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Chicago's Memorial Day Parade



Saturday, May 25, 2019

Wreath Laying Ceremony begins @ 11am; Parade begins @ 12 Noon. State St. from Lake St. to Van Buren

Chicago's Memorial Day Parade honors all men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin at 11am on Daley Plaza (Dearborn and Washington Streets). The parade will then step off at noon and proceed south on State Street from Lake Street to Van Buren Street.

During the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade, the City of Chicago honors fallen heroes and Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the United States Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty. Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, Gold Star Lapel Pins and the Next of Kin Lapel Pins are presented to families not as an award, but as symbols of honor worn by family members in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and their ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is one of our most patriotic holidays in the United States of America. It is the day we have set aside to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and for all of us.

These fallen heroes, recent and past, fought for the United States to create and preserve the freedoms and liberties with which we are blessed, that go far beyond those that any other nation on earth has ever had.

One day, reserved for so many, is very little time taken out of 365 days in the entire year to remember and to thank our heroes.

We are fortunate to have those who are still giving their all in defending our amazing American way of life.

We are forever grateful for their service and we pray that God blesses them in their mission.



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We Also Celebrate Our Law Enforcement Officers This Week, And Every Day Of The Year. We Thank You For Your Brave Service And For Keeping Our World A Safer Place.

NORWOOD PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
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monday, may 27th
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Norwood Park's Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall, 2019
Angelo Gianopulos, World War II Veteran



(Learn More About This American Hero On Page 10)

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May their final resting place, Under some unknown sod,
Be forever hallowed, For it is known only unto God.*

Memorial Day History

Legal Holiday, observed annually on the last Monday in May in most of the United States, in honor of the nation's armed services personnel killed in wartime. The holiday, originally called Decoration Day, is traditionally marked by parades, memorial speeches and ceremonies, and the decoration of graves with flowers and flags, hence the original name. Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868 on the order of General John Alexander Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of the American Civil War dead. It was observed on May 30th until 1971, when most states changed to a newly established federal schedule of holiday observance.

American Legion's Memorial Day Ceremony



Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion along with the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 541 will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May, 27, 2019 at Monument Park 6679



North Avondale av., Chicago, Illinois, 60631 starting promptly at 9:00 am. This is open to the public and all are encouraged to help us remember our Veterans who served proudly and gave their lives in defense of our freedom.

Four Generations Of The Haben Family And Staff Decorate Veterans' Graves At Local Cemeteries

Four generations of the Haben Family and the staff of Haben Funeral Home in Skokie have been decorating the graves of war veterans buried at the three church-based cemeteries in Skokie for many years. Over 500 flags are placed on the graves of our war veterans each Memorial Day weekend. The flags are provided by Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion. The manpower is provided by John Haben, a third generation funeral director at Haben Funeral Home and Crematory, his family and staff. Veterans' records have been kept by the funeral home for over 85 years. Ray Haben, founder of Haben Funeral Home, began the volunteer project many years ago. He served in the U.S. Army during WWI, was a longtime member of Skokie Post No. 320 of the American Legion, the Skokie Valley Post No. 3854 Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past member and Past Commander of the Morton Grove Post No. 134 of the American Legion. Bill Haben served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was also a member of the Skokie American Legion Post and Skokie Valley V.F.W.. Gary J. Haben, recently retired U.S. Navy Captain after 29 years of service to his Country, is the third generation of the Haben Family to have served our Country during wartime. "It's an honor to recognize our past military heroes who so selflessly served our Country for the preservation of our freedom. We willingly and gratefully dedicate our time to remember these courageous men and women", says John Haben. Those families who would like a flag to decorate a grave of a veteran that happens to be buried in another cemetery may pick up a flag from Haben Funeral Home at 8057 Niles Center Road in Skokie.



We will never forget

This Memorial Day, we join our community and the nation in honoring all service men and women who sacrificed their lives to preserve our freedom.

Their patriotism and sacrifice have given us a legacy of freedom and hope.



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The American's Creed



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Village of Lincolnwood's Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony Monday, May 27 at 10:20am



On May 27, let's march in unity with the Village of Lincolnwood and American Legion Post #1226 for the annual Lincolnwood Memorial Day Parade. We'll step off at the corner of Cicero and Pratt.

Volunteer to be a VITA Literacy/ESL Tutor at Oakton Community College.

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- Tuesday, June 18, 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.
- Thursday, June 20, 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



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Neighborhood Farmers Markets Will Open in May

Pick Up Our Next Edition For More Market Openings

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

Andersonville Farmers Market

1500 W Berwyn Ave., Chicago

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

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

Logan Square Farmers Market

2363 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

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

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

Green City Market Lincoln Park

1817 N Clark St., Chicago

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

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

City Market at Daley Plaza

50 W Washington St., Chicago

Surrounded by the hustle and bustle of the Loop, this is the longest running farmers market in Chicago, according to the city. A perfect spot for a downtown lunch break.

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

Maxwell Street Market

619 W Taylor St., Chicago

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

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

Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market Season Begins May 4!

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

Weekly Fulton Market Expo Launches In Historic District

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

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

Norwood Park Garden Walk

The Norwood Park Historical Society and Norwood Park Community Garden Club will sponsor the 2019 Norwood Park Garden Walk this summer.

The tour date is set for July 20th, 2019 and coincides with the Historical Society Norwood Park birthday party for the community.

Would you like to add your garden to the tour?

We would love to have you show other aficionados the planning and work reflected in the beauty of your gardens. And, for you to be a part of the celebration of the Norwood Park community. Select participants may have their garden featured in the first-ever Norwood Park Garden Club calendar, slated for 2020!

Please consider participating in the tour and contact Sharon Gums at npcgc@gmail.com or Judy Rustameyer at info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org for details.



Rogers Park Historical Society

In 1917 the Sheridan Road on the North Side debuted as the first Motor Coach Line. Originally buses for tourism, they became popular transit modes and then franchises were developed across the city. Eventually the lines were purchased by the Chicago Transit Authority.

Visit www.chipublib.org for more information.

FOP Commends Chicago Cubs For Scheduled Law Enforcement And Firefighter Appreciation Night May 21

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) commends the Chicago Cubs baseball organization for scheduling Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night at Wrigley Field on May 21.

"The 2016 World Champion Cubs, and the men and women in law enforcement and firefighting, are at the top of the order in Illinois," said Illinois FOP State Lodge President Chris Southwood. "We appreciate what the Cubs are doing to recognize the people who go to bat for their communities every day of the year."

The men and women in law enforcement and firefighting will join the boys in Cub blue during the annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night on Tuesday, May 21 at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Ticket holders for the game between the Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies will receive either a red or blue commemorative baseball cap, and each ticket purchased for that night includes a \$3 donation to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the 100 Club of Chicago. Ticket information is available at www.cubs.com/specialticketoffers.

The Fraternal Order of Police, founded in 1915, is the largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers in the United States. With a proud tradition of officers representing officers, the FOP is the most respected and most recognized police organization in the country. The Illinois FOP, chartered in 1963, is the second largest State Lodge, proudly representing more than 34,000 active duty and retired police officers—more than 10 percent of all FOP members nationwide. Visit www.ilfop.org for more information.

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The Art of Summer Grilling

Keep the grill clean with a complete top to bottom scrubbing. Start by removing the grill grates and wiping down the interior of the grill with a paper towel; or mildly abrasive sponge in order to remove any built up grease and residue. By removing grease and residue on a frequent basis you are significantly reducing the likelihood of severe flare-ups so it definitely doesn't hurt to do a full scrubbing every few months.

Start with a clean grill: Removing remnants of last night's dinner and thoroughly, cleaning your grill will decrease the chance of flare ups

and over-charring food. Using a grill brush, thoroughly clean the grates and remove food remnants. Empty drip pans and ash catchers to start with a clean slate!

Apply non-stick spray or a light coat of olive oil on the grates before turning on the grill: a well-oiled surface will keep food from sticking!

Use a meat thermometer and take the guess work out. Using a thermometer will make you less likely to OVERCOOK your meat and will give you the courage to go ahead and pull it off the grill!! No more serving "rubber chicken!"

Grant Park Music Festival's 85th Season Begins June 12

Summer in Chicago begins in six weeks with opening night of the Grant Park Music Festival on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar will lead the award-winning Grant Park Orchestra, with Chorus Director Christopher Bell and the Grant Park Chorus, in a ten-week season that runs through August 17. Most concerts are Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (exceptions include Thursday, July 4 at 6:30 with no concert on July 3; and July 10, July 12 and July 13 at 8 p.m.).

One Night Member Passes, starting at \$26, will go on sale Wednesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. Patrons can call 312.742.7647 or go online at gpmf.org and select their own seat down front in the member section of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

The City of Chicago has implemented a security perimeter and bag check for all concerts and events that take place at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. For most Grant Park Music Festival concerts, bag checks will be limited to matters of security, with firearms, knives and other weapons being prohibited to ensure the public's safety. However, for the Independence Day Salute on July 4, patrons will not be able to bring alcohol into the Park. Beer and wine will still be available for purchase at concession tents inside the Park.

On Fridays at 5:30 p.m. before the Grant Park Orchestra takes the stage, audiences are treated to concerts by students from local music schools and summer music programs at the front of the Great Lawn at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. In June, the Festival's Young Artists Showcase program will include performances by Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras' Steel Orchestra (June 14), a Chicago Suzuki Violin Playdown as part of Make Music Chicago (June 21) and After School Matters (June 28).

Open lunchtime rehearsals of the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus return June 11 - August 16 and typically take place Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Audiences are welcome to sit in the Pavilion Seating Bowl during rehearsals, and Festival docents will be on site to talk about the week's concerts during rehearsal breaks.

Ten of this summer's concerts, including June 12 (Opening Night), 19 and 21; July 4, 17, 19, 26 and 31; and August 14 and 16 will be broadcast on 98.7WFMT, Chicago's classical and fine arts radio station, and also online at wfmt.com/listen.

For information about the Grant Park Music Festival, visit gpmf.org or call 312.742.7647. For additional information, visit the Grant Park Music Festival Facebook page or follow the Festival on Twitter @gpmf.

Fitting The Flea Market Trend 2019



Part 2

Last time we talked about our definition of a flea market. This second article will delve into some of our most popular categories of merchandise.

Food is a favorite category. From produce, dried fruit and nuts, gourmet pastries, snacks to delicious hot food line up, no one will leave hungry. Have you ever had a mangonada? This chilled blend of fresh mango and tamarind sauce is a flea market favorite. It is worth the wait in line for this treat! Food vendors also offer tacos, pizza, ice cream, lemonade, hotdogs, churros, sandwiches and weekly specials.

Gardeners will find healthy perennials, annuals, shrubs and interesting decor accents to add to their flea market garden.

Maybe you are moving to a new home or first apartment and need a few decorative or functional items. Shoppers will find wall art, pottery, weird statues, electronics, vintage toys, galvanized metal, dishes, cookware, dining sets, maybe even a kitchen sink?

New furniture is costly and often what is affordable is not solid quality wood. Take a look at the retro, mid-century, antique and even hand-made pallet furniture and you will notice the superior quality of older items. Likewise, "lightly pre-loved" items in excellent condition can be purchased for a fraction of the original retail price.

One up and coming shopper personality is the Millennial. According to a recent article by Hollywood Reporter, as well as Wolff's Flea Market own observations, this age group

(22-37) is developing their unique style by shopping secondhand venues. The Millennial is environmentally conscious, interested in sustainability, and aware of shopping local. The concept of hunting for reclaimed and repurposed furniture, household goods, kitschy decor and eclectic clothing pieces fits right in with the flea market model.

Another growing category reflects the current status of the retail industry. Store returns and seasonal overstock are in large over-abundance and many big box stores have a system of collaborating with auctioneers to sell these items in bulk. Vendors purchase and resell at a deep discount.

Ok, maybe you really don't collect anything. But do you like to read? Do you like to save money? Why pay \$15 for a new book you will read one time and put away on the shelf? Buy a gently read book for \$1 and you have already saved \$14! The same goes for movies, music and most everything else that is first-quality-second-hand.

Here are a few more numbers from Donald Wolff, "We are now open for our 28th season, and calculate that 5 million customers have walked up and down our aisles since we opened in 1991. And, if you walk the entire market, you will have walked 4 miles."

Says David Wolff, "We are well known in the flea market/antique/collectible world, and hope to continue to expose the rest of Chicagoland to the unique and useful goods our vendors offer."

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Assistant Majority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives Will Davis and Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi released the following statement:

We have agreed with Chairman Michael Zalewski of the House Revenue & Finance Committee to continue negotiations next week on SB 1379. This bill, which will modernize property tax data collection, is critical to providing accuracy, transparency, and predictability for commercial property owners and market participants.

SB 1379 is the single most important step we can take to reform our property tax system. This bill will put Cook County and Illinois on par with other leading business centers in the U.S. by allowing the Assessor's Office to access actual financial data, not incomplete third-party information, to use in the assessment process. Other large markets, against whom we compete for jobs and talent, already conduct their assessments this way.

Commercial property stakeholders have asked for more clarity within the language of the bill to clearly define the data collection methods. We expect these negotiations to produce a final version of our bill that the General Assembly can pass before May 31. We have been working on this bill together because of the urgent need for accurate assessments in the south suburbs and across Cook County. We must begin collecting this data this summer in order to use it in next year's assessments in the Southland.

We have incorporated extensive stakeholder feedback from prior discussions, although we have received no new suggested language since late March.

This bill should be enacted this session because:

- Southland assessments must be conducted in 2020. The Assessor's Office can operationalize this legislation immediately so that the data collected can be applied to assessments of southern Cook County next year. The Southland notably suffers from incomplete third-party data that the Assessor's Office currently relies on for its work.

- Illinoisans deserve property tax reform. While the Governor and other State leaders work to reform our income tax system to make it more fair, the public increasingly demands that the property tax system be more fair, too. The best way to do that is to pass this bill into law.

- It will provide predictability for Chicago property owners before the city is re-assessed in 2021. Data collected in 2019 under this legislation will be published in the first quarter of 2020. This will give Chicago property owners insight into market averages that will inform the Assessor's commercial valuation model. Without this legislation, investors and market participants

will only be able to guess which inputs the Assessor's office will use.

- We are ready to address the definitional issues provided by stakeholders. Committee members received a letter from concerned parties regarding the meaning of certain terms in the bill, scope of data elements required, and the delineation of covered properties. We are ready to address these points next week.

We appreciate the efforts of Chairman Michael Zalewski to work with us and with stakeholders to pass this critical property tax reform. We remain grateful to Senator Toi Hutchinson, Senator Don Harmon, and Senator Kimberly Lightford for moving this through the Senate with a bipartisan supermajority vote. We also thank our broad coalition of supporters for their unwavering support of property tax reform, including Mayor-Elect Lori Lightfoot, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Illinois Assessor's Association, as well as unions, real estate operators, and community organizations throughout Illinois.

Millions of Illinoisans are counting on us to get on with the urgent task of fixing our broken property tax system. This bill is the place to start.

Lakefront Trail Separation Construction Continues From Montrose to Ardmore

Mayor Rahm Emanuel last year joined Chicago Park District Superintendent Michael P. Kelly to break ground on the next segment of the Lakefront Trail Separation project to create separate bike and pedestrian paths from Montrose to Ardmore.

"The Lakefront Trail Separation project creates a more enjoyable experience for the thousands of people that use the path each day, and it will ensure that our children will inherit an even more vibrant, more prosperous and more inclusive Chicago than ever before," said Mayor Emanuel. "Breaking ground from Montrose to Ardmore is an important step as we continue to make the lakefront more accessible and more enjoyable for the pedestrians and cyclists living in, and visiting our city."

The Lakefront Trail Separation was designed to alleviate areas of congestion by creating two distinct paths: a bike trail and a separate pedestrian trail for those on foot. Initial funding was provided by the Chicago Park District and completion of the project was made possible by a generous donation from Ken Griffin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Citadel.

"The Chicago Park District is pleased to continue working toward making one of Chicago's greatest assets even better," said General Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly. "This separation project will enhance the lakefront experience for

residents and tourists alike."

Chicago's Lakefront Trail is one of the busiest in the United States. Used by cyclists, joggers and people enjoying the scenery, it is estimated that more than 100,000 people per day use the trail during summer weekends according to a recent study by Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) and the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA).

The sections from 31st Street to 41st Street, Oak Street to Ohio Street and Fullerton Avenue to North Avenue are complete, with continued construction on the rest of the trail this year. Chicago's entire 18-mile Lakefront Trail, which runs from Ardmore Avenue on the north to 71st Street on the south, will be separated for cyclists and pedestrians, and is expected to be complete in 2018.

Once complete, the entire 18-mile trail will have separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians. The standard bike trail will measure 12 feet in width and the pedestrian trail will measure 20 feet in width with 14 feet of asphalt or concrete and 3 feet of compacted stone mix on both sides. In some cases due to site constraints, these standard designs could not be achieved so the dimensions have been altered as necessary; however trail separation will still have been achieved.

The Lakefront Trail Separation project is a key component

of Building on Burnham, Mayor Emanuel's comprehensive plan to invest in the Lakefront, the Chicago River, natural areas and recreational opportunities in neighborhoods across the city. To date, 985 acres of parks have been acquired and 5.5 miles of waterfront access have been developed under the Building on Burnham plan.

The lakefront, which spans 26 miles across the city, will continue to see many investments under Mayor Emanuel. Investments to park assets, including those already made to the 31st Street Beach Harbor and Steelworkers' Park at 87th Street, will continue in neighborhoods across the city. Projects include improvements to Leone Beach Park in Rogers Park, triathlon training amenities at Ohio Street Beach and the upcoming revitalization of North Avenue Beach with plans underway for a new Boardwalk and amenities. Theater on the Lake was recently transformed from a summer programming site to a year-round performance and special events venue. The historic 1920s structure is now a 19,000 square foot lakefront venue with a performance area for theater and music, a restaurant, two private event spaces and an outdoor patio. The TOTL Summer will return to its home on the lakefront this summer for the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks.

Mayor Emanuel And World Business Chicago Announce Launch Of Chibizhub Web Platform For Small- And Medium-Sized Businesses

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and World Business Chicago (WBC) have announced the official launch of ChiBizHub, an innovative new web platform that connects expert service providers to Chicago's fast-growing business community. ChiBizHub is a one-stop, collaborative online platform to help new and existing Chicago businesses accelerate their growth.

"Chicago is full of the most innovative and hard-working business owners in the world," said Mayor Emanuel. "This initiative provides another tool for business owners to grow their business, which are economic engines in Chicago's 77 neighborhoods."

From connecting individuals with the resources they need to launch a new business to helping business owners identify capital partners to grow their business and navigate business licensing requirements, ChiBizHub brings together a wide-variety of

credible and well-researched resource partners and information to support business success in Chicago.

"ChiBizHub ensures that Chicago's small- and medium-sized businesses can access the necessary tools for their companies to thrive," said Andrea Zopp, president and CEO of World Business Chicago. "By connecting them to resource providers, ChiBizHub creates a collaborative community that allows businesses to accelerate their growth."

In seven years, the program has served over 660 businesses, supporting more than 8,000 jobs.

"Entrepreneurs need different things, some need investors, others need counselors. Some require a different kind of industry expertise based on their region's expertise and market. But all entrepreneurs need connections to help them build business—and create jobs," said Rob Williams, director of SourceLink®.

"This is exactly the kind of help that business owners need the most," said Kenya Merritt, the city's Chief Small Business Officer. "ChiBizHub can connect them with the knowledge they need to launch, grow and succeed. And not only is the information they get right on target, it's free."

The ChiBizHub platform is a free service for Chicago's business community. Initial funding for ChiBizHub was received from the Chicago Community Trust, the City of Chicago, and the Office of the Chicago City Treasurer. Accion, CRF USA, and the Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection were part of the advisory group in the development of ChiBizHub. Peoples Gas is the inaugural sponsor.

To join this rapidly growing entrepreneurial network, not-for-profit service providers can register today at www.chibizhub.com.

Mayor Emanuel Announces Next Phase Of Chicago Smart Lighting Program

City Will Install 40,000 More New LED Streetlights by End of Summer on Southwest, Near West and North Sides; Program on Schedule for Completion in Four Years

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the start of the next phase of Chicago's streetlight modernization program, which includes the installation of an additional 40,000 new LED streetlights in neighborhoods across the City. In this next phase, the Chicago Smart Lighting Program (CSLP) will install new LED lights on residential streets, alleys and viaducts in portions of the far South Side, Near West Side and North Side. Installations in the current phase will be continuing through August when the City expects to reach the halfway point of the four-year project.

"This project has been a win-win for Chicagoans as it delivers one of the largest lighting modernization programs in the country and addresses one of the top reasons residents contact 311," Mayor Emanuel said. "As we begin this next phase, the program will reach more neighborhoods and provide more residents with reliable and energy-efficient nighttime lighting."

Last month, the Mayor was joined by ComEd in announcing that the City taxpayers will save an estimated \$100 million over the next ten years thanks to the energy efficiency of the new lights, which

consume 50-75 percent less electricity than outdated High Pressure Sodium street lights. In addition, the modernization is earning the City rebates from ComEd for installing new energy efficient lights. The City has received more than \$12 million in rebates to date, and expects to earn a total of \$35 million in rebates over the four-year program. The modernization is being implemented by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) in coordination with the Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT) and the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Chicagoans can track the installation of new street lights on an interactive map at the CSLP website: <http://chicagosmartlighting.org>. The map is updated weekly to show where installation is anticipated and already completed.

During the installation process, brief closures may be required on residential streets and alleys as crews move through each area. Parking restrictions, if needed, will be posted prior to installation.

"Spring and summer will be a busy time for the Chicago Smart Lighting Program as crews will be installing thousands of new

LED lights in neighborhoods across the city," CDOT Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld said. "We have been working diligently to keep the program on-track and are pleased that this new phase will allow even more Chicagoans to experience the clear, white light of the new LED streetlights."

The CSLP will replace 270,000, or 85 percent,

of Chicago's streetlights with high-quality LED fixtures. The program also includes creation of a citywide lighting management system for the new LED lights. When it becomes operational, the system will alert the City when lights need service. The public is advised to continue to contact 311 to report outages until the smart lighting system is operational.

Statement From Mayor Emanuel On The Discussion Of A Third Chicago-Area Airport

"The significant modernization programs underway at O'Hare and Midway will keep passengers connected and fuel new economic opportunities for the region for years to come. In fact, when the O'Hare expansion is complete, it will be the equivalent of adding a third airport to the area. O'Hare is already number one and our modernization will secure it and the Chicago area's aviation future. If the state has an extra \$150 million to spend, schools, mass transit, libraries and parks could wisely use those resources."

D'Amico Measure Protects Families from Skyrocketing Health Insurance Costs

State Rep. John D'Amico, D-Chicago, is fighting to make health care more affordable by passing legislation to protect working families from excessive health insurance rate hikes.

"Working families deserve affordable, high-quality health insurance in order to meet their health care needs," D'Amico said. "We need to ensure that insurance companies are putting patient care ahead of profits."

D'Amico recently passed House Bill 471 to prevent excessive and unfair health insurance rate hikes by requiring proposed rate hikes to be reviewed by the Illinois Department of Insurance. The department would have the authority to prohibit rate increases that are deemed unfair or unreasonable. According to the Chicago Tribune, states with laws similar to House Bill 471 have lower health insurance prices than states without them.

"No family or person should have to sacrifice doctor visits, prescriptions, or lifesaving care because of out of control health insurance costs," said D'Amico. "This legislation will protect working families and help them keep their health insurance plans."

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Food, Dancing, and
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Lincoln & Leland Ave.

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All Days of the Event!





Maifest

Celebrate the Arrival
Food, Dancing, Entertainment and



Maifest History & Traditions

Mayfest (Maifest in German) is the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring started in the late 1800's. Traditionally, neighbors would gather spring flowers to decorate their homes and churches. Festivals filled with food, music and dance can be found throughout Germany. A part of the celebration is ceremonial plantings of young trees. Maifest is still celebrated throughout Germany with the maypole (maibaum) decorated to show off the history and crafts of the local village or town. Holding hands while dancing around the Malbaum is very common with folks of all ages.

Maifest, like Oktoberfest, has now become a popular celebration throughout the world. Chicago's German community welcomes all to their Maifest in Lincoln Square; the heart of Chicago's German Community.

Maifest in Chicago was established 20 years ago as a 2-day festival in Lincoln Square (Lincoln & Leland Avenues).

The "Maifest Chicago" was founded by Josef Matuschka, Matthew Lodge, Jerry Glunz, Wilhelm Huening, Walter Boehm, Henry Hugel Sr., Emil Reiter, Helmut Mueller and Marianne Wehrle. At the beginning it was a small neighborhood event with one tent for festivities.

In 2004 the 1st Maifest Queen, Nicole Anetsberger was crowned to preside over the fest. Each year since, there have been wonderful young ladies to represent Maifest and attend events for all the German American clubs in the Chicagoland area. As the Maifest became a 4-day event, additional tents were added to house German bands, food and beer.



Chicago



of Spring at Maifest! as Always... German Gemütlichkeit

This Year's 20th Anniversary Maifest

A traditional keg tapping and the crowning of the year's Maifest queen mark Friday's opening ceremony. The Ethnic Program on Sunday afternoon has been a showcase for the German Kinder (children) and Jugend (youth) clubs. The clubs perform traditional German dances such as a Schuplattler (slap dancing). The German American Kinderchor (chorus) sing beautiful songs in German. Customary dance performance by the Amazonen Karnival Dance Group dressed in dirndls and music by the Fanfaren German Bugle Corps. are also part of Sunday's program.

The fest is run by volunteers from the German American clubs with proceeds benefiting more than a dozen local youth groups. The grill meisters (masters), the kitchen staff and bar tenders are all volunteers!

The Maifest Chicago current board members are: Joe Matuschka, Jerry Glunz, Joe Bradtke, George Rieg, Klaus Leicht, Kim Baffa, Walter Boehm, Henry Hugel Sr., Helmut Mueller, Hans Schmidt, Bernie Heurich
Honorary Members: Matt Lodge, Cooky Kraus

Join us in celebrating 20 years of German fun, food, beer and entertainment May 30 - June 2, 2019. As always, the entrance is free.

Ladies, don't forget to wear your dirndl and guys your lederhosen!



Maifest Chicago

Daily Entertainment Schedule!

Thursday, May 30th — 5:00pm - 9:30pm

Main Tent Entertainment
6:30pm: Weekend Crush

Friday, May 31st — 5:00pm - 11:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment
5:00pm: Phenix

8:00pm: Official Opening Ceremony, Traditional Keg Tapping
and May Queen Crowning

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment
6:00pm: The Polkaholics

Saturday, June 1st — 12:00pm - 11:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment
1:00pm: Phenix
6:00pm: Paloma

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment
12:00pm: Weekend Crush
3:30pm: Dark Passengers
7:00pm: Blue Sky Blind

Sunday, June 2nd — 12:00pm - 10:00pm

Main Tent Entertainment
12:30pm: The Tempos
5:00pm: Paloma

Auxiliary Tent Entertainment
1:30pm - 4:30pm: German/American Ethnic Program
5:00pm: Dr. Zyl0 and the Brainiacs

Brought to you by the May Fest Committee, President Joe Matuschka
Special thanks to 47th Ward Alderman Matt Martin
For more information visit www.mayfestchicago.com
Additional parking available at St. Matthias Church and MB Financial Bank

Mayor Emanuel Announces Lineup Of 82 Local Eateries For The 39TH Annual Taste Of Chicago Presented By Doordash

Taste Of Chicago Welcomes 37 New Chicago-Based Restaurants, Food Trucks And Shared Kitchens; The Free-Admission Festival Offers Food, Music, Arts And More This July 10–14 In Grant Park

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) today announced the lineup of 82 eateries that will participate in the 39th Annual Taste of Chicago presented by DoorDash – the world’s largest free-admission food festival – this July 10–14 in Grant Park. Showcasing Chicago’s diverse culinary scene, this year’s list of 41 five-day participants, 24 pop-ups and 17 food trucks will offer Tastergoers an endless variety of more than 300 menu items to suit every palate.

“As the culinary capital of the world, the Taste of Chicago will give residents and visitors alike the opportunity to sample some of the greatest foods this city has to offer,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Since its inception, the Taste of Chicago has become a summertime staple and this year’s lineup of world-renowned

restaurants, food trucks and pop-ups will be even more vibrant and diverse than ever before.”

All culinary participants will offer signature menu items, including additional selections of the popular “Taste of” portions priced at \$3.00 or less, allowing guests the opportunity to sample an even greater variety of items. Admission to the Taste of Chicago is FREE, and tickets for food and beverages can be purchased in strips of 14 tickets for \$10. Whether craving the robust flavors found in ethnic cuisine, epicurean delights, sweet treats, classic Chicago dishes – and more – Chicagoans and visitors won’t want to miss this year’s Taste!

NEW! Taste of Chicago Community Dinners
New this year, Taste of Chicago vendors may participate in the 2019 Taste of Chicago Community Eats Program, an opportunity to host a community organization or group for a

free, community meal. The dinners will all take place on Wednesday, June 26, at restaurants and venues across the city to create a positive social impact and extend the reach of Taste of Chicago. More information will be announced in June.

Lifeway Foods Taste Kitchen

The Lifeway Foods Taste Kitchen dishes up a full menu of cooking demonstrations by local and national chefs including Chef Mary Nguyen of Saigon Sisters, Chef Martial Noguier of Bistronomic, Chef Michael Sheerin of Taureaux Tavern and Chef Giancarlo Valera of Tanta Chicago. Each day of the cooking demonstrations held on the Buckingham Fountain Plaza will feature a different culinary theme. The full schedule of cooking demonstrations will be announced in June.

Concerts at the Petrillo Music Shell and Taste

Oasis

Taste of Chicago will also present a diverse mix of national and international artists at nightly concerts at the Petrillo Music Shell along with a daily schedule of local artists at the Goose Island Stage. The complete music and entertainment lineup will be announced in early May.

The 39th Annual Taste of Chicago is July 10–14 in Grant Park with hours 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesday–

Friday, and 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the FREE-admission festival, visit tasteofchicago.us. To plan your trip to Chicago, visit choosechicago.com. Join the conversation on Facebook at Taste of Chicago and follow us on Twitter @TasteofChi and Instagram @ChicagoDCASE (#TasteofChicago).

Ready for Some Inspiration? Get ready... For Our Leaders of the Future



We are so excited to celebrate our scholarship award recipients. For information about the Boys & Girls Clubs, website, www.nbgc.org.

DONATE TODAY—You can still make a donation! Please help us prepare and invest in our future leaders, including those from economic challenged families and underserved communities. Contact Michelle Lura White, director of development, at michelle@nbgc.org for more information.



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Forest Preserves of Cook County Events and Programs – May 2019

NORTH

Bird Walks

Thursdays, May 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 7:30 am
Perkins Woods – Ewing Ave & Grant St, Evanston

Join the Evanston North Shore Bird Club for birding in this small spring migrant hotspot. Bonus: spring wildflowers. Email info@ensbc.org for more info.

Small Serendipity

Wednesdays, May 15 & 29 • 10 am
River Trail Nature Center – 3120 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook

Nature stories, crafts and activities. Children ages 3-6 w/adult.

Creature Feature

Sunday & Mon., May 26 & 27 • 1:30 pm
River Trail Nature Center – 3120 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook

Stop in and say hello to one of the animals found in our forest preserves.

CENTRAL

Nature Tots

Wednesday, May 22 • 10 am
Trailside Museum of Natural History – 738

Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Join your tot in exploring nature! Come play with us and explore a different theme each month. Registration required, call 708-366-6530.

“Bone” Appétit

Saturday, May 25; Monday, May 27 • 1 pm
Trailside Museum of Natural History – 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside’s outdoor resident animals.

Guided Spring Nature Hikes

Sunday, May 26 • 1 pm
Trailside Museum of Natural History – 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Enjoy a naturalist-guided nature hike to discover signs of spring.

Adult Archery

Thursday, May 30 • Noon-2 pm
Thatcher Woods – Chicago Ave west of Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Try your hand at a new or old pastime. Enjoy a brief nature hike while you wait for your next turn. Ages 18 & up. Groups of 10 or more, registration required. Call 312-533-5751.



The GREAT JEWISH FAMILY FESTIVAL, Lag B’omer, Thursday, May 23, 4:00-8:00pm at Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie.

Celebration for the entire family. Fair with rides for all ages. Action-packed BMX freestyle stunt show! Plus our signature all you can eat food court. Brought to you by Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois and your local Chabad center. Discounted all inclusive entrance wristband at www.JewishFamilyFest.com.



**GARDEN
FOR WILDLIFE**

May is Garden for Wildlife Month

Cities Can Be Havens for Pollinators

Urban development can destroy wildlife habitat, but if citizens plant habitat gardens, cities can actually offer viable habitat for bees and other pollinators.

A Farewell to Lawns

Lawns are the standard in America, but they support little to no wildlife. Discover some new alternatives to the conventional lawn that will look beautiful but also help your yard support birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife.

What to Do If You Find Baby Birds

Spring is here, and with it, baby season. Find out when it’s appropriate to intervene if you find a baby bird or other baby wild animal in your yard, and when it’s not.

Wildlife Gardeners Share Habitat on GrowIt! The Plant Community

Share pictures of your garden and wildlife with a larger garden community to inspire more people to plant for bees, butterflies and birds! Check out the mobile app designed to connect you with other gardeners in your area. It’s called GrowIt!

Featured Product: Cosmos Wren Nesting Box

Topped with western red cedar and decorated with flowers, this wren nesting box can hang on a sturdy chain or be fixed to a fence post with preinstalled key-hole hardware. The slide-out, bottom panel can be removed for easy cleaning.

Find all of this and more at: www.nwf.org

May is Prime Time for Birding in the Forest Preserves of Cook County

Throughout spring, Forest Preserves of Cook County visitors can enjoy exceptional birding opportunities during a variety of birding special events and programs. Birders of all experience levels can celebrate World Migratory Bird Day, go on a bird walk or join a Big Sit. With migration near its peak, May is a great time to #BirdThePreserves.

Here is a list of a few venues:

Morning Bird Walk
Friday, May 10 • 9:30 am
Trailside Museum of Natural History – 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds and bird behavior. All welcome; binoculars available.

“The Big Sit” Birdwatching
Saturday, May 11 • 6 am-Noon
Trailside Museum of Natural History – 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Stop and sit a while as we see how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. Binoculars and guidance provided.

International Migratory Bird Day and #birdthepreserves Big Sit

Saturday, May 11 • 11 am-3 pm
Crabtree Nature Center – 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills

Join us for a bird walk to see who is winging in and experience the perils of migration in our Migration Obstacle Course.

Birding Trip to Skokie Lagoons

Saturday, May 11 • 7:30 am
Erickson Woods – Willow Rd, east of I-94/Edens Expy, Winnetka

Join Chicago Ornithological Society to look for warblers and other spring migrants. Email airntedesco@gmail.com for more info.

Bird Walks

Thursdays, May 16, 23 & 30 • 7:30 am
Perkins Woods – Ewing Ave & Grant St, Evanston

Join the Evanston North Shore Bird Club for birding in this small spring migrant hotspot. Bonus: spring wildflowers. Email info@ensbc.org for more info.

World Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Saturday, May 18 • 9-11:30 am
LaBagh Woods – Grove 1, Cicero just north of Foster, Chicago

Watch scientists band and release birds migrating from Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Enjoy crafts, snacks, bird walks and more.

Migration Walk

Sunday, May 19 • 8 am
Trailside Museum of Natural History – 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Enjoy a spring walk that will focus on identifying birds and the phenomenon of migration. Led by John Elliott of Chicago Audubon.

Birding Basics

Sunday, May 19 • 1-2:30 pm
River Trail Nature Center – 3120 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook

Residents are beginning to nest and migrants are passing through by the thousands. Learn the basics in bird watching. Register by 5/4, call 847-824-8360.

About the Forest Preserves of Cook County
Don’t you sometimes just want to escape? Explore the natural beauty of Cook County for an hour, a day or even a night. When you’re surrounded by 70,000 acres of wild and wonderful there’s no better place to feel free.

CREATIVE CARDMAKING!

Sat., June 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Come and make two pre-cut, ready-to-assemble cards for someone special on a special occasion: a birthday, Father’s Day, Graduation. Then use your own creativity to make another card! Supplies provided.

Registration required. Ages 6 & up.

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Veteran's Pension



Izabela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

Memorial Day is the time of year when we remember the men and women who died while serving our country in the U.S. military. It also gives those of us in the estate planning and elder law world an opportunity to remind folks about a benefit provided by the VA for our living, elder veterans and the surviving spouses of deceased veterans.

Veterans Pension, as its known, is a monthly cash benefit paid by the VA as Supplemental Income for Wartime Veterans and is specifically designed to assist (a) low-income veterans, or, (b) veterans with higher income who spend a large portion of their income on medical needs. Importantly, Veterans Pension is NOT a retirement benefit paid to those persons who retired military or worked for the VA. Sometimes veterans are confused by the term "pension", believing that the benefit is reserved for those persons. On the contrary, the qualifying eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. The Veteran or his or her surviving spouse must have at least 90 days of active duty service;
2. The Veteran or his or her surviving spouse must have served at least one day during a "wartime period" (broadly defined by the VA); The Veteran need not have served 'in theater', but only have served (a) 90 days active and (b) 1 day during the "wartime period";
3. The Veteran or spouse must be (a) age 65 or older or (b) totally or permanently disabled or (c) patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care or (d) receiving SSI or SSDI

If the Veteran or surviving spouse meets the above requirements, then the Veteran must show that his or her monthly expenses paid to health care costs (family caregiver, out-of-home caregiver, assisted living, skilled nursing) require most or all of the veteran's income. There are additional asset requirements that require review and separate analysis. (An elder lawyer who works in the area of VA pension benefit eligibility can assist with this analysis).

If the veteran or spouse meets the above criteria, then the cash benefit will be paid. The benefits can be very substantial:

Veteran	\$1,128/month	Surviving Spouse	\$757/month
Veteran who is also Housebound	\$1,378/month	Surviving Spouse who is also Housebound	\$925/month
Veteran who requires the "aid and attendance" of another requires	\$1,881/month	Surviving Spouse who "aid and attendance" the of another	\$1,211/month

Veteran's Pension is one of the most important benefits available to "wartime veterans" and their surviving spouses, particularly in the area of paying for in-home care. Veteran's Pension is one of the very few sources of funds to pay for family caregiving; commonly a family member may wish to contribute to a loved one's care but it may not be financially feasible without the Veteran's Pension benefit to assist. Elder Lawyers work in this area to assist veterans with more complex and difficult pension benefit applications. As you think about veterans who died serving their country this season, think about those still with us who could benefit from the Veteran's Pension and contact an elder lawyer today to investigate this important VA benefit.

If you would like to learn more, please contact their office by phone at 773-631-7100, or by email at info@oclawyergroup.com. They are now at their new office at 6035 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 201, Chicago

Is Your Business Looking to Relocate to Lincoln Square?

The DANK Haus is looking for a tenant to occupy its newly remodeled 1st floor space! This is truly an unprecedented opportunity for a high visibility retail location in the heart of Chicago's pre-eminent Lincoln Square neighborhood. This is a 1st-floor retail space with a total of 3,744 square feet. Located on the ground floor of the DANK Haus with building co-tenants including office tenants, a school, event, and kitchen space. This is the ideal location for local, regional, and national restaurant operators and retailers.

LOCATION OVERVIEW

Lincoln Square is one of Chicago's most

sought after neighborhoods for residents, retailers and restaurants alike. Join great neighborhood co-tenants like The Old Town School of Folk Music, Davis Theater, Gene's Sausage Shop, Lincoln Square Athletic Club and many others. Located at the center of Lincoln Square on Gidding's Plaza, the property is only steps away from the CTA Brown Line station, surface parking lots, and many national and local retailers and restaurants.

To learn more about the space, please contact Tim Rasmussen at (312) 676-1875 or email trasmussen@svn.com.

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.

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. We are a friendly group, large dance floor, plenty of free parking. For more information or directions please call Char at 773-203-2053.

Angelo Gianopulos, World War II Veteran

Angelo Gianopulos was born in 1923 on the West Side of Chicago. He attended Marshall High School and played basketball for the Marshall Commandos. He graduated from Marshall and was a student at DePaul University when he got his draft notice. He reported for duty in the United States Army in February, 1943

The Army sent Angelo for basic training to Camp Grant near Rockford, Illinois, and then to Camp Howze in Gainesville, Texas for infantry training. He qualified as a rifle sharpshooter and was then sent to Shreveport, Louisiana for advanced training. Angelo was sent to New York City in May 1944 and boarded a troop ship for England. He arrived in England nearly two weeks later and received additional training in preparation for the invasion of Europe.

Angelo and his unit landed on June 7, 1944, at Omaha Beach - the day after the D-day landing. There were over 2,400 American casualties at Omaha Beach and Angelo saw the dead and wounded all over the beach. Angelo's unit immediately went to the line and engaged in fierce fighting for the next week until breaking the German line at Normandy.

In July 1944, Operation Cobra began and more than 2,000 Allied aircraft rained 500 lbs bombs on the German line near St. Lo. The town was pulverized and nearly every building. Some of the Allied bombs missed their mark and fell among Allied ground forces. More than 600 American soldiers were killed or wounded in this friendly fire incident - the worst of the war. Angelo suffered a severe concussion during the incident and was hospitalized for several weeks in a field hospital at St. Lo.

Angelo was separated from his unit due to his injury. Upon released from the field hospital, he was assigned to General Patton's 3rd Army. The 3rd Army was on the march to liberate Paris. Angelo participated in heavy fighting through the month of August and entered Paris as part of the liberation of the city from four years of German occupation.

After the Liberation of Paris, Angelo continued with the 3rd Army on General Patton's March to the Rhine and into Germany. Angelo fought in the Battle of the Bulge from December 16 to 25, 1944 More than 10,000 Allied soldiers died in the battle and more than 47,000 were wounded.

Angelo continued with the 3rd Army fighting across Germany until the end of the war in Europe on May 5, 1945

Angelo was awarded 2 overseas service bars and served over a year in combat. Angelo went with General Patton's 3rd Army to Ardennes for the Battle of the Bulge from December 16 to 25, 1944 with 10,276 dead and 47,493 wounded, then on to Central Europe from March 22nd to May 11th 1945.

After VE Day, Angelo was sent to Paris and then to Marseilles. He boarded a ship to New York in late August 1945, and arrived in early September. He took a train from New York to Chicago and finally returned home after more than two and a half years in the Army.

Like thousands of other veterans, Angelo got to work. He got married, started a restaurant in the city, and started a family. After retiring from owning a restaurant, he went back to work as maître'd at Carson's Ribs on Harlem Avenue - and worked well into his 80s.

Angelo was awarded the European, African, and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Battle Star for Central Europe, the American Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

The JPNA, will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. Free parking is at Hoyne Bank on Milwaukee. Light refreshments will be served and meetings are free and open to the public.

The main speaker will be newly elected Alderman James Gardiner who will tell of his vision for the Ward. There will be a question and answer period after his speech. For more information call 773-282-3879.

ST. JULIANA PARISH
FRIENDSHIP CLUB 50+



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

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

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

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

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans - most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2019 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

There are approximately (21,000) WWII Veterans remaining in the Chicago area - which HFC is requesting assistance from the public to help locate these WWII Heroes.

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

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



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.



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

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

Dollars For Scholars, 2019 Winners!!

This year the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce and Sprout Pediatric Dentistry proudly recognize the winning scholars of the annual "Dollars for Scholars" Scholarship:

Lane College Prep Senior, Kaela Daichendt, & Sarah Degand, a Brickton Montessori 8th grader.

The Scholars will be awarded at the Memorial Day Parade Tribute Ceremony at Taft H.S. on 5/27/19.

Kaela and Sarah will receive separate \$1,000 checks payable to their new University & High School next year! Congratulations!



Sarah Degand



Kaela Daichendt

Resurrection Students Donate Hair For 12th Annual Respunzel Project

On Monday, April 29, 2019, Resurrection College Prep High School hosted the 12th annual ResPunzel hair donation project. Students, staff and friends of Resurrection donated a minimum of 8 inches of hair which will be donated to Children with Hair Loss, a non-profit organization that provides human hair replacements at no cost to children and young adults facing medically-related hair loss. Over 30 participants had their hair cut to donate during the one-hour event, which was sponsored by the Resurrection Science Club and Yoga Club. Students and community members may donate until after the Resurrection Senior Prom. Donations will be accepted until June 1, 2019, and questions may be directed to kheneghan@reshs.org for more information.



Special thanks to volunteer stylists, including Resurrection alumna Patty Satzik Steinert '86, alumna parent Tracy Crivlare, current Resurrection parent Lynn Brannigan, and Resurrection alumna Colleen Barnes Jerger '88, owner of Salon 360 in Park Ridge who attended with volunteer stylists from her salon. The ResPunzel Project began at Resurrection College Prep High School in 2007 as a project of the Science Club and in 2009 as a school-wide project.

Resurrection Honor Society Inductions

Resurrection College Prep High School's annual honor society inductions were held in the Resurrection Little Theatre on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Students were inducted into eight honor societies and included members of the National Honor Society (44 students), International Thespian Society (9 students), Modern Music Masters (Tri-M) Honor Society (2 students), Mu Alpha Theta/Math Honor Society (15 students), Science National Honor Society (35 students), Societa Onoraria Italiana/Italian Honor Society (5 students), Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica/Spanish Honor Society (14 students), and Quill & Scroll International Honor Society (4 students). The Resurrection Chamber Orchestra and members of Tri-M provided music during the evening's event.



The guest speaker at the Honor Society Inductions was Alyssa Triptow, a Resurrection alumna from the Class of 2010, and the Executive Director of the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Triptow shared with the Resurrection Honor Society inductees the advice to "show up, step up and give it your all."

Following the traditional honor society induction candle-lighting ceremony, the young women of Resurrection were recognized for their academic achievements and pledged to maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character and to uphold the high purposes of the honor society to which they were inducted.



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

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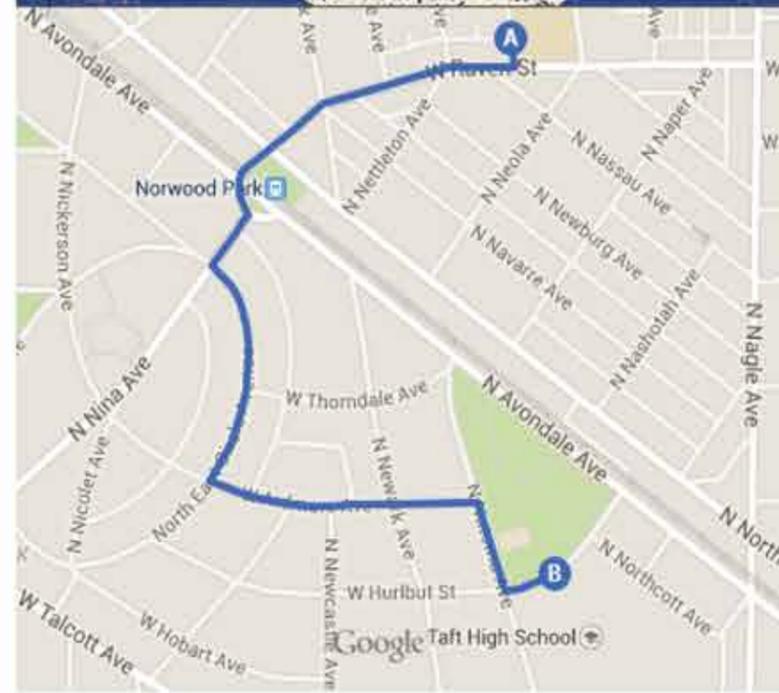
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