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## Chicago Thanksgiving Parade Thursday, November 22, 8-11am State St. from Congress to Randolph

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11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria as we celebrate the season, community, and the annual tradition to collect toys with the Village of Lincolnwood, Lincolnwood Police & the U.S. Marine Corps.

**Lou Malnati's PIZZERIA**  
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Questions? Call 847-752-4111 or info@lincolnwoodchamber.com



## 105th Annual Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, November 16, 6pm • Millennium Park, Wrigley Square, Michigan Ave. & Randolph St.

Enjoy the glittering tree set among Chicago's sparkling skyline and the iconic art and architecture of Millennium Park. Miguel Cervantes, star of Hamilton Chicago Company playing Broadway In Chicago's CIBC Theatre, will serve as the emcee for the ceremony featuring music and special guests.

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## Lincoln Square Tree Lighting Saturday, November 24th • 5:30pm Giddings Plaza • FREE

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Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas from Our Village News

## Holiday Season is Here

Begin to Plan for  
Celebrations and Events!  
Ideas Listed Throughout This Edition

## I ♥ Christkindlmarket 2018

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[www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com)



## The Curtain Is Going Up On The Chicago Bar Association's Annual "Bar Show" Musical Extravaganza

They practice law by day, but more than 50 Chicago-area attorneys will be hitting the stage after business hours to perform a rousing musical comedy revue that parodies local and national political figures in the Chicago Bar Association's annual Bar Show opening in downtown Chicago November 29.

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

Tickets are on sale now for this year's show, "Big Little Laws," which runs from Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 at DePaul University's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo, Chicago.

Local and national politics will figure prominently in the show, with lawyers portraying outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel, upcoming Mayoral candidates, the recent national midterm

election winners, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Presidency of Donald Trump will be a major theme, along with appearances by cast members portraying Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Ivanka Trump and others.

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

Now in its 95th year, the Chicago Bar Association Bar Show is the longest running original musical revue in Chicago.

Tickets are \$45 for the main floor and \$35 for mezzanine. Group rates are available. All performances began at 7:30 p.m. except for Sunday which features a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Go to [www.barshow.org](http://www.barshow.org) for tickets or further information.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Follow this link to view a promotional reel featuring highlights from the Chicago Bar Association Bar Show featuring "Donald Trump," "Toni Preckwinkle" "Rahm Emanuel" and "Melania Trump" <https://youtu.be/UwooZozMjM>

## World Premiere! Sideshow Theatre and Greenhouse Productions Present HeLa

By J. Nicole Brooks • Directed by artistic director Jonathan L. Green  
November 18 – December 23, 2018 at Greenhouse Theater Center

Sideshow Theatre Company is pleased to launch its 2018-19 Season with the world premiere of J. Nicole Brooks' dazzling new play HeLa, directed by artistic director Jonathan L. Green\* and presented in partnership with the Greenhouse Theater Center. HeLa will play November 18 – December 23, 2018 at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. in Chicago. Tickets are currently available at [greenhousetheater.org](http://greenhousetheater.org), in person at the box office or by calling (773) 404-7336.

HeLa will feature Sideshow ensemble members Matt Fletcher\* and Ann James\*, artistic associate David Lawrence Hamilton\*, with Ayah Sol Masai Hall, Nicole Michelle Haskins, Carolyn Nelson and Deanna Reed-Foster.

1951: A mother of five visits the "colored" gynecology ward of Johns Hopkins, knowing something unusual is happening in her body. 1981: A child watches Carl Sagan's Cosmos on a basement television in Chicago as her auntie plays bid whist upstairs with the neighbors. The Distant Future: A gold-plated flying saucer hovers over the Earth, its pilot watching and waiting patiently as stars gently twinkle in her hair. All three stories connect, collide and expand, blending Afrofuturism with the true story of Henrietta Lacks and one little girl's love of science. This winter, journey from East Baltimore to Chicago's West Side to outer space, as J. Nicole Brooks' new play explores who has the power over the stuff we are made of.

HeLa was commissioned and developed by Sideshow Theatre Company.

Comments Sideshow artistic director Jonathan L. Green\*, "J. Nicole Brooks and Sideshow have been fans of each other for over a decade now, and we've spent years finding the right project for a collaboration. I feel lucky to be able to work with Nicky on this fascinating new play, commissioned and developed through Sideshow's Freshness Initiative, about race, science, time and the effects they have on each other."

The production team for HeLa includes: Yu Shibagaki (scenic design), Noël Huntzinger\* (costume design), Sim Carpenter (lighting design), Michael Huey\* (sound design/composer), Justin J. Sacramone (dramaturg), Catherine Allen (production manager) and Emily Ioppolo (stage manager).

Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago



## The 2018 C.A.R.E. Faire A Perfect Blend of Holiday Vendors, Silent Auction, Cookies & More

Everyone is invited to C.A.R.E.'s annual Holiday Faire, taking place Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, at the Unitarian Church, Evanston.



The 2018 Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire will again serve as THE "don't-miss" event of the holiday season for pet-loving people and their dogs. The annual C.A.R.E. Faire will take place two days after Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All family members, including well-behaved dogs (and brave cats), are welcome.

Highlights of the 2018 C.A.R.E. Faire include the always-amazing Cookie Walk, to which talented C.A.R.E. bakers will supply mountains of delicious home-baked goods. An array of pet- and people-oriented vendors will offer a head-start on holiday shopping. Also on the don't-miss list is C.A.R.E.'s Silent Auction. This year's array includes one of our biggest and best selections yet, including photo portrait sessions for people and pets, tickets for Chicago Bears, Cubs and Wolves games, theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, jewelry, and more. Top Raffle prizes include \$500 cash, a Sutton Studios portrait sitting valued at \$745, and more.

Other highlights: the C.A.R.E. Booth, where you'll find gifts for all your four-legged friends, and the Such-A-Deal table, whose name says it all. The popular Photos With Santa booth will feature our beloved Santa Ben.

Although there is no charge to enter the C.A.R.E. Faire, Faire attendees are encouraged to bring pet food donations as their "admission fee." Dog and cat kibble (unopened bags), canned pet food and cat litter are especially needed.

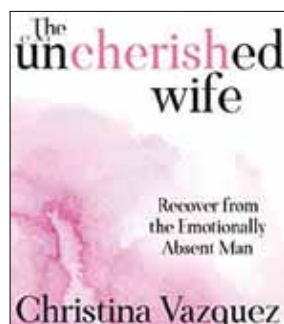
The annual C.A.R.E. Faire serves as a key fundraiser for C.A.R.E.'s animal rescue work. Proceeds from the Faire will go toward vet care, food and supplies needed to for our animals as they await forever homes, as well as for completing work on the new CARE Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, opening spring 2018 in Skokie.

ABOUT CARE—Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) is a Skokie-based, all-volunteer-operated, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization founded in 1987. C.A.R.E.'s mission is to rehome companion pets into safe forever homes; to serve as an educational and counseling resource; and to work to reduce pet overpopulation. C.A.R.E. operates an Adoption Center at 4927 Main St., Skokie, Illinois. [CARENorthshore.org](http://CARENorthshore.org)



## New Author Releases Debut Book

Christina Vazquez is a psychotherapist and relationship expert from the north side and now she's an author. Christina has just released: "The Uncherished Wife: Recover from the Emotionally Absent Man" where she urges readers to take a courageous journey inward to discover the truth about relationships. Christina (also known as Tina) says: "Creating a life-long union that thrives is possible, but it starts with brutal honesty." She also says that safe and comfortable doesn't always equal happy and fulfilled. "The Uncherished Wife" is her first book and it's available in hardcover, paperback, and E-book.



MICHAEL TEOLIS SINGERS PRESENT

# Serenade of Carols

December 1, 2018  
7:30 pm

Michael Teolis Singers kick off the area's Holiday celebrations with Morton Gould's contribution to the season, "Serenade of Carols," for chorus and piano four-hands. In addition to some familiar carol arrangements, MTS will also feature Stephen Paulus' delightful "Three Nativity Carols" for chorus, oboe, and harp, a touching arrangement of "The Wexford Carol," by Mac Wilberg, William Ferris' charming "A la Nanita Nana," and a lively and amusing Christmas arrangement of Dave Brubeck's "Blue Rondo." Let us get you in the spirit of the season!

**First United Methodist Church,**  
324 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 senior/student. Reserve tickets by calling 708-366-2889 or emailing [Info@MTSingers.org](mailto:Info@MTSingers.org)

## Resurrection Hosts "Jingle & Mingle" Shopping Event

The Resurrection College Prep High School Parents Club is hosting an evening of shopping, raffles and refreshments on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Resurrection College Prep, 7500 West Talcott Avenue. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend to this annual "girl's night out" to shop from a variety of vendors specializing in health and beauty products, accessories and gift items. The Resurrection Bandit Boutique will also be open starting at 7:00 pm for parents and alumnae to purchase Res Spirit Apparel.

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).

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## Your Guide To Thanksgiving Weekend Entertainment

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

It's that time of year where everyone ponders the age old question, "What do we do with Thanksgiving left-overs?" We don't mean the food, we mean the holiday guests that don't leave. Even your most loved loved-one can drive you a little nutty if there's nothing to do but sit around the house. That's where we step in with a number of events to keep you busy all weekend long.

### Friday, Nov 23 at 7:30 pm. Funny Ladies – The Women Who Make Us Laugh

Some of The Skokie Theatre's favorite and funniest ladies get together to pay tribute to the women who make us laugh! Join Pam Peterson, Jan Slavin, Judy Rossignuolo-Rice, Heather Currie, and the Queen of Chicago Cabaret, Denise Tomasello as they pay tribute to funny ladies like Barbra Streisand, Gilda Radner, Carol Burnett, Bernadette Peters, Madeline Kahn, Bea Arthur, Pearl Bailey, Carol Channing, Ethel Merman, Fanny Brice and more. Joining the cast is musical director, George Howe and host, Daryl Nitz, from Chicago's longest running cabaret show, The Nitz and Howe Experience.

This night promises to be a great evening of laughs and music, come join the fun. Tickets are only \$30.

### Saturday, Nov 24 at 7:30 pm. LIVING LEGENDS Part 2: Counting up to our oldest living singing sensation.

Last years "Living Legends" concert was a sold-out hit. This year we are celebrating singers and entertainer who are at least 70 years old and still with us. Some new stars have been added, some are still with us from last year, but this year's show is an all new song list with no repeats.

Starting with Olivia Newton-John, and counting up to the oldest living singer will be tributes to Elton John, Dolly Parton, Liza Minnelli, Brenda Lee, Diana Ross, Barry Manilow, Barbra Streisand, Wayne Newton, Paul McCartney, Neil Diamond, Paul Anka, Paul Simon, Helen Reddy, Dionne Warwick, Tom Jones, Tina Turner, Shirley Bassey,

Robert Flack, Nancy Wilson, Bobby Vinton, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Mathis, Julie Andrews, Steve Lawrence, Frankie Valli, Tony Bennett, Dick Van Dyke, Doris Day, Carol Channing and more. Special tribute to Aretha Franklin.

Featuring Kimberly Gordon, Ester Hanna, Lynne Jordan, LaShera Moore, Marianne Murphy-Orland, Daryl Nitz, and Johnny Rodgers. Musical direction by Andrew Blendemann, Jim Cox on bass, and Phil Gratteau on drums.

Come and be part of the fun as we "count-up" to our oldest "Living Legend." Tickets are only \$35.

**Thanksgiving Weekend Sale:** See both Funny Ladies and Living Legends for only \$55. After all, it wouldn't be Thanksgiving weekend with some type of bargain.

### Sunday, Nov 25 at 2 pm: Give a Hootenanny – Sing-along fun for the whole family.

Few things are as fun as our annual Hootenanny. Now in its third year, Carla Gordon and the band 3 – 4 The Road (from the Old Town School of Folk Music) return to lead everyone in songs from the great American songbook. This year, we pay tribute to the music of Bob Dylan. There are plenty of special guests on hand including 2018 Skokie Idol winner Barbara Smith and funny lady Jan Slavin with her Folkcomedy. Admission is only \$15 which includes song sheets. This is a perfect event for all ages.

Tickets are on sale now through the Skokie Theatre Box Office by calling 847-677-7761 or by ordering online at SkokieTheatre.org. Now that we've solved your left-over problem, we'll start working on a gift for Uncle Clyde.

P.S. Registration is now open to everyone for the 2019 Skokie Idol competition. Contestants in three age divisions compete Saturday afternoons through February and March to win the Skokie Idol competition and perform a solo concert in July as part of Wednesdays on the Green. You do not need to live in Skokie to participate. For more information, visit SkokieTheatre.org.

## Norwood Park Author Stan "Tex" Banash Named Illinois Bicentennial Honor 200 Honoree

Chicago author and military veteran Stan "Tex" Banash was selected as an Illinois Bicentennial Honor 200 honoree and will be recognized at the December 3rd Bicentennial Celebration at the United Center, marking the date 200 years ago that Illinois became the 21st state in the nation. He is one of 200 honorees from more than 50 counties throughout Illinois.

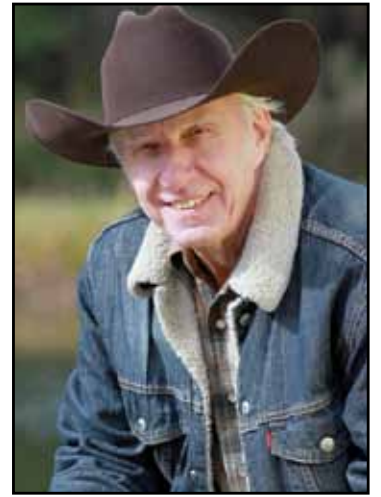
Honorees are residents of Illinois, honorably discharged from the military, and were evaluated based on their achievements and contributions to their communities. Banash, who resides in Chicago's Norwood Park community, was nominated by State Rep. Michael P. McAuliffe (R-20th).

Announcing the honorees at a recent press conference in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, BG Stephen Curda (Ret.), Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs director, said of the recipients: "Your time, energy, and contributions to your fellow veterans, service members, and local community, are recognized as going above and beyond the call of duty," adding that the celebration provides "an opportunity to showcase the value of community service, as demonstrated by our Illinois Veterans."

Banash served four years active duty in the U.S. Air Force (Strategic Air Command) and two years inactive Reserve, and is the author of Roadside History of Illinois (Mountain Press) and editor of Best of Dee Brown's West (Clear Light) and Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology (Clear Light). He has reviewed numerous books, and his most recent cover feature article, "Scars of Custer's Defeat," appeared in the June 2017 issue of Wild West magazine.

In his local community, he held various elected offices and committee chairmanships with the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, including serving as its president for six years from 1988 -1994. Later he chaired the 41st Ward Zoning Advisory Board, established by former Ald. Brian Doherty, from 1993-2011. The board was the first of its kind in Chicago. He also served as sheriff of the Chicago Corral—The Westerners for five years from 1996-2001. He was raised in suburban Niles and graduated from Niles Township High School (East) in Skokie. Upon returning from military service, he obtained a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in political science from Northwestern University and a Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Roosevelt University. Since 1974, he has operated a home-based public relations business and, in 2004, established a Veterans Day recognition program at Norwood Crossing that is now in its 15th year. He is a member of American Legion Edison Park Post 541.

The Signature event at the United Center caps off a year of celebratory events around the state that highlighted Illinois' many achievements and illustrious history.



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).

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# Holidays in the Village



## Feel the Holiday Spirit at Chicago's Traditional Christkindlmarket

The smell of fresh pretzels, bratwurst, and hot spiced wine (Glühwein), the sound of Christmas music, and the glimmer of sparkling Christmas ornaments, all in a cozy atmosphere – this is the Christkindlmarket Chicago experience. From November 16 to December 24, 2018, visitors can enjoy the outdoor market with various vendors from Germany and around the world, watch performers, try out different foods and buy special gifts. Since 1996, German American Events, LLC, a subsidiary of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, has hosted the Christkindlmarket Chicago as a free event, featuring nearly 60 vendors with unique offerings for all ages.



Photos by: Eric James Walsh

a broad variety of entertainment, ranging from theater plays to professional singers and dance groups.

Ready to make some wonderful memories, collect a specialty souvenir mug from each location for your collection, and get into the holiday spirit? Mark your calendars, bring your loved ones, and enjoy one of the largest traditional Christkindlmarkets outside of Europe.

More information, Stammtisch table reservations, and mug sales are available on the Christkindlmarket's website: [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com)

The youngest visitors have the opportunity to participate in the "Kinder Club". They will receive a free paper passport with coloring pages and learning games, in which they can collect stamps from different vendors on a scavenger hunt to win prizes. Other fun activities include the Lantern Parade on Kinder Tag when children get to march around and sing American and German Holiday songs with the Christkind, the namesake of the market. This fairy-like being, dressed in gold and white robes with a crown upon her golden locks, is the bearer of gifts to most children in German-speaking countries, much like Santa Claus is in the United States.

Guests may also enjoy a "Stammtisch" experience, a popular German tradition of a shared table gather, be it for a family, a business meeting, or a get-together with friends. Visitors can reserve a private table for up to eight people inside the heated Timber Haus where they can enjoy delicious food and drinks, such as sausages, potato pancakes, hot chocolate, and Glühwein.

This year, Christkindlmarket lovers do not only get the chance to experience the traditional markets in Chicago and Naperville, but also in Milwaukee. For the first time, the Christkindlmarket is taking place right next to Fiserv Forum where it will be open November 17 until December 31. All three markets offer

### Christkindlmarket Chicago at Daley Plaza: November 16 – December 24

Sunday – Thursday: 11am – 8pm      Special Hours: Thanksgiving Day: 11am – 4pm  
Friday – Saturday: 11am – 9pm      Christmas Eve: 11am – 4pm

### Christkindlmarket Naperville at Naper Settlement: November 23 – December 24

Thursday: 11am – 7pm      Special Hours: Dec 17 – 20: 11am – 8pm  
Friday – Saturday: 11am – 9pm      Christmas Eve: 11am – 4pm  
Sunday: 11am – 6pm

### Christkindlmarket Milwaukee at Fiserv Forum: November 17 – December 31

Sunday – Thursday: 11am – 8pm      Special Hours: Thanksgiving Day: 11am – 4pm  
Friday – Saturday: 11am – 9pm      Christmas Eve 11am – 4pm  
Christmas Day: closed  
New Year's Eve: 11am – 4pm

## First Lady Diana Rauner Launches 2018 Holiday Hero Drive Illinoisans Encouraged To Remember Vets, Service Members This Holiday Season

Taking a few moments to write a holiday card or send a pair of socks might seem like a small gesture, but for service members and veterans on the receiving end, such gifts can mean the world.

That was the message conveyed today by First Lady Diana Rauner as she announced the 2018 Holiday Hero Drive for Illinois service members and veterans. The drive sends holiday cards and socks to Illinois service men and women, including those currently overseas, reminding them that they are cherished and remembered at holiday time.

The drive is done in partnership with the United Service Organizations (USO) of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA), and the Illinois Governor's Mansion Association.

"Our active duty military and veterans have made countless sacrifices to preserve our way of life, and it is vital that we always remember and support our Illinois heroes," Mrs. Rauner said. "Holiday cards and socks are simple gifts that can lift their spirits and show our men and women in uniform that we appreciate their service."

"Gov. Rauner and I encourage all Illinoisans to participate in the Holiday Hero Drive by sending cards or socks to the USO or a local veterans services office," she continued. "We are proud to work with these partners to express our gratitude to the military and veteran communities this holiday season."

In addition to cards, the Holiday Hero Drive includes sock donations this year. Participants can send in new tan or black boot socks to USO of Illinois officials, who will distribute the collected socks to deployed troops as well as veterans in Illinois Veterans' Homes.

Cards and socks should be mailed now through Nov. 20 to the following address:

USO of Illinois – Holiday Hero Drive  
333 N. Michigan Ave.  
Suite 2226  
Chicago, IL 60601

Cards and socks also can be dropped off at the Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., Springfield, or with a local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs veteran service officer. Office locations can be found here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/ServiceOffices.aspx>.

Mrs. Rauner reminds the public that with service members stationed throughout the world, including many remote locations, it is important to send holiday cards and socks to USO of Illinois as early as possible to ensure they arrive before the holidays.

Any questions about the Holiday Hero Drive can be addressed to [mansionassociation@gmail.com](mailto:mansionassociation@gmail.com).

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



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# Holidays in the Village



## Wreathing of the Lions

Friday, November 23, 10am

Art Institute of Chicago, Michigan Avenue entrance, 111 S. Michigan Ave..

Outdoor wreathing is FREE; museum entry requires general admission, though children under 14 are FREE

Start the winter season with this Chicago family favorite. The outdoor ceremony, emceed by cast members from the Joffrey Ballet's Nutcracker, celebrates the 125th anniversary of the museum's Michigan Avenue home. Then move indoors to enjoy fun-filled art activities at the Ryan Learning Center.



## Young At Heart Christmas Dinner Dance

Friday, December 14, 2018 6pm - 10pm

at the American Legion, 9757 W. Pacific, Franklin Park, IL

Four course plated dinner, wine served during dinner with local high school choir singing during dinner. Band is Variety Pak.

Members \$35, Guests \$40 - Cash Bar

Large dance floor and plenty of free parking.

Reservations only. For more information please call 773-203-2053.

## Caroling at Cloud Gate

Fridays, November 23 & 30, December 7 & 14 and Wednesday, December 12, 7pm  
Millennium Park, Cloud Gate

Bundle up and belt out some holiday classics as local Chicago choral groups lead hundreds of celebrants in song.



## Victorian Caroling

Date: Saturday, Nov. 24th

xTime: 11am - 4pm (30 minute performances at the top of each hour)

Location: Giddings Plaza in Lincoln Square

Admission: FREE



## Ravenswood Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Date: Saturday, Nov. 24th

Live Carving Demonstrations

Time: 11:00am, Location TBD

Time: 12:30pm, Location TBD

Location: Damen Avenue (Argyle to Leland)

Admission: FREE

## Official 2018 Holiday Ornament Unveiled by City of Springfield

Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Home and the Illinois Governor's Mansion Association

The 2018 Official City of Springfield Ornament will be unveiled at a press conference at 11 a.m. Friday, November 2, 2018 in the Governor's Mansion.

The 2018 ornament features the recent renovation of the Governor's Mansion, the Illinois Bicentennial, and is the 26th ornament in the City of Springfield series celebrating hometown landmarks and events. This year's ornament is the result of a partnership between St. Joseph's Home and the Illinois Governor's Mansion Association. Proceeds from the sale of the ornament will benefit both non-profit organizations.

Justin Blandford, Curator of the Governor's Mansion, Springfield Mayor James Langfelder, and Maxine Bergman, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Home are all expected to participate in the unveiling event.

The Illinois Governor's Mansion Association is a non-profit group responsible for the two-year renovation project of the Governor's Mansion, which was funded entirely with private dollars. The update focused on needed structural repairs and a significant upgrade to the visitor experience. "The People's House" now showcases Illinois



history and art, and is open daily for docent guided tours.

St. Joseph Home is a non-profit nursing home serving the aged and infirmed in the Springfield area for the past 115 years. The ornament project has been a fundraising and outreach program for St. Joseph's Home for the past 26 years. Through the support of generous benefactors, the Home is able to serve residents with compassion and individualized care.

Ornaments are available for purchase (\$29) after the unveiling at the Governor's Mansion, St. Joseph's Home, and selected Springfield area businesses.

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## Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8, 2018  
9:00 am to 11:30 am  
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Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed Sunday)

### LIBRARY CLOSURE

To serve you better, Roden Branch Library will be closed for building improvements from November 12- December 3, 2018. During the closure please visit these nearby locations:

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Ask your librarian or visit [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org) for more information.

### The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The JPNA, will hold its next monthly meeting on Wed., Nov. 28, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. on the lower level of the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings. Free Parking at Hoyne Drive-Up on Milwaukee Avenue.

The Main speaker will be Daniel Pogorzelski, an expert on the history of the Northwest side. He is a co-author of several books in the "Image of America" series.

Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments. For more information, call (773) 282-3879.

## Holiday Toy Drive Supports Children Of Niles Township Food Pantry's Clientele

Niles Township Government has launched its annual holiday toy drive to bring some joy to the children whose families rely on the support of the Niles Township Food Pantry, which provides food and personal hygiene items to more than 1,800 families living in Niles Township every month.

Township officials wish to thank all of the area businesses, organizations, villages, and libraries which have offered support through having a toy drive donation box at their location now through mid-December.

In addition to the Niles Township Government offices at 5255 Lincoln Ave. in Skokie, residents can visit the following locations to make a donation:

#### Skokie

Culver's, 9455 N. Skokie Blvd.  
Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St.  
Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St.  
Niles West High School (Athletic Dept.), 5701 Oakton St.  
Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St.  
Orange Theory Fitness, 5230 Touhy Ave.  
Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.  
Skatium Ice Arena, 9340 Weber Park Pl.  
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#### Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt  
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#### Morton Grove

Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

#### Niles

Niles-Maine District Library, 6960 Oakton St.

"Right now there are children and young adults in our community who are going to bed and going to school hungry," said Food Pantry Director Tony Araque. "We rely on the generosity of our Niles Township residents to help make a difference in the lives of their neighbors."

For more information on the Niles Township Food Pantry along with volunteer opportunities and how you can make a monetary donation, visit [www.nilestownshipgov.com](http://www.nilestownshipgov.com) or call (847) 673-9300.



The Niles West High School Athletic Department, which has been feverishly collecting toys on behalf of the Niles Township Food Pantry.

### Niles-Maine District Library Named Star Library 7 Years in a Row

Niles-Maine District Library has once again been named one of the nation's Star Libraries by the Library Journal, a publication specializing in research and reporting for public libraries. The rating is based on a massive review of data from over 7,000 libraries across the country, of which only 257 were chosen for the coveted title of Star Library.

Libraries' scores are determined by the specially-cultivated LJ Index, which mainly focuses on statistics for material circulation (including electronic materials such as e-books), program attendance, in-person visits, and public Internet usage. The index was designed to measure a library's total output of resources relative to peer libraries, with institutions being grouped based on yearly expenditure. Out of the hundreds of libraries evaluated for each group, the top 15 to 30 scorers are awarded Stars.

Having held the title of Star Library since 2012, Niles-Maine District Library is no stranger to the process. However, the continued recognition is nevertheless appreciated. "The Board and staff have worked hard to make the Niles-Maine District Library a jewel of the community," says Library Director Susan Lempke. "It's very exciting to see our efforts rewarded."

The Library recently launched its new campaign, Best Deal. Ever! to encourage new card signups as well as even more widespread usage of the multitude of services offered to community members. Residents of Niles, unincorporated Des Plaines, or unincorporated Glenview can sign up for a Niles-Maine card. Learn more about how to sign up at [nileslibrary.org/library-card](http://nileslibrary.org/library-card)

The Niles-Maine District Library is located at 6960 W. Oakton St, the northeast corner of the Oakton and Waukegan intersection. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Evanston Library's Kid's Lit Experts Present Best Picture Books of 2018

Two of the Library's most accomplished children's librarians are the perfect guides to reveal the state of excellence and diversity among picture books published in 2018. They'll present Best Picture Books of 2018, on Saturday, December 1, at 10 am in the Community Meeting Room of the Main Library.

The presentation is ideally timed for holiday giving ideas and for making best choices in picture books to read any time of the year. All adults interested in children's books including parents, grandparents,

teachers, childcare workers, and librarians, will benefit from the education, entertainment and opinions to be expected at this lively event.

(No registration is required. This is not a storytime program for children, but a grown-up presentation for adults on the best in children's literature, kind of an "Oscars" for Kids Lit.)

The Library is more than a building of books; it is a place to meet, connect, learn and explore. To learn more, visit [www.epl.org](http://www.epl.org).

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At Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.), our "bosses" are the dogs and cats whose lives we are devoted to saving. As an ALL-VOLUNTEER nonprofit, we don't pay for staff expenses, so your donations go directly to the homeless pets we serve. As we kick off this season of giving, we hope you keep our furry "bosses" in mind when donating on the most important fundraising day of the year. This year Facebook is matching donations starting at 7 a.m. on 11/27. Join our Facebook Event and we'll remind you that morning.

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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.

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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).

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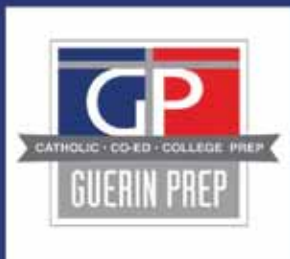


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On December 2, 2018 at Barnes & Noble Old Orchard, 55 Old Orchard Shop Center East Ring Rd, Skokie, IL 60077, at 2:00 pm. For more information, please call 847-677-1770 ext. 1.

### Leave the Leaves

Fall has arrived—which means leaves are changing color and beginning to fall to the ground. Did you know that leaving the leaves in your yard or garden not only saves you time and energy but also benefits wildlife?

Here are a few good reasons to put down the rake:

- Provide habitat for wildlife: frogs, turtles and salamanders rely on fallen leaves to provide cover and hibernation places; many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring

- Provide food for wildlife: creatures like earthworms and millipedes reside in and decompose leaf litter, and also are themselves a source of food for bigger

wildlife like birds and toads

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## New Date for Opening Day of Forest Preserves of Cook County Picnic, Special Event Permit Sales

For the first time, Forest Preserves of Cook County picnic and special event permit sales for the upcoming year begins on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, nearly seven weeks earlier than the traditional January opening day.

“For years we have opened up reservations for the next year in person and online on the first working day after New Year’s—usually Jan. 2. Every year people line up outside, sometimes when the temperature is below zero, to get their favorite groves for their preferred date. Additionally, we recognize that some residents may still be busy or out of town for the holidays come Jan. 2,” explains Arnold Randall, General Superintendent for the Forest Preserves. “An earlier Opening Day helps alleviate some of these issues and also gives families more time to plan—some of our customers are planning weddings, family reunions and other important events and they want to celebrate those special moments in our Forest Preserves.”

2019 offers numerous opportunities for Cook County residents to come together with family and friends. From birthdays and reunions to holidays and special event gatherings, the public can head to the Forest Preserves to plan their upcoming celebrations outside while surrounded by nature.

Online and in-person permit sales for 2019 picnics and special events begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. In-person sales will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Forest Preserves of Cook County General Headquarters, 536 N. Harlem Ave. in River Forest, or at the Dan Ryan Visitor Center, 8700 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

Online sales will also open at 8 a.m. on Nov. 15, and will remain available 24 hours a

day. In addition to saving time by purchasing permits online, visitors can view information such as site availability, grove maps and the various fees associated with grove rentals by visiting [fpdcc.com/permits](http://fpdcc.com/permits).

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

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

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

Permits for groups larger than 399 attendees may be requested beginning Oct. 15, 2018. Customers may submit applications in-person at the General Headquarters location, via email at [fpd.permits@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:fpd.permits@cookcountyil.gov) or via fax at (708) 771-1071.

In 2018, more than 7,000 permits were sold for picnics and special events. Top sites for picnics and special events include Dan Ryan Woods in Chicago, Busse Woods in northwest Cook County, and Schiller Woods in Chicago/Schiller Park.



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2 lbs. ground meat (beef or turkey),

1 cup fine dry bread crumbs,

1 pkg. Lipton onion soup mix and 3 eggs.

Mix and shape into meatballs – small balls if you plan to serve them for cocktails or larger for a family meal. Bake on cookie sheet about 20 minutes at 325 to 350 degrees.

##### Ingredients for the sauce:

1 – 16 oz (500 ml) chili sauce (look for Bennettes available at the Jewel),

1 bottle of water, 1 cup light brown sugar,

1 cup drained sauerkraut and 1 can whole cranberry sauce (2 cup size).

Mix together and simmer for 20 minutes. Then put baked meatballs in a baking dish and pour sauce over all. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Set out toothpicks if serving with cocktails. If you plan to serve it as a main dish for your family or for guests, Eleanor suggests side dishes of mashed potatoes, zucchini or squash noodles, which are also available at the Jewel, or your choice of a vegetable. Bon appétit!

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

## Resurrection College Prep Welcomed Superior General Of The Sisters' Congregation



Resurrection College Prep staff, faculty and students welcomed a special guest from Rome on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, Mother Dorota Zygmunt, C.R., Superior General of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Resurrection. Following a tour of the school, seniors Sarah Erickson & Janna George, members of the President’s Advisory Board, presented her with flowers. As Superior General, Mother Dorota is the leader for all the Resurrection Sisters in Poland, White Russia, Italy, England, Tanzania, the United States, Australia, Argentina and Canada.



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).

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