Committee is seeking speakers who have experience working with older adults in the community to share their professional wisdom at the Evanston Aging Well Conference on Fri., May 1, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

The 22nd Annual Aging Well Conference features presentations and creative workshops on a wide range of topics including health and wellness, nutrition, and financial health. Sponsored by the City of Evanston, local service providers, and advocates for older adults, this Conference caters to older adults as well as their families and caregivers.

Speakers who apply will be vetted by the Conference Planning Committee based on subject matter, expertise, and other criteria. Those interested should complete the Call for Presentation form and learn more about the Aging Well Conference. The deadline for submissions is Mon., Dec. 9. For a presentation by more than one person, please submit additional bios. Only complete submissions will be considered and there is no stipend available for Conference speakers.

For more information, call Senior Services at 847-866-2019 or email aging@cityofevanston.org. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

2019-20 Great Books Discussion Group

Every other Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

December 5th: Butler's "The Way Of All Flesh"

BOOK DISCUSSION

Friday, Nov. 22 at Roden Branch • 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 26 at WineStyles, 6182 N. Northwest Hwy., 6:30 pm

This month, the book club will discuss Killers of the Flower Moon, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals.

HOLIDAY CARDMAKING!

Sat., Dec. 7 at 10:00 a.m. • Roden Branch

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Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society

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If you're someone who has accumulated a collection of paper programs, notes or flyers from neighborhood events, do us a favor and take a look through your boxes and files.

We're missing a few guidebooks from our Historic House Walks. These books preserve important historical information about the homes on the tour, and we often draw on them when we do other historical research.

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Evanston's Toy, Food and Book Drive

Help ensure every Evanston family gets to celebrate this holiday season by donating new toys, staple food items for holiday meals, and new and gently used children's books to Mayor Hagerty's Holiday Food, Book and Toy Drive! Make a donation or financial contribution through December 13.

Visit our website at www.cityofevanston.org for more details.



Lincolnwood Thanksgiving Food Drive

Throughout November, Senator Villivalam's office is collecting non-perishable food items for the ICNA Relief Food Pantry.

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November 6th - 20th

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All donations benefit the **Windy City Food Pantry** and will be dropped off on Friday, November 22nd, after school.

If you are available to help bring donation boxes to the food pantry on the 22nd, please email Ms. Wade at: djwade7@cps.edu

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Holidays in the Village



The Curtain Is Going Up On The Chicago Bar Association's Annual Bar Show Musical Extravaganza "For Lying Out Loud!"

Tired of everybody lying to you about everything all the time? Well, so are the talented singing and dancing lawyers of the Chicago Bar Association, and they're going to do something about it!

More than 50 CBA attorneys will be hitting the stage to perform the annual rousing musical comedy revue that parodies local and national political figures in the Chicago Bar Association's Bar Show, opening December 5 in downtown Chicago.

No one is off limits in this irreverent production that features skits and musical numbers lampooning politicians, show biz, and public figures who made news and headlines over the past year. The show is written and performed by a cast and crew of lawyers who also have backgrounds in music or theater, including Chicago and community theatre performers, classical musicians and opera singers.

Tickets are on sale now for this year's show, "For Lying Out Loud!" which runs from Dec. 5 - 7 at DePaul University's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo, Chicago.

Local and national politics always figure prominently in the show, with lawyers portraying the Governor, Mayor, indicted aldermen, Cook County politicians and other local figures. Ongoing federal investigations, the Presidency of Donald Trump, whistleblowers, and impeachment will be themes of the show as well.

"There was no shortage of material to draw upon for this year's show and we rewrite as news develops, so the show will be up to the minute when it comes to political breaking news," said Bar Show Producer Jeffrey Marks. "We are going to bring some hysterical performances and lyrics with a unique Chicago spin."

Now in its 96th year, the Chicago Bar Association Bar Show is the longest running original musical revue in Chicago.

Tickets are \$45 for the main floor and \$35 for mezzanine. Group rates are available. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Go to www.barshow.org for tickets or further information.



Last Year's Show "Big Little Laws" was a BIG success. Thank you to all of our performers, participants and attendees who made it possible. We hope to see you again for this year's extravaganza, "For Lying Out Loud".

Home for the Holidays Trolley Tour

Home for the Holidays is a 4-hour trolley extravaganza co-created with the help of the Lincoln Square Ravenswood + Andersonville Chambers of Commerce.

Hop on Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Bus Co.'s charming trolley for a magical holiday-tinged tour of Lincoln Square and Andersonville with their German and Swedish roots respectively. Not simply a 'drive by' tour - you'll be treated to surprise appearances by local proprietors and given time to explore the multitude of unique and locally-owned shops.

And after November 30th, the streets will be aglow with unrivaled and picture perfect holiday decor to set the mood. This is the perfect trip to show of these two fabulous neighborhoods to out of town guests over the holidays!

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The Adler Planetarium

Adler Planetarium Opens New Permanent Exhibition Chicago's Night Sky on Friday, Nov. 22

As long as people have walked the Earth, they've looked to the sky as a creative muse, a constant companion, and a gateway to the mysteries of our Universe. This November, the Adler will open a brand-new exhibition to help connect you—and your city—to the wondrous human tradition of looking up. Chicago's Night Sky opens November 22.

This new 5,000 square foot exhibition will showcase the Adler's signature programs and initiatives like Far Horizons, Zooniverse, and Youth Organized for Lights Out. There will also be a new Community Star Studio house within the exhibition. One of four new Community Design Lab concepts, which will focus on connecting art to the night sky.

Chicago's Night Sky is included with museum admission. To learn more about this exciting new exhibition, visit: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/chicagos-night-sky/>
Exhibition Highlights:

- Discover how people from all over the world have imagined stories in the stars.
- See the Adler's world-renowned collection of celestial globes, star maps, and more.
- Take part in real research by identifying constellations in historic celestial maps from

the Adler's collection.

• Create your own constellation. Together we can reveal a modern mythology of star stories.

• See how the Adler is working to measure light pollution and help find solutions to restore and protect dark skies.

• Discover how the Adler's Youth Organized for Lights Out program helps Chicago teens to experience dark skies.

• Experiment with aspects of lighting design to learn how to build better lighting.

• Learn how to find interesting things to see in the night sky.

• See how works of art can take us on journeys across the sky.

• Make your own art to visualize your connection to Chicago's night sky in the Community Star Studio.

• Experience the night sky over Chicago as it appeared in 1913, and take a live guided tour of the Atwood Sphere - Chicago's oldest planetarium

Recognition: Chicago's Night Sky is supported by generous donations from the Adler Planetarium Women's Board, The A. Montgomery Ward Foundation and CDW.

Adler Planetarium

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Sat., Dec. 21 @ 2pm

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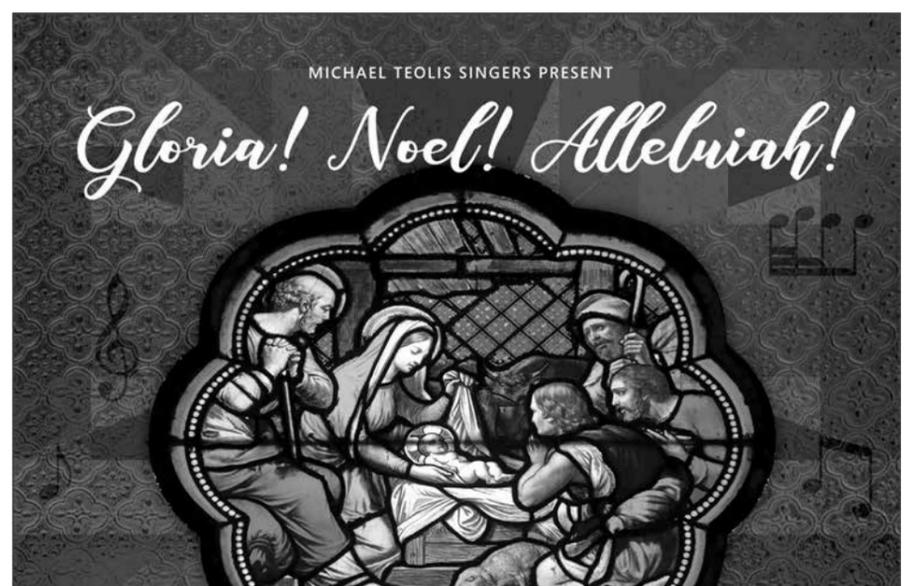
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Saturday, December 7, 2019
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The Michael Teolis Singers is partially funded by the Oak Park Area Arts Council, in partnership with the Village of Oak Park, Forest Park, and River Forest and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.



Holidays in the Village



Wreathing of the Lions

Friday, November 29, 10am
Art Institute of Chicago Michigan Avenue entrance,
111 S. Michigan Ave.

Join us on the Michigan Avenue steps as we reveal our beloved lions in their festive wreaths. Enjoy special performances by Chicago Gay Men's Chorus and complimentary hot chocolate while you welcome the holiday season. Following the ceremony, head inside the museum for art-filled activities in the Ryan Learning Center. Outdoor wreathing is FREE; museum entry requires general admission, though children under 14 are FREE.

Live Music Now! Young People's Concert - Ballet Chicago

Thursday, November 21, 10:30am & 12pm
Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall,
3rd Floor South, 78 E. Washington St.



In another captivating "Young Artists for Young Audiences" program, Ballet Chicago teams up with the Merit School of Music to bring to the stage exciting world premieres by rising young DanceVision choreographers, performed live by Ballet Chicago Studio Company dancers and members of the Merit School of Music Suzuki-Alegre String Ensemble. Also on the program are excerpts from Ballet Chicago's magnificent "Nutcracker", and the ever popular audience participation "mini lesson" in Ballet.

Maxwell Street Market

Sundays, 9am-3pm • Free Admission — The Maxwell Street Market is a Chicago tradition of bargains and bargaining with an international flavor. The market offers an eclectic mix of merchandise—from tools to tires, plus fresh produce, furniture, clothing, rare finds and collectibles—and some of the best Mexican and Latin street food in Chicago.




THIS THANKSGIVING, THINK HAM!

Village Cooking Corner

Gobble up 9 Alternatives to Traditional Thanksgiving Turkey

You can find this and many more recipes at: www.allrecipes.com

While roast turkey definitely rules on Thanksgiving, there are loads of people who crave something besides the typical big bird. From pork roasts and roast duck to prime rib and stuffed squash, these hearty main dishes are a twist on traditional Thanksgiving fare.

1. SPECIAL OCCASION STUFFED CROWN ROAST PORK

This five-star rated recipe, featuring a tart cranberry stuffing, looks stunning on your holiday table. And you're not going to believe how good it tastes. DLSRZBB says, "This recipe was perfect in every way. Easy to do, tasted absolutely wonderful and was as tender and moist as you could possibly want."

2. HERB ROASTED CORNISH GAME HENS

Good things do come in small packages. These small birds are great when your flock's just a few. "What a hit," says Mario M. "Roasted my hens with sweet potatoes, carrots, garlic cloves, onions, and cherry tomatoes. Such a beautiful, rustic dish."

3. BAKED DIJON SALMON

Fancy fish, worthy of a celebration, this recipe has been made more than 2,000 times, so you know it's a winner. "VERY TASTY!" raves DebP. "A definite company meal. This is a wonderful recipe for salmon."

4. ROAST DUCK

Far richer than its poultry cousin, this bird is a big hit among lovers of dark meat. Just remember, one duck feeds 2 to 3 people, max. "This was the best roasted duck we have ever had," says GoneToTheDogs. "The rub was tasty, the duck moist, the skin golden brown."

5. TOFU TURKEY

Not really a "turkey", this faux bird flies high alongside a mess of roast veggies. "I'll be making this for Thanksgiving from now on!" says natalie. "Even meat eaters liked this one. I left the tofu in the colander overnight (at least 12 hours). Left-overs made nice sandwiches as well."

6. CHEF JOHN'S PERFECT PRIME RIB

Please pass the horseradish sauce! This big ol' hunk of beef makes for a dramatic centerpiece to this feast celebrating family and friends stuffing themselves silly. Watch this video demo below for a deep dive on making this regal roast. "Prime rib was perfect, juicy and perfectly pink," says karenkooks. "Loved it! Love the video to really get a good sense of how to apply the butter and herbs."

7. ROAST PERUVIAN TURKEY

With a bold spice rub made with cumin, smoked paprika, garlic, and oregano, this 5-star turkey brings the flavor in a big way. Reviewers urge you to be sure to make the creamy, spicy gravy that goes with it.

8. ROASTED ACORN SQUASH WITH FARRO STUFFING

Delight the vegetarians and vegans at your Thanksgiving table with this gorgeous stuffed squash main dish. Recipe creator Nicholio says, "Maitake mushrooms make the squash stuffing extra special. They're meaty, crisp, and rich, but not overpowering." If you can't find maitake mushrooms, go right ahead and use any other fresh mushroom you like.

9. MAPLE-BRINED PORK LOIN

"This recipe for maple-brined pork roast is a delicious way for you to experience just how easy a simple brine really is," says recipe creator Chef John. "I love the way the meat gets infused with that subtly-sweet maple flavor."



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