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## Happy 181st Birthday, Chicago! March 4th, 1837

Happy 181st birthday to the greatest city in the world! It is remarkable to reflect on the rapid rise of a frontier trading outpost into not just the most American of American cities, but a true global city. I join residents across the City of Chicago in celebrating all we have accomplished together throughout our storied history, and looking forward to a future that is even brighter than our incredible past.



(Statement from Mayor Rahm Emanuel)

## VILLAGE PUBLICATIONS



Wishes Everyone  
A Happy Easter And  
A Peaceful Passover



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## STREET CLEANING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS BEGINS ON APRIL 1st – WATCH FOR SIGNS

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### HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
6:00 PM ENGLISH ~ 8:00 PM POLISH

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
3:00 PM ENGLISH ~ 6:30 POLISH

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
6:00 PM POLISH ~ 8:30 PM ENGLISH

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
5:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:30 PM  
& 6:30 PM POLISH  
7:30 AM, 10:45 AM  
& 5:00 PM ENGLISH

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION**

Saturday, March 24 7:45 AM & 8:00 PM  
Sunday, March 25 7:30 PM  
Monday-Wednesday 7:45 AM & 7:30 PM  
Holy Thursday 7:45 AM & 9:00 PM  
Good Friday 7:45 AM & 8:00 PM  
Holy Saturday NO CONFESSIONS

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS  
WILL TAKE PLACE FROM  
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM IN THE  
CHURCH ON HOLY SATURDAY**



### Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Schedule March 25th - April 1st



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 25th**  
3:30 - 4:30 P.M. (Saturday Confessions)  
5:00 P.M. (Saturday Mass of Anticipation)  
7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:15 A.M., and 6:00 P.M.

**Monday of Holy Week**  
8:30 A.M. Mass (Confessions Afterwards)

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
8:30 A.M. Mass (Confessions Afterwards)

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
8:30 A.M. Mass 8:30 A.M. Mass (Confessions Afterwards)

**Holy Thursday, March 29th**  
8:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer  
7:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 P.M.

**Good Friday, March 30th**  
8:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer  
3:00 P.M. – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 P.M. – Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday, March 31st**  
8:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer  
1:00 P.M. – Blessing of Easter Food (Church)  
7:00 P.M. – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 1st**  
7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., and 11:15 A.M.

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
7271 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago • (773) 775-3833



## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Daniel Teller, Pastor



**Palm Sunday, March 24 • 6:00pm; March 25 • 9:30am**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29 • 10am & 7pm**

**Good Friday, March 30 • 10am & 7pm**

**Easter Vigil, March 31 • 6:00pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 1 • 9:30am**

Easter Breakfast following the 9:30am Service

*Visitors Welcome!*

5650 N. Canfield Avenue, Chicago (Norwood Park)  
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## ST. THECLA CHURCH

6725 West Devon Avenue, Chicago (773) 792-3077

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

**Confession before Easter**  
Saturday, March 24 3:00pm to 4:45pm • Sunday, March 25 11:30 am to 2pm

**Holy Thursday, March 29**  
• 8:30am Morning Prayer • 5:00pm Mass in Polish • 7:00pm Mass in English;  
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

**Good Friday, March 30**  
8:30am Morning Prayer • Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the

**Cross and Holy Communion**  
• 3:00 pm in Polish • 7:00 pm in English

**Holy Saturday, March 31**  
• 8:30am Morning Prayer • 11:30am until 1:00pm Blessing the Easter food  
baskets (English & Polish) • No Confessions on this day  
• 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass in English (fulfills the Sunday obligation)

**Easter Sunday, April 1**  
• 5:30am Procession & Mass in Polish • 8:00am & 10:00am Masses in English  
• 11:45 am Mass in Polish • 5:00pm Mass in English



## Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church

4950 West Pratt, Skokie, Illinois • 847-673-4441

### Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

**Easter Day Service – Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 10:45 am.**

*All Are Welcome!*



## Peterson + Pulaski = Bear Baskets For Kids



Firemen from the Pulaski and Peterson fire house were recently with New World Van Lines employees at their nearby office to make 'bear baskets' for kids. The moving company says: "Since New World's mascot has long been an endearing little bear, this certainly seemed a fitting initiative for the company. Some 60 stuffed animals swaddled in a blanket were lovingly prepared, personalized by New World employees and presented to Lt. Mike Kappel and representatives of the Chicago Fire Department who volunteer to distribute them at their discretion to deserving young recipients." Mike Kappel (3rd from left) grew up by Peterson-Pulaski and he still lives nearby, and he says that the 60 bear baskets will be given away free at fires and accidents. Thank you to the firemen and the 120 employees!

## New Name For Long-Time Neighborhood Group

The Foster-Harlem Property Owners Association is now the Big Oaks-Union Ridge Neighborhood Association. This community organization which was formed in 1954 has recently expanded its outreach and now serves residents in both the Big Oaks and Union Ridge neighborhoods; Harlem Avenue to the west, Nagle Avenue to the east, Gunnison Street to the south and Gregory Avenue (The Kennedy Expressway) to the north. "Our new name, the Big Oaks-Union Ridge Neighborhood Association, is inclusive to the entire community and represents the unique and proud nature of the two neighborhoods in which our organization serves", said association President Christopher Devine. The next meeting for the Big Oaks-Union Ridge Neighborhood Association is Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at St. Monica's Beyenka Hall (5115 North Mont Clare Avenue). Details regarding the meeting including guest speakers will be announced in early May.

## Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

The JPNA will hold its next meeting on March 28, Wed. at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational church of Jeff Park, 5320 W. Giddings, lower level. Meeting are free and open to the Public with light refreshments. Guest speaker lawyer Elizabeth Jurkacek will talk about a new law concerning property rights for residents which could save them hundreds or thousands of dollars. Also, Jacob Dimuzio of "Turning the Page" will explain how parts of a community working together can get commitments for educational resources to benefit all community segments.

## Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

## The Adoption Process From A To Z

"The Adoption Process from A to Z," a seminar presented by Chicago and Northbrook Attorney Sally Wildman, will be offered by the Helen Plum Library, 110 West Maple Street, Lombard, Illinois, 60148, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For additional information, call 630-627-0316; to register visit:

<http://www.helenplum.org/adoption-process-z>

Registration by April 19, 2018 is requested.

This program is open to the public and free of charge.

## Community First Medical Center March Health Events



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

**Friday, March 23 and 30**  
11th Step Meditation – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor

Silent meditation, 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.

**Saturday, March 24**  
The American Legion Family CPR "Basic Overview" – Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave, Chicago – 11:00 a.m.

To register please call 773-259-4300.

**Sunday, March 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.

**Thursday, March 29**  
Overeaters Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Café Meeting Room

A fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from compulsive eating. If you think you may be a compulsive eater, please feel free to attend our free meetings.

## Mika Stambaugh Launches TMI...PR With Purpose

A new public relations firm has launched to focus on Chicago's non-profits, women CEOs and small businesses - Mika Stambaugh announced the boutique PR firm TMI ... an acronym for The MAS Ink: PR with Purpose. Her name might sound familiar, the Emmy Award Winning journalist packages a decade-plus of experience in Chicago media: CBS Chicago and City Hall spokesperson for the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP).



Throughout her career, she's been recognized for her creativity, hustle and leadership, but known for her tenacity, positivity and extensive network. Her business savvy and deep understanding of the news business has her per-



From left to Right ... Brenda Langstraat, Mika Stambaugh, Megan Addington and Brad Edwards celebrate TMI's official opening at Blanc Gallery in Bronzeville this February.

fectly positioned to rep our City's small business community.

"I am a fan of the neighborhoods, the underdogs and less fortunate, so I want to utilize my voice and expertise to champion for groups that are making a difference and have a vital purpose," said Mika Stambaugh. "So I am marrying my worlds of being a business owner, journalist and spokesperson to execute powerful PR campaigns for all of my clients."

At City Hall, Mika spearheaded the communication strategy for several high-profile policies such as: house sharing ordinance (AirBnB); rideshare entering the Chicago marketplace (Uber and Lyft); Chicago's minimum wage increase; amended tobacco and liquor laws; and more than 60 consumer protection campaigns. Her ability to secure media and saturate the market earned the department roughly \$5M in media coverage.

Mika combines her newsroom experience and execution of communication strategies for front line public policy issues to help our clients build winning earned media, marketing and advertising campaigns. Clients will benefit from her expertise in producing large scale events after leadership in driving the growth of Mayor Emanuel's small business expos. She used her network to secure high-profile keynote speakers and brands to exponentially increase both attendance and revenue for these expos, including Bill Rancic, Michelle Williams of Destiny's Child, Bill Kurtis and Laura Schwartz, among others.

Her high energy and passion for this work have helped her lead winning teams, and she carries that passion into her civic engagement as well where she serves on the Board of Directors for the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago and Susan G. Komen to raise funds and awareness that benefit the sick and less fortunate in Chicago. Mika calls Hyde Park home with her French Mastiff, Chappo.

For more information, check out TMI, [www.themasink.com](http://www.themasink.com).

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# Easter & Passover Blessings and Traditions



## Thoughts This Easter

By: The Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R., St. Hyacinth Basilica Parish

This morning - 2000 years ago - a trio of pious women - walked cautiously to the tomb. Cautious or more so worried for the tomb was to be shut by the large stone as was any tomb of that day.

But instead the angel spoke to the women from the empty tomb. "You must not be afraid." Then the angel announced: "Jesus, who was nailed to the cross is not here; he has been raised." And the angel added: "Quickly, go tell the disciples to remember what he told them."

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb and found it empty. So the wildest news that has ever touched our mixed-up world: NOT dead and buried! But Alive and Raised!

This morning Jesus meets you in the words of Sacred Scripture - His Word, and in the bread and wine - His Body and Blood.

Don't walk worried, remove the stone of fear, of selfishness, of pride, of greed or whatever holds Jesus from entering your heart so that you can challenge this troubled, lonely world.

In the Garden of Eden - in our first parents we hid from God in shame because of sin.

In the Garden of the Tomb - in Christ we receive a new message: sin is conquered - and so is death - and we are restored to LIFE!

In the Resurrection Christ has rescued us from death, from sin, from loneliness and has restored us to our real nature - to LOVE and to give of ourselves so as to form a communion of heaven on earth, His Kingdom.

We are re-born, resurrected, a mysterious espousal of God with man. His new kingdom - shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart with Christ - we will transform and change history! The evidence of Easter is here and heaven begins on earth.

But before you leave the tomb - allow Him to go with you ... and see His image and likeness in your neighbor and yourself!

Today - let His Word through you help others experience RESURRECTION!

And tomorrow He will invite you to RISE to eternal life!

ALLELUIA! PEACE! To all our readers!

## Passover Events



### Pesach Seder

Let our family host yours for an enchanting Passover Seder! Relive the Exodus, discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah, and enjoy a family seder complete with hand-baked matzah, wine, and a delicious home-made dinner. Please join us on March 30 and/or on March 31 2018, for an unforgettable meal by reservation only.

For more information or to make a reservation please call us at 847-677-1770 or visit us online at [www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover](http://www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover)

### Pre-Passover Story Time at Barnes & Noble

Prepare for Passover and get in the spirit with story, song, crafts and more! Join Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie and beloved educator Mrs. Zeesy Posner at Barnes & Noble on Sunday, March 25, 2018, 2:00pm at Barnes & Noble in Westfield Old Orchard mall, 55 Old Orchard Center Skokie, IL 60077. No charge.

For more information, please call 847-677-1770 or visit the website [www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover](http://www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover).

### Free Matzah Sample

There is a special spiritual significance to hand-made Shmurah Matzah. If you would like a sample piece to use at your Seder, please contact Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie. We are happy to provide it for you.

Please call us at 847-677-1770 or visit us online at [www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover](http://www.SkokieChabad.org/Passover)

## Chicago Park District Egg Hunts and Bunny Events

### Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 10:15am-11:30am

Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside

Fee: \$4

Egg Hunt-bring a basket! Photo-op for an additional fee. Sponsored by MPAC.

### Bunny Bonanza

Wednesday, March 28, 10am-12pm

Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.

Fee: \$6

Hop on over to your favorite park and enjoy face painting, a craft project, inflatables and egg hunt. Parents can bring their cameras to capture a special photo with the bunny.

### Great Chicago Egg Hunt

Friday, March 30, 10am-2pm

Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph St.

Fee: \$10

Children ages 1 through 12 are invited to stop by Maggie Daley Park for The Great Chicago Egg Hunt sponsored by Medieval Times. Children will

enjoy a Knight Parade, knight training, crafts, and medieval themed activities.

### Egg Hunt

Friday, March 30, 11am-12pm

Paschen Park, 1932 W.

Lunt

Fee: \$3

Hop on over to the park and join us for our annual egg hunt!

### Egg Hunt

Friday, March 30, 12pm-2pm

Ken-Well Park, 2945 N.

Kenosha

Egg Hunt- bring a basket, see the bunny, and have fun!

### Doggie Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 1pm-3pm

Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose

Fee: \$5

Come join in the doggie hunt at



Horner Park! All pups will make their way through the park searching for treat-filled eggs. In addition stylish bandanna and informational booths will be available at the park. Don't forget to join in on the doggie parade. Photo opportunity available at additional cost. Registration will be available starting 2/27/18 at [www.hornerpark.org](http://www.hornerpark.org); \$5 per

dog advanced registration | \$10 per dog at the door.

### Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 11am-1pm

Clarendon Park, 4501 N.

Clarendon Ave.

Come out and enjoy and enjoy a festive Egg Hunt, arts & crafts, an inflatable and more! It's BYOB - Bring your own basket.

### Mr. Hippy Hop

Saturday, March 31, 11am-12pm

Loyola Park, 1230 W.

Greenleaf

This event introduces young children to Mr. Hippy Hop, a giant white rabbit, as they search for plastic eggs among the Tot Spot toys and receive a prize.

### Community Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 10am-11:30am

Commercial Club Park, 1845 W. Rice

Come and get your Bunny fun on at the annual Egg Hunt.

### Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 11am-11:45am

Haas Park, 2402 N. Washtenaw

Fee: \$3

Come over and enjoy hunting for colorful eggs, making arts and crafts, jumping in our inflatables, and meeting the fluffy bunny.

### Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 31, 10am-2pm

Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland

Chase Park annual Eggstravaganza. Face Painting, egg hunt and games.

### Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7, 11am-1pm

Blackhawk Park, 2318 N. Lavergne Ave.

Fee: \$5

Join us for our egg hunt! There will be a photo opportunity with our bunny, games, inflatable, face painting, and more!

## 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.

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

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



## One Guy Didn't

Three guys were tried for crimes against humanity. Two guys committed crimes. One guy didn't. Three guys were given government trials. Two guys had fair trials. One guy didn't. Three guys were whipped and beaten. Two guys had it coming. One guy didn't. Three guys were given crosses to carry. Two guys earned their crosses. One guy didn't. Three guys were mocked and spit at along the way. Two guys cursed and spit back. One guy didn't. Three guys were nailed to crosses. Two guys deserved it. One guy didn't. Three guys agonized over their abandonment. Two guys had reason to be abandoned. One guy didn't. Three guys talked while hanging on their crosses. Two guys argued. One guy didn't. Three guys knew death was coming. Two guys resisted. One guy didn't. One. Two. Three guys died on three crosses. Three days later, two guys remained in their graves. ONE GUY DIDN'T!

Anonymous

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

## Jelly Beans

By Maria Bappert

RED is for the blood He gave. GREEN is for the grass He made. YELLOW is for the sun so bright. ORANGE is for the edge of night. BLUE is for the sins we made. WHITE is for the grace He gave. PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow. PINK is for our new tomorrow. A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet, Is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat!

## Happy Easter!



## Cell Phones For Soldiers

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



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for an evening of celebrating our students  
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seat now

## Guerin Prep Honors GOP Leader Durkin, As Well As Holy Cross, Mother Guerin And Guerin Prep Alumni

The Honorable Jim Durkin, the Illinois House GOP Leader, along with alumni of Holy Cross, Mother Guerin and Guerin Prep High Schools, will be honored at Guerin College Prep's third annual scholarship dinner on Friday, April 13. This year's event, the Building for the Future Scholarship Dinner, will be hosted at Elmcrest in Elmwood Park. Guerin Prep is currently accepting reservations and seeking event sponsors and program advertising.

Representative Durkin is being honored with a Community Leadership Award, for his instrumental role in the passage of the Invest in Kids Act last summer, during the school funding debate in the Illinois General Assembly. His work to pass this legislation - one of the most significant pieces of Illinois education legislation in decades - will benefit thousands of struggling and under-served families throughout the state by providing them with private school tuition, generated by allowing taxpayers and businesses to reserve a tax credit, upon making donations to qualified, non-profit scholarship granting organizations. 30,000 public school students in Cook County have already applied to qualify for these scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year.



*The Honorable Jim Durkin -  
Illinois House GOP Leader*

Guerin Prep is also honoring Holy Cross alum Omar Duque, who is a member of the Holy Cross Crusader class of 1994. Omar is currently the President and CEO of the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and is member of the board of directors for Loyola University Medical Center and Delta Dental of Illinois. Under his leadership, IHCC is leading an initiative to connect more Latinos to the innovation economy. Omar is also a founder of the Center for Hispanic Entrepreneurship and ENTERpreneur - a summer youth entrepreneurship program for Chicago-area high-school students. He is being honored with an Outstanding Service & Leadership Award.



*Omar Duque - President & CEO of the  
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
(IHCC)*  
Photo by 1871/Gregory Rothstein

Mary Beth Beiersdorf is a 1979 graduate of Mother Theodore Guerin HS and is the Executive Director of SALUTE, INC, which she Co-founded in 2003. She is being honored with an Outstanding Service & Leadership Award for her dedication and effort to build this non-profit organization, that

provides financial support for current US military and veterans through a variety of fundraising activities. After fifteen years, the organization has served more than 2,600 military service members and their families. They have provided more than \$3.5 million dollars in emergency financial assistance to these families and have changed countless lives for the better. Mary Beth was also instrumental in the initiation and passing of a State Bill "The Illinois Military Relief Act."

The Donlan family is receiving the Legacy Family Award, having attended and served all three of the secondary institutions. The Donlan's grew up as members of St. Celestine's parish in Elmwood Park. Each of the four children of Joe and Mary Donlan graduated from Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross; Maureen (MTG '77), Brian (HC'78), Terry (HC'80) and Tom (HC'81). Three of Joe and Mary's grandchildren graduated from Guerin Prep, Terry and Nancy's sons; Patrick (GP'09), Sean (GP'11) and Ryan (GP'14). Joe Donlan, the patriarch of the family, was on the board of directors of the Sisters of Providence, and Mary Donlan, the matriarch of the family, was a regular volunteer at Mother Guerin High School and also worked in the attendance office at Holy Cross.

The third Outstanding Service & Leadership Award recipient is Bobby Stevens Jr., from Guerin Prep's class of 2005. Bobby is the owner and CEO of Windy City Baseball and started his high school career as a Holy Cross Crusader in the fall of 2001. Windy City Baseball is a youth baseball organization with more than 200 children from the northwest side of Chicago participating and calls the Holy Cross Athletic Center home. Bobby is a member of the first graduating class of Guerin Prep HS and is also the first Guerin Prep graduate to be honored at the annual scholarship dinner. Bobby played baseball at various levels as high as AAA in Norfolk, Virginia and had an impressive career in semi pro and professional baseball. He has played shortstop within both the Baltimore Orioles and the Atlanta Braves organizations.

Guerin Prep is pleased to recognize this elite group for their leadership, vision and service to our community. There are several options available for you to participate and support these honorees, as well as the students of Guerin Prep. Tickets to attend the Building for the Future Scholarship Dinner are \$100 per person and a table of ten is \$1,000, with dinner sponsor options ranging from \$25 to \$5,000. For additional information, contact Shawn Tarpey-Campbell at (708) 437-4730, or send an email the Guerin Prep Alumni office at scampbell@guerinprep.org. Guerin Prep is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Building on the philosophies of the founding schools: Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross, Guerin Prep continues to offer a relevant and vital faith-based education at the corner of 80th & Belmont.

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## SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE...

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

How would you cope with the news that your wife has a life-threatening disease? If you were comedian Marc Jaffe, you'd learn to laugh about it. That's exactly what he did in his play SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE...

SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... is a daringly funny, poignant and provocative one-man show about early onset Parkinson's disease and the effects this can have on both the patient and their caregivers.

To honor National Parkinson's Month, MadKap Productions will present SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... for two performances at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave in Skokie, Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by calling 847-677-7761. 10% of all proceeds benefit Shaking With Laughter and the Michael J. Fox



*Andrew J. Pond in Side Effects May Include ...  
(photos by Scott Richardson)*

Jaffe co-wrote the play along with Emmy nominated Broadway playwright Eric Coble in an attempt to help

him cope with the pressures of his wife's diagnosis. Karen Jaffe is a prominent physician in their home town of Cleveland, OH and was diagnosed with Parkinson's several years ago. In a situation similar to that in the play, their attempts to deal with the disease privately were made more difficult by the side effects of the countless medications she was required to take.

Jaffe's fictional alter-ego is Phil Rosen, a stand-up comedian who can find nothing to laugh about due to his wife's early-onset Parkinson's diagnosis. Suddenly, an increase in her medications brings on unusual and hilarious side effects. SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... is the story of a couple's love and devotion in the midst of coping with the heartache of an escalating mountain of pills, dangerous (yet faithful) liaisons, marital secrets revealed, questions of manhood and womanhood, age, and desire.

"Comedy is pain plus time," said Jaffe, a stand-up comedian himself who is best known for his work writing for Seinfeld and for material he created for Mad About You star Paul Reiser. "For comedy writers, the window is much narrower than for the general public. I was pretty quickly able to look at painful events and find the funny things." He says there is universal humor in how we care for our spouses.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, degenerative neurological disorder with symptoms that can progress from mild tremors to complete physical incapacitation. In the United States, 60,000 new cases of will be diagnosed this year alone. While the average age of onset is 60, an estimated five to 10 percent of people with Parkinson's experience onset at age 40 or younger.

10% of the proceeds from SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... benefit Shaking with Laughter, a not-for-profit organization that was established by the Jaffes in support of the Michael J. Fox Foundation. According to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, "Marc Jaffe has approached his difficult topic and his family's private challenges with humor and a sense of optimism. And those are two attributes that all of us at the Michael J. Fox Foundation particularly prize."

"I believe in paying it forward. I love the sense that I am contributing to a very worthwhile cause," said Wendy Kaplan, the Executive Producer of MadKap Productions, when asked why she is producing this show and helping raise Parkinson's awareness. "We've had Parkinson's sufferers thank us for letting them laugh for an hour." The show isn't just for people afflicted with Parkinson's Disease. The play talks about love and devotion and the lengths that a partner will go to make his partner more comfortable in a time of stress and illness. Kaplan's own mother suffered from early-onset Alzheimer's. "Every day that goes by that my brain works well and I remember not only my name, but the names of my associates ... is a good day."

SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... stars Chicago actor Andrew J. Pond, Chairman at Ecclectic Full-contact Theatre who appears frequently in productions at the Metropolis Performing Arts Center, Citadel Theatre, Redtwist Theatre, and the Circle Theatre. Pond not only plays Phil, but a host of other characters including Phil's wife Maggie, their daughter, her doctor, his doctor, their neighbor, a rabbi, and even a check-out girl. The show is directed by MadKap's Managing Director, Wayne Mell, a veteran director at many Chicago regional theatres including the Victory Gardens Greenhouse, the Clockwise Theatre, the Attic Playhouse, and the Citadel Theatre.

SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... will perform on Saturday April 21 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday April 22 at 2:00 pm at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave in Downtown Skokie. Tickets are \$25 each and 10% of all proceeds will benefit Shaking With Laughter and their fight against Parkinson's Disease. Tickets can be purchased on-line at SkokieTheatre.org, or by the Skokie Theatre box office at 847-677-7761. For more information about SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE... please visit www.MadKapProductions.com.

## Robert Marovich on Chicago and the Birth of Gospel Music

Tuesday, April 3, 6:00pm

Robert Marovich is the author of A City Called Heaven: Chicago and the Birth of Gospel Music, which charts the humble origins of a majestic musical genre and its close ties to the city where it found its voice.

A Gospel music historian, founder of The Journal of Gospel Music, and host of the radio program "Gospel Memories" on WLWU, Marovich will share his take on the city's rich gospel music heritage. Books will be available for purchase, and the author will sign books at the conclusion of the program.

This program is presented as part of the 2017-2018 One Book, One Chicago season, exploring the theme "Music: The Beat of Our City" through Greg Kot's book I'll Take You There.

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## Resurrection Musicians Take Superior Rating At IHSA



Members of the Resurrection College Prep High School Concert Choir and Resurrection Chamber Orchestra participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest at Waukegan High School on March 3, 2018 and were accompanied by Choral Director Ms. Bridget Kancler and Chamber Orchestra Director Mr. Mike Longo. Three Resurrection ensembles participated and all were awarded a Superior rating, which is the highest possible rating. The Treble Vocal Ensemble consisted of Alyssa Esposito '20, Nathalie Hoste '18, Natalie Shamon '20, and Giang Vu '19. The String Duet consisted of Angela Christie '19 and Janna George '19 and the Flute Duet consisted of Nikolina Asanin '20 and Yesenia Guevara '19. The Resurrection/Notre Dame Band competed at the Midwest Music Festival at Lemont High School on February 24, 2018. The Resurrection/Notre Dame Band competed in class AA and placed second in class and won best percussion. The Resurrection Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform a Spring Concert at Resurrection on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7 pm. The Resurrection/Notre Dame will perform a Spring Band Concert on Sunday, May 6 at 3 pm. Both concerts will be held at Resurrection and all members of the community are welcome to attend.



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## Happy Changes For A 41 Year Old Chicago Institution!

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"Juju" has been tweeking, obsessively organizing, merchandising, and doing the famous window displays for close to 3 decades and is going to keep at it to ensure the shoppe is as inviting and interesting as always!



Jules with her beloved dog, Jitterbug! She is the "customer service diplomat" at Juju's Vintage and we're told has a huge fan club!

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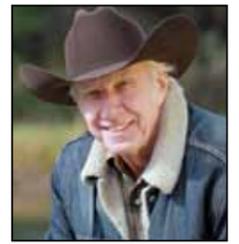
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## Roadside History of Illinois



This is the 15th 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.

### Wrigley Field and Other Chicago Cubs Ballparks

A true icon of both Chicago and of baseball itself, the ballpark at Clark and Addison Streets has been the home stadium of the Chicago Cubs since 1916. To baseball fans, this ballpark offers a nostalgic experience, with its natural grass, ivy-covered outfield wall, and hand-turned scoreboard. It is the oldest active National League stadium and the second-oldest active major league stadium, after Boston's Fenway Park.

Built in 1914 for the short-lived Federal League's Chicago Whales, the stadium was originally named Weeghman Park for owner Charles Weeghman. After the Federal League failed in 1916, Weeghman bought the Chicago Cubs and moved the team from its West Side Park location, a site now occupied by the University of Illinois Medical Center. In 1920, Weeghman sold the team to chewing-gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr., who made improvements and renamed the stadium Cubs Park. Wrigley put his own name on the park in 1926.

Over the years, Wrigley Field has hosted All-Star games three times and the World Series six times. A milestone was achieved after 108 years when in 2016 the Cubs won the World Series, the first since they've been at Wrigley Field (the last Cubs World Series win was in 1908, while the team was still at West Side Grounds). On August 8, 1988, seven years after Wrigley Field and the Cubs were sold to the Tribune Company; the stadium's first night game was played under lights, ending a 72-year tradition of day games only.

Wrigley Field has also been used for events other than baseball. From 1921 to 1970, the Chicago Bears played there, as did the Chicago Sting soccer team. The park hosted the

National Hockey League's Winter Classic in 2009 and, more recently, several Northwestern University Big 10 football games. From time to time, concerts are held there as well.

In 2009, the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field were purchased by the Ricketts family with plans for rebuilding the team and renovating the non-historical landmark parts of the stadium. This effort began in earnest in 2014 and continues to attract crowds in record numbers, attesting to both the loyalty of Cubs fans and the unique charm of this historic urban ballpark.

Other ballparks associated with Chicago Cubs history that began in 1876 include: 23rd Street Grounds (bounded by 23rd, State, 22nd, and Federal Streets) from 1876-77; Lake Front Park (south of Randolph Street, between Michigan Avenue and the Illinois Central Railroad tracks, now part of Millennium Park) from 1878-1884; first West Side Park (bounded by Congress, Loomis, Harrison, and Throop Streets) from 1885-1891; South Side Park (bounded by 35th, Wentworth, 33rd Streets, and Rock Island Railroad) from 1891-1893; and West Side Grounds (Polk, Wood, Taylor, and Lincoln [now Wolcott] Streets) from 1893-1915. A memorializing marker, dedicated by the Illinois State Historical Society at 912 S. Wood Street in 2008, identifies the site of West Side Grounds as the park where the Chicago Cubs won their first consecutive World Series titles (1907 and 1908). Among those participating in the ceremony were Ernie Banks (Mr. Cub) and Dutchie Caray, widow of Cubs announcer Harry Caray. Take a walk through these neighborhoods today and imagine early Major League baseball played there over 100 years ago.

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

## Coming Together Presents Celebrating Muslim-American Cultures Unveiled — Friday, April 6

Unveiled is a one-woman play written and performed by Rohina Malik, author of *The Mecca Tales* and *Yasmina's Necklace*. Rohina tells the story of five international Muslim women in post-9/11 societies. This FREE community event is co-sponsored by Lincolnwood Multi-Cultural Task Force, Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission and the Lincolnwood Lion's Club.



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For all events, please visit: [comingtogether.in](http://comingtogether.in)

## Music Theater Works In Evanston Kicks Off 2018 Season



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## The Basics of the Revocable Living Trust



Izabela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

Over the past several weeks since we have begun to author these articles, we have written about several basic estate planning matters: Updating your Estate Planning, Probating a Will, Choosing an Executor, and Appointing a Trustee and a Property Power of Attorney. It is helpful, now, to review the basics about a Revocable Living Trust to understand why it is commonly the most preferable estate planning tool for both lifetime and post-lifetime management of assets.

A common metaphor that we use in our office is to compare the signing of a trust with the building of a treasure chest. In other words, when an individual signs her trust, it is as if she has opened a box into which she can put her assets. In her trust document the trust maker (the "grantor" or "trustor") first states

that she is creating a trust. Then the grantor, in her trust, names a person to manage all of the items in her trust, and finally, the grantor names a person or persons who will be the beneficiaries of the items she is placing in the trust. The most common trust, by far, is the Revocable Living Trust. In the Revocable Living Trust, the grantor states that he is creating a trust, states that he is the manager of everything in the trust (also known as the "Trustee") and states that he is the beneficiary of everything in the Trust. In other words, in a revocable living trust, the persons signing the trust are stating that everything in the trust is managed by them and solely for their benefit.

Next, the individual signing the trust names persons to control the trust in the future: these persons or parties are known as successor trustees. These will be the persons who will manage items in the trust if the original trustee is unable to do so or has passed away. The individual signing the trust also names future beneficiaries, as well: these will be persons or entities who will receive trust assets when the individual making the trust has passed away. In a revocable living trust, of course, the person making the trust reserves the right to change his mind in the future, as well, allowing himself the opportunity to amend the trustees and beneficiaries as the circumstances of his life evolve over time.

Once an individual has signed her revocable living trust, naming herself as trustee and naming herself as beneficiary, she has 'built the treasure chest'. However, the next step of transferring the "treasures", or assets, into the trust is a critical one. A trust only controls those assets that are titled, or named, in the trust. How does this happen? The process is different depending on the assets involved: for example, an individual signs a deed transferring her residence into her trust. An individual sends a letter to his bank advising the bank that he has a trust and directs his account to be 're-titled' into his trust. A couple calls or directs their financial advisor to title their investment or brokerage account out of their names and into their trust. Transferring assets into the trust is a critical step to avoid probate, so that the court is not required to be involved to transfer assets into the trust in the future.

If you are ready to move ahead with your revocable living trust planning, call our office at 773 631 7100 and make your appointment for a consultation to discuss your estate planning needs.

## Property Tax Bills Due March 1, 2018

### Pappas Puts Everything About Your Property Taxes on One Page

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas is bringing "one-stop shopping" to property taxes, putting key information on a single web page.

Go to the [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) and select "Your Property Tax Overview" to:

- Pay your taxes online for free using your bank account.
- Charge your taxes to your credit card. Credit card company fees apply.
- See if a property tax refund is available.
- Check the mailing address for your tax bill and make changes.
- Sign up to receive tax bills by email. You will

no longer receive your bill by mail.

- Download a copy of your bill, which you can use to pay by mail or in person.
- Review your property tax exemptions, which can lower your taxes.
- Find out if the taxes are delinquent or have been sold at the Annual Tax Sale.

To obtain this information on one page, look up your property using the location address or Property Index Number (PIN).

The First Installment of property taxes is due March 1, 2018.

## 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.

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## New Hearing Device Technologies on the Horizon

What's in store for hearing devices over the next year? It seems like the pace of progress is only speeding up. Here are just some of the trends we've seen developing:

### Lower Costs for Patients

The ongoing public conversation about over-the-counter hearing devices has had an effect on the entire hearing aid industry. Whereas manufacturers before knew they could charge higher amounts, increased competition means that the prices are coming down across the board. This, of course, is great news for patients.

### Reductions in Size

One wonderful part of technological progress is the ability to fit more power into smaller packages. For some patients whose type of hearing loss necessitates the more visible receiver-in-canal hearing aids and outside-the-ear hearing aids, this can make a big difference. For example, this year, Unitron's Moxi Now became the smallest RIC hearing aid on the market, giving patients who are self-conscious about the visibility of their hearing device a new option to consider.

### New Hearing Algorithms

For a long time, hearing aids focused on amplifying the sound from the person the patient was conversing with, and cancelling all other noise in order to improve clarity. Now, new algorithms are able to create unique soundscapes that more closely match the how natural hearing works. For instance, the Oticon Opn still cancels extraneous background noise but can identify multiple speakers and amplify all of them simultaneously, which makes hanging out

in a group setting much easier. For people with severe-to-profound hearing loss, the ReSound ENZO 3D offers improved spatial awareness and clearer speech amplification in noisy environments.

### Instant Custom Fit

Many hearing aids that offer a custom fit involve the audiologist taking a mold of the patient's ear canal and submitting it to the manufacturer where the hearing aid is custom made to that patient's ear. Some new technologies now allow patients to get the same level of comfort without leaving the doctor's office. The new Silk Primax uses a new kind of material that is reported to allow comfort even without being custom-molded. For patients, that means a shorter wait time to getting their new hearing aid.

### Remote Fine Tuning

Many hearing devices require a visit at the audiologist office for changes to be made. With the announcement of @Resound Linx3D, patients are able to send a fine tuning request to the audiologist for adjustments. No need for being stuck in traffic now!

All of these advancements are a boon to patients in need of a hearing device. These devices are smaller, more comfortable, more stylish, cheaper, and better in every other way than devices from even 5 years ago.

When looking for your next hearing device, the number of options may be overwhelming. Call 773-685-9202 to speak to Dr. Vetter and get a recommendation for a hearing device based on your level of hearing loss and your lifestyle.



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.

## Office Of Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios Passes \$30 Million Milestone In Money Recovered For Return To Communities

### Law Conceived By Berrios Results In More Than \$50 Million In Overall Billing For Erroneous Exemptions Claimed By Taxpayers

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios today announced that his office has passed the \$30 million mark in erroneous exemption collections. Recovery of such would-be lost revenue had never occurred before Assessor Berrios took office; a total of more than \$50M has been billed.

In 2011, Berrios conceived a law allowing the Assessor's Office to bill and collect for erroneous exemptions. Berrios later designed and proposed legislation and helped pass it through the Illinois General Assembly. It became law in 2013. All investigations and collections are completed at no cost to taxpayers.

"Passing the \$30 million mark is a huge milestone for our hardworking staff. On my watch, the Assessor's Office will continue our strong pursuit of the balance of the almost \$50 million we've billed and will not let up in our review of all exemptions. The great success of this law has shown just how much it was needed," Berrios said.

The Assessor added, "I felt reform was

necessary and I'm glad we and the General Assembly got this reform done. Previously, there was nothing in place to help recover the money unfairly received from erroneous exemptions or to deter this from happening in the future."

The erroneous exemption law provides for the collection of unpaid property taxes, penalties and interest due to exemptions for which taxpayers are ineligible. That money is to be returned to local taxing bodies. Importantly, savings to Cook County continue because erroneous exemptions are also eliminated from future tax years.

The Assessor's self-funded Erroneous Exemption Unit investigates any claims of erroneous exemptions and identifies the taxpayers and properties receiving fraudulent exemptions.

As a result of Berrios' efforts, \$30.56 million has thus far been collected for return to local taxing bodies in accordance with the law. Overall, \$50.2M has been billed, including liens for \$7.3M currently in place on properties which had erroneous exemptions.

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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## Resurrection WYSE Team Competes

The Resurrection College Prep High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team competed in the WYSE sectional competition at Libertyville High School on March 6, 2018. Two students qualified to go on to the State level competition: Brenda Bortis '18 (English) and Chengrui Wu '18 (Math) and five students place in the top three in their subject area, including Shuru Wang '20 (Engineering Graphics), Angela Christie '19 (Engineering Graphics), Kathryn Osepek '18 (Physics), Brenda Bortis '18 (English) and Chengrui Wu '18 (Math), and the team finished 4th overall in its division.



**Resurrection seniors Chengrui Wu and Brenda Bortis qualified for the State level competition of Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering.**

The WYSE team also competed at the Regional competition at Oakton Community College on February 2, 2018 and the following students earned medals in their subject areas: Brenda Bortis '18 (English); Angela Christie '19 (Engineering Graphics); Danielle Nebriil '18 (English); Kathryn Osepek '18 (Physics); Shuru Wang '20 (Engineering Graphics); Chloe Zwolfer '18 (Computer Science and Math); Casey Brannigan '21 (Engineering Graphics); Jenna George

'19 (Biology); Madilyn Rose Haughey '21 (Physics); Emily Kadus '19 (Math); Abigail Lantvit '19 (Biology); Anastasia Mourikes '18 (Biology); Ella Narowski '21 (Engineering Graphics); Kayla Villaraza '21 (Engineering Graphics); and Kierra Villaraza '19 (Math).



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## Northtown Garden Society Meeting

The Northtown Garden Society will meet on Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave., Chicago.

Our guest speaker will be a group headed by Dr. Agnes Wojnarski, a physician at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Her passion is a slough wetland restoration group she started in Prospect Heights. The project's goal is restoration of the prairie to its natural ambience.

The Prospect Heights Natural Resources Commission is an all volunteer organization governed by six city appointed Commissioners. Co-founded in 2014 by Chairperson Agnes Wojnarski, the commission works in conjunction with the City of Prospect Heights, reporting to the City Council and making recommendations for

legislation and other actions that would pertain to the natural resources of the city.

The Commission is comprised of Agnes Wojnarski - Chairperson, Dana Sievertson, Jill Moskal, Ed Madden, John Kamysz, all of whom will be speaking and Peter Hahn. All of the Commissioners are professionals in their day jobs and have dedicated the rest of their time to the PHNRC.

The Slough restoration was funded in part by a 2014 ComEd/Openlands grant, matched by the City of Prospect Heights and the Park District. One of the few remaining natural wetlands in the Chicagoland region, the restoration is now in its fourth year and teaming with native plants and wildlife.

## Calling All Seniors

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



## North Branch Trail Alliance

**Our Mission:** Create economic development for all communities along the North Branch Trail

**Our Purpose:** Connect North Branch Trail users to cultural, shopping and dining experiences

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It's almost the day for you to do your civic duty. So, on Sunday, March 25 from 3:30-5 PM at the Skokie Public Library (5215 W. Oakton) you are cordially invited to vote with your pedals by coming to the 2018 kick-off meeting of the North Branch Trail Alliance. We're going into NBTA Year 2 and we need you to cast your vote on what

rides we are going to do in Spring/Summer/Fall 2018 and which Alliance Business Partners we are going to support.

At NBTA, all of our rides come from our members just like those above and below. This means we want you in the picture! Check out the attached proposed agenda and then do your civic duty so we know what you want us to do this year.

- Art ride?
- Ice cream social ride?
- Cool factories of the NBT ride?
- <<Your ride idea here>>

## New Mullen's Applesauce Version 2.0

The famous applesauce by the Mullen family on the northwest side has just released a new 'Version 2.0' to local stores and Jim says: "Hello Mullen Applesauce fans: Great news, the new formula is better than ever!! All the best, Jim Mullen." Their website is "mullenfoods.com" and it describes their different varieties.



## Help Early Pollinators in Your Yard

Many native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators start to emerge in the early spring when the weather begins to warm up, but pollen and nectar can be hard to come by. Here are some early bloomers that can help these important pollinators.

- Yellow trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*) — native to the northeast and Midwest
- Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) — native to eastern and central states
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1 cup (250ml) warm water, divided  
1 tablespoon (11g) active dry yeast  
3/4 cup (170g) plus 1 tablespoon granulated sugar  
750g (about 5 1/2 cups) all purpose flour (may need additional while kneading, about 1/4 cup)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 stick (4oz or 114g) unsalted butter, cut into cubes  
3/4 teaspoon pure lemon extract  
4 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1 large egg beaten  
Hard Boiled Eggs  
Skin of 2 onions



Egg Wash  
1/2 tablespoon water  
4 Large eggs  
1 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/4 warm water. Lightly sprinkle 1 tablespoon dry yeast over the mixture. Allow to sit for 5 to 10 minutes until foamy.
  2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the flour, salt, and cubed butter. Mix on low speed to combine. Add in the eggs, sugar, remaining 3/4 cup warm water, lemon extract, and yeast mixture. Mix on low speed to combine. Mixture will be slightly wet. Switch to dough hook. Mix on medium-low speed for about 10 minutes. You may need to add additional flour, 1 tablespoon at a time during mixing if the dough feels too wet. You want to knead the dough until it is smooth and elastic, and tacky but not sticky.
  3. Coat a large bowl with vegetable oil. Shape dough into a ball, put into the bowl and turn to coat with the oil. Cover the bowl lightly with plastic wrap and set aside in a warm draught free area (I put into my oven with light turned on), for about 2 hours or until dough has doubled in size.
  4. Meanwhile, bring 4 eggs (brown or white), salt, and peel of 2 yellow onions to a boil in a medium saucepan. The onion skin acts as a natural way to colour the white eggs brown, or enhance a brown egg. Once boiling turn off heat and allow eggs to sit for about 10 minutes. Remove eggs from water, and reserve.
  5. Adjust rack to middle position and preheat oven to 350 degrees F. If using a baking stone, put in oven to preheat, or brush an upside down baking sheet with butter or oil. Reserve a small amount of dough, about 1/2 cup, to make cross decoration. Knead the remaining dough a few times to get the air out. Shape into a circle and gently press the unpeeled hardboiled eggs into the dough. Create 2 long, flat pieces of dough to place over the eggs. Place the dough strips over the eggs and press the ends into the round dough to create a cross.
  6. Brush the entire top of the dough with the egg wash.
  7. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes until the top is golden brown and there is a hollow sound when tapped. Set aside to cool.
- Storage: 3 days wrapped at room temperature, or wrap tightly and freeze for up to 1 month  
Enjoy and Good Luck!

From the kitchens of Sandra Barreira

## Lenten Chocolate Cake

A rich and moist chocolate cake recipe that tastes indulgent but still complies with the dietary restrictions of the Lenten season.

Ingredients:

3 cups all-purpose flour  
6 tbsp. cocoa powder  
2 cups granulated sugar  
2 tsp. vanilla extract  
2 cup cold water  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
3 tbsp. white vinegar  
3/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Confectioner's sugar for dusting

Method: Sift the flour, baking soda, cocoa powder, and salt into a mixing bowl and mix using a whisk. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, vinegar, vanilla extract, vegetable oil, and water. Whisk together until the sugar is dissolved and the wet ingredients are combined.

Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until incorporated and a smooth batter forms. Mix in the chopped nuts if using.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly oil a 9 x 13 baking pan or spray with cooking spray to prevent sticking. Pour the batter and smooth the top with a spatula.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for approximately 45 minutes or until a tester inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

Note: This recipe can also be used to make cupcakes. It will yield approximately two dozen regular cupcakes or 48 mini cupcakes. For cupcakes, reduce the baking time to 20 minutes.

When the cake has cooled, serve with a dusting of confectioner's sugar and enjoy.

Submitted by Eleni Andritsakis



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