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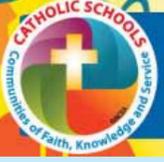
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Chicago Chinese New Year 4714 Celebration
2017 Year of the Rooster

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Early Spring?
Find Out February 2nd
Happy Groundhog's Day

National Wildlife Federation The Real Reason for Groundhog Day

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

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

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

Climate Change

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

Has Punxsutawney Phil been predicting climate change?

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

Antarctica is warming faster than previously thought.

Deep sea life is being impacted by climate change.

Climate change forces tropical insects to higher elevations.

Forests are in decline as temperatures rise.

Climate change effects are irreversible according to new study.

David Mizejewski, Naturalist, National Wildlife Federation

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Vice President Michael R. Pence



Now The Work Begins – Starting Here - Starting Now. Our Prayers go with you as you and your new administration move forward with the great tasks which lie ahead.

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The American's Creed



I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies. (Authorized Version)

A Brand New Series About Our Great State of Illinois Begins In This Edition



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the first in the series from
"Roadside History of Illinois" by
Local Author, Stan "Tex" Banash



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ANNUAL POST SUPER BOWL PARTY

Monday,
February 6, 2017

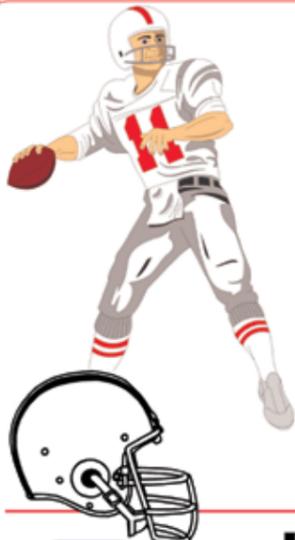
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Community First Medical Center Jan-Feb Health Events



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

Thursday, January 26

Arthritis and Total Joint Replacement – Taking the Right Steps, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with staff from rehabilitation services. Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. To register, please call 773-794-4640

Thursday, January 26

Courage to Quit Smoking - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Pablo Castillo, RRT, Director, Respiratory will provide sessions on how to have enough courage to quit smoking.

Thursday, January 26

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.

Sunday, January 28

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.

Tuesday, January 31

Learning Interventions Family Education (LIFE) – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Café Conference Room, Ground Floor.

A Compassionate Recovery Education curriculum specializing in “Helping Family and Individuals Navigate the Recovery System”. This free training will provide education to family members to help them improve their personal understanding of the recovery process. To register, please call 708-536-8775.

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, and 28

Learning Interventions Family Education (LIFE) – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Café Conference Room, Ground Floor.

A Compassionate Recovery Education curriculum specializing in “Helping Family and Individuals Navigate the Recovery System”. This free training will provide education to family members to help them improve their personal understanding of the recovery process. To register, please call 708-536-8775.

Thursday, February 2, 9, 16 and 23

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

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Thursday, February 2

Diabetes Support Group - 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

This free support group aims to provide

mutual support and education.

Friday, February 3

National Wear Red Day – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Outside the Cafeteria, Ground Floor.

In honor of National Wear Red Day, Staff at Community First Medical Center will be offering free blood pressure screenings and free heart health information. National Wear Red movement works to save women’s lives and beat heart disease, the number-one killer of women.

Sunday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26

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, February 9 and 23

Arthritis and Total Joint Replacement – Taking the Right Steps, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with staff from rehabilitation services. Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. To register, please call 773-794-4640

Friday, February 10

Free Healthy Aging Program - 1:00 -2:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor.

This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guest’s lectures. Registration not required.

Wednesday, February 22

To mark American Heart Month – 2:00 p.m.– Mather’s Café on Central, 3235 N. Central Avenue, Chicago

Dr. David Fishman, Cardiologist, Community First Medical Center will discuss heart health, signs of cardiac disease, and what you can do to keep your heart healthy. To register, please call 773-205-3300.

Wednesday, February 22

Courage to Quit Smoking - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.

Faisal Master, RRT, Advanced Respiratory Care Practitioner will provide sessions on how to have enough courage to quit smoking.

Monday, February 27

Hearing Screening – 11:00 a.m.– Mather’s Café on Central, 3235 N. Central Avenue, Chicago

Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD, Chicago Hearing Services. Marie will offer complimentary screenings and answer questions. To register, please call 773-205-3300.

Saturday, February 25

Community First Medical Center Heart Fest – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Conference Room A & B

Offerings at this event will include, EKG, Lipid Panel (fasting is required 8-10 hours), A1C screening, Osteoporosis screening, BMI, a parfait bar, Zumba, 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, walk-ins welcome.

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D'Amico Encourages Community Members To Donate Blood During January

During January, which serves as National Blood Donor Month, state Rep. John D'Amico, D-Chicago, is encouraging eligible donors to help save lives by donating blood.

“Every two seconds a person in this country requires blood,” said D'Amico. “As a result, we don’t have enough blood to keep up with all the accidents and surgeries. I am raising awareness of this issue during National Blood Donor Month by pointing my residents toward locations where they can donate blood.”

To donate blood, individuals must be at least 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. Those wishing to donate should eat a balanced meal within four hours of donating blood. Individuals must also bring a driver’s license, state identification card, passport, or other photo ID.

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Skokie Yellow Line Station Testing January 25-26

The Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Department of Safety will be conducting Protran Roadway Worker Protection Technology testing on the Skokie Swift Yellow Line from January 25 at 10 p.m. to January 26 at 2 a.m. This testing will entail the running of the Swift Yellow Line and the periodic sounding of the train horn. The CTA apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this may have on the community.

For more information about CTA, please call the CTA at 1-888-968-7282 (weekdays 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.); Hearing Impaired please call 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891).

Make Up Entrance Exam Testing Date Offered At Res

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering an Entrance Exam for eighth grade girls who were unable to attend the exam at Resurrection on January 14, 2017. The Make Up Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, January 28, 2016 from 8 am until approximately noon. Testing at Resurrection will ensure that a registering student will be eligible for the best selection of classes at registration for the 2017-18 school year on March 6, 2016.

Pre-registration is necessary for the January 28 testing date. Please contact Nancy O'Leary at noleary@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 129 to pre-register or if you have any questions regarding the test. On the morning of the Entrance Exam, students should arrive by 8:00 am and enter through the Main Entrance at 7500 West Talcott Avenue. Please bring number 2 pencils and a \$25 testing fee (cash or check made payable to Resurrection College Prep High School). Calculators are not allowed.

Eighth grade girls and their families who have not had the opportunity to visit at Resurrection are welcome to contact Nancy O'Leary at noleary@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 129 to learn more about Resurrection. Seventh grade girls are invited to a special "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 10, 2017. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at www.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.



Evanston Senior Citizen Property Tax Reduction Applications Due February 8

Evanston residents age 65 years or older should have recently received 2016 Senior and Senior Freeze Property Tax Exemption renewal applications in the mail, and must file them by Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Illinois law requires seniors to reapply annually. Local seniors are encouraged to call Evanston's Property Tax Assessment Review office at 847-448-8168 for help completing the forms.

The recently mailed senior applications are for 2016 property taxes, which are paid in calendar year 2017. The savings from these exemptions will appear on the 2017 Second Installment Property Tax Bills that will be mailed in late June and will be due on August 1, 2017.

There are two Senior Tax Exemptions:

1. The Senior Exemption is available to property owners born in 1951 or prior, with no income restrictions. This is available to property owners or renters responsible for paying the real estate taxes, if they used the property as their primary residence in 2016.

2. The Senior Freeze Exemption is available to property owners born in 1951 or prior, with a total household income of \$55,000 or less during income tax year 2015. The applicant must have owned and lived in the property as of January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016, and have been liable for the property tax bill payments for 2015 and 2016.

"If you don't qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption because you exceed the income level, this does not mean you will not be eli-

gible for the Senior Exemption," said Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios. "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.

Information for Seniors Who Did Not Receive Mailings or First-time Applicants

Homeowners who were born in 1951 turned age 65 in 2016, and thus are likely to be eligible for one of the senior exemptions for the first time. Taxpayers who recently turned 65 may not have received applications when the senior renewal forms were mailed. Such individuals are encouraged to go to the Cook County Assessor's website, cookcountyassessor.com, to download Homeowner, Senior and Senior Freeze Exemption applications, or call the Property Tax Assessment Review Office at 847-448-8168 to obtain the forms and information necessary to complete the applications.

Residents with questions about eligibility for senior and other exemptions should call Mitzi Gibbs, Tax Assessment Reviewer, at 847-448-8168, or email mgibbs@cityofevanston.org. The Tax Assessment Review Office is now located in Room G551 of the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., in Evanston.

Special Event Permit Applications Due Jan. 31

Groups and organizations that wish to hold special events in the City of Evanston in 2017 will need to submit a Special Event Permit Application by Tues., Jan. 31. The application is available from our website at www.cityofevanston.org.

Tattler Post #973 Of The American Legion

Enjoy a GOURMET HALF-POUND BURGER with a choice of (with or without cheese), onions, lettuce, tomato, potato salad and baked beans on Friday, January 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. This also includes salad with assorted dressings and an appetizer. The cost is only \$7.00 per person. A group of dedicated female supporters prepares a plate of cookies and cakes for those of us who have a sweet tooth. Soft drinks and other choices are available at reasonable prices. The Post is located at 4355 N. Western Avenue in Chicago. For more information call 773-588-5809. **COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETS.**

Submitted by Maria Bappert

Coat Drive

Ravenswood Chiropractic & Wellness Center

Everyone should have one warm coat but too many do not! Please help our neighbors keep warm this season by donating your lightly used coats. Ravenswood Chiropractic & Wellness Center will be collecting coats, blankets, socks, gloves, and hats through the end of the month of January. All donations will go to Care for Real, an organization established in 1970 in the Edgewater community, whose mission is to provide clothing, food, and counseling services for those in need.

Visit our website for details: www.rennwellness.com

City Of Evanston Launches Improved Summer Camp Registration Process

Individuals registering their children for City of Evanston summer camps will no longer have to wait for lottery results to find out if their child is successfully enrolled thanks to a new, simplified camp registration process.

On Saturday, February 4, summer camp registration will be open from 8 a.m. to noon for Evanston residents (zip codes 60201 and 60202 only). Registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. There are two options for registration:

1. Register online at cityofevanston.org/register
2. Register in person at the Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main St.

No phone registrations will be available at this time. Residents are highly encouraged to register online and must have an account created at least 24 hours prior to the registration period. Proof of residency is required and a \$25 deposit is required for each camp session.

Registration will reopen for Evanston residents on Monday, February 6 at 10 a.m. online, in person at Evanston community centers, and by calling/texting 847-448-4311.

Printed camp guides will be available at Evanston community centers the week of January 17. A limited number of guides will also be available at the Main Evanston Public Library.

For more detailed information on the new process and to view the Summer Camp Guide, visit cityofevanston.org/summercamps or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

Attention All Businesses In Norwood Park: The 16th District Police Need Your Information

The 016 district is currently in the process of updating our Business/Organization location card file. This file system enables district personnel to contact a responsible person when an emergency situation occurs during hours when no one is available. Your assistance in contacting businesses, and requesting them to contact the 16th district CAPS office directly, would be greatly appreciated.

Jefferson Park Meeting

The JPNA General Meeting will be on Wed. Jan.25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park at 5320 W. Giddings. Three speakers will speak about community activities and service. President Allan Henson of the local Lyons Club which collects old or new eye classes. Bring some if you have some. Daniel Christensen of Hands to Help, and Barbara Murphy of Friends of Vaughn. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments and held on the lower level.

Belmont Central

Business/Organization Location Update

The 016th District is currently in the process of updating their Business/Organization location card file. This file system enables district personnel to contact a responsible person when an emergency situation occurs during hours when no one is available. Click here for the form.

Mail forms to: 16th District - Jefferson Park

5151 North Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

E-mail forms to: Caps016district@chicagopolice.org

Adult Enrichment Course At Resurrection College Prep High School The Formation of the Gospels in Relationship to Historical Jesus An Adult Lenten Spirituality Course

All community members are welcome to participate in an adult Lenten Spirituality course entitled The Formation of the Gospels in Relationship to Historical Jesus. Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: February 21, March 7, March 28 & April 11, 2017. The cost is \$50 - to register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org.

This course will explore the construction of the Gospels in relationship to the historical Jesus. How do we explain the words or Jesus passed down from Jesus to the Gospel writers? Participants will study how the Gospel writers came out of the early Christian communities and how they adapted the historical Jesus for the audiences they were addressing. In particular, the letters of St. Paul and the Gospel of Mark will be addressed as formative documents for the rest of the Gospels. This course will assist the adult Christian in their personal journey through the Lenten season to better understand the Gospels as they apply them to their own faith life.

The following books will be used to help us answer and further investigate these

questions and are recommended: The Four-fold Gospel: A Theological Reading of the New Testament Portraits of Jesus by Sir Francis Watson and The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of The Lord's Prayer by John Dominic Crossan. Additional books that will be used can be found on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org.

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo who holds Master's degrees in Music and Humanities from DePaul University. Mr. Longo was recently honored with the "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award" by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) which recognizing excellence and distinguished service in Catholic school education.

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Evanston Police Announce Open House January 30

The Evanston Police Department will hold an Open House on Monday, January 30, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Levy Senior Center, Linden Room, located at 300 Dodge Avenue in Evanston.

After opening remarks from Chief of Police Richard Eddington, attendees will have an opportunity to have a meet and greet with members from the various units from the department, including Patrol, Investigations, Traffic, Problem Solving Team, Neighborhood Enforcement Team, Victim Services, Office of Professional Standards and learn about the department's weekly deployment process.

To submit questions or topics, please contact 311. You may call/text 847-448-4311 directly (you may dial 311 directly while in Evanston).

You may also submit questions or topics via social media:

@EvanstonPD (Twitter)

Mayor Emanuel, City Of Chicago Announce Riverwalk Concession Program Opportunities

Rfp Issued After Riverwalk Vendors Earned More Than \$8.5 Million In Gross Revenues During 2016 Season

After a record breaking 2016 season for Riverwalk vendors, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City of Chicago announced that they are advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP) today for concession operations for the Chicago Riverwalk. For the first time, the RFP will provide the opportunity for vendors to submit proposals for longer term contracts and to build permanent year round restaurants or amenities.

The RFP seeks proposals from vendors to operate anywhere between Lake Shore Drive to Franklin, which includes the recently completed section from LaSalle to Franklin, for 2017 and beyond, although it is likely that vendors will not be operational in the most recently completed section until the 2018 season. Vendors may propose three or 10 year proposals.

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 and will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee is comprised of city personnel familiar with the Riverwalk and specialize in areas of finance, cultural affairs, construction and operations.

Contracts for the overwhelming majority of vendors who operated along the Riverwalk from Lake Shore Drive to LaSalle during the 2016 season has been extended for the 2017 season.

The City envisions a mix of recreational, cultural, entertainment, food and beverage and retail facilities on the Riverwalk, creating a vibrant area to be enjoyed by residents, tourists and visitors alike. Based upon the positive reaction by Chicago's residents and visitors throughout the summer, the City expects to receive a large number of highly competitive proposals.

The City is now seeking vendors to provide a variety of activities, events, and services in 2018.

Examples of possible concessions include, but are not limited to: facilities for paddling, recreational or charter boat; sports rentals; food and beverage; retail, particularly of a cultural or environmental nature; educational facilities; entertainment venues; commercial boats docked along the seawall with food and beverage or associated with a food and beverage provider operating in the land adjacent; or any other type of family-friendly concessions. The Department encourages Respondents to propose other ideas to enhance the use and enjoyment of the Riverwalk and the Chicago River.

Throughout the summer, huge crowds visited the Riverwalk. Visitors were able to enjoy a tiki bar, wine bar, French bistro, specialty cocktails and BBQ and recreational options included bike rentals to kayak tours.

Vendors interested in participating in the 2018 Season on the Chicago Riverwalk are invited to attend a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Thursday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1103 in City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street. City representatives will describe the program and answer questions during the pre-proposal meeting. The City also strongly encourages Respondents to visit the Riverwalk prior to attending the Pre-Proposal conference.

Vendors unable to attend the Pre-Proposal Meeting can submit questions to Edward.anderson@cityofchicago.org with "Operation of Concessions of the Chicago Riverwalk, Specification No. 329656" as the subject. The deadline for questions is 4:00 p.m. on February 10, 2017. Questions will be responded to in an Addendum to the Requests for Proposals.

For more information on the Chicago Riverwalk, please visit www.chicagoriverwalk.us.

Illinois House Passes Administration's Permanent Property Tax Freeze Proposal

Governor Rauner issued the following statement today after the House of Representatives passed the Administration's proposal, HB 6630 sponsored by Rep. Mark Batnick, to permanently freeze property taxes in Illinois:

"This morning the Illinois House of Representatives took a step in the right direction and passed our permanent property tax freeze. We have the highest property taxes in America, and a property tax freeze where you control whether your property taxes go up or not, will help change the system in Illinois, create jobs and keep families from fleeing the state."

ICYMI: Legislation Refiled To Sell Thompson Center Selling Building Could Net State Taxpayers \$220 Million; Generate \$45 Million In Property Taxes For The City Of Chicago

The following is an excerpt of a story from Crain's:

Gov. Bruce Rauner and other Republican lawmakers are making a second run at selling and demolishing James R. Thompson Center in the Loop, which they say could add hundreds of millions of dollars to state and local coffers. [...]

This time around, the state's Department of Central Management Services is providing specific estimates of how much a sale of Thompson Center would boost the state's finances. A sale would generate potential net proceeds of \$220 million and would prevent the state from addressing \$326 million in deferred maintenance on the building, according to CMS. [...]

A sale and redevelopment of Thompson Center also would generate transfer taxes and future property taxes for local government, (House Minority Leader Jim) Durkin said.

Governor Discusses Importance of Apprenticeships

Governor Bruce Rauner met with members of Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Apprenticeship Committee today to discuss the importance of bringing opportunity to every neighborhood in Illinois through apprenticeships. The committee's efforts are focused on providing the same training and education services to all students across Illinois as part of a comprehensive cradle-to-career education.

"Improving the quality of education is why I ran for office," said Governor Rauner. "Apprenticeship programs are so critical to students because they deliver a pathway to good paying jobs and stable careers, especially for those who may not want to go or have access to college. Our Apprenticeship Plus initiative is one of three priority projects, and this committee will help lead the state's efforts to expand apprenticeships in Illinois."

In June 2016, the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board created a standing Apprenticeship Committee to design and oversee implementation of a comprehensive and integrated apprenticeship system for Illinois. The committee's goal is to lead the State's efforts in expanding and transforming apprenticeship in Illinois by building capacity, infrastructure and expert support. Members of the committee include leaders in business industry as well as training providers, local workforce innovation boards, labor, philanthropies, community colleges, college-based organizations, rehabilitation services and employment exchange services.

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.

Mayor Emanuel Reminds Residents That Free Income Tax Preparation Help Is Available Across 19 Sites

The City of Chicago, with The Center for Economic Progress and Ladder Up, will today resume the annual Tax Prep Chicago program, a free citywide federal and state tax preparation service. In addition to standard assistance with tax preparation this year, Tax Prep Chicago sites will provide residents with assistance on renewing their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)—used to file taxes in lieu of Social Security Number—per changes to federal law this year.

To spread the word on the changes to tax filing this season, the Mayor's Office of New Americans will convene dozens of offices to enlist their support with engaging residents across the city in renewing their ITIN and to comply with recent changes to federal law—which is required before a person's 2016 tax refunds will be released by the IRS.

It is estimated that tax credits and refunds direct tens of millions of dollars into immigrant communities each year, and also that thousands of ITINs belonging to immigrants in the city are expired as of January 1, 2017. The ITIN is a tax processing number issued by the IRS to individuals who are not eligible for a Social Security Number, and is issued regardless of immigration status.

In addition to the ITIN renewals, recent federal changes are also expected to delay refunds for Chicagoans in 2017. Last year, it was announced that new federal laws would result in delayed tax refunds for taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) to be delayed. To inform residents of the changes and to help them prepare, the City partnered with CEP and Ladder Up on an outreach campaign in 2016, ahead of the holiday season.

Preparation of returns using ITINs is one of many services offered each year by Tax Prep Chicago for families earning up to \$55,000 and individuals earning up to \$30,000 annually. To support residents in claiming all of the money available to them, the city is encouraging residents to seek trusted support through any one of the 19 sites. A full list of sites and corresponding hours is below:

Each year, thousands of eligible households in the City do not claim the EITC and other key credits, leaving as much as \$200 million in unclaimed dollars that could help individuals and families meet basic needs. Last year, Tax Prep Chicago services assisted 20,000 residents and families in securing \$31 million in tax refunds and credits.

For more information on federal requirements and the resources available for tax preparation this season, please visit www.taxprepchicago.org.

President Preckwinkle, County Department of Transportation and Highways Issue First-Ever Call for Projects

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) is seeking applications for transportation-related projects throughout Cook County as part of the President Toni Preckwinkle's initiative to build and maintain a comprehensive regional transportation network.

For the first time, Cook County is launching an \$8.5 million program to help cover the cost of planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction associated with transportation improvements sponsored by local governments and private partners. This new program seeks projects that broaden the County's traditional focus on County roads to include pedestrian, bicycle, transit and freight-related improvements.

The call for projects, dubbed "Invest in Cook," is an initiative of Connecting Cook County, the County's first long-range transportation plan in 75 years. Connecting Cook County lays the groundwork for how the County invests in transportation to attract and retain businesses, people, capital and talent.

DoTH is seeking applications from local governments and transit agencies. Private for-profit or non-profit organizations can submit project proposals, but must have a public sponsor. The deadline to apply is 5:00 PM CST on March 17, 2017.

Invest in Cook seeks projects consistent with the priorities detailed in Connecting Cook County:

- Prioritize transit and other transportation alternatives
- Support the region's role as North America's freight capital
- Promote equal access to opportunities
- Maintain and modernize what already exists
- Increase investments in transportation

Cook County transportation staff will evaluate and score the proposals using publicly available, performance-based criteria and a qualitative assessment to determine which projects will be chosen this year.

Program information is available at www.cookcountyil.gov/InvestInCook. Award letters will be sent out in the summer of 2017, and a corresponding list of grantees will be published on the project webpage.

Dempster Street Sewer Lining Program

Construction on Dempster Street from Gross Point Road to Niles Center Road is scheduled to begin the week of January 16 and will continue for approximately three weeks. Work is scheduled to take place between 7 p.m. and 9 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The work will be confined to the east-bound lanes of Dempster Street, and at least one lane is expected to open to traffic at all

times. Traffic control arrow boards will be in place for the duration of the work. The scope of work does not require any excavation of the street.

The construction schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors. For updates and more information, visit www.skokie.org or call the Village of Skokie Engineering Division at 847/933-8231.

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Roadside History of Illinois

This is a first in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago and nearby suburbs 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*, by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash.

DuSable (Michigan Avenue) Bridge and Pioneer Court Plaza

For nearly a hundred years, Chicago residents crossed the Chicago River by canoe or rowboat. An iron and wooden swing bridge was built at Rush Street in 1857 and rebuilt several times. Other small bridges appeared on the river over the years, but it was not until Daniel H. Burnham and Edward H. Bennett published their Plan of Chicago in 1909 that an elaborate permanent bridge was designed. Construction on the Michigan Avenue Bridge (officially DuSable Bridge in 2010) began in 1917 and was completed three years later. Prominently featured on the four corner bridge houses are striking bas-relief panels sculpted by James Earle Fraser and Henry Hering, each depicting a theme from the city's early history. Now a designated Chicago Landmark, the bridge received a makeover in 2009, when the railings were replaced with a near-replica of the original 1920s design. Visitors to the McCormick Tribune Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum, on the bridge's southwest corner, can get a closer look at the structure's history, mechanics and significance.

Nearby Pioneer Court Plaza (located between the Chicago River and the Tribune Tower) anchors part of the south end of the Magnificent Mile. It was the site of the former home (cabin) and trading post of Jean Baptiste Point de Sable, the first non-native permanent resident of the future Chicago. Most likely, the name Point de Sable (French



for "sand point") was not his real surname but one he gave himself. While little is known about Point de Sable's early life, most historians agree that by 1788, he was firmly entrenched at Chicagoua (name that means bad smell, probably from the area's wild garlic or onion plants), and evidence suggests that Point de Sable's operation was not simply a trading post but an extensive farm, now covered

by Pioneer Court Plaza and other adjacent concrete surfaces and buildings. In 1800 Point de Sable sold his farm to Jean La Lime; three years later, John Kinzie purchased the property from La Lime and took over the trading post and the farm operations, going on to become a key player in the city's early development. The area also was the location of Chicago's first post office, established in 1831, and operated by fur trader Jonathan Bailey. The Jean Baptiste Point de Sable Home Site in Pioneer Court Plaza was named a National Historic Landmark in 1976, with a bronze plaque and porcelain placard added in 1977. A metal bust of Point de Sable rests atop a pedestal near the southwest corner of the plaza.

Visitors to Pioneer Court Plaza are encouraged to walk through the open space to the river, imagine the cabin and out buildings that once occupied the site, view the river that once was less than half its current width, and glance toward the intersection of Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue, the approximate location of Fort Dearborn. You may even feel the spirit of those who made their mark on early Chicago.

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 the website www.stantexbanash.com.

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A ribbon cutting took place at their recent Grand Opening Event, with a guest appearance by Alderman Anthony Napolitano.

Greek Orthodox Church Hosted 1st Annual Blessing Of Des Plaines River Service Celebrates Christ's Baptism In The River Jordan

On Sunday, January 22 along the Des Plaines River Trail in Des Plaines, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church of Des Plaines held their 1st ever service blessing the Des Plaines River. Over 180 clergy and parishioners attended this highly successful event, including several Alderman of the City of Des Plaines and Illinois State Representative Marty Moylan. The service ended with local priest Father John Rallis of St John the Baptist tossing into, and retrieving from, the Des Plaines River a blessed cross, symbolic of Christ's baptism in the River Jordan.

Each January 6, Eastern Orthodox Christians throughout the world celebrate Theophany, which in Greek means "manifestation of God." The day commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the Divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. On the historic Julian Calendar, or "Old Style Calendar", which some Eastern Orthodox Churches still use for liturgical services, January 6th is this Thursday.

Part of Theophany in many locations with a major waterway includes the outdoor Blessing of the Waters service. As a sign of blessing as Christ blessed the Jordan, holy water is poured into the body of water. An associated tradition has been the tossing of a cross into the water to be retrieved, in warmer climates by divers. Holy water is also given to the faithful to consume and to use in blessing their homes. In the weeks



following the service, clergy visit the homes of parishioners and conduct a service of blessing using the holy water that was blessed in church on the holiday.

Eastern Orthodox Christians are the second largest Christian denomination worldwide. The Metropolis of Chicago oversees all Greek Orthodox Parishes within Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, as well as large portions of Missouri and Indiana. While all parishes hold an in-church Blessing of the Water Service, this outdoor Blessing of the Water service along a major waterway is rare in this part of the United States.

Governor Rauner Recognizes National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Governor Bruce Rauner thanked law enforcement officers for their service at the National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Breakfast in Springfield on January 9th.



"Our men and women in uniform keep us all safe, they deserve our utmost support and respect," Governor Rauner said. "There is no more challenging work anywhere in America. There is no more noble profession anywhere in America than being a law enforcement officer. These are brave men and women that put their personal safety at risk. We are here today to say thank you, we stand with you and we

support you."

On January 9th at the Executive Mansion - the People's House - in recognition of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) the Governor and First Lady participated in Project Blue Light. The lights at the People's House were lit in blue to honor our law enforcement officers' service and dedication.

Chinese New Year Kickoff Celebration

Celebrating its 33rd year, the Chinese Fine Arts Society kicks off the Year of the Rooster with a festive display of Chinese dance, music and martial arts. Enjoy performances by some of Chicago's finest artists and, back by popular demand, a showcase by Jackie Chan's Long Yun Kung Fu Troupe from Beijing.

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When
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Where
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Cost
\$1260 per student
Info/registration
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www.MusicTheaterWorks.com/summer
Music Theater Works (formerly Light Opera Works) is currently taking applications for the summer teen production of CANDIDE. Rehearsals are June 12 through 29, at the Music Theater Works rehearsal center, 516 4th Street in Wilmette. The free public performance on Thursday, June 29, at 7:30 pm, is at a venue to be announced.

Each role will be individually cast based on auditions. Teens 13 to 18 will

present the Broadway classic with professional costumes, sound and lighting.

Cost is \$1260 per student. A \$50 audition fee is due with registration, which will be applied to the cost if child is cast. If child is not cast, the \$50 will be refunded. If child is cast and does not accept the role, the audition fee will not be refunded.

Director/choreographer is Caryn Ott Hillman, musical director is Christopher Richard and stage manager is Anya Plotkin, all veterans of previous Light Opera Works (now Music Theater Works) youth productions of MY FAIR LADY, SOUTH PACIFIC and FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.

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North Shore Art League's

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Winnetka is located north of Chicago along the shores of Lake Michigan. This annual fair generates enthusiastic art buyers to our village. The North Shore Art League's 92 year history and quality event reputation is apparent in all of the pre-show interest from artists and patrons.

The League is a locally well-known organization with close ties to the Art Institute of Chicago, Columbia College and many art galleries, schools and organizations throughout the area. We draw art enthusiasts from the entire Chicagoland area and beyond. Art in the Village will be promoted in all of our mailed and emailed communications, through advertising in Chicago and local publications, through strategically placed articles, posters, yard signs and more.

Follow this link to our application on Zapplication.com. Enter this early show and get the summer started!

Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope you will join us at our show next summer!

Linda Nelson, Executive Director

Questions? www.northshoreartleague.org or 847-446-2870

Create Your Own Pop-up Puppet Show At The Noyes Cultural Arts Center

The Noyes Cultural Arts Center will feature a vintage Marionette Theatre in the downstairs lobby from Friday, January 6 through Tuesday, January 31. The public is invited to create their own puppet show during building hours. The puppet theatre was donated by the WonderWorks Children's Museum of Oak Park and features curtains, lights and changeable backdrops. The pop-up Puppet Theatre is inspired by the Chicago International Puppet Theatre Festival taking place at numerous venues throughout Chicago, and sets the stage for registration for the Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre Puppet Theatre Camp in summer 2017.



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National Veterans Art Museum Acquires Thirty-One Kurt Vonnegut Screen Prints

The National Veterans Art Museum's (NVAM) has announced the major acquisition of 31 screen prints created by the late World War II veteran and famed author Kurt Vonnegut Jr., currently on view in the museum's exhibit Vonnegut's Odyssey.

The series of artwork highlights the post-war experience, specifically the many facets of the universal story of the veteran's return home. The Vonnegut collection is a significant addition to the NVAM permanent collection, which includes over 2,500 works created by veteran artists. In recent years, the museum has been expanding its collection to include veteran-created art from all eras, from WWII to the present. NVAM Executive Director, Brendan Foster states, "The Vonnegut collection is a pivotal acquisition that illustrates both the ubiquitous nature of the veteran experience and the world-class quality of National Veterans Art Museum's collection and exhibitions."

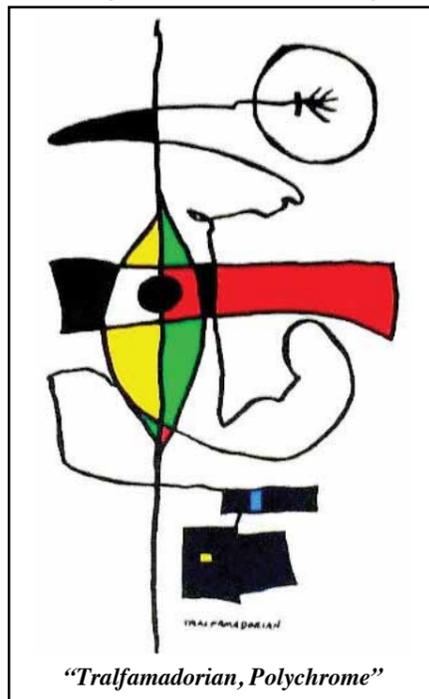
The acquisition was made possible by the generous support and sponsorship of the Nielsen Family.

On behalf of the family, Peter Nielsen offered to underwrite the acquisition in memory of their beloved wife and mother, Faith Nielsen. As an artist herself, as well as the wife and mother to wartime veterans, Faith recognized the importance of the National Veterans Art Museum and believed that there is a nobility in Veteran art that should be shared and celebrated. Peter Nielsen shares, "The Nielsen Family takes great pride in sponsoring The Vonnegut Collection at The NVAM in honor of Faith Nielsen. The Vonnegut Collection is a perfect exhibition to honor both Faith's memory and Veteran's art. Just from the examples of Kurt Vonnegut's artwork and his literature, the Nielsen Family is quite certain that Faith and Kurt would have been great friends."

Vonnegut enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and was deployed to fight overseas in Europe during WWII. He was later captured at the Battle of the Bulge and served as a Prisoner of War until 1945 when he returned to the U.S. and was awarded the Purple Heart. These experiences largely shaped

his creative endeavors including his well-known published literature and his body of artwork. From WWII through Vietnam and until his death in 2007, Vonnegut was an active voice in American culture and society—openly discussing war and its effects publicly.

After establishing himself as an important American author during the late 1960's with the publication of Slaughterhouse-Five (1969), Vonnegut later



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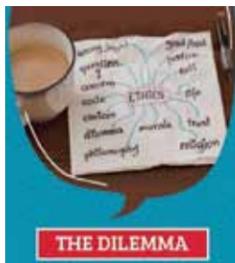
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- Option 2: Six Sunday evenings, starting Sunday, January 29, 2017, 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Option 3: Six Thursday mornings, starting Thursday, February 2, 2017, 10:30am-12:00pm
- Option 4: Six Thursday evenings, starting Thursday, February 2, 2017, 8:00pm-9:30pm

This Sunday classes meet every Sunday, from 1/29/2017 through 3/19/2017. However these classes don't meet on 2/26/2016, and on 3/12/2017.

This Thursday classes meet every Thursday, from 2/2/2017 through 3/23/2017. However these classes don't meet on 2/23/2016, and on 3/9/2017.



NWSI Parade 3rd Largest In Chicago

Norwood Park is excited for the 14th annual Northwest Side Irish Parade this year, happening March 12th!!

This parade is the 3rd LARGEST in all of CHICAGO and we are proud that the Belcaster family chose Norwood Park as the neighborhood to host it!

Every year thousands of people come out to see the NWSI parade, rain or shine. This year will be no different, so be sure to get in your applications to be in the parade, and/or your sponsorship form to gain huge exposure for your business, no later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st.

APPLICATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM – VISIT OUR WEBSITE ATTENTION BUSINESSES!

NWSI Parade are seeking raffle prizes for the After Party at I.C. School: Gift cards, basket of goods, unique gifts, etc.

Please email info@norwoodpark.org to coordinate drop-off times*

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became recognized for his drawings that often accompanied his writings. These drawings vary in subject matter from his Purple Heart to his illustrious Asterisk. Building on these drawings, Vonnegut worked with printer Joe Petro III to create a prolific catalog of artwork. Exhibited together, these artworks reflect Vonnegut's experience of returning home from World War II.

In fostering this dialogue about the long-term reintegration process experienced by veterans, Vonnegut's Odyssey captures NVAM's mission to inspire greater understanding of the real impact of war and offer visitors a chance to see the world through veterans' artwork, as well as one of the 20th Century's most impactful creative minds.

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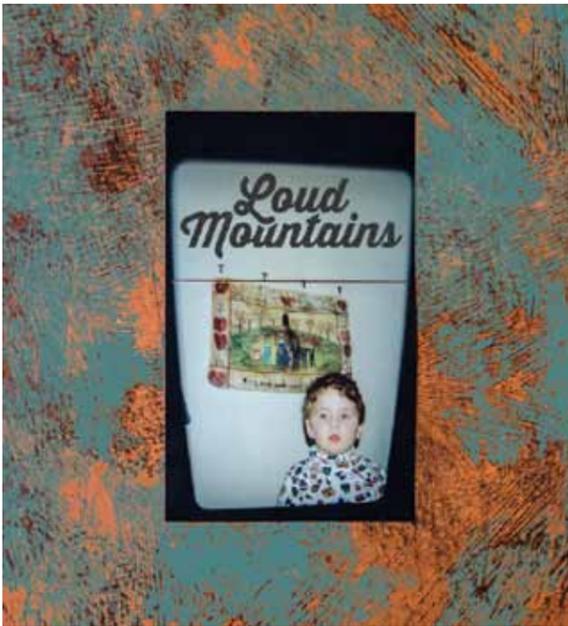
Tickets are available at www.reshs.org. Free parking is available in the attached Entertainment District Parking Garage. Questions may be directed to Carol Marchetti at cmarchetti@reshs.org or 773-775-6616 Ext 112.

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.



Resurrection COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

"Loud Mountains" Plays Loud & Soft



"Loud Mountains" is a band formed by brothers Kevin and Sean Duggan with roots in Chicago, but they grew up in Connecticut, England and Germany. They've been called "an international band of international brothers" and the famous Americana label "Clubhouse Records UK" has signed them. Clubhouse says: "Loud Mountains are known for their brotherly harmonies, generous helpings of pop hooks and raucous live shows." The brothers say that their mom grew up here and their dad used to work here - which is how their parents met. Their debut EP "Love One Another" is a mix of rockers and ballads and it's available via www.loudmountains.com or www.facebook.com/loudmountains.

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By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director
 Psychologists use the term "The Seven Year Itch" to describe a feeling that occurs after a long, monogamous relationship where someone starts to fantasize about life outside the relationship. George Axelrod took this concept and turned it into a play, which many credit as launching the American romantic farce genre. And what better way is there to spend the cold February nights that with a romantic farce at Skokie Theatre.

They play concerns Richard Sherman, a man in his late thirties, who has stayed in New York City while his wife and child take a summer-long vacation at the seashore. Alone and twitchy, he makes the acquaintance of a new neighbor, a sexy, free-spirited young woman who lives upstairs. Throughout the play he fantasizes about seducing her, and his fantasies contrast with reality in a comic way. Ultimately, Richard proves an incompetent seducer and more jealous of his wife than she has reason to be jealous of him.

Although the film version of *The Seven Year Itch* starring Marilyn Monroe is more famous today, the play was a Broadway smash, opening in 1952 and running over one thousand performances before closing.

Comedian David Dristas has the challenge of managing Richard Sherman's mid-life crisis. He started doing sketch comedy 15 years ago in his home town of Philadelphia. Since moving to Chicago, he has appeared with *The Second City* Theatre and is an ensemble member downtown at *ComedySportz*. He also appears frequently with the *Annoyance Theatre*.

Megan Gill has the daunting task of taking on the role made famous by Marilyn Monroe. Megan first appeared at Skokie Theatre as Janet in our annual *Rocky Horror* themed cabaret, but she will also be familiar to our audiences from her appearances in *Mame* at Light Opera Works and *Nice Work If You Can Get It* at Theatre in the Center.

The Seven Year Itch runs from February 3 through February 19: Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, with a one-time Wednesday afternoon matinee at 1:30 pm on February 8. Tickets are \$34 for general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students. Tickets can be ordered by calling our box office at 847-677-7761 or online at SkokieTheatre.org.

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Mayor Emanuel And Northwestern University President Attend Grand Opening Of New Northwestern Academy For CPS Students

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Northwestern University President Morton Schapiro today attended the grand opening of a new state-of-the-art center to house the Northwestern Academy—a program to support Chicago Public School students in preparing for success at competitive colleges and universities. They were joined by students enrolled in the Northwestern Academy and their parents. The Academy will graduate its inaugural cohort of seniors this spring.

Located on Northwestern's Chicago campus in Streeterville, the new high-tech center makes the Academy's programming and support services more easily accessible to CPS students. The center was previously located on Northwestern's Evanston campus.

Launched in 2013, the Northwestern Academy for Chicago Public Schools is a multi-year college preparation and enrichment program for diverse, academically motivated students from Chicago Public Schools. Approximately 200 students from 40 CPS high schools are enrolled in the Academy this school year.

Of the 58 high school seniors in the class, the majority of students have already been accepted by at least one college or university for next fall, and a greater majority—86 percent—will be the first in their families to go to college.

The Northwestern Academy for Chicago Public Schools accepted its first class of students in 2014. Students apply for the Academy during the winter of their freshman year in high school and are accepted into the Academy in June as they complete their freshman year.

The newly rehabbed center provides classrooms designed to foster collaboration between students, Northwestern teachers and staff, as well as families. Each classroom is equipped with 21st century wireless and high-res technology capabilities to facilitate conference calls with prospective college and universities, as well as virtual tours of college campuses. Additionally, Academy Advisors provide student participants with on-site college counseling and advising and assistance on applying for financial aid.

Northwestern Academy is a program of Northwestern's School of Education and Social Policy. The program provides students with personal enrichment, leadership development, college advising and cultural and civic engagement. The Academy is supported by Northwestern as an extension of its Good Neighbor, Great University initiative to expand college access. The Academy is offered at no cost to students.

Northwestern's investment in the Northwestern Academy is one of many longstanding partnerships the university has with CPS to provide Chicago's students additional academic and enrichment opportunities. Just last week, Northwestern announced a newly formed partnership with Lake View High School where they will support students and teachers with tailored programs. This includes a new summer laboratory opportunity that will provide students the research-based skills of scientific discovery.

To support the record number of students graduating from CPS today, the Mayor and the District are working to ensure that students have access to the tools and resources needed to promote college readiness. In addition to partnerships with colleges and universities, this includes strategic investments in college-level coursework and dual-credit/dual-enrollment opportunities in schools throughout the city to improve college access and affordability for students citywide.

CPS students with a strong academic performance, determination and motivation to engage in rigorous academics, and a desire to explore college possibilities beyond those in Chicago are encouraged to apply for the Northwestern Academy. To apply, students must be a freshman in high school, and submit an application, recommendation and writing samples. Northwestern Academy will invite finalists to interview and meet with advisors.

For more information on the Northwestern Academy for Chicago Public Schools, visit <http://www.academy.northwestern.edu>.

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood

The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets at Noon every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side. To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127. Thank you.

ONGOING SERVICE PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB ARE: *Lift tabs from aluminum cans; *Plastic bread & bagel bags, old towels and any "decent rags" for our four-legged friends; *Plastic shopping bags for the Women's Ministry at Luther Memorial Church who weave mats for homeless people; Paper shopping bags for area food pantries; *Outdated prescription eyeglasses; and last, but not least, *Box Tops for Education" for the Queen of Angels School. Please note that Campbell Soups used to have Box Tops on their cans, but have discontinued participating in this program a number of months ago.

Important change: Kiwanis International sent out an email announcing that they are changing their name to KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND. According to this message, this new name better conveys the purpose of the organization, "we serve the children," and describes how funds are raised to support Kiwanis initiatives.

LOVE THOSE KIWANIS PEANUTS!

*Peanuts in the News ... The Chicago Tribune reported in an article in its January 6 edition that "Early peanut exposure is now urged for babies." Research into how this allergy develops leads to a recommendation to feed babies peanut-containing foods and that starting young lowers their chances of becoming allergic. The National Institute of Health issued new guidelines (published in several Health Journals) saying that most babies should regularly eat those foods starting around 6 months of age, some as early as 4 months. It's a major shift in dietary advice for a country fearful of one of the most dangerous food allergies.

*Our Club has been giving guest speakers a dozen packets of peanuts in a gift bag instead of a Speaker's Mug for a while now. We tell the speaker it's "A Taste of Kiwanis!"

FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

For quite a number of years now our Club has donated \$500.00 toward the NBGC Scholarship Awards. Last year's recipient was Laura Arroyo who sent us a report of her activities in July as well as in December of last year. In her letters she told us that she now attends Lake View High School and that she received straight A's in all of her subjects. She also said that she continues to be active in a number of programs of the NBGC where she was informed at a pep rally the day before Thanksgiving that she got promoted to a Senior Leader. She is working the after-school program and soccer on Saturdays. She looks forward to Basketball which has also started and which is her favorite sport. Good to hear from you, Laura!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thu., Jan. 26 – Regularly scheduled Luncheon Meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant

Thu., Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

Thu., Feb. 9 – Board of Directors' Meeting



What Is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members.

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The logo and theme, developed for NCSW, was in response to member requests for a theme and logo that would last more than a year, the new theme will be used for at least three years. This will provide opportunities for schools to brand the week and their ongoing marketing activities with repeated mentions and use of a consistent logo.

The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

The logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education. The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the inner-connectivity and community life that are present in our Catholic schools.

Norwood Crossing To Conduct Special Remembrance Service To Honor Four Chaplains Of World War II

During World War II on the high seas of the Atlantic Ocean, the SS Dorchester, a troop ship carrying a thousand U.S. soldiers and crew bound for Greenland, was torpedoed and sunk on Feb. 3, 1943. Before the ship went under, four U.S. Army chaplains of different faiths gave their life jackets to others, sacrificing themselves. Their deed did not go unnoticed. The Four Chaplains, often known as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains," have been immortalized on a U.S. postage stamp and recognized by their fellow veterans for their unselfish action.

Now, commemorative services encouraged and supported by The American Legion, will be held across the country. On Feb. 5, at 2:30 p.m., a special remembrance service will be conducted at Norwood Crossing, in the Pedersen Chapel, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The service will be conducted by Norwood Crossing Chaplain Dale Tippett, Chaplain of The American Legion Billy Caldwell Post 806. Also participating will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Pfeffer (Ret.), Chaplain of The American Legion Edison Park Post 541. The public as well as American Legion and VFW members are invited to attend.

For more information, call Norwood Crossing Chaplain Tippett at (773) 577-5368 or email him at dtippett@norwoodcrossing.org.

Northtown Garden Society Feb 2017 Meeting

Northtown Garden Society will meet on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Our guest speaker will be Breanna Heath who will speak to us about the Pie Patch Farm.

The Pie Patch Farm is located at 5045 S. Laflin St. in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. It is a USDA certified organic pick-your-own farm. The Pie Patch grows perennial fruits and annual vegetables traditionally used in pies such as strawberries, apples, pears plums and many more delicious fruits and vegetables.

If you would like to bring refreshments to the meeting, please let Lucy Radycki know.

lradycki@ameritech.net

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-NGS members and refreshments will be served.

If you haven't already done so, Please, pay your 2017 dues.

Check out our new, improved web site!

www.northtowngardensociety.org

Also: The Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier is coming March 18-26.

If you know of any other garden activities, please share by contacting me at: sgreen113@sbcglobal.net

Northtown Garden Society

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The Young Lawyers Section Of The Chicago Bar Association Advocates For The End Of Human Trafficking During Weeklong Series Of Events January 23-27, 2017

Human Trafficking is a global phenomenon that extends its reach into Chicago and surrounding communities. In an effort to combat this modern day slavery epidemic, The Young Lawyers Section (YLS) of The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) under the leadership of the YLS Chair Kathryn C. Liss, will host a "Human Trafficking Awareness Week" from January 23 through January 27, 2017. The week's events will raise awareness and provide information on ways in which everyone, particularly legal professionals, can play a role in ending human trafficking.

Complimentary educational programs include a workshop for legal professionals emphasizing how to spot human trafficking and how to safely provide assistance to victims and a seminar providing an in depth look at the legal issues, concerns and remedies aimed to address the exploitation of individuals through human trafficking.

The YLS is appreciative of all who assisted with the development of the Week's programming including representatives of the following organizations: Anne's House, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE); the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force; Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking Chicago (JCAST); Office of the Cook County Public Guardian; The Salvation Army's Promise and STOP-IT Programs; Illinois State Policy Advocacy Network; Human Trafficking Initiative of the Metropolitan Family Services Legal Aid Society; Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center of DePaul University College of Law; Chicago Police Department; Center for the Human Rights of Children of Loyola University Chicago; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and Law Firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP

Calendar of Events:

January 23

Every Person has a Voice: Exposing, Examining, and Eradicating Human Trafficking

3:00-6:30 p.m. | The Chicago Bar Association

Complimentary | 2.75 IL MCLE Credit (for attorneys)

An in-depth look at issues, concerns and remedies aimed to address the exploitation of individuals through human trafficking both domestically and globally

January 24

CAASE Know Your Rights Training

12:00-1:30 p.m. | The Chicago Bar Association

Complimentary | 1 IL PR-MCLE Credit, subject to approval (for attorneys)

Attorneys and law students are invited to take part in Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation's (CAASE) public service initiative to help victims of sex trafficking understand their legal rights.

January 25

A Path Appears, Episode One: Sex Trafficking in the USA

12:00-1:30 p.m. | The Chicago Bar Association

Complimentary | Includes Lunch

Special guest Laurel Bellows will introduce and join us for a showing of the gripping film, "A Path Appears, Episode One: Sex Trafficking in the USA."

January 27

A Spotlight on Child Trafficking in Chicago

12:00-1:00 p.m. | The Chicago Bar Association

Complimentary | 1 IL MCLE Credit (for attorneys)

A discussion on child trafficking in Chicago.

Not a U.S. Citizen? - What You Need to Know about U.S. Gift and Estate Taxes



Chester M. Przybylo

In the United States, any federal gift and estate tax due from an estate must be paid during the probate of the estate and prior to assets being distributed to beneficiaries and/or heirs of the estate. The gift and estate tax rules are complex enough for a U.S. citizen; however, when the decedent and/or the surviving spouse is NOT a U.S. citizen, the rules become considerably more difficult to understand and follow.

However, this is even more reason to have at least a basic understanding of some of the major differences between how U.S. citizens, non-citizen residents, and nonresident non-citizens are treated with regard to federal gift and estate taxation.

Who's Who?

In the U.S., your citizenship and/or residency status decides your tax treatment. Therefore, it is important to understand where you fit. Most taxpayers are U.S. citizens, either by birth or by naturalization.

Others are not citizens but are legal residents of the United States.

For taxation purposes, a non-citizen who lives in the United States is treated the same way as a citizen. A non-citizen, nonresident is someone who is not a citizen and does not live here. For tax purposes, non-citizen, nonresidents are often referred to as "nonresident aliens", or "NRAs." NRAs are not treated the same as citizens and residents when it comes to federal gift and estate taxation.

How Are U.S Citizens and Residents Taxed?

After death, the assets of the decedent's estate are identified and valued. The taxable estate consists of everything owned by the decedent, regardless of where those assets are located. The value of those assets, combined with the value of gifts made during the decedent's lifetime, is potentially subject to federal gift and estate tax at a rate of 40 percent. Fortunately, each taxpayer is entitled to exclude up to the lifetime limit which was set at \$5 million but adjusted annually for inflation. For 2016, the lifetime exclusion limit is \$5.45 million.

How are Nonresident Aliens (NRAs) Taxed?

A nonresident alien is taxed only on property situated in the United States; however, a NRA is not entitled to the typical lifetime exclusion – this exclusion is only \$60,000.

How Is Someone with Dual Citizenship Taxed?

Dual citizenship means you are a citizen of two countries, for example Argentina and the United States. As a general rule, citizenship in another country does not change your tax obligation in the U.S., meaning you will be taxed as a U.S. citizen.

How Does the Marital Deduction Work?

For a U.S. citizen or resident, the marital deduction allows you to leave an unlimited amount of assets to a spouse upon your death tax-free. The unlimited marital deduction is not available if the surviving spouse is a non-citizen unless the assets are left in a Qualified Domestic Trust, or QDOT. The reason for this is simple.

If a citizen inherits a large estate that estate, will eventually be taxed when the assets are passed down either as gifts or at the time of the survivor's death. If, however, that same large estate is left to a non-citizen there is no guarantee that those assets will be taxed down the road, making it necessary to tax them at the time they are transferred. A QDOT alleviates these concerns by ensuring that the property does not escape the country without taxation. A QDOT must have a U.S. citizen or financial institution as a Trustee who must have the legal authority to withhold taxes. The QDOT can periodically pay the trust's income to the surviving spouse; however, any other distributions must have estate tax withheld unless hardship can be shown. Only if the surviving spouse becomes a U.S. citizen can the assets be removed from the QDOT.

As the world becomes smaller, it is becoming more and more common for people to marry someone from another country given the ease with which we now travel across borders. For a non-citizen, or the spouse of a non-citizen, estate planning takes on a heightened importance. If you are a NRA, or you plan to leave part, or all, of your estate to a non-citizen spouse, it is imperative that you consult with an experienced estate planning attorney early on to ensure that you, your spouse, and your assets are protected.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

Cook County Board Approves Seven Tax Incentives To Support Economic Growth

Cook County Commissioners today approved seven proposals from President Toni Preckwinkle's Bureau of Economic Development (BED) that will provide tax incentives to businesses in Cook County.

The incentives, which will either create new or save existing jobs, were approved in the following communities: Chicago, Elk Grove Village, Lansing, Oak Forest, Schaumburg, Schiller Park, and Summit.

As a result of redevelopment activities, these incentives should support the creation of an estimated 112 new private sector full-time jobs, retain an estimated 324 full-time jobs and support 122 construction jobs.

"Three of the companies receiving incentives are from the manufacturing and machinery sector," said Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle. "I'm pleased that we are able to use our tax incentive tools to either keep or expand manufacturing businesses in Cook County."

For more about the tax incentive programs offered by the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, go to www.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment.

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Edison Park Field House, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. and is open to all Veterans who served in any branch of the United States military services during the armed conflicts listed below.

We are also forming a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The requirement for becoming a member is:

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such males descendants of veterans who died in service during WWI - WWII - Korean War - the Vietnam War - Lebanon Grenada - Panama and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article 1 of the National Constitution of the 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.

Visit our website at <http://amerlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541>

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 starting today, May 1, 2015 to May 29, 2015 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.

Honor Flight Chicago – "Operation Locate A Hero" - 2017 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 2017 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.



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St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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.

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Village Cooking Corner

How To Set Up A Party Buffet

Arrange your seats in advance. Avoid the haphazard run for dining room seats seconds before the game begins by bringing your extra seats into the TV room before your guests arrive. This way you can arrange the chairs to ensure that everyone will not only have a great view of the game, but will also have avenues of escape for bathroom breaks, drink refills or a second round of dinner.

Put together a buffet table. Rather than plopping everything on the coffee table for easy access, display the food and drinks along the kitchen or dining room table. (Or, relocate whatever table is most convenient to your living room to bring the snacks closer.) No one will be reaching over one another for food, which means fewer spills and a faster serving time so no one misses any part of the big game.

HERE ARE SOME EASY, BUT VERY TASTY, IDEAS FOR YOUR SUPER BOWL GATHERINGS.

(Any of the serving sizes mentioned may be increased by doubling, tripling, etc. to accommodate your guest list).

Stuffed Eggs (4 servings)

4 eggs	2 anchovy fillets
1 t prepared mustard	salt and pepper
2 T margarine	4 tomatoes
wine vinegar	tarragon
pinch of sugar	chives
black olives	anchovy fillets for garnishing

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

Cheese Mini-Sandwiches (8 servings)

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

Kraut Salad (8 servings)

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

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

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

Ultimate 7-Layer Dip

1 can (18 oz.) Refried Beans	1 Tbsp. Taco Seasoning Mix.
1 cup Breakstone's sour cream	1 cup Thick 'n Chunky Salsa
1 cup shredded lettuce	1 cup Mexican Style Shredded cheese
1/2 cup green onion slices	2 Tbsp. sliced pitted ripe olives
Ritz Chips original or Wheat Thins baked snack crackers	

Mix: beans and taco seasoning mix. Spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish.

Layer: Remaining ingredients over bean mixture, cover and refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

Serve with chips or crackers.

Makes 48 servings, 2 Tbsp. dip and 14 chips or 16 crackers each.

Make Ahead: Prepare as directed, cover, refrigerate up to 2 hours.

Piquant Meat Balls

2 pounds ground beef	1 egg
2 tablespoons bread crumbs	1 teaspoon salt
pepper, to taste	12-ounce bottle of chili sauce
6 ounces grape jelly	juice of 1 lemon

Combine meat, egg, bread crumbs, and seasonings. Shape into balls the size of a walnut. Heat chili sauce, jelly, and lemon juice in a heavy skillet or Dutch oven until blended. Add the meat balls, cover, and simmer for 30 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer, stirring frequently to prevent sticking.

Serves 8 to 10.

Boursin Cheese

8 oz. cream cheese
1 clove crushed garlic
3 tsp. fresh minced parsley
1 tsp. basil leaves
2 T chopped chives
1 T dry white vermouth
lemon pepper

Blend cream cheese and garlic and add everything else. Serve with crackers or in celery.

U.S. Pizza Museum Exhibit At The Niles Public Library District



Learn about the history of pizza in Chicago and beyond in the Franklin Gallery on the third floor of the Niles Public Library District from February 1–March 31, 2017. The exhibition will explain what defines Chicago pizza styles and how they relate to regional styles throughout the United States. New and vintage items from the U.S. Pizza Museum collection will bring the stories to life.

There will be an opening celebration on Friday, February 3 from 6:30–8:30pm. The first 200 people in line will enjoy free pizza from Home Run Inn. All ages welcome.

“Our mission aligns with the Library’s mission to enrich and connect with the community,” explains U.S. Pizza Museum Founder, Kendall Bruns, “In addition to being a great public space to display items from our collection, the Niles Public Library District is also very close to the original Pequod’s and Burt’s Place—two legendary Chicagoland pizzerias.”

Items from those pizzerias will be on display as well as menus, pizza boxes, and other memorabilia from Chicago pizzerias including: Aurelio’s, Coalfire, Father and Sons Restaurant, Gino’s East, Giordano’s, Home Run Inn, Lou Malnati’s, Piece Brewery and Pizzeria, Pizano’s Pizza & Pasta, Spacca Napoli, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, and many others.

I Love Pizza Events

February

2/3: I Love Pizza Kickoff, 6:30–8:30pm

The first 200 people in line will enjoy free pizza from Home Run Inn. All ages welcome.

2/4–2/28: Pizza Box Art Contest (Grades 5–12)

2/9: The History of Pizza, U.S. Pizza Museum Founder, Kendall Bruns, 7–8:15pm

For more details about this exhibit and special pizza-themed events, visit www.nileslibrary.org/pizza.

(Pick up Our Village next time for more dates in February and March)

NEW Jefferson Park Indoor Farmers' Market – Join Us!!

The Farmers Market in Jefferson Park is now both a summer and winter market. Winter Sunday Market - Jefferson Park Copernicus Center-Annex, 5214 W. Lawrence, 10:00am - 2:00pm January 29, April 2, May 7. Produce, canned goods, meats, crafts and more. Brunch available - Cash Bar!
Visit us at www.jeffersonparksundaymarket.com to learn more.

Shop at the Ecology Center's Indoor Winter Farmers' Market on Saturdays

The Evanston Ecology Center's Indoor Winter Farmers' Market is held from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday, December 3, 2016 through April 29, 2017, except for December 24 and 31.

Location: 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston (Intersection of McCormick Blvd. and Bridge St.)

Parking: Parking is available in the lot across the street from the Ecology Center, accessible via McCormick Blvd. Parking will not be permitted in the Ecology Center Circle Drive



Watch the Food Network's upcoming episodes of *Coast-To-Coast Chow* featuring Harry Kempf, owner, operator and chef of the Chicago Brauhaus.

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The weekend starts off with a smaller, more intimate VIP experience at Artifact Events on Friday, January 27th where local restaurants and breweries will pair together to offer an all-inclusive night of tastings!

The big event is on Saturday, January 28th! Local breweries from around Chicago will set up shop on the 5th floor ballroom and 6th floor skyline lounge of the Dank Haus to showcase what great beers Chicago has to offer.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Visit the website for more: www.lincolnsquare.org/winter-brew

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