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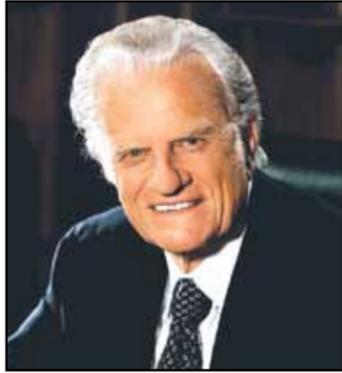
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We Grieve The Loss Of This Treasure

The Rev. Billy Graham, who transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died Wednesday, February 21st.



He was 99. Graham, who long suffered from cancer, pneumonia and other ailments, died at his home in North Carolina.

He will be buried by his wife at the Billy Graham Museum and Library.

"I have been asked, 'What is the secret?'" Graham had said of his preaching. "Is it showmanship, organization or what? The secret of my work is God. I would be nothing without him."

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Winners will receive a \$20 gift card from Tony's Fresh Market.

The raffle will take place between March 16th-26th. The Chamber will provide tickets, raffle buckets and contact the winners for you.

For more information, please contact the BCCC office at 773-647-1644

Pappas Welcomes St. Patrick's Day Queen

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas greeted the Queen of the 2018 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade and her Court in celebration of the annual parade, to be held March 17, 2018. The Queen, Mary Kate Manion, was accompanied by members of the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band and the parade committee in a visit to Pappas' office.



From left: Tim Murphy, drummer, Shannon Rovers Pipe Band; Nicole Coghlan, Companion in the Queen's Court; Catie Coghlan, Companion in the Queen's Court; Mary Kate Manion, Queen of the St. Patrick's Day Parade; Michael Tierney, coordinator of the parade; Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas; Patrick McCarthy, coordinator of the parade; James Coyne, General Chairman of the parade; Maura Carr, Companion in the Queen's Court; and Madeline Mitchell, Companion in the Queen's Court.

Lincolnwood Police Department Lobby Hours Extended

On March 1, 2017 the Village of Lincolnwood consolidated its Police and Fire dispatch services with the Village of Skokie. When a call to 9-1-1 is made in Lincolnwood the call is answered at the Skokie Police Station. The appropriate Lincolnwood emergency police and/or fire response personnel are dispatched to handle the call. As a result of consolidation personnel is not on-duty to receive the public at the Police Station after normal business hours. Please be advised that in order to better serve the community and provide broader accessibility the Lincolnwood Police Department lobby hours will be extended effective February 20, 2018. The new lobby hours will be Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Village President Barry Bass said "Since the State of Illinois mandate required consolidation of the Village's dispatch center the Village has been working to extend the police lobby hours in order to better serve the residents of the community. This is being accomplished with no impact to the budget." The department Records Clerks will ensure that the additional hours are staffed by on-duty personnel to accommodate residents who may require assistance. The main goal is to offer excellent public safety and quality police service to our community.

Casimir Pulaski Day — Monday, March 5th

Casimir Pulaski Day is a holiday observed in Illinois on the first Monday of every March in memory of Casimir Pulaski (March 6, 1745 – October 11, 1779), a Revolutionary War cavalry officer born in Poland as Kazimierz Pułaski. He is praised for his contributions to the U.S. military in the American Revolution and known as "the father of the American cavalry".



The day is celebrated mainly in areas that have large Polish populations, such as Chicago and Bloomington. The focus of official commemorations of Casimir Pulaski Day in Chicago is at the Polish Museum of America where various city and state officials congregate to pay tribute to Chicago's Polish Community.

This is a separate holiday from the federal observance, General Pulaski Memorial Day, which commemorates Pulaski's death from wounds suffered at the Siege of Savannah on October 9, 1779.

Illinois enacted a law on September 13, 1977, to celebrate the birthday of Casimir Pulaski and held the first official Pulaski Day celebrations in 1978. The bill was introduced by State Senator Norbert A. Kosinski, a Democrat from Chicago, and signed by Thomas Hynes, President of the Senate, on June 26, 1977. Cook County government offices, the Chicago Public Library, Springfield Public Schools, and state-wide public and private schools are closed on this holiday.

Wisconsin public schools also observe Casimir Pulaski Day. Banks in Illinois may close for the holiday.

Section 118.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that, "...when school is held or, if the day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, on a school day immediately preceding or following the respective day, the day shall be appropriately observed...." The use of "shall" denotes this as a mandatory requirement. Each public school in Wisconsin must observe Casimir Pulaski Day on March 4. How the day is observed — "appropriately" — allows for some discretion among the schools.

Buffalo, New York also acknowledges a "Pulaski Day," which is held in the middle of July, and is celebrated with an annual parade.

On November 6, 2009, President Barack Obama signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives making Pulaski an honorary American citizen, 230 years after his death. He is one of eight people to be granted honorary United States citizenship.

Grand Rapids, Michigan hosts a "Pulaski Days" celebration annually on the first full weekend of October in recognition of General Pulaski and the Polish culture in general.

Congratulations to the Northwest Side Irish on the 15th Anniversary of their Parade!



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Community First Medical Center February Health Events



Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, will offer the following health events in February

Friday, February 23
11th Step Mediation – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.,
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ence Room C, 7th Floor

Silent mediation, a brief positive talk or reading followed by 12 step sharing. Open AA meeting format, everyone is welcome to attend. Coed, non-smoking. This is a fellowship open to learning how the art of listening

leads to developing an improved 'real' relationship with their higher power and our fellows. For all who seek through prayer and meditation to improve their conscious.

Sunday, February 25
Alcoholics Anonymous – 9:30 – 10:30
a.m. Community First Medical Center,
Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

Alcoholics anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they solve their common problem. If you think you have a drinking problem, please join our free AA Group.

Saturday, February 24
Community First Medical Center Heart

Fest-8 a.m.-11 a.m., conference room A&B
 Offerings at this event will include, EKG, Lipid Panel (fasting is required 8-10 hours), AIC screening, Osteoporosis screening, BMI, 2-week pass fitness center, smoking sensation information, talks with a dietician, a pharmacist and cardiologist, Dr. David Fishman. The cost to participate will be \$40. To register please call 773-282-7000.

Norwood Seniors Network Receives Three Home Care Awards For Fifth Consecutive Year

Norwood Seniors Network achieved a milestone in 2018 by garnering three Best of Home Care Awards--the Leader in Excellence, Provider of Choice and Employer of Choice Awards-- for the fifth consecutive year. The local not-for-profit home care agency helps older adults enjoy a safer, more independent lifestyle by bringing affordable services into their homes.

This recognition places Norwood Seniors Network, 6009 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, among the top five percent of home care providers in the country. Nationally, only 131 agencies were recipients of all three awards, and NSN is the only home care agency in Chicago to receive all three awards.

"This is truly an outstanding accomplishment," said Laura Shaw-deBruin, Norwood Seniors Network Executive Director. "We have always prided ourselves in being the best we can be, both as a provider and an employer. To receive these awards is a great honor and one that we do not take lightly. With the help of our amazing staff and volunteers, we are looking forward to growing and serving even more seniors in our community this year."

The awards were presented by Home Care Pulse, an Idaho-based company whose purpose is to provide feedback on services offered by home care agencies. To be eligible for the awards, home care agencies must partner with Home Care Pulse

for at least six months and become Home Care Pulse Certified.

The Leader in Excellence Award required Norwood Seniors Network to be Home Care Pulse Certified for a minimum of 12 months, be a winning provider in 15 or more client and caregiver satisfaction categories within a specific geographical area and complete interviews monthly with 10 percent of both their clients and caregivers.

The Best of Home Care Provider Award is awarded for the highest satisfaction scores from current clients and caregivers. Similarly, the Best of Home Care Employer of Choice Award assures clients that the agency's caregivers are satisfied, supported, trained and pleased with their employer. The information enables agencies to use the data to maintain or improve upon their quality, professionalism and expertise.

Norwood Seniors Network is now in its 24th year of service, providing in-home caregiving, home delivered meals, care management, personal emergency response, home assessments, transportation, and social outings to clients in far northwest Chicago and nearby suburbs. It receives no state or federal funding and functions as an affiliate of Norwood Life Society that also oversees Norwood Crossing, Norwood Life Care Foundation, Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop, Norwood Park Senior Center, and Bethesda Rehab and Senior Care.

The Social Costs of Hearing Loss and How to Explain Them to a Loved One

Much has been said about the medical and practical downsides of hearing loss. However, one aspect of hearing loss that doesn't get discussed that much is the isolation that happens as a result of the condition.

Those with hearing loss almost always have trouble with communication. When such a problem develops, it's typical for those with hearing loss to slowly begin to avoid the types of interactions that showcase the problem. Sometimes, when hearing loss develops over time, the person may get used to it and begin to think "this is just how things are", instead of realizing that their quality of life has changed for the worse.

The inevitable end of hearing loss is a person who becomes increasingly isolated but frequently doesn't have the self-awareness to understand that the isolation is stemming from the hearing loss. They might think that isolation is a natural effect of older age, or even worse, may assume that something about their personality makes other people not want to be around them.

A series of recent studies have reaffirmed the importance of a strong social network in the overall health of the individual. So, becoming increasingly withdrawn could eventually

be detrimental to a person's physical health.

If you notice the common signs of hearing loss in a loved one, you should encourage them to get a hearing exam. Even if you don't see any signs of hearing loss but notice that your friend or loved one is becoming increasingly withdrawn or aloof, you should ask them about the possibility of having hearing loss.

No one wants to hear that they don't have any friends, so when broaching the discussion with a loved one, it's important to tread carefully. Mention the idea of a hearing exam but don't necessarily link it to the person's social life. If they agree to the test, this can help with both their hearing loss and their social withdrawal.

The results? Again and again, we've seen patients who were suffering from hearing loss and were withdrawn from their community flourish once they had the appropriate hearing device and were able to communicate effectively again.

Think your loved one may be experiencing social withdrawal due to undiagnosed hearing loss, but not sure how to deal with the issue? Contact us at 773-685-9202 to set up an appointment!



Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD is the owner and audiologist of Chicago Hearing Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and her Doctorate of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Dr. Vetter-Toalson is involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and Big Shoulders Fund Chairman's Advisory Council. Chicago Hearing Services has served northwest Chicago since 1990.

The Adoption Process From A To Z

An adult continuing education class offers an in-depth look at "The Adoption Process from A to Z". Offered through Lyons Township Adult and Community Education, one session will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m., at the Lyons Township High School (North Campus), 100 S. Brainard Ave., LaGrange, Illinois, 60525. This program is open to the public. For information, please call 708/579-6573.



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Joint Public Safety Training Academy To Be Named In Honor Of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the upcoming Joint Public Safety Training Academy will be named in honor of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer, who was tragically killed in the line of duty earlier this week. His honors wake and funeral arrangements were held Friday and Saturday.

"Paul Bauer may be gone from this earth, but his legacy as a great police officer and a great man will live on forever," said Mayor Emanuel. "For decades to come, every police and fire recruit learning to protect and serve Chicagoans will train in the

Paul R. Bauer Academy, and be inspired by the example he set for us all."

"Commander Bauer earned the respect and admiration of his police officers as well as this city because he did his job with sincerity, professionalism and kindness," CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson said. "The way he lived his life should serve as an example for every police officer and that is why I am proud to have his name on our new Public Safety Training Academy."

The new Joint Public Safety Training Academy will help first

responders continue to strengthen Chicago's community-focused approach to public safety. The new campus will be located in West Garfield Park and will include indoor and outdoor training spaces that both extend the current training capabilities of the Police and Fire Departments as well as offer more joint-training opportunities. The new features will ensure the training academy will not only improve interagency collaboration in emergency response, but also expand the capacity for first responders to receive specialized hands-on tactical training in real-world situations.

Two Top Chicago Lawyers To Be Recognized With Chicago Bar Association's Distinguished "Dickerson" Awards

Two top-tier Chicago attorneys who have fought for justice and equality in the legal profession throughout their careers will be honored with the Chicago Bar Association's distinguished Earl B. Dickerson Award.

Lori E. Lightfoot, of Mayer Brown LLP, and Larry R. Rogers, Jr. of Power Rogers & Smith, will be honored at the annual Dickerson Award Luncheon on February 28 at the Standard Club in Chicago.

The awards were established in honor of the late Earl B. Dickerson, one of the first African American members of the Chicago Bar Association, whose prestigious legal career was marked by his courage and dedication to making the law the key to justice for all of society. Many prominent Chicago attorneys have received the award since it was established including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, U.S. District Court Judge George N. Leighton, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans.

With more than 20 years of experience in the justice system and government sector,

Lori Lightfoot has served as a trial attorney, investigator and risk manager. She is currently a partner at Mayer Brown LLP, handling a range of client matters such as complex commercial litigation, internal investigations and criminal defense. As both a civil litigator and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Northern District of Illinois, Ms. Lightfoot has tried more than 20 federal and state jury and bench trials.

Larry Rogers Jr., a partner at Power Rogers & Smith, has more than 20 years of experience as a trial attorney advocating for victims and successfully trying a wide variety of cases, including many high profile cases that have resulted in significant settlements. In 2013, Mr. Rogers was recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as one of the city's top personal injury attorneys. In addition to his work as a litigator, he also served for 10 years as an elected member of the Cook County Board of Review.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$70 and can be purchased on the CBA website at www.chicagobar.org. The event begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon.

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD is now meeting at the Barba Gianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Avenue, just south of Lawrence. Arrangements have been made for our Kiwanis Kin for FREE PARKING in the mb Financial parking lot. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 as the restaurant needs to know for how many people to set the table. Thank you.

For a number of years, the Annual Scholarship Awards Program took place at the Chicago Brauhaus, but since that restaurant has closed the end of December, our big question was where the NBGC will now hold this important event. We were glad to hear that it will continue in Lincoln Square, namely at the DANK-Haus at 4740 N. Western, on Friday, May 11, where parking is available in the mb Financial Bank lot. There will be a Cocktail Hour followed by Dinner and the Awards Program, the exact time TBA. Our good friends Frank and Betty Crescenzi are in charge of the Dinner. A commemorative booklet will be published in conjunction with the event for which various sizes of ads can be purchased. An Ad Book Form was enclosed. The NBGC is also asking for donations of Auction Items for which a detailed description, restrictions and the retail value needs to be indicated. If you have questions about any of the above, please contact Candice Werstein at 773-463-4161 X 110 or email her at Candice@nbgc.org. Many thanks for supporting the NBGC.

As an inspirational closing, Maria Bappert read the following message: "The Happiness in your life keeps you SWEET. The trials in your life keep you STRONG. The Sorrow in your life keeps YOU HUMAN. The Failures in your life keep you HUMBLE. Faith in GOD will always keep you GOING."

Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero" - 2018 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 2018 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.

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



Edison Park Post 541 of The American Legion invites Veterans and Sons of Veterans on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., to attend our informational meeting. Location is Edison Park Field House 1st floor North at 6755 N. Northwest hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. We are on our way to forming a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron and are looking for more Sons to be named as charter members. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service

during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. This is an informational meeting. All Veterans are invited and if you qualify we would love for you to join us. Veterans qualifications are for service during the periods stated above. Contact: Past 9th District Commander Bob Fuggiti 847-921-8738 Edison Park Post 541 - AmerLegion541@aol.com 6755 W. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Village of Skokie CPR Classes

The Skokie Fire Department offers CPR classes at Fire Station 17, 8157 Central Park Avenue. Beginning in March 2018, sessions will take place the third Saturday of each month. The next session takes place on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

The CPR class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and cover infant, child, and adult CPR. Class fees are \$40 for both residents and non-residents. This class is not certified for health-care professionals.

Save a life, register for a CPR class today! For additional information or to enroll in a CPR Course, contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340.

Mayor Emanuel And CPD Superintendent Johnson Celebrate Graduation

New Police Entry Exam Applications Open Feb 1

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined Chicago Police Department (CPD) Superintendent Eddie Johnson in commemorating the graduation and promotion of 185 police officers in a ceremony at Navy Pier as part of the ongoing hiring plan to grow the Department by 970 sworn officers. Today's graduation ceremony recognized 84 graduating police recruits, 18 Lieutenants, 72 Sergeants, and 11 Field Training Officers.

Mayor Emanuel also announced during the ceremony that the City will begin accepting applications for the next Police Entry Exam on February 1. Part of CPD's "Be the Change" recruitment campaign, the May 2018 exam will be the fifth test administered under the Emanuel Administration, with increasingly concerted efforts made to expand the diversity of applicants and make the exam more accessible. Candidates can register online to take the Police Entry Exam on May 5 at McCormick Place. Registration is open February 1 - 28, 2018.

The 84 police recruits include 23% women and approximately 52% from minority backgrounds as well as 27 Chicago Public School graduates, 15 US military veterans, and 12 officers who have at least one family member in CPD. The newly promoted Sergeant class is 33% minority and 15% female. The Lieutenant class is 50% minority and 17% female.

Police recruits spent five months at the Police Academy and will now begin their one-year probationary period, which includes three months training with a Field Training officer and district patrol functions. Lieutenants receive

5 weeks of training at the Academy, Sergeants receive 6 weeks of training at the Academy and FTOs receive 5 weeks of training at the Academy.

The "Be the Change," campaign reflects the belief that this new generation of police officers will be future leaders who define how police support, protect, and work together with Chicago's communities. By joining the police department, candidates will find an opportunity to serve the City while gaining valuable skills and making a lasting impact on an organization in the midst of significant reform.

The City has implemented a variety of ways to make it easier for applicants to take the exam and complete the process, including: eliminating the \$30 exam fee, written test preparation classes, more flexible options for taking the required physical fitness test including a free training program and providing opt-in text and email reminders to keep candidates engaged throughout the recruitment period.

The minimum age to apply and take the police exam is 20. At the time of hire (not at time of application), candidates must be a resident of the city of Chicago, have a valid State of Illinois Driver's License, and have 60 semester hours of college credit or 36 months of continuous active duty service or one year continuous active service with 30 semester hours college credit. Officers who join the Chicago Police Department make \$72,510 after 18 months and are eligible for healthcare benefits, tuition reimbursement, clothing allowances and a retirement plan while they are employed by CPD.

To learn more and apply, please visit: www.chicagopolice.org/bethechange.

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Mayor Emanuel Announces Responses To RFQ For Express Service Between O'Hare International Airport And Downtown Chicago

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT) has received four responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the O'Hare Express operating system. The project aims to deliver express service that would take 20 minutes or less to travel from downtown Chicago to O'Hare International Airport (ORD), cutting more than 50 percent off current travel times.

"Four visionary groups have stepped forward because they see what we see – a connected Chicago is a stronger Chicago," Mayor Emanuel said. "Strengthening connections between the economic engines of downtown Chicago and O'Hare airport will build on Chicago's legacy of innovation and pay dividends for generations to come."

The RFQ specifies that the O'Hare Express Service should include a downtown station, an ORD station and one maintenance facility. Corridors may be above or below surface level. Goals of the project include travel times of 20 minutes or less with a reliable service frequency

of at least every 15 minutes for the majority of the day with reasonable premium service fares less than the cost of current taxi and ride-share services. Any proposal must also address how potential conflicts or impacts on existing transportation systems and the environment would be avoided or minimized.

The express service stands to offer a myriad of benefits to the City, travelers, and residents: providing a faster commute from the airport to downtown and vice versa; helping to mitigate congestion on the region's roadways; and fostering economic growth and creating jobs throughout the lifetime of the project. The current total daily number of air passengers traveling between ORD and the Chicago Central Business District is approximately 20,000 and is forecast to grow to at least 35,000 daily air passengers in 2045.

For more information visit www.chicagoinfrastructure.org.

Mayor Emanuel Achieves Double Notch Ratings Upgrade For City Of Chicago Kroll Bond Rating Agency ("KBRA") Notes 'Effective Management' And A 'Very Diverse Employment Base' When Upgrading Chicago

This upgrade is a reflection of seven years of work to put our pensions on a path to solvency, address legacy debt issues and reduce the structural budget gap," said Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "While there is still more work to do, today Chicago

is on firmer financial footing because we came together to address the financial challenges we inherited with real solutions. Today, as a result, we can invest in Chicago's future with certainty, we can provide taxpayers certainty about the city's di-

rection and we can provide businesses the certainty they need to create more jobs for residents across the city.

Spring into Baseball with the "Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars" Exhibit at the Niles-Maine District Library

It's a home run for baseball fans at Niles-Maine District Library this Spring! With baseball season upon us, there is only one game more exciting than the World Series—the Crosstown Classic! This meeting between the White Sox and Cubs is one of the oldest and most storied sports rivalries in Major League Baseball history—when these teams meet, the two sides of the city collide! Baseball lovers will be delighted to immerse themselves in the Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars exhibit in the Franklin Gallery at the Niles-Maine District Library from March 1-May 31, 2018. The exhibit is open to all and admission is free. The exhibit was produced by the Elmhurst History Museum. The exhibit sponsor is CIBC Bank in Lincolnwood, IL and the media sponsor is the Journal & Topics Newspapers.

This hard hitting exhibit examines the rich and unique history of Chicago baseball—a city divided by dedicated fans with something to prove. Chicago may be divided geographically by only ten miles, but the distance between White Sox and Cubs fans is much greater. Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars showcases the 117-year history of the rivalry, what it means, and how it's changed. Visitors can explore this classic rivalry through first-hand accounts from former players, fans, historians, and sports media. Visitors can test their knowledge of each team in the Trivia Challenge and check out photographs, memorabilia, and souvenirs.

"We're very happy to be able to follow up on our two other local history exhibits on candy and on pizza with a great exhibit on the baseball rivalry between the Sox and the



Cubs," said Library Director, Susan Dove Lempke. "Today's libraries present information in a variety of

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ways, and I'm excited that the community will get to have an interactive learning experience centered around America's favorite pastime."

The Library takes you out to the ball game with more than 30 baseball-themed events for all ages throughout the Spring. The official Sox vs. Cubs exhibit kickoff is on Sunday, March 4 from 2-4pm. Fans can tour the exhibit, experience virtual reality, make their own pennant, and more. On Sunday, March 18 meet Southpaw, the White Sox mascot and on Sunday, May 6 meet Clark, the Chicago Cubs mascot. For a full list of events, please see below. Registration may be required. For more information about the exhibit and the special events, visit: www.nileslibrary.org/baseball

Mayor Emanuel Joins Chicago Sky to Announce Team's Move to Wintrust Arena UChicago Medicine to Serve as Team's Official Medical Provider and Sponsor

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined the WNBA's Chicago Sky to formally announce the team is moving to Wintrust Arena in Chicago's South Loop for the 2018 season. In addition, the University of Chicago Medicine has been named the official medical provider and sponsor of the Chicago Sky through a multiyear partnership.

"On behalf of sports fans across the city, I want to welcome the Chicago Sky to their new home right here in the city of Chicago," Mayor Emanuel said. "This move by the Chicago Sky will mean jobs and economic opportunities on Chicago's South Side and in neighborhoods across the city, and the partnership between the Sky and UChicago Medicine will benefit the team and strengthen health initiatives in Chicago

communities."

The Chicago Sky kicks off its season in May. During the 2018 season, the Chicago Sky will play all 17 home games at Wintrust Arena as well as promotional events. The move by the Sky adds to the growing portfolio of events at the new, 10,387-seat Wintrust Arena. Its anchor tenant is the DePaul University men's and women's basketball teams, which are expected to host more than 20 games at the new arena.

In what will be their marquis event, UChicago Medicine and the Chicago Sky plan to join forces April 22 to host a health and wellness fair at Wintrust Arena, along with a basketball clinic that aims to break the world record for the largest basketball clinic ever held.

Mayor Emanuel Joins Shiftgig to Open New Chicago Headquarters Innovative Tech Company Relocating to Larger Office Designed to Support Major Growth

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined Shiftgig, the mobile technology platform that connects businesses with hourly workers, to open the company's new office in Chicago. The new office is designed to support the company's plan to add approximately 100 employees in 2018, doubling its internal data science, engineering and product teams, and significantly increase its marketing and sales teams. The company also plans to hire at least 1,500 people in Chicago allowing them to work for local businesses through the Shiftgig app.

Shiftgig's new office space is located on the third floor of 1 N. State Street, Chicago, IL spanning 23,773 square feet, enabling the company to keep pace with its hiring growth. The space is one of the first renovations completed by the property with plans to open a roof deck

and state-of-the-art fitness center for tenants this summer. All of Shiftgig's business operations are centralized out of the new headquarters to better serve the needs of its clients and Specialists, across the country.

Shiftgig connects businesses with the on-demand workforce through our industry-leading mobile platform. Our technology provides financial opportunity for hourly workers seeking flexibility and choice, while delivering powerful business agility to companies. More than 2,800 clients in food service, hospitality, retail, warehouse and experiential marketing use Shiftgig because of its ability to easily fill and manage short-term job assignments with pre-vetted, skills-assessed workers. Shiftgig is changing the way people work. For more information visit www.shiftgig.com.

Get Involved With Your Neighborhood School—Run For Your Local School Council

Are you passionate about children and their education? Do you want to see our local public schools continue to grow and improve? Sign up to run for your Local School Council!

Elections for Local School Council are coming up this spring and the filing deadline is less than two weeks away. No prior experience or formal education is required. All you need is a passion for our local schools and a desire to see them continue to improve.

Chicago Public Schools
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cps.edu/lselections **Run for Your Local School Council**

Free Income Tax Assistance

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Tax Prep Chicago are marking Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day and the official start of tax season today by reminding residents to take advantage of the City of Chicago's free tax assistance program.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a benefit for working families with low to moderate income. Last year, Tax Prep Chicago helped over 20,000 families and individuals receive nearly \$30 million in tax refunds and credits.

"EITC is one of the most important tools we have to reduce poverty in our country; however, far too many families either don't know that they are eligible or need help applying for it," said Mayor Emanuel. "The City is committed to ensuring that hardworking Chicagoans have access to free tax services to file their returns and claim the refunds they deserve. These returns help support families, sustain local businesses and fuel our economy. That's why I've been an advocate from EITC and the recent increases in the Senior and General Homestead exemptions."

The City will be partnering with the Center for Economic Progress, Ladder Up and City Treasurer's Office again this year to provide the free service for eligible residents.

Volunteer tax preparers, certified through an Internal Revenue Service (IRS), will assist residents with federal and state income tax

returns for the 2017 tax year and in many cases, can help with prior-year returns and amendments. Volunteers will also help taxpayers filing for or renewing an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

Cook County homeowners may also take advantage of several valuable property-tax-saving exemptions. There are currently four exemptions that must be applied for or renewed annually: The Homeowner Exemption, Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption, Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption, and the Home Improvement Exemption. For more information, contact the Cook County Treasurer's Office at www.cookcountytreasurer.com/exemptions.aspx. The deadline for filing taxes is April 17, 2018.

Tax Prep Chicago is an initiative of the City of Chicago that enables qualified Chicagoans to access free income tax return services at sites located throughout the city. Two nonprofit partners, the Center for Economic Progress and Ladder Up, train hundreds of volunteers each year to provide free preparation and e-filing of Federal and Illinois returns for eligible families and individuals.

For more information about how to access free tax assistance or for a complete list of EITC locations: Visit the City's tax assistance website at www.TaxPrepChicago.org

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Paint Your Pet at Pinot's Palette & Support C.A.R.E.

By Janice Cha
C.A.R.E. volunteer

Unleash your inner artist, paint your dog, cat, gerbil, bearded dragon, and support C.A.R.E.--all at the same time!

On Sunday, March 25, from 2 pm to 5 pm, at Pinot's Palette (2011 Tower Dr., Glenview, Ill.) pet-loving potential Picassos will pick up their paint brushes and create portraits of their animals. At this guided painting event, Pinot's Palette staff will be on hand to walk you through the process of creating your very own masterpiece. Artistic talent not required. A portion of the registration fee will be donated to C.A.R.E.

Here's how it works. When you register, you will be asked to email a high-quality image of your pet to our contact at Pinot's Palette. The best portraits, as they say, start with a great photo. In the photo, your pet should be centered, in focus and in the foreground with no furniture or objects blocking parts of its body. If it's a head shot, make sure there are no cropped-off ears. Look for a picture taken outside on a cloudy day or in a shaded area, or inside in natural, indirect lighting, to avoid dark shadows.

Once they receive your email, Pinot's staff will crop out the background of the image leaving just your pet. Then the cropped image will be converted a simple line drawing and transferred onto a 16" x 20" canvas. When you arrive, you will be equipped with a glass of wine, brushes, paints and expert guidance on how to paint your pet's portrait.

Sweetening the afternoon will be appetizers and sweets, cool raffle prizes and more.

Tickets cost \$65 per person. Because of the pre-prep required, the registration deadline is March 9. Participants can pre-register online at carenorthshore.org/events/pinots

Pinot's Palette specializes in "paint and sip experiences" -- a fun way to enjoy art and wine, meet new people and bond with friends. Guests enjoy a no-experience-required art class--all supplies included--directed by trained, local artists, who guide guests step-by-step through a featured painting.



Photo credit: Pinot's Palette



Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) is a Skokie-based, 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. plans to open an animal rescue facility at 4927 Main St., Skokie, in Spring 2018. Learn more about C.A.R.E. by visiting online at CARENorthshore.org, or at [Facebook.com/CAREevanston](https://www.facebook.com/CAREevanston).

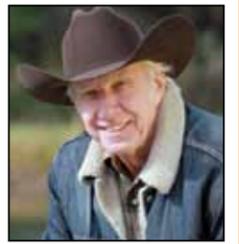


Community Animal Rescue Effort

Matching Pets With People Since 1987

Roadside History of Illinois

This is the 14th in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago, nearby suburbs and elsewhere in the state that can be visited by those who seek to learn more about local history. The articles are partial excerpts from the book, *Roadside History of Illinois* (Mountain Press, 2013), by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash



St. Valentine's Day Massacre Site

Although the building at 2122 North Clark Street (across from the Chicago Pizza & Oven Grinder restaurant) no longer exists, in 1929 it was the site of one of the shocking episodes of Chicago's gangster era--the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

The 1919 Volstead Act, a.k.a. Prohibition, spawned a wave of criminal activity and violence, especially in Chicago. Here, Al Capone was the kingpin of a consortium of illegal operations in the city and its nearby suburbs. The Near North Side, however, was the domain of rival gang leader George "Bugs" Moran, and Capone had his eye on Moran's territory which also would consolidate his control over North Side union locals.

Capone was in Florida on February 14, 1929, when it is alleged that he sent a "red hot valentine" to Moran. But the message--a dose of lead--never reached Moran himself. About midmorning, several of Moran's minions were gathered at the garage of the S-M-C Cartage Company, possibly waiting for a shipment of liquor. Moran was expected but had not yet arrived when a black Cadillac pulled up in front of the building. At least five men--two dressed as police officers--stepped out and entered the garage, where they found seven men and a dog. Five of the men were part of Moran's gang, while the other two were unlucky hangers-on.

The visitors lined the seven occupants against a wall and unloaded two Thompson submachine guns at point-blank range. The bodies were found after a neighbor complained of loud noises and a howling dog. One of Moran's men survived the assault but died in the hospital a few hours later, after refusing to answer police questions. Following the incident, Moran was said to exclaim, "Only Al Capone kills like that."

Much later, it was alleged that the plan was assembled by "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn whose real name was Vincent Gebardi. The shooters were Murray "the Camel" Humphreys, Claude "Screw" Maddox and Gus Winkler, while Fred "Killer" Burke and Fred Goetz were disguised as police officers. Although the machine guns were found in Burke's St. Joseph, Michigan home, no conclusive evidence ever was produced to tie Capone's men to the crime. In 1935, a minor hoodlum named Byron Bolton claimed from his jail cell these five men were involved, but his confession was ignored.

What became of the six men involved? McGurn was gunned down on February 15, 1936, while bowling on the second floor of Avenue Recreation, 805 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. Humphreys died November 23, 1965 of a heart attack in his 51st floor Marina Tower apartment several hours after a visit by FBI agents. Maddox, whose real name was John Edward Moore, died in his sleep on June 21, 1958, at his plush Riverside home, 3536 S. Harlem Avenue in Riverside. Winkler, an early member of Egan's Rats, a St. Louis gang, was killed on October 9, 1933 at 1414 W. Roscoe Street, near the residence of then State Sen. Charles Weber. Burke was convicted of killing a police officer in St. Joseph, Michigan, and died of a heart attack on July 10, 1940, while imprisoned at the Michigan State Penitentiary in Marquette. Goetz, alias George "Shotgun" Ziegler, was killed with a shotgun in front of a Cicero restaurant on March 21, 1934.

In 1967, the S-M-C Cartage Company garage was torn down. The location is now a parking lot affiliated with an adjacent nursing home. Some nearby residents claim the site is haunted by the tragedy that occurred there nearly 90 years ago.

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.



It's time to register for Spring programs with the Chicago Park District!

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Activities start the week of April 2 for most programs.

Please note: registration dates vary for gymnastics centers as well as Morgan Park Sports Center & McFetridge Sports Center.

For more information visit:

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

312.742.7529 or 312.747.2001 (TTY)

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15th Year Celebration!

Northwest Side Irish Celebrates their 15th Annual Northwest Side Irish Parade on Sunday March 11, 2018.

The parade kick's off at 12:00 pm from Onahan School at 6633 W. Raven, south on Neola to Northwest Highway, north to Harlem. The parade was started in memory of Judith Arlene

Cregan Murray, the wife of NWSI founder and President Daniel E. Murray and mother of five, Daniel Murray, MaryJo Raysby, Brian Murray, Elizabeth Murray-Belcaster and Thomas Murray. Daniel and his daughter Elizabeth founded NWSI in 2002 and the first parade launched in 2003. It is attended by well over thirty thousand spectators and over 5000 participants. This is a very family friendly tradition for the residents and businesses on the

NorthWest Side of Chicago. Entertainers for the parade include the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Trinity Irish Dancers, Dillian Gavin Irish Dancers, Momentum Performing Arts, Notre Dame High School Band, St. Patrick's High School band and alumni, Chicago Pipes and Drums as well as many local businesses.

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 Queen's Court: Grace Owens & Ashley Byrne Murphy*

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The Murray Family NWSI Founder & President Daniel Murray. NWSI Founder and Parade organizer Elizabeth Murray-Belcaster & Family. From left: Tom Murray, Dan Murray Jr., Daniel Murray, Elizabeth Murray-Belcaster, MaryJo Raysby, & Brian Murray

Parade Line-up

Starts at Onahan Elementary School: 6634 W Raven St, Chicago
 Parade Line up - 10am • Kick off - 12pm

Official NorthWestSide After Party

The Official Northwest Side Irish After Party is at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall 7271 W. Talcott. Tickets for NWSI After Party are \$10.00 for adults plus \$5.00 (Alcohol Beverages 21 and Over) wristband which includes 1 Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and Eli's Cheesecake for dessert. \$5.00 for children 10 and under includes hot dog, chips and beverage. The after party includes live entertainment by the Emerald Society Band and Trinity Irish Dancers, Dillian Gavin Irish Dancer, Momentum Performing, Marsh-mellow Entertainment, food and drinks, face painting for the kids and balloon artistry, all inclusive to your ticket price.

Congratulations on the 15th Anniversary of the Northwest Side Irish Parade!
 From all of us at the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce

OUR VILLAGE

For more information
www.northwestsideirish.org



Northwest Side Irish Parade Grand Marshall



Ryan Shannon was born in Joliet, IL on June 17th, 1987. He resided in Morris, IL for his entire life until he joined the United States Navy on December 17th, 2008. Prior to his enlistment he attended Morris Community High School where he was a member of the student government and played multiple sports to include track and field as well as cross-country. He still holds the school record for the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:57. His natural ability and drive in track led to his next journey into college at Aurora University where he was a member of the track and field team there. He completed just over a year there before a school shooting at Northern Illinois would change his path forever. He lost a friend in the school shooting and decided college wasn't the right path for him which is when he joined the military.

MILITARY

Ryan enlisted on December 17th, 2008 and reported to Naval Station Great Lakes for basic training. He was meritoriously promoted from E2 to E3 upon graduation due to his drive and success while in basic training. Upon graduation he reported to Naval Submarine School in Groton Connecticut. There he received another year of training to prepare him for his job which was an Electronics Technician (Radioman) onboard submarines, specifically fast attack submarines. He completed his training and was ranked 3rd highest in his class which allowed him first pick on orders to his next duty station. He chose Pearl Harbor Hawaii for its beauty and rich Naval history. Ryan reported to the USS Pasadena (SSN 752) in February 2009 and began his journey to become qualified as a submariner. During his time onboard he deployed to the Western Pacific for 7 months and the submarine crew completed all missions vital to national tasking and interest flawlessly. Upon return to Pearl Harbor, the USS Pasadena was scheduled for an upkeep period of 2 years in Portsmouth New Hampshire and this is where Ryan's story begins to change from normal military career to life changing injuries and psychological damage. The move to Portsmouth seemed normal for the first year and Ryan continued to succeed well above his peers. He was nominated as the USS Pasadena Junior Sailor of the Year and eventually won the title for both the USS Pasadena and for his Squadron COMSUBDEVRON 12. About a year into the shipyard period, the Pasadena's sister ship the USS Miami was set on fire by a disgruntled shipyard worker. Ryan was a first responder to the fire and fought for 10 hours to put out the blaze. During the firefighting Ryan noticed a civilian firefighter become disoriented and eventually collapse due to smoke inhalation. Ryan pulled the firefighter away from the smoke and then picked up the firefighters dropped hose and started to combat the fire on his own until relieved by other crew members. Once the fire was out Ryan returned home where his wife Jasmine started to notice subtle changes in him. He became hypersensitive to heat and when a firetruck or siren would go off outside he became anxious and searched for potential fires. He couldn't sleep normally and complained of nightmares where he was surrounded by fire or relived that night. He was later diagnosed with PTSD but continued to go to work normally and do his job. One year later the USS Pasadena left the shipyard and was transiting to its new homeport in San Diego California. On the transit Ryan was awoken by a fire alarm, the ship was conducting fire drills. Ryan woke up and rolled out of his bed to respond to the fire drill and as he was bent over putting his boots on, another sailor came out of his bunk positioned 2 bunks off the ground. The sailor landed with both feet to the back of Ryan's neck and head causing Ryan's head to bounce in between his legs. The blow caused 2 cracked vertebrae in Ryan's neck and a Traumatic Brain Injury. The onboard Corpsman attempted to stabilize Ryan and wouldn't allow him to sleep for 3 days for fear of brain swelling and bleeding, Ryan was eventually evacuated from the submarine to Florida where he spent a week at the VA hospital to reduce the brain swelling and stabilize his condition. Unfortunately, the damage was done, he suffered memory loss, constant headaches and damage to the muscles in his eyes. He was flown to San Diego to continue treatment but due to the medication required for treatment, he would never serve onboard a submarine again. Ryan was determined to continue his military career and moved back to Pearl Harbor for shore duty at COMSUBPAC. While there he would undergo his biggest test in life, one that was literally life and death. While on shore duty, Ryan broke his foot at the beach, it went undiagnosed for 3 months due to the inability to see the break on x-rays. By the time the break was confirmed by an MRI, irreparable damage had occurred. Ryan was left with partial paralysis of his left foot and ankle along with a rare condition known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. The condition is severe nerve damage and basically makes his brain and body think that his foot is still broken to this day. Doctors informed him that he would not be able to run again and walking would be extremely painful for the rest of his life, there is no known cure for the condition. Given Ryan's life before the Navy and his love of running this was devastating news. At the same time, due to all of his injuries, Ryan was on a pretty hefty number of pills to help alleviate and control the symptoms associated with his injuries. These pills would eventually go on to test Ryan's resolve once again. One night after taking his medication, he started to become disoriented and cold, he told his wife Jasmine he was going to lay down. Once in bed he became extremely hot and nauseous, to the point where he thought he would be sick. He got out of bed and attempted to get to his bathroom, Jasmine noticed he was colliding with the walls and helped him to the toilet, she then went downstairs to get him some water. When she returned Ryan was unconscious on the floor and non-responsive. She immediately called the paramedics and started doing chest compressions, after roughly 15 seconds Ryan woke up and the paramedics arrived and transported him to the hospital. They later found out that his medication had stopped his heart for just over 30 seconds and while at the hospital the same thing happened again. He was released the next day, rested up and prepared to get back to work. About a month later, he underwent surgery to implant a device in his spine called a spinal chord stimulator to help alleviate the pain from his foot injury. The surgery was successful but initiated the end of his naval career. He was no longer found fit-for-duty due to the implant and the potential complications that could be associated with it if he returned to sea. He retired on April 26th, 2016.

Turning Disability into Strength

Given his injuries and the doctors diagnoses of never being able to run again, Ryan was in a dark place. Depression crept up and there were points where living this way was not an option, he hit the darkest point in his life. He didn't want to be this version of himself and contemplated taking his own life. Luckily, he married a hero, Jasmine decided that this was unacceptable and forced him to get off the couch and out of his head. Because of her help, Ryan chose to go for a walk one day. While listening to his headphones on his walk, he decided that he wouldn't just accept the doctor's diagnosis of never being able to run again. He started to go for more walks, then he started to figure out how to jog again, eventually going for little runs here and there. It was excruciating and long work, but he started running, he proved doctors wrong. During this recovery, he was introduced to the Navy Safe Harbor program, they help wounded, injured, and ill service members with adaptive sports, counseling and transition assistance. He set his eyes on competing again, the Navy Safe Harbor program told him about a competition held every year called the Wounded Warrior Games. The games put injured service members from all the branches of service against each other in a Paralympic style sporting competition. Ryan set his sights on making the Navy team. He trained for a year and competed at the Navy Trials held in Pearl Harbor in 2015, he received the call 2 months later that he would be competing at the games

Allen J. Lynch, Medal of Honor Recipient



Allen Lynch first served with the Department of Veteran Affairs as a Veterans Benefits Counselor and then as Chief Ambulatory Care at the then VA Medical Center North Chicago, now the Lovell FMC. He then served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program and as the Chief Veterans Rights Bureau, Illinois Attorney General's Office, he served under four Illinois Attorney Generals. Since retiring from the Illinois Attorney General's office in 2005 Allen served as a volunteer service officer with Vietnam Veterans of America until November 2104 and as the Assistant Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County Illinois until he retired in June of 2017.

Allen served on active duty with the US Army in Germany and Vietnam. While in Vietnam Allen served with Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) from 31 May 1967 until 1 June 1968. He was "in-country" for six months when the action took place that would result in his receiving the Medal of Honor. The recognition of his conspicuous gallantry and selfless service to others on that day would be the catalyst for a life of service to others. Allen completed his 21 years of service in both the Army reserve program and the Illinois National Guard where he retired in 1994.

Allen is one of the founding members of the Allen J. Lynch Medal of Honor Veterans Foundation now the Allen Lynch Medal of Honor Veterans Assistance Program under Operation Support Our Troops America. a 501c3 organization with a 5-star rating by Charity Navigator.

Allen and his wife, Susan, have three children and are blessed with 5 grandchildren.

held at West Point Academy in New York. He would compete in track, swimming and seated volleyball. The games came and that week is one that changed to word disability for Ryan. He won 4 medals in total, 2 Gold and 2 Silver. 3 of those medals were in track where he set 2 warrior games records and the 4th was in the swimming relay. The good news didn't stop there, Ryan fell in love with the sport of seated volleyball and due to his performance at the games he was approached by the USA Volleyball association to come be a part of the national Paralympic team in their developmental program. He is still training with them and fighting for a spot on the national team's roster for the 2020 Paralympics. After the games he continued his training and was selected for a second time to represent Team Navy at the Warrior Games in Chicago in 2017. He would be selected as the captain of the sitting volleyball team and led them to an undefeated performance and a Gold medal in his hometown city of Chicago! His story doesn't stop there though, given his performance at the Warrior Games, he was selected to compete on a bigger stage, the world stage in Prince Harry's Invictus Games as part of Team USA. The Invictus Games is like the Warrior Games except on the national level, 17 nations participated with over 550 athletes in 12 sports. Ryan went on to wear his countries uniform again and accomplished all goals, surpassing his own expectations. He took silver in the 400-meter dash and a bronze in the seated volleyball competitions. Ryan now went from being a disabled veteran to an international athlete in less than 4 years. His perseverance and devotion has led him to turn his disability into strength. He credits his devotion to his wife and especially his kids. His goal is to be a role model for them when they experience adversity and to show them they can overcome anything thrown at them.

Post Sports

Ryan received help from many people and organizations along this path. That led him to want to reach out and help his brothers and sisters as well. He looked back at how he was able to overcome the odds stacked against him and realized that music motivated him to get off the couch and relearn to run, music is a huge part of his training, and he realized he could use music to alter his mood when he was feeling down. This led to him forming a foundation called the MusicRx Foundation, the goals of the foundation are to utilize music therapy to help veterans, first-responders, and active duty service members. They do this by offering free music instruments, music lessons and music related events to people who qualify for the program. The foundation is in its infancy but the progress so far has been extremely promising. Ryan views this as his next chapter and continues to work tirelessly now to ensure its success.



*Happy Anniversary to the Northwest Side Irish
on 15 Years of Parade Celebrations*

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TRIVIA Night

Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting Trivia Night on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Resurrection, 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the trivia contest will begin at 7:30 pm. The entry fee is \$25 per person and there will be 8 players per team. Participants may bring their own snacks and appetizers. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit the Resurrection Athletic Program. Reservations may be made on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org and questions may be directed to Eddie Kane at 773.775.6616 Ext 134 or ekane@reshs.org.



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.

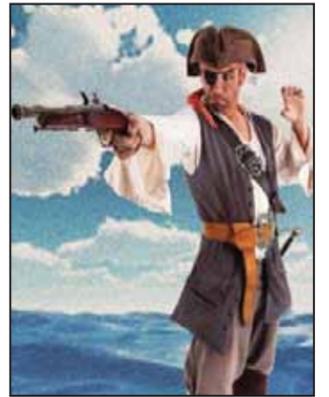
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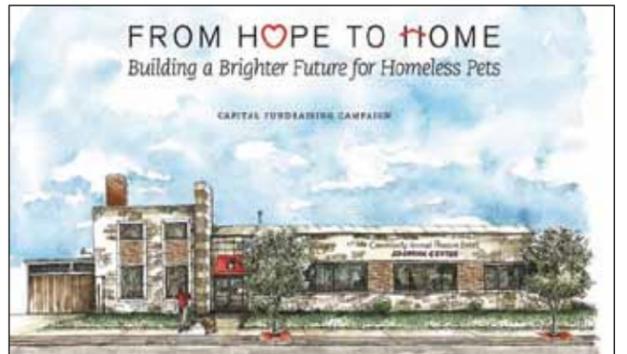
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Be part of this exciting opportunity to leave your mark on the North Shore's newest animal shelter and adoption center. Our goal for year one is \$300,000.

Please join the Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) in building a brighter future for homeless companion animals. C.A.R.E. is working to enrich the humane traditions of the North Shore with a permanent Shelter and Adoption Center for unwanted dogs and cats, puppies and kittens. C.A.R.E. has laid the foundation for achieving this goal by purchasing a building in the heart of Skokie at 4927 Main Street.



The purchase of the building was made possible by the contributions of devoted donors over the course of a decade, a committed volunteer team holding hundreds of fundraising events, and C.A.R.E.'s careful fiscal management.

To take the next step — to get from hope to home for C.A.R.E. and so many needy pets — we are inviting others who share our commitment to be part of creating a new compassionate animal shelter for the North Shore that rescues neglected companion animals and adopts them into lifelong homes.

Together we can transform C.A.R.E.'s new home to create a permanent legacy to the humanitarian values and spirit that makes this shelter possible.

All donations for the capital campaign of \$500 or more will be included on a permanent display at the new building. And, C.A.R.E. is honored to provide opportunities for donors to honor beloved pets and pet lovers or to show their own support for C.A.R.E.'s humane work through naming opportunities at the new shelter and adoption center.

Follow along with the building progress on our website.

For all large donations or to secure naming rights, please contact Gail Lovinger Goldblatt at gail@CAREnorthshore.org or 847-602-5067.



Community Animal Rescue Effort

Matching Pets With People Since 1987

Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) is a Skokie-based, 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. plans to open an animal rescue facility at 4927 Main St., Skokie, in Spring 2018. Learn more about C.A.R.E. by visiting online at CAREnorthshore.org, or at [Facebook.com/CAREevanston](https://www.facebook.com/CAREevanston).

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St. Patrick's Concert
March 4
3 pm \$20

SKOKIE STORY SLAM
Fri, March 2 7:30 pm
\$10 at the door
Theme of the month: LUCK

Charles Troy Presents
The Creation of Showboat
Wed Mar 7 1:30 pm
The Creation of Oklahoma
Wed Apr 7 1:30 pm
All Seats \$15

Wayne Richards
Fifty Years and Counting
March 4th
7:30pm Tickets: \$28

Cry, Cry, Cry - A Tribute to Johnny Cash & the TN Two
Friday, March 9th at 8pm
Tickets: \$22

Skokie Salutes BROADWAY
a benefit to support Skokie Theatricals
Sat, March 10 8pm

BERNSTEIN
At 100: Symphony of Time and Energy
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH @ 7PM TICKETS: \$25

Hot 'n' Cole!
The Music of Cole Porter
Friday, March 23rd @ 8pm Tickets: \$25

SKOKIE SIMPLY SCOTTY SQUARED
MARCH 24 8 PM
TICKETS: \$25

7924 Lincoln Ave, Downtown Skokie

Evanston's Teen Tech Week Free Workshops March 4-8

The Evanston Public Library is offering a week of free workshops that let teens reproduce sounds, remix music, and even create music using electronic synthesizers. Along the way, participants become active and engaged creators, not simply passive consumers.

During Teen Tech Week, March 4-8, Library staff will be available in the Main Library Loft to help teens create their own music and sounds through the latest technology. The workshops are available for students in 6-12th grade.

- **Loft Lab: Audio Challenge, Sunday, March 4, 2:00 pm.** Do sound waves travel better through metal or plastic? How about solid or hollow objects? Participants will answer these questions and explore how pressure waves interact with different materials to create sound. They will use this knowledge to create an audio speaker using everyday materials, which they will then test using decibel meters.

- **Music Remix, Monday, March 5, 3:00 pm.** Ever wondered how DJs make unique beats and remix songs? Find out how at the Music Remix workshop. Edit and mix your favorite song using a pro DJ app on Library tablets.

- **Make Electronic Music, Wednesday March 7, 1:00 pm.** Explore the sounds of science, make sweet beats, and create a digital instrument with littleBits. littleBits are modular circuits that can be snapped together in different combinations to create a synthesizer. The different sounds you can make are limitless—everything from drum machines to sci-fi sound effects.

- **3D Thursday: Design a Passive Phone Speaker, Thursday, March 8, 4:30 pm.** Interested in 3D printing? Participants will use 3D design software to create fun and useful objects. In this workshop, we will create a passive phone speaker.

For more information, please call the Teen Loft at 847-448-8625.

How Do You Teach Media Literacy To The Most Media Saturated Generation In History?

Facets' Film Innovation Lab is a professional development course that gives teachers the critical and practical tools to integrate film and media education into their classrooms. Summer and custom sessions are now open for enrollment. For more information see facets.org/innovationlab.

In a startling report from 2016, Cisco Systems noted that by 2020 it will take 5 million years for one person to watch a month's worth of uploaded video. This projection is a testament to the explosion of video content made possible by networked technology and the further democratization of video production tools. Which has positioned video to be the dominant mode of communication, whether it's for entertainment, news, or self-expression.

With kids watching up to 15.5 hours of content per week and increasingly using visual-based, user-generated applications like YouTube, Snapchat, and Instagram, Generation Y and Z are the most media-saturated cohorts in history. The problem is that they do not always have access to the tools or knowledge that allows them to fully understand the content they consume and produce.

That's where the Film Innovation Lab comes in. This professional development course is built on Facets' four decades of experience and gives teachers the knowledge, materials, and tools needed to enhance their educational opportunities with film-based learning modules.

By using film as a common ground and entry point, the course expands the conversation and prepares teachers to take on the increasingly sophisticated digital landscape. Participants get step-by-step instruction on how to use film production in their classroom. They learn collaborative techniques to explore different cultures, encourage creativity, and make connections across subjects with film. Most importantly, they learn how to teach active viewing and critical analysis of film and video-based content.

The 2018 summer session runs from July 19 - 24 at Facets (1517 W. Fullerton Ave). Enrollment is \$395 per teacher or \$350 if you are a Facets Member.

Facets also works with schools and other organization to create custom versions of the Film Innovation Lab. Sessions can take place anytime of the year, at Facets or the organization's facilities, and the session span can be adjusted if needed.

Facets Film Innovation Lab is a professional development course for teachers of all grades and subjects. The course instills the critical and practical tools teachers need to integrate film and media education into their lesson plans. Enrollment is now open for the 2018 summer session running from July 19 - 24. Custom sessions are available upon request.

Facets is a Chicago-based nonprofit that connects 30,000+ people annually to independent ideas through transformative film experiences.

CPCA & CSCT 2018 Education Scholarship

The Chicago Paint & Coatings Association and the Chicago Society for Coatings Technology is pleased to announce that we are awarding four, \$2,000 scholarships to those members whose children are enrolled in a College or University. The student must be in good standing at the school in which they are attending.

Send completed applications by Monday,

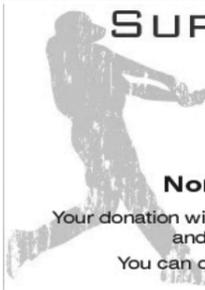
April 2, 2018 to Mark Leverone at:

**742 Thornberry Court
Bartlett, Illinois 60103**

E-mail address: mark@thilson.com

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Visit our website at www.chicagopaint.org to download an application.



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<p>THE GRAND SLAM: Donate \$1,000 or more and your company name/logo will be imprinted on a dug out shade cover, on a banner which will hang next to the stands at each field and on the NPYBS website.</p> <p><small>This is the best value because the screen covers will be seen by many people and used year after year.</small></p>	<p>THE HOME RUN: Donate \$500 or more and your company name will be printed on the back of a teams jersey, on a banner which will hang next to the stands at each field and on the NPYBS website.</p>
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<p>THE BASE HIT: Donate what ever you can. Every dollar counts. Your donation will help local kids play Baseball and Softball this upcoming year.</p>	

Mayor Hagerty's 2018 Summer Youth Employment Program Job Fair March 3

Evanston youth age 14 to 18 years are encouraged to find their perfect summer job at Mayor Hagerty's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) Job Fair on Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Evanston Township High School (ETHS), 1600 Dodge Ave. Doors will close at noon.

More than 40 employers providing summer and year-round employment will be present, including NorthShore University HealthSystem, Northwestern University, Rotary International, Six Flags Great America, McGaw YMCA, Salvation Army-Evanston, YoFresh Yogurt Cafe, Cinemark / Century Theatres, and more.

In order to be eligible to attend the job fair, youth must:

- Be enrolled in school
- Be at least 14 years of age when the program begins on June 11, 2018
- Live in ZIP codes 60201 or 60202

Youth age 17 and 18 years are especially encouraged to attend the job fair, as many opportunities exist for both summer and year-round employment.

"Thanks to our employers, outreach organizations, volunteers and staff, there are hundreds of amazing opportunities available for Evanston youth at this year's job fair," said Mayor Stephen Hagerty. "I encourage all students to attend and find their perfect summer or year-round job."

Attendees are highly encouraged to fill out a Summer Youth Employment Program application in advance, which will expedite the process at the job fair. Applications are available at cityofevanston.org/msyep.

Students can increase their chances of being hired and get an opportunity to jump the line at the job fair by attending a Pre-Fair Resume & Interview Skills Workshop, sponsored by the Youth Job Center. A final workshop will be held in the ETHS South Cafeteria on Saturday, February 24, from 9 a.m. to noon (Wildkit Academy). Register at cityofevanston.org/workshop.

In 2017, with the help of community organizations and local businesses, as well as partnerships with ETHS and the Youth Job Center, the MSYEP held its largest job fair ever. More than 800 Evanston youth attended the event, and more than 1,000 summer and year-round employment opportunities were available.

Collaborations with individuals, companies, and organizations, such as Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, Cinemark Theatres, Evanston Township High School, and Northwestern University contributed greatly to the success of last year's program.

For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

Music Theater Works Teen Workshops ANYTHING GOES this summer

Summer Workshop registration is now open

Sign up the young people in your life now for a summer they'll never forget!

Youth Production for ages 13 to 18

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For more information, visit our website at: www.musictheaterworks.com/kids-workshops



The Adler Planetarium Continues To Expand Outreach Efforts To The Chicago Community And Beyond Resulting In Record Engagement For The Third Year In A Row

In 2017, 636,008 guests explored the Universe with the Adler Planetarium who brought space science and STEM education to even more communities throughout Illinois. Attendance increased by more than 10%, resulting in another record year.

This outcome is due in part to the Adler's ongoing commitment to reach more guests beyond the museum walls with events like the Kavli Fulldome Lecture Series, and public observing programs like 'Scopes in the City and Galaxy Ride, as well as outreach around last year's total solar eclipse. In 2017, the Adler appointed Michelle Nichols, a 22-year veteran of the institution, to the newly formed Director of Public Observing position, to reinforce that commitment to public engagement. In her role, Ms. Nichols spearheads all Adler public observing activities, and is tasked with helping the Adler reach underserved communities through programs at schools, libraries, parks, and other public locations throughout Illinois.

"Our goal is to connect people to the sky, and expand the walls of the Planetarium out to the community. We want everyone to look up with us," said Michelle Nichols.

In early 2017, the Adler received an anonymous one million dollar gift that is helping the institution expand its 'Scopes in the City program where Adler astronomers and staff lead free telescope observing sessions for more than 2,000 people in Chicago and suburban neighborhoods. Many 'Scopes in the City participants have never had the opportunity to look through a telescope before, so it's an opportunity for the Adler to introduce the Universe to them.

In August, the Adler's Galaxy Ride team, comprised of astronomers and educators, drove more than 1,000 miles, interacted with more than 2,300 people, and facilitated over 80 educational programs across Southern Illinois to prepare people for the total solar eclipse on August 21. Nearly every program was open to the public, and most were free of charge. Galaxy Ride was established in 2015 as a science roadshow to help the Adler's STEM education programs reach more people.

On August 21, 2017, the Adler recorded its highest single day engagement numbers in the institution's history when approximately 60,000 people came to #Lookup with us at the museum during our Chicago Eclipse Fest celebration. The event, as well as admission to the Planetarium, was free and open to everyone that day. In the months before, the Adler equipped over 250,000 people throughout Illinois with free safe solar viewing glasses via schools, public libraries, and partnerships for those who normally would not have access to the institution. In the end, the Adler prepared more than 500,000 people throughout Chicagoland and beyond to safely join us in witnessing this historical eclipse wherever they were located.

In November, the Adler hosted its fourth Kavli Fulldome Lecture—a lecture series presented by The Kavli Foundation—that combines cutting-edge research from leading scholars with stunning visualizations on the Planetarium dome. This year, the lecture was domestic live to 16 partner institutions across the world. Audiences as far away as Ghana, Kenya, and New Zealand, and as close as the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago were able to watch the lecture from their own locations either at their local institutions or via virtual reality headsets provided by the Adler.

"We have a great gift in that our arena is the entire Universe, with all the wonder and discovery it invites," said Adler Planetarium President and CEO Dr. Michelle B. Larson. "By engaging communities where they are, the Adler connects with people under the sky we share, and sparks a curiosity that empowers further engagement."

For more information about all of our programs at the Adler and beyond, please visit: adlerplanetarium.org.

**Adler Planetarium— 1300 South Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605
312.542.2424 • adlerplanetarium.org**

Who is in charge?



Izabela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

As the population of the United States ages and people are living longer, naturally the responsibility falls on the younger generation to take care of their older relatives. The best thing that the older relatives can do to leave clear direction for those assigned the task of caring for them is to put their wishes in writing and spell out exactly what they want to happen if the time comes when they are no longer able to make personal or financial decisions for themselves.

The two most common tools to provide who should be in charge of your financial decision making is to designate: (1) an agent under a Power of Attorney for Property; and/or (2) a trustee under a living trust.

A Power of Attorney for Property is a document that names the person that you want to serve as your "agent" to make decisions about your property and finances if you become unable to do so yourself. The kinds of things that your agent can do depends entirely on how much power you give him or her. The general Power of Attorney for Property usually covers a broad range of powers over your property and financial affairs. However, you can limit the powers and make them specific to certain matters and allow your agent to only handle some of your financial and property affairs. You can also control when the Power of Attorney becomes effective. You can make it effective on the date of execution, for a specific period of time or when a physician familiar with your condition or a court determines that you are incapacitated. If you do not provide a termination date or revoke it, the Power of Attorney will continue to have effect until your death. Please note that if you become incapacitated and you do not have a Power of Attorney for Property, a guardianship would be needed in order to protect your estate and to handle your financial matters. In this situation, rather than having an agent that you chose handle your affairs the court will make that decision for you.

The second common way to assure that you have someone designated to make decisions about your finances when you are not able to do so yourself is to put your property in a revocable trust and designate a successor trustee who would be in charge of the trust property in the event of your incapacity. While you are able to do so, you would manage your property and make all your financial decisions yourself. A revocable trust is a very flexible tool and you can have provisions that will govern the trustee with regards to specific property or you can have general powers in the trust that the trustee will have to abide by. The trustee also has powers and responsibilities that are mandated by law. You can modify those powers if you wish to do so and make them as broad or as narrow as possible. Your designated trustee will serve as trustee until he or she resigns, is no longer able to act or is removed. The next designated successor trustee would then fill the position.

Making the decision about designating your Power of Attorney agent and trustee involves many factors and depends on the tasks that you want the agent or trustee to be able to perform. Often times you will have both: an agent to manage the property that is in your name alone and a trustee who will manage any property that is part of your revocable trust. It may or may not be the same person who serves each role. Once you designate someone as your decision maker in the event of your incapacity, it is important to make sure that this person understand their role and responsibilities and knows your wishes. This will assure that he or she can perform their job as agent or trustee properly and consistently with your intentions.

If you would like your Power of Attorney agent or successor trustee to learn more about their future role, be sure to check out our website at <https://www.oclawyer.com> or call our office at 773-631-7100. Our experienced attorneys will be conducting training seminars this spring for trustees, agents and other designated fiduciaries to teach them more about their tasks and responsibilities. We look forward to hearing from you.

University Guild

Programs are held on the Northwestern University campus, Scott Hall (601 University Place, Evanston), in the Guild Lounge. All programs are held on a Monday and begin at 1:30 pm. Tea, coffee and cookies are served after the program. There is an opportunity to ask questions of each speaker at the end of each program and individual questions may be discussed with the speaker during the informal beverage part after the program.

The University Guild is open to all in the community. Annual membership is \$50. Guests are welcome and cost is \$5.00 per program.

The purpose of the University Guild is to bring to the membership the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the

University, to work for the collection and exhibition of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts in the University and in Evanston. The University Guild also awards scholarships to students at Northwestern University. For more information, please visit our website, <http://theuniversityguild.org>

March 5— Sight and Sound: Opera and the Visual Arts

Jeff Nigro, Research Associate and Adjunct Lecturer, Art Institute; Instructor, Newberry Library

This program will celebrate the complex creative influences between art and opera in the age of Romanticism.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

JPNA, will meet on Feb. 28, 2018 at 7P.M. at lower level at The Jefferson Park Congregational Church, 5120 W. Giddings, Lower Level.

There will be 3 brief guest speakers. JPNA Secretary Peter Inasley will review the Alderman's recent Ward Education Meeting. Michael Reeb, Procurements Manager, and Elizabeth Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator, for both Habitat For Humanity and ReStore Chicago. They will give insight into their organizations.

Meetings are Free, Open to the public, with parking at Hoyne Bank and light refreshments.

Mental Illness/Family to Family Class in Des Plaines

Do you have a family member with mental illness? The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban Chapter, will offer the Family-to-Family Education Program, a 12-week course for families of adult loved ones dealing with serious mental illness in Des Plaines.

Classes start at the Holy Family of Nazareth Convent, 310 N. River Rd, Des Plaines, on Wednesday evenings, March 7 – May 23, 7:00-9:30 pm.

Learn about the major mental illnesses, treatments and medications, services available, crisis preparation, communication, and coping strategies. Get support and ideas that help you take care of yourself and your family. This course is free of charge and is taught by trained family members who have cared for loved ones with mental illness. Call NAMI, 847-716-2252 to register.

NAMI CCNS, founded in 1991, is a not-for-profit organization of individuals, families, and professionals dedicated to helping individuals overcome mental illness and supporting their families. We provide information, educational programs, advocacy, support, and referrals.

The communities we serve include north and northwest Chicago, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Highland Park, Kenilworth, south Lake County, Lake Forest, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mt. Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

Presence Resurrection Medical Center Nurse Volunteer Provides OB GYN Care to Underserved of Bolivia

(Tiquipaya, Bolivia) Working in partnership with the Solidarity Bridge organization, volunteer Hilda Barba, RN (3rd from Top) from Presence Resurrection Medical Center joined a gynecologic surgery team providing surgery and care to low-income women in Tiquipaya, Bolivia. Through domestic and international partnerships, the Solidarity Bridge organization trains and equips Bolivian medical communities, empowering them to provide high-complexity surgery and other health care for those living in poverty.



Assessor Berrios Extends Deadline for Senior and Senior Freeze Exemption Applications Added Time Will Help Seniors Receive Benefits Of Legislation Conceived By Assessor Berrios Which Expands Money-Saving Exemptions For Seniors

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios announced today that his office has extended the deadline for the Senior Citizen Exemption and Senior Freeze Exemption renewal applications and new applications for Tax Year 2017. **The extended application deadline is March 2, 2018. Any application postmarked by Friday, March 2nd will be on time.** The original deadline was February 7th.

More than 270,000 applications were mailed in early January to seniors who received the exemptions last year. The Senior Exemption application is part of a booklet that also contains the separate, income-based Senior Freeze Exemption application.

Assessor Berrios conceived and helped pass legislation increasing savings from all exemptions (PLEASE SEE accompanying earlier release). It became law for Tax Year 2017. Tax Year 2017 taxes are billed and mailed in 2018. Savings appear as deductions on Second Installment Property Tax Bills which will be issued this summer.

Assessor has again stressed the importance of returning the applications in a timely manner.

"I extended the deadline so all seniors have extra time to return their applications to ensure they receive the expanded exemption savings this year," Berrios said. "It is also important to remember that under Illinois law, seniors are required to reapply annually for both the Senior and Senior Freeze Exemptions."

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for Tax Year 2017, the property owner must have:

- been born prior to or in the year 1952,
- owned the property, or have a lease or contract which makes them responsible for the real estate taxes, and
- used the property as a principal place of residence.

Please Note: The new law will increase savings this year for the Senior Exemption from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). It is important to note that the exemption amount is not the dollar amount by which a tax bill is reduced.

EAV is the partial value of a property to which tax rates are applied; it is this figure on which a tax bill is calculated. The Assessor does not set tax rates. The savings for a Senior Citizen Exemption is calculated by multiplying the exemption savings of 8,000 by the local tax rate.

To qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption for Tax Year 2017, taxpayers must have:

- been born prior to or in the year 1952,
- a total household income of \$65,000 or less for [income] Tax Year 2016,
- owned the property or had a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property on January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017,
- used the property as a principal place of residence as of January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, and
- been responsible for the payment of 2016 and 2017 property taxes.

Please Note: The new law expands eligibility by increasing allowable total household income to \$65,000, from the previous limit of \$55,000. There is also a new minimum \$2,000 EAV deduction for the Senior Freeze, which will help offset increases in assessed value and help ensure that more seniors benefit from the Senior Exemption.

"If you don't qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption because you exceed the income level, this does not mean you will not be eligible for the Senior Exemption," Berrios explained. "The Senior Exemption has no income restrictions and I'm concerned that seniors might discard the entire booklet and not receive the Senior Exemption savings to which they are entitled."

Seniors receiving the Senior Citizen Exemption automatically receive the Homeowner Exemption. Seniors receiving the Senior Freeze Exemption automatically receive both the Homeowner and Senior Citizen Exemptions.

Eligible seniors, who have never applied for the Senior and/or Senior Freeze Exemptions in the past, may visit the Assessor's web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com and download an application or contact the Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550 and request a form be mailed to them. Applications for the Homeowner Exemption and additional exemptions administered by the Assessor's Office will also be made available on line.

"One of the top concerns I hear through our Community Outreach Program is that seniors are struggling to make ends meet," Berrios said. "I will continue to work for greater tax relief for seniors to ensure they can stay in their homes without worrying about the affordability of their property taxes."

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.

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.

How To Book A Free AFSP IL Speaker

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

If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at:

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LENT

In Western Christianity, Lent is the forty day period preceding Easter lasting from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. The forty day period is symbolic of the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness and possibly the forty hours he spent entombed. The Lenten period of forty days owes its origin to the Latin word “quadragesima”, signifying forty hours. This referred to the forty hours of total fast which preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church. Initially the word simply meant “spring”, and later became associated with the fast. The English word “lent” derives from the Germanic root for “Spring”.

There are traditionally forty days in Lent which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. In the Roman Catholic Church it is tradition to abstain from meat every Friday for the duration of Lent, although fish and dairy products are still permitted. Fasting during Lent is a way for Christians to identify with Jesus’ suffering.

Many modern Protestants and Anglicans consider the observation of Lent to be a choice, rather than an obligation. They may decide to give up a favorite food or activity for Lent, or they may instead decide to take on a Lenten discipline such as devotions, volunteering for charity work, and so forth. Roman Catholics may also observe Lent in this way, in addition to the dietary restrictions outlined above, though observation is no longer mandatory under the threat of mortal sin. Many Christians who choose not to follow the dietary restrictions cite 1 Timothy 4:1-5 which warns of doctrines that “forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.”

Personally, I prefer Matthew 15:11, which, paraphrasing, warns man to be careful of what comes out of his mouth, rather than what goes in it.

One thing I think we all can agree on is that our taste buds don’t have to suffer just because we’re observing Lent. Even if you’re not observing Lent, it’s a great time to take advantage of special menu items that are not available all year round.

By Anthony Pinello, REX Italian Foods, Inc. Harwood Heights, IL



Give It Up For Lent ... And Beyond

Give up complaining ...	Focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	Become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	Trust in Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	Turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	Return Good for Evil
Give up negativism ...	Be more Positive
Give up anger ...	Be more Patient
Give up pettiness ...	Become Mature
Give up gloom ...	Enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	Pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	Control your tongue
Give up sin ...	Turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

(From the GUIDE, the Queen of Angels Church Bulletin) Submitted by Maria Bappert

McCormick Tribune Ice Rink

Through March 4, 2018
Millennium Park

The Chicago winter tradition offers free skating lessons and special programming on weekends and during the Chicago Public Schools’ winter break. Bring your skates or rent some of ours. Admission to the rink is free.

For more information, visit millenniumpark.org.



Northtown Garden Society March Meeting

Northtown Garden Society will be meeting Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm at WarrenPark, 6601 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL

Our guest speaker will be Patricia Weiner who is a retired CPS teacher, photographer, naturalist, gardener and traveler.

Patricia will be sharing stories and photos of her trip to the Pantanal, which is an immense tropical wetland located mostly in Western Brazil. It is home to hundreds of species of birds and fauna such as jaguars, caimans and capybaras.

Patricia has won numerous awards for her photography of animals and birds. Her presentation is sure to be spectacular.

Jefferson Park Winter Sunday Market

Winter Sunday Market - Jefferson Park, held at the Copernicus Center Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. January 28, 2018, March 18, 2018, April 29, 2018. Produce, canned goods, meats, crafts & more. Brunch available - Cash Bar. Free parking.

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To identify the most ethnically diverse places in America, WalletHub compared more than 500 of the largest U.S. cities across three key metrics, including ethnoraical diversity, linguistic diversity and birthplace diversity.

Ethnic Diversity in Chicago (1=Most Diverse; 250=Avg.):

- 11th – Ethnoraical Diversity
- 55th – Linguistic Diversity
- 296th – Birthplace Diversity

Chicago ranks 39th overall and 13th among large cities in terms of ethnic diversity.

For the full report, please visit: <https://wallethub.com>

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1st Layer:

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2nd Layer:

Mix 12oz softened cream cheese
1cup mayonnaise
1/2 package of Kraft or other Dry Ranch Dressing

3rd Layer:

Finely chop broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, green onions, celery, red and green bell peppers. Press them down over cream cheese. Variety and Quantity is up to your liking.

Sprinkle with finely shredded cheddar cheese. Cut into square pieces.

Serve at room temperature or cold. Dish can be stored in fridge for future use.

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