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## Holocaust Memorial Day January 27, 2019

The Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) remembers the millions who were brutally murdered during WW2. HMD is a UK remembrance day, and has existed since 2001. Each year there is a theme, with a strong focus on remembrance and learning from the past. The Holocaust Memorial Day also pays tribute to those who died in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



## National Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2 is National Catholic Schools Week. Celebrate the following daily themes and celebrations in your arch/diocese during Catholic Schools Week 2019.

Daily Themes for 2019

Celebrate the following daily themes:

Sunday - Celebrating Your Parish

Monday - Celebrating Your Community

Tuesday - Celebrating Your Students

Wednesday - Celebrating the Nation

Thursday - Celebrating Vocations

Friday - Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

Saturday - Celebrating Families

See pages 4 & 5 for more.



Catholic Schools  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

## Happy Chinese New Year 2019 The Year of the Pig

### When is Chinese New Year?

Jan 28th-Feb 4th: Little Year — Preparations for the new year begin on January 28th, 2019, and last until New Years Eve.

Feb 5th-15th: Spring Festival — Chinese New Year officially begins on February 5th, 2019, and ends on February 19th.

Feb 16th-19th: Lantern Festival — Preparations begin the 16th, and the Lantern Festival is held on February 19th.



## Early Spring?

### Find Out February 2nd Happy Groundhog's Day!

(Turn to Page 4 for History)

The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place.

The Pig is also associated with the Earthly Branch *hài*, and the hours 9-11 in the night. In terms of yin and yang, the Pig is yin. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth.

Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well.

Pigs have a beautiful personality and are blessed with good fortune in life.

Recent years of the Pig are: 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

Paired with the Celestial Stems, there is a 60-year calendrical cycle. Although *hài* is associated with earth, the years also cycle through the five elements of nature.

### Personality and characteristics

Pigs might not stand out in a crowd. But they are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action. Pigs are the opposite.

Though not wasteful spenders, they will let themselves enjoy life. They love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They are a bit materialistic, but this is motivation for them to work hard. Being able to hold solid objects in their hands gives them security.

They are energetic and are always enthusiastic, even for boring jobs. If given the chance, they will take positions of power and status. They believe that only those people have the right to speak, and that's what they want.

### Cultural Appreciation: Cantonese Opera

Wednesday, February 6, 12:15-3pm • 2100 S. Wentworth Ave.

Enjoy traditional Cantonese opera performed by Zhaoqiu Chinese American ART Center at Chinatown. Cantonese opera has been a popular form of drama and musical theater in China that has been refined over centuries and continues to be performed today. The acting and singing techniques, as well as makeup conventions, owe much to traditions from southern China.



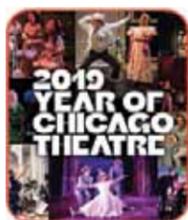
### It's Showtime Chicago - A Celebration of Chicago's Theatre

Monday, February 11, 6-8pm

Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.

Celebrate the start of the Year of Chicago Theatre! This free-admission, building-wide celebration invites everyone - from the curious to seasoned theatre-goers - for an inspiring and surprising look at the "fearless soul" of our city - Chicago's theatre community. Participating artists and theatre companies including The Second City, Walkabout Theater, Free Street Theater, Chicago Youth TheatreFest and many others will present interactive performances, live music, youth project showcases and more.

The event is held in conjunction with the 7th annual Chicago Theatre Week, taking place February 7-17. Visit ChicagoPlays.com for more info on discounted tickets to more than 100 productions across Chicago.



### The Shedd Aquarium

Monday-Friday in February, 9am-6pm • 1200 S. Lakeshore Dr.

Like no other aquarium in the world, The Shedd combines the best of early 20th-century "age of aquariums" characteristics-a diverse, global animal collection surrounded by eye-popping architecture-with 21st-century advances in animal care, environments and interpretation. Excellence and innovation are Shedd traditions.

The Shedd Aquarium is free to Illinois residents every weekday in February. For a full list of free days, visit the Shedd Aquarium's website at www.sheddaquarium.org.



### Field Museum

All of February, 9am-5pm • 111 S. Michigan Ave.

The Field Museum fuels a journey of discovery across time to enable solutions for a brighter future rich in nature and culture. Walk through our doors and connect with science and natural history! Let us fuel your passion for discovery with dinosaurs, ancient artifacts, cultural insights, and groundbreaking science. The Field Museum is free to Illinois residents (with proof of residency) February 1-28th.

For a full list of Free Admission Days, visit the Field Museum's website at www.fieldmuseum.org.



## GOLDEN NUGGETS

A New Feature For The "Not So Young". Share your valuable experiences, advice, heritage and traditions with others, young and old alike. (Beginning Next Edition)

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C. S. Lewis

## xfinity Grand Opening And Ribbon Cutting



Norridge Trustee Dan Tannhauser, Trustee Ursula Kucharski and Harwood Heights-Norridge Chamber of Commerce President Julia Jensen Smolka joined Comcast on Thursday, Jan. 24 to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Xfinity Store at 4270 North Harlem Ave in Norridge in the Harlem Irving Plaza Shopping Center.

The Norridge Xfinity Store gives visitors hands-on experience with Xfinity's products and services, from the company's mobile phone service, Xfinity Mobile, cable TV and high-speed internet, to its home security platform, Xfinity Home.

The store also has iPads and other mobile devices visitors can use to explore Xfinity's Android and iOS apps. Apps range from Xfinity Stream, which allows customers to watch live TV anywhere at home over WiFi; watch more than 200 live channels outside their homes; stream more than 70,000 hours of On Demand content; and download movies and TV shows, to Xfinity WiFi, which allows customers to search for locations of the network's 19 million hotspots across the country.

Along with product and service demos, customers can pay bills, pick up and return equipment and get assistance from trained, knowledgeable sales and service consultants.

Store hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# SUPER BOWL 2019

ATLANTA, GA

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

See Page 7 For More Details and Recipes for the "Big Day."

## Immaculate Conception Holy Name Men's Club 2019 Super Bowl Party!

**Where:** Immaculate Conception School at Father Eric Meyer Parish Center ~ 2721 W. Talcott Ave.

**When:** Sunday, February 3, 2019 - Doors Open at 3pm

**Cost:** Admission is \$25 per person (Pay at the Door)  
Admission includes entry into door raffle prize, snacks, a full buffet-style dinner at half-time and 3 massive screens to watch the game.  
*Cash bar will be available to purchase drinks.*

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RAFFLE TICKET INFORMATION!!

This year's Raffle Prizes are fantastic: \$10.00 for each Super Bowl Raffle ticket!

<b>1st Prize:</b> Microsoft Surface Pro 12.3" Touch Screen Laptop w/ 1yr Office 365	Raffle Tickets can be returned or purchased at the Rectory, School office or at the front door of the event. Please pay by cash or check made out to the IC Holy Name Men's Club. Raffle Prizes will be pulled during the game! All proceeds benefit Immaculate Conception School and Parish.
<b>2nd Prize:</b> Apple iPad mini 4 - 128GB - Silver	
<b>3rd Prize:</b> Samsung 43" Smart 4k UHD TV	
<b>4th Prize:</b> Nest Programmable Wi-Fi Thermostat	
<b>5th Prize:</b> Samsung Chromebook - 11.6" Screen	
<b>6th Prize:</b> Wi-Fi Smart Video Doorbell	

If you have any questions about the Super Bowl party, please contact the IC Rectory @ 773.775.3833

# Cook County Assessor's Office Releases Update On 100 Day Reform Plan

## Assessor Fritz Kaegi details recent changes to expand ethics, fairness and transparency

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi released an update today on his 100 Day Plan to bring ethics, fairness and transparency into the operations of the Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO).

"We made promises during the campaign that we would start reforming this office on day one," said Assessor Kaegi. "We've kept that promise and took immediate action. This report is part of our effort to be fully transparent with taxpayers about our work."

After reaching the halfway mark of the first 100 days of his administration, Assessor Kaegi

and the leadership team of the CCAO have made significant changes in every department. The CCAO's 100 Day Plan was created to prioritize Assessor Kaegi's promises of reform and ensure the continuity of service for taxpayers and property owners.

"The work of the assessor's office impacts the homes and neighborhoods of the people of Cook County," said Assessor Kaegi. "It affects where they live and how they live. Few things are more important. We want people to know that that the work of restoring fairness to this office will continue in the months and years to come."

Highlights of the changes made in the first 50 days include:

- An audit by the International Association of Assessing Officers to identify ways the CCAO can adopt best practices in assessment methodologies and operations
- The adoption of a new ethics order, including the public posting of a visitors log which will provide transparency about meetings held by executive leadership
- The relaunch of social media channels on Facebook and Twitter to provide easier communication with the public

• Creating an extra oversight and approval layer for Certificates of Corrections and assessor review

- The release of the 2019 tax calendar, created with the Cook County Board of Review
- Improvements in quality control of valuation data processes

The full report can be viewed on the Medium blogging platform [bit.ly/AssessorCook50Days](http://bit.ly/AssessorCook50Days) or via the CCAO's Facebook ([facebook.com/CookCountyAssessorsOffice/](https://facebook.com/CookCountyAssessorsOffice/)) or Twitter ([twitter.com/AssessorCook](https://twitter.com/AssessorCook)) pages.

## Mayor Emanuel, City Colleges of Chicago and AAR Announce the Aviation Futures Training Center

Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined City Colleges of Chicago and AAR to announce the new Aviation Futures Training Center to train students in aviation sheet metalworking. AAR, a global leader in aviation aftermarket services, will partner with Olive-Harvey College to prepare students for in-demand jobs in aviation, heavy manufacturing, boating, automotive repair, and HVAC.

"When you bring together the strengths of AAR and Olive-Harvey College, one plus one is much greater than two," said Mayor Emanuel. "The Aviation Futures Training Center will prepare students with the high-quality education necessary to seize in-demand careers in aviation."

The Center will launch in March 2019 as an extension of Olive-Harvey College's Transportation, Distribution and Logistics (TDL) Center. The aviation sheet metalworking course prepares graduates for the CertTEC Certification with 300 hours of instruction and hands-on training with sheet metal from airplane fuselages.

"The shortage of middle skills workers in aviation and manufacturing is at acute levels in deindustrialized cities in the Midwest, like Chicago," said John Holmes, AAR President and Chief Executive Officer. "AAR is actively

working with colleges to recruit and upskill workers to get them in the pipeline faster to address the short supply. We're thrilled to be working with City Colleges' Chancellor Juan Salgado and his team, and Mayor Emanuel's Office to drive solutions."

The program is part of AAR's EAGLE Career Pathway program, which AAR is introducing at schools near its five U.S. aircraft repair stations. EAGLE demonstrates how students can earn portable, stackable skills and earn \$80,000 or more annually within three to five years. The stackable skills will enable students who are interested to pursue the coveted position of FAA-certified airframe and powerplant (A&P) mechanic. There is a shortage of 189,000 aircraft mechanics in North America, according to a study by Boeing.

According to the Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago, there were 58,000 unfilled manufacturing jobs in Cook County last year, and one in three manufacturing workers in the metro area is over the age of 55.

For more information and to enroll in the program at Olive-Harvey College, visit [www.ccc.edu/aviationtech](http://www.ccc.edu/aviationtech) or call (773) COLLEGE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

To apply:

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

## Commissioner Gainer Hosting Workshops To Help Residents Save Money on Taxes

Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer is hosting multiple workshops throughout the City's North and Northwest Sides to help residents save money on their tax bills.

Every homeowner in Cook County is entitled to the Homeowners Exemption, and senior citizens 65 years or older are entitled to the Senior Citizen Exemption. Additionally, senior citizens with combined household incomes less than \$65,000 are eligible for more savings through the Senior Freeze Exemption.

To get help applying for these different exemptions, Commissioner Gainer's staff will be at the following Ward offices. Attendees must bring a photo ID.

### Wednesday, January 30th

40th Ward Service Office  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
5850 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL

### Friday, February 1st

44th Ward District Office  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
3223 N Sheffield, Chicago, IL

### Monday, February 4th

45th Ward Office  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
4754 N Milwaukee, Chicago, IL

### Tuesday, February 5th

46th Ward Office  
10 a.m. to p.m.  
4544 N Broadway, Chicago, IL

### Wednesday, February 6th

47th Ward Office  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
4243 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL

### Thursday, February 7th

48th Ward District Office  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
5533 N Broadway, Chicago, IL

## Apply for Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemptions by February 6

Evanston residents 65 years or older should apply for senior citizen property tax exemptions by Wednesday, February 6.

Renewal forms were mailed and should have been received in early January. Local seniors are encouraged to call the Property Tax Assessment Review Office at 847-448-8168 for help with the forms.

### Eligibility for Senior Citizen Exemptions

There are two senior tax exemptions:

1. The Senior Exemption, available to all seniors regardless of income, reduces property taxes by about \$700. It is available for any owner-occupied residential property if the owner was born in 1953 or earlier.

2. The Senior Freeze provides seniors with additional savings if the combined income of all members of the household is less than \$65,000, and if the senior has been an owner-occupant of the property since January 1, 2017.

The recently mailed senior applications are for 2018 property taxes, which are paid in calendar year 2019. The savings from the exemptions will appear on second installment tax bills that will likely be mailed in late June of 2019.

### Maximum Income for Senior Freeze Higher than in Previous Years

Between 2009 and 2017, seniors with annual household income of \$55,000 or less qualified for the Senior Freeze. Last year, the maximum income rose to \$65,000, and

it remains at that level this year. Seniors whose income was previously too high for the Senior Freeze are advised to check to see if they now qualify.

### New Senior Citizens

Homeowners who were born in 1953 turned 65 in 2018, and thus are likely to be eligible for the senior exemptions for the first time. Taxpayers who recently turned 65 will probably not receive senior renewal forms in the mail and are encouraged to call the Property Tax Assessment Review Office at 847-448-8168 for information about the senior exemptions. Information is also available on the Cook County Assessor's web site at [cookcountyassessor.com](http://cookcountyassessor.com).

### Homes Formerly Occupied by Senior Citizens

If a senior was living at a property on January 1, 2018, the property should be eligible for the 2018 senior exemptions (paid in 2019), even if the senior citizen ceased living at the property later in 2018. But special application forms have to be completed for properties eligible for the senior exemption under such circumstances. Owners of homes previously occupied by senior citizens should call the Property Tax Assessment Review Office at 847-448-8168 for further information.

Seniors with additional questions can call the Property Tax Assessment Review Office at 847-448-8168.

## Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service hosts Call-A-Lawyer on the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will give free legal advice over the phone to Chicagoland residents who call (312) 554-2001.

Attorneys will be available to answer general questions on a variety of legal issues including (but not limited to) bankruptcy, domestic relations, immigration, personal injury and Social Security. Callers can explain their situations to attorneys who will suggest self-help strategies to resolve their legal issues. If callers need further legal services, they will be advised to see their attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

The CBA Lawyer Referral Service is one of few bar associations in the country to meet the American Bar Association Standards for lawyer referral and approved to use its logo and slogan, "The Right Call for the Right Lawyer™." For referral to an experienced attorney, the public can contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service at 312-554-2001 during business hours or through the Web site at [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org).

## D'Amico Encourages Residents to Use Drones Safely

State Rep. John D'Amico, D-Chicago, is encouraging residents who received a drone during the holiday season, as well as long-time owners of drones, to stay current on federal, state and municipal drone safety guidelines.

"While drones are fun to fly, they can also be dangerous," D'Amico said. "I urge residents to become familiar with all safety guidelines before they operate their drones or give them to their children."

D'Amico advises residents to meet the following guidelines to comply with safety regulations, including registering your drone, only purchasing drones weighing less than 55 pounds, and never flying near or over public events, stadiums, airports and emergency response efforts.

Recreational users of drones can find a list of Illinois safety regulations for unmanned aircraft systems at <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/safety/aviation-safety/uas>.

"Owning a drone can be exciting, but it also entails new responsibilities," D'Amico said. "We must ensure that our community enjoys the technology advances drones provide while staying safe at the same time."

## A Call For Teens!

### Help Your Neighbors and Earn Cash - Join the Skokie TeenLink Program!

If you're a teen who likes to assist neighbors and friends in their time of need, then the Skokie TeenLink Program is for you. The program is a database list of Skokie teens that are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request. Teens are paid for their service by the resident they assist and it is a great start to a résumé.

Many residents who request the TeenLink list are unable to do physical outdoor yardwork themselves, are unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor or only need assistance once in a while. The TeenLink list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name, phone number, email address and address of the teen, days of availability, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents receive the list by mail or email.

Skokie teens, sign up for the Skokie TeenLink now! Applications and additional information are available at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or by contacting the Village Manager's office at 847/933-8257.

## C.A.R.E. To Debut Pet Food Pantry

**The C.A.R.E. Adoption Center in Skokie will launch a twice-monthly Pet Food Pantry to provide food aid for area dog & cat owners in need.**

In a move to support area pet-owning families in need, including furloughed government employees, Community Animal Rescue Effort will launch a Pet Food Pantry.

The C.A.R.E. Pet Food Pantry will debut Friday, Jan. 18, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the C.A.R.E. Adoption Center, at 4927 Main Street, Skokie. Subsequent Pet Food Pantry hours will run on the first and third Fridays of each month, always from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The C.A.R.E. Pet Food Pantry's goal is to provide emergency food support for cats and dogs of residents of Skokie and surrounding communities. Program participants will receive dog and/or cat food that has been donated by area pet supply businesses. In addition to food, the C.A.R.E. Pet Food Pantry may also offer various pet supplies (leashes, bowls, toys, etc.) as available.

"We want to help families keep pets in their homes rather than giving them up to a rescue group," says Angela Love, the C.A.R.E. Kennel Director and a longtime volunteer at the Irving Park Food Pantry.



### C.A.R.E. Pet Food Pantry guidelines are as follows:

- C.A.R.E. will provide food assistance (one time per client per month) to pet owners.
- Pet owners must provide a document proving their pets have been spayed or neutered (veterinary record or adoption paperwork). If a pet cannot be spayed or neutered due to a medical issue, we ask clients to provide a letter from their vet on the animal hospital's stationery.
- Only one person per household may apply for assistance. An ID will be needed at time of application.
- C.A.R.E. asks that clients agree to treat their pets humanely and provide medical assistance as needed.
- We ask that clients refrain from adopting additional pets while involved in the C.A.R.E. program.
- The amount of food clients receive will depend on the number and size of their pets.

• Since our food comes from donated sources, C.A.R.E. cannot guarantee availability of particular brands.

• C.A.R.E. does not provide shelter or medical assistance, but can provide clients with a list of low-cost spay and neuter clinics.

To apply for pet food assistance, please visit [carenorthshore.org](http://carenorthshore.org) to fill out the application online. Clients can also fill out the application when they arrive at the Adoption Center.

### Here's how people can support the C.A.R.E. Pet Food Pantry:

- C.A.R.E. welcomes donations from our Amazon.com wishlist.
- C.A.R.E. accepts donated dog and especially cat food in its original sealed packaging (both dry and canned), with its "use by" date within 6 months of when you drop it off.
- Also welcome: donations of cat litter, dog and cat treats, new or gently used stainless steel bowls, collars, leashes, and dog and cat toys.
- If you are interested in organizing a pet food drive at your school, house of worship or place of employment, C.A.R.E. will volunteer to help with distribution or pet food pick up.

Pet food donations can be dropped off at the C.A.R.E. Adoption Center, 4927 Main St., Skokie, on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm in the bright orange Subaru donation box near the reception desk.

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

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

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

Starting January 2019, C.A.R.E. will be open to the public on weeknights as well as weekends. Visitors can meet available C.A.R.E. cats on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm, and can meet available C.A.R.E. dogs on Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

C.A.R.E.'s regular weekend adoption hours will continue to be Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am to 3 pm.

We encourage potential adopters to fill out online adoption applications in advance, to save time and help our adoption counselors better prepare. Guests can also take a tour of the Adoption Center, and to learn more about volunteering for C.A.R.E.

The C.A.R.E. Adoption Center is located at 4927 Main St., Skokie, at Main and Niles Center Road. Visit us online at [CAREnorthshore.org](http://CAREnorthshore.org) to learn about our many "adorable adoptables."



## Area Blood Supply Dips to Dangerously Low Levels

Although January is marked as 'National Blood Donor Month,' this weekend's snowfall, coupled with an already dwindling blood supply at area hospitals, have officials with Vitalant urging Chicagoans to go out and donate as soon as possible. Vitalant operates 17 donation centers located throughout the city and suburbs that are open every day this week.

Severe weather and icy roads lead to more accidents and an increased need for blood. If a major accident or tragedy would occur somewhere in the Chicagoland area, officials with Vitalant (formerly LifeSource) are concerned there might not be an adequate supply of O-Negative blood to treat those most severely injured.

All blood types are needed, however, there's always a special need for type O blood. In emergency situations, when a patient's blood type isn't known, doctors reach for type O blood to sustain life until the patient can be stabilized.

It's the blood already on the shelf that helps in an emergency. That's why it's crucial for Vitalant to maintain a safe and ready supply at all times. It takes about 24 to 36 hours to process, test and distribute each blood donation before it is delivered to hospitals.

"It's extremely important that people donate blood, especially during this time of year when blood donations are at their lowest, not only here in the Chicago area, but across the entire country," said Vitalant Regional Director Eva Quinley. The actual donation is safe, easy and takes less than 15 minutes.

In the Chicagoland area, Vitalant has 17 donation centers, four fixed sites, and hosts an average of six blood drives every day. View all center locations and blood drive dates by visiting [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877-258-4825 (877-25VITAL). Earlier this year, Blood Systems announced that its 10 blood center brands including LifeSource had united as one cohesive brand under the new name Vitalant.

## Chicago Park District Launches 4th Annual Teen Opportunity Fair Series

The Chicago Park District invites teens from across Chicago to attend its 4th annual Teen Opportunity Fair series. The three fairs will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Truman College on February 2, Malcolm X College on February 16, and Kennedy King College on March 2.

The Chicago Park District's Teen Opportunity Fairs are free for all teens between 13-19 years old. All teens attending the opportunity fairs will have access to information about job readiness and connect with organizations in attendance to receive feedback and critique. Teens seeking volunteer opportunities and skill development offerings will find ample options during the fair.

Teen Opportunity Fairs will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on:

Saturday, Feb. 2nd at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.

Saturday, Feb 16th at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd.

Saturday, March 2nd at Kennedy King College, 740 W. 63rd St.

Registration for these programs is ongoing and available at [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

For more information, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguards](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguards). Additional available job opportunities are available at [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/jobs](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/jobs).

For more information on the three Teen Opportunity Fairs, please visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs-memberships/teens-park](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs-memberships/teens-park) Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312/742.PLAY.

## Cook County Warming Centers Open as Temperatures Drop

Cook County is bracing for the season's coldest temperatures. Municipalities around Cook County have opened warming centers for area residents to safely cope with the winter weather:

### Maine Township

#### 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge

Monday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

\*Unless it is a legal holiday

### Niles Township

#### 5255 Lincoln Ave., Skokie

Monday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

### Norwood Park Township

#### 7833 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge

Monday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

### Oak Park Township

#### 130 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park

Monday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

The list of warming centers is also on the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website: <http://cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org/cook-county-warming-centers>.

Residents should follow these tips during cold weather to keep themselves and their families safe:

- Never use your oven for heat.
- Never bring charcoal or gas grills indoors (they are a carbon monoxide hazard).
- Make sure all portable heaters are unplugged when not in use.
- Use electric space heaters with extreme caution – avoid placing them near curtains or other flammable materials and turn them off before going to bed.
- Keep heat at adequate levels or leave faucets open with a slight drip to prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep moving. Your body generates its own heat when you engage in physical activities.

For more tips, visit the DHSEM website: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/news/cook-county-warming-centers-open-temperatures-drop-0>.

## Big Oaks-Union Ridge Neighborhood Association

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 7:00 PM  
St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5115 North Mont Clare Avenue (Mont Clare and Carmen Avenues)

Meeting Topic: City of Chicago 41st Ward Aldermanic Candidates Forum featuring both candidates: Tim Heneghan and Anthony Napolitano.

## Frozen Pipes: Village of Skokie

The severe cold winter weather is here again. Some Village of Skokie residences and businesses have previously experienced frozen water services at this time of year. When water services become frozen, it often results in the unavailability of water to a home or building for days or a longer period of time.

Residents are advised to take all necessary precautions to prevent their water services from freezing. Precautions include reducing drafts in basements and crawl spaces, keeping areas sufficiently heated, keeping open cabinet doors in the kitchen and bathrooms and keeping one faucet on the premises run slowly on a continual basis during cold spells.

A sign that your interior piping may be frozen is evident when there is a reduced trickle of water from your faucet. Do NOT attempt to thaw a frozen pipe yourself using an open flame, but contact a qualified plumbing contractor to do the work.

Homeowners are reminded that they are responsible for their water service line up to and including the shut-off box and all household interior plumbing. The Public Works Department can assist in providing a list of qualified plumbing firms. Public Works can be contacted at 847/933-8427.

## Back by Popular Demand!

### Family After Dark Returns to the Adler Planetarium February 8

Calling all families: On Friday, February 8, transform your family into an intrepid team of galactic explorers and embark on your first mission together at the Adler Planetarium's Family After Dark: Galactic Game Night. New adventures and challenges await as you use your imagination to conquer alien invaders, protect yourself from space junk, and overcome obstacles on the surface of Mars.

Family After Dark is an opportunity for the whole family to explore the museum after-hours, see sky shows, do hands-on STEM activities, and enjoy all the Adler has to offer in a unique and family-friendly way! And unique to this Family After Dark event is the kiddie-cocktail bar.

What's included?

- Full access and admission to museum exhibits and galleries
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- Special hands-on activities and presentations
- Access to the Doane Observatory (weather permitting)
- Live entertainment
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Cocktails (kid and adult) snacks and meals, are available for purchase at the event bars and café.

Tickets are on sale now. For programming details, more information, and to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/family-after-dark-galactic-game-night/>.

Adler members receive a discount.

## Roadside History of Illinois

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



### Hull House and the University of Illinois at Chicago

Jane Addams and Helen Gates Starr, both Illinois natives, founded Hull-House in 1889. It was Chicago's first "settlement house," created to house social workers within the community they served. In this neighborhood of poor immigrants, Addams, Starr, and their associates provided educational, social, and cultural opportunities for struggling local residents and newcomers. The house soon expanded into a complex of some 14 buildings, including a summer camp called the Bowen Country Club.

Jane Addams was born in Cedarville, a few miles north of Freeport, on September 6, 1860; Starr was born in 1859 in Laona Township, in far northern Winnebago County. Both women attended Rockford Female Seminary, where they met. The two friends traveled widely in Europe, where they visited Toynbee Hall, the original settlement house in London, and returned to America with visions of a better life for the poor.

Addams and Starr moved to Chicago in January 1889, occupying the former home of Charles J. Hull on Halsted Street, in which Hull allowed them to live rent-free. The two women and their associates established a kindergarten, homemakers' clubs, and social activities in the house and invited unions and social-service organizations to meet there. In addition, Addams and Starr dedicated themselves to political reform, leading the fight for child-labor and compulsory-education laws at the state and national levels. Addams was also a prolific writer and lecturer, authoring 11 books and numerous articles and delivering speeches worldwide.

When World War I broke out, Addams, a dedicated pacifist, gave anti-war speeches across the country. In 1915 she helped estab-

lish the Woman's Peace Party and organized and presided over the International Congress of Women at the Hague, Netherlands. Four years later she founded the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which she led for 10 years. She also helped found the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The international impact of her contributions earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. Jane Addams served with Hull House until her death on May 21, 1935, and was buried in Cedarville Cemetery.

The site of the Hull House complex was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965 and a Chicago Landmark in 1974. Today, the original Hull-House and the residents' dining hall are the only two buildings that still stand after years of expansion by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). The university acquired much of the Hull-House property in 1963 to build its campus, and over the ensuing decades the school proceeded to tear down most of the Hull-House structures, along with large swaths of the Little Italy and Maxwell Street neighborhoods, to make way for new facilities.

After UIC moved in and dismantled the original complex, the nonprofit umbrella organization Jane Addams Hull House Association (not affiliated with the Hull-House Museum) took over Hull-House's social-welfare functions, providing services at various locations throughout Chicago. In 2012, however, the association filed for bankruptcy and closed its doors, ending 123 years of helping Chicago's needy.

Hull-House at 800 S. Halsted Street still serves the community as a museum and cultural center, and is open to the public for tours.

Copies of *Roadside History of Illinois* may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. More information about the author can be found by visiting his website [www.stantexbanash.com](http://www.stantexbanash.com).

## Catholic Schools Week - 2019

### 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](http://www.reshs.org).

### Immaculate Conception School

Please come and visit Immaculate Conception School, at the corner of Talcott and Harlem! We are a US Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School, and we have been voted one of the best preschool programs in the Chicago area. We offer part-time and full-time preschool programs for three and four-year-olds, part-time and full-time kindergarten, as well as 1st through 8th grade. IC School also has an excellent religious education program for children who attend other schools in the area. Our school has a STEM lab, a drama program, a variety of afterschool activities, and several sports, including football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading and track, among others.

Please call our office at (773) 775-0545 to schedule a tour of the School, or for more information about the events listed below.

Upcoming events!  
School Open House, Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10:30 AM - Noon.  
Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 3, 2019, 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM. This year, the party includes a chili cook off before the game, wherein all attendees are judges! At half time, dinner is catered by Nonno Pino's. The bar is open before and during the game.

St. Patrick's Day party, Saturday, March 9, 2019, 5:00 PM - Midnight. This event includes an open bar, homemade corn beef and cabbage dinner, live music, and raffles.

St. Joseph's Table, Sunday, March 24, 2019, 10:30 AM - 3:00PM.

The IC GALA!, Saturday, April 6, 2019, 7:00 PM - Midnight. THIS IS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S BIGGEST EVENT AND FUNDRAISER EVERY YEAR!! This event also includes a silent and online auction, raffle prizes and a popular live auction, as well as a catered dinner and bar.

IC School is located at 7263 W. Talcott, Chicago.

### New Artistic Sculpture Serves As Northern Gateway To Rogers Park; Dedication This Saturday

"Quantum Dee" is the new pyramid-like sculpture that stands at Rogers Park's northern entry point in Juneway Beach Park (Sheridan and the Lake, just south of Evanston).

The dedication was held at the base of the sculpture Saturday, January 19th. Sculpture artist Davis McCarty and Commissioner Mark Kelly of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) joined us at the dedication.

The sculpture is part of DCASE's "50 X 50 Neighborhood Arts Project," a program that aims to add two new works of public art in each of Chicago's 50 wards. I contributed \$10,000 from our ward's \$1.3 million capital improvement budget and received a matching \$10,000 from DCASE, allowing \$20,000 for fresh public art in the 49th Ward.

Quantum Dee will reside at Juneway Beach Park and "Quantum Me" will be built next summer on the Devon-Sheridan triangle at the south end of Rogers Park.

Joe Moore, Alderman, 49th Ward



## National Wildlife Federation The Real Reason for Groundhog Day

Punxsutawney Phil, America's most famous weather forecaster, will have love, not weather, on his mind when he emerges from his hole on February 2. Researchers tracked 32 groundhogs for more than four years and concluded that the real reason for the early February appearance is a version of the dating game, groundhog style.

Male groundhogs wake up after three months of hibernation to check out the available pool of ladies within their territory. They select a female with whom they spend the night, and this sleepover acts as a first date, allowing the groundhogs time to get to know each other before the official start of mating season the following month. During these meet and greet sessions, contact is confined to rubbing noses - there's no going "all the way."

After scoping out two or three females, the male groundhog returns to his burrow to sleep again until March, dreaming of the hotties he has just met. When he awakes and revisits each of the females, the earlier slumber parties allow the woodchucks to skip the small talk and get right down to the business of breeding.



### Climate Change

Here's a round-up of recent news on how climate change is affecting wildlife: (Go to [nwf.org](http://nwf.org) for articles.)

Has Punxsutawney Phil been predicting climate change?

Are the seasons shifting? The highest summer and lowest winter temperatures have been happening an average of two days earlier.

Antarctica is warming faster than previously thought.

Deep sea life is being impacted by climate change.

Climate change forces tropical insects to higher elevations.

Forests are in decline as temperatures rise.

Climate change effects are irreversible according to new study.

David Mizejewski, Naturalist, National Wildlife Federation

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February 8 - February 24, 2019  
Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm  
Matinee Wednesday, February 13 at 1:30 pm



Claire LaTourette and Nate Hall as Bonnie and Clyde.  
Photo by Scott Richardson.

MadKap Productions is pleased to present **BONNIE AND CLYDE: THE MUSICAL** for 10 performances at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave in Downtown Skokie. February 8 to February 24, 2019. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, with a matinee on Wednesday, February 13 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$42 general admission, \$36 for seniors, and \$32 for students and can be purchased online at [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org) or by calling 847-677-7761

**BONNIE AND CLYDE: THE MUSICAL** is a thrilling and sexy musical combining blues, gospel and rockabilly music into a thrilling non-traditional score which received a Tony Award nomination for Best Original Score in 2012 and Drama Desk Award nominations for Outstanding Music, Outstanding Lyrics, and Outstanding Musical.

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**BONNIE AND CLYDE: THE MUSICAL** stars Claire LaTourette as Bonnie and Nate Hall as Clyde. It also features Andrew Buel, Sean Caron, Eugene Cichock, Pierce Cleaveland, Jeri Hart, Christopher Johnson, Maeghan Looney, Courtney Miller, Jessica Miret, Patrick O'Keefe,

Virginia Ramey, Justin Smith, Nate Strain, and Heather Zurowski.

**BONNIE AND CLYDE: THE MUSICAL** is directed by Joseph Jefferson award-winner Stephen M. Genovese, with musical direction by Aaron Kaplan. Costume Design is by Joseph Jefferson award winner Beth Laske-Miller, with lighting by Andrew Vanderbye.

**BONNIE AND CLYDE: THE MUSICAL** is the last of a four-show series which included Neil Simon's California Suite, the musical Man of La Mancha, (book by Dale Wasserman, lyrics by Joe Darion and music by Mitch Leigh), and Proof by David Auburn. The next subscription series will begin in June with a production of 1776 (music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards and book by Peter Stone).

For reservations or additional information, visit [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org), or call the box office at 847-677-7761.



# Catholic Schools Week - 2019



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2019 is January 27 - February 2. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses

and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

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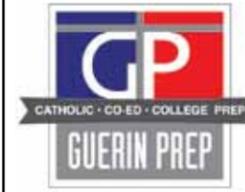
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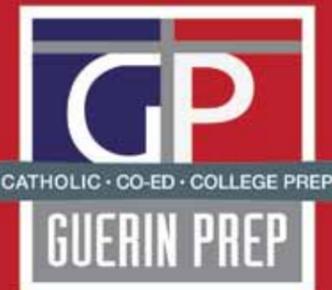
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## Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society

### Growing Up in Rogers Park and West Ridge

#### A Look Back At Life In Mid 20th-Century Chicago

What do Peggy Cusick, Tom Nall, John Fitzgerald, Linda Bressler, Marilou Kessler and Jim Cusick all have in common? All six are members of the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, and all lived in our community during their growing-up years.

What makes them different? Those growing-up years covered four decades -- the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80's -- so each has a unique perspective on our community and how it has evolved since the mid-twentieth century.

Whether you've lived in the neighborhood all your life, left us years ago, or just moved in, this program will give you new insight into life in our community, the childhood experiences we all share, and the way each generation adds to the cultural richness that makes us what we are today. Come for the fun and join the conversation!

Where: 16th Church of Christ, Scientist, 7036 N. Ridge Boulevard  
When: February 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Free event, but your pre-registration helps us plan.

Parking is available in the church parking lot. Enter from Greenleaf Avenue.



### 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](mailto:jac.charlier@gmail.com) or visit ([www.honorflightchicago.org](http://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.



by Joseph Zettelmaier

Jan. 23 ~ Feb. 24

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### Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion

Edison Park 541 of The American Legion invites Veterans and Sons of Veterans on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., to attend our informational meeting. Location is Edison Park Field House 1st floor North at 6755 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron are looking for Sons of Veterans to be members. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. This is an informational meeting. All Veterans are invited and if you qualify we would love for you to join us. Veterans qualifications are for service during the periods stated above. Contact: Past 9th District Commander Bob Fuggiti 847-921-8738 Edison Park Post 541 -- [AmerLegion541@aol.com](mailto:AmerLegion541@aol.com) 6755 W. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.



### Cell Phones For Soldiers

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



### How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

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

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### St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

### Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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# Village Cooking Corner

**HERE ARE SOME EASY, BUT VERY TASTY, IDEAS FOR YOUR SUPER BOWL GATHERINGS.**  
(Any of the serving sizes mentioned may be increased by doubling, tripling, etc. to accommodate your guest list).

## Stuffed Eggs (4 servings)

4 eggs  
1 t prepared mustard  
2 T margarine  
wine vinegar  
pinch of sugar  
black olives

2 anchovy fillets  
salt and pepper  
4 tomatoes  
tarragon  
chives  
anchovy fillets for garnishing



Hard-boil eggs, peel and cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out yolks and mix with the finely chopped anchovy fillets, prepared mustard, salt, pepper and soft margarine and fill this mixture into egg halves. Cut tomatoes in half and season with wine vinegar, tarragon, salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar. Place eggs on tomato halves and garnish with chopped chives. Serve on plate decorated with olives that have anchovy fillets wrapped around them.

## Kraut Salad (8 servings)

1 small head of cabbage  
salt and pepper  
vinegar  
1 onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic  
chopped herbs (any combination to suit your taste)  
4 strips smoked bacon



Cut cabbage in fine strips, season with salt, pepper and vinegar and place in a large, shallow container; weigh down with a water-filled dish for 2 to 3 hours. Then combine cabbage, chopped onion, garlic, herbs and the bacon which has been cut in thin strips and crisped. Mix the crisp bacon and its drippings into the cabbage salad; toss and serve lukewarm.

*The above recipes are taken from the  
Burda International Cuisine Cook Book No. 2 of Festive Menus*

## Cheese Mini-Sandwiches (8 servings)

Alternate 8 buttered slices of square pumpnickel with 7 slices sharp cheddar cheese; wrap in wax paper and place in refrigerator for some time, weighing the package down to make slices stick together. Unwrap, cut in cubes and garnish with olives, grapes or anything suitable. Note: You can use a variety of cheeses to fit your taste and garnish with anything from anchovies to pickles to nuts.



## Spicy Chow Mein

*From the Kitchen of Prashant Shukla (Fresh Indian Cheese cubes cooked with Spinach in a medley of herbs and spices)*

Ingredients:

3 TBS vegetable oil	2 TBS soy sauce
10 oz. of chow mein	2 TBS ketchup
egg noodles cooked per instruction on package	2 TBS vinegar
1 cup shredded carrots	1 TBS red chili sauce
1 cup shredded cabbage	3 cloves of garlic – minced
1 cup sliced green beans	1 inch ginger - minced
1 medium size sliced onion	Salt to taste
6 dry whole red chilies	¼ cup chopped cilantro
	1 sliced scallion/green onion
	1 TSP toasted sesame seeds



### Method:

Heat oil in wok over medium heat in wok  
Sauté ginger & garlic & red chilies for couple minutes on low heat  
Add carrots, cabbage, sliced green beans, onion and saute for 3 minutes  
Next add soy sauce, ketchup, vinegar red chili sauce and noodles  
Stir well with 2 forks so that the vegetables and noodles are coated well with the sauce  
Cook for a minute then plate the Spicy Chow Mein. Garnish with cilantro, scallions and sesame seeds  
(To watch cooking videos of other delicious dishes please visit my cooking channel Gastro Guru at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHEwy\\_4i-CaCQBhLCgAdQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHEwy_4i-CaCQBhLCgAdQg))



## Immaculate Conception Holy Name Men's Club 2019 Super Bowl Party!

The ICHNS Men's Club has been supporting Immaculate Conception Parish and School, and the surrounding community, for over 80 years. As part of that mission, we throw the best Super Bowl party on the northwest side! Funds raised at this event and other events are donated to the Parish, School, and/or various charitable organizations throughout the year.

Here is the schedule for this year's Super Bowl party, being held on Sunday, February 3, 2019:  
3 PM: Door opens  
3 PM-6:30 PM: Hot dog bar, chili cook off contest, various snacks: attendees will be able to buy Grand Raffle prizes and split the pot tickets, as well as Super Bowl squares and strip cards.  
5:30 PM: Game Starts  
Half Time: dinner, catered by Nonno Pino's  
Half Time: Split the Pot and Grand Raffle drawings  
Throughout the evening there is a cash bar for a beer, wine and soda.

**If you have any questions about the Super Bowl party, please contact the IC Rectory @ 773.775.3833**

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**Sunday, February 3**

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## Cook by the Book Discussion

**Saturday, February 2nd from 2:00-3:15 p.m.**

Do you enjoy browsing through cookbooks? Do you love trying new dishes? Are you looking for new recipes to wow your family and friends? Then grab your apron and sign up for this cookbook club! We'll read and discuss Christopher Kimball's Milk Street. Visit the reference desk for a copy of the book, and select a recipe or two to make at home and serve to your family and friends. Then we'll all get together to dish on what worked and what didn't. Feel free to bring a dish to share. Registration is not required.

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## Winter Farmers Market in Jefferson Park

December 23, 2018, January 27, 2019,  
April 7, 2019, May 5, 2019.

Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Produce, Canned Goods,  
Meats, Crafts & More! Brunch available - Cash Bar.  
Also see [www.JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com](http://www.JeffersonParkSundayMarket.com)



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

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

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

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

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



## Norwood Park Community Garden Club

We would like to introduce the NPCGC, the Norwood Park Community Garden Club. This club was started, or re-started, a couple of years ago by two residents who hoped to interact with others fond of plants and gardening and, to build community bonds.

The first garden club in the United States started in 1891 in the state of Georgia. In 1913, the federation, Garden Club of America, was established with local clubs forming in communities across the United States. These clubs engaged in civic improvement efforts (including campaigns against billboards) since many streets and public spaces, at that time, were often unpleasant.

A Norwood Park club has been in existence since, at least, 1937 back when garden clubs were provinces of women. In the 1960's, as so in other times, the club tried to cultivate a general social status akin to clubs in Evanston and Winnetka with maybe a little less gravitas. Flower growing competitions were sponsored, plant cuttings exchanged, garden walks organized and attention paid to public areas.

The current club leans toward appreciating the outdoors, gardening, learning about sustainability of plants, especially native plants, insects and pollinators and, promoting public space beautification.

The next meeting will be held at the Roden Library on February 9 at 10am.

For more information, please email [NorwoodParkCGC@gmail.com](mailto:NorwoodParkCGC@gmail.com).

## Northtown Garden Society Meeting

**Warren Park Fieldhouse, 6601 N. Western Ave., Chicago at 7pm**

Northtown Garden Society is happy to announce 2 guest speakers for our meeting, February 7, 2019. The first will be Dorothy Bird, who will speak to us about her fantastically successful volunteer gardening project at Bethany Retirement Community, 4950 N. Ashland Ave. We are also happy to have Ruth Melulis share her secrets about successfully growing vegetables from saved seeds.

You can submit your questions in advance, (giving research time) or have them written and ready for the meeting. [evamannaberg@yahoo.com](mailto:evamannaberg@yahoo.com). There will be a \$5.00 donation for non members. Nancy Seyfried will be available to collect your membership fee, \$20. for an individual or \$30.00 for a couple. You can also join via paypal when you visit our website, [www.northtowngardensociety.org](http://www.northtowngardensociety.org). Looking forward to getting together at our first meeting of the New Year 2019.

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## Calling All Seniors

Join the Senior Polka Association North. Yearly membership \$10.00. Meets at the Lone Tree Manor: 7730 North Milwaukee, Niles, IL on the first Tuesday of the month. Live Polka music from 5-6pm. There is a short meeting at 6pm followed by cake, coffee, and bingo. Join us for an enjoyable evening. Call Richard 847-209-1385.



## Young At Heart Ballroom Dancing



Young at Heart Ballroom dancing for dancers of all ages. We are a not for profit organization and have been in existence for 18 years.

Dance Friday nights from 7:30pm - 10:30pm at the American Legion, 9757 W. Pacific, Franklin Park, Illinois. Doors open at 6:30. Admission - members \$10, guests \$12 - Cash Bar.

Dances every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

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