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Celebrate Polish Heritage During The Month Of October





National 4-H Week – October 4 Thru 10



Fall Concert Of The Austrian Mixed Chorus

The public is cordially invited to the Annual Concert of the Austrian Mixed Chorus on Sunday, October 18, at the Avalon Banquets, 1905 E. Higgins Road (just south of Oakton) in Elk Grove Village. The afternoon starts with cocktails (cash bar) at 2:30 pm, followed by the concert at 3:00 pm, and dinner at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes complete dinner, dessert, coffee, concert and dancing to the tunes of the fabulous Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra. Dinner choices are Sirloin of Beef in Bordelaise Sauce or Tilapia. All tickets will be held at the door. Checks should be made payable to: Austrian Mixed Chorus and mailed to Trudy Nika, 7157 Dexter, Downers Grove, IL 60516. For more information call Trudy at 630-960-1123 or email her at

Nika7157@comcast.net.

This year's concert will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of "The Sound of Music" and the Salzkammergut Region of Austria. The program will include well-known German and Austrian folk songs which will also feature yodelers, as well as selections from the classical Viennese repertoire, under the direction of David L. Crane, who is well known in German-American circles. Some of the songs will be accompanied by Tony Kawalkowski on his violin and Bill Crowle on the piano. We are pleased to announce that members of the Kinderchor will also participate. The concert and dancing music will transport you to Old Vienna, at least for a few hours.

All are welcome! Auf Wiedersehen!

Statement From Mayor Emanuel On Millennium Park Being Named One Of The Country's Great Places For 2015

"It's no surprise that one of Chicago's great parks is one of America's greatest public spaces. From a day out with the family to a night out at the theater and everything in between, Millennium Park offers what no other park in the nation can. This special recognition from the American Planning Association not only places Millennium Park and the City of Chicago in the national spotlight but highlights our efforts to create great public spaces for all Chicagoans."

O Tannenbaum! Nominate Your Christmas Tree Today

The City of Chicago is now taking submissions for the 102nd Christmas Tree to grace Daley Plaza this holiday season. If you or someone you know has a very large spruce or fir tree that is more than 55-feet tall and you would like to donate it to be the city's official tree, submit three photos and why you think it should shine on Daley Plaza to DCASE@ cityofchicago.org. If your tree is chosen, you and your family will be invited to light the tree at the 102nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in late November with Mayor Emanuel.



Open Houses

Thursday, October 29 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Sunday, November 8 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Learn about our academics, athletics, fine arts, clubs and technology.

Shadow Days

8th grade girls welcome now on select dates to shadow a current Resurrection student 7th grade girls welcome on February 12 Register at www.reshs.org

Jr. Bandit Events

Young Women's Writing Contest Young Women's Math Olympics Fine Arts Workshop Jr. Bandit Lock-in

Schedules & registration at www.reshs.org



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Columbus Day Observance, Oct. 13th



Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1937. However, people have celebrated Columbus's voyage since the colonial period. During the four hundredth anniversary, in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. The first official, regular Columbus Day holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905 and

made a statutory holiday in 1907. In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day.



Congratulations Harry and Guenter Kempf on the Anniversary of the Dedication of Kempf Plaza in Lincoln Square.

(Join Them For Oktoberfest At The Chicago Brauhaus - See Page 7 For Details)

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- The real danger of "Do-It-Yourself" Trusts
- Can you avoid losing everything you worked for if you enter a nursing home?
- How can you protect your children from creditors, ex-spouses and themselves?
- How Veteran's Benefits can be used to pay family members for caregiving
- Why your parents' estate plan won't work for you



JOIN US AT ONE OF THESE FOUR SEMINARS

Wednesday, October 28th

1:00 p.m. Basilico Ristorante 4701 N. Cumberland Norridge, IL 60706 Thursday, October 29th
10:00 a.m. SpringHill Suites O'Hare
8701 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

Thursday, October 29th

7:00 p.m. White Eagle Banquets 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL 60714

Saturday, October 31st

10:00 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn O'Hare 2930 South River Road Des Plaines, IL 60018

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Community First Medical Center Health Events For Area Residents

Join our Community! Our new physician referral and event registration number is available for your convenience. Call our toll free number, 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

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

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Friday, October 9, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, October 9, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Larry Pahlke, of Pahlke and Pahlke Insurance Agency Inc., will discuss Medicare and Medicare supplements. Registration is not required.

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) partners with Community First Medical Center to provide free screenings Tuesday, October 20th, from 12 -4 p.m. The NKFI will educate high risk individuals on kidney disease prevention and provide educational information for successfully managing diabetes and hypertension, the two leading causes of kidney disease. Participants will go station to station for blood pressure, body mass index, waist circumference, blood glucose, blood draw if necessary, urinalysis, and private consultation. Board the Kidney Mobile® for an educational tour with hand-on displays as well as view a short video featuring people whose lives have been touched by kidney disease. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

Community First Medical Center is the first Medical Center in the region to offer an innovative new FDA-approved therapy for back and leg pain. The Senza® SCS system, which delivers Nevro's proprietary HF10 therapy (Nevro Corporation, Menlo Park, CA), is a recently FDA approved spinal cord stimulator that has demonstrated superior results for the treatment of back and leg pain. Michael Rock, M.D will lecture on this treatment, Thursday, October 22, from 6:00-7:00pm in Centennial Conference Room A on the 7th floor of the hospital. Refreshments will be served. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, October 22, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

How to Book a Free AFSP IL Speaker

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

If you are in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 1-800-273-TALK • 1-800-273-8255

Shore eCycle – Employing The Disabled While Helping Our Environment and Local Businesses

Shore Community Services/Shore eCycle has joined the CyclePoint™ from SourceAmerica® network of nonprofit electronics recyclers that employ people with significant disabilities. As a member of the network, Shore eCycle can provide your business with a full suite of eRecycling services unmatched by competitors. Shore eCycle also has a collection center located at 8035 Austin Ave., Morton Grove where residents of the greater Chicagoland area can dispose of their unwanted electronics, including old cell phones, printers, modems, tablets and other devices. The collection center is open to the pubic from 8am-3pm Monday through Friday. For a full list of items that Shore eCycle can accept, please visit www.CyclePointus.org/Chicago

Shore eCycle prides itself on its commitment to customers and the focus is on putting people with disabilities to work locally in a growing and competitive industry. At the same time, Shore eCycle provides a valuable service to local businesses and residents all while serving its

In 2012, an estimated 8.5 billion pounds of e-waste was generated in the U.S. and only 21% of it was recycled. Data security issues, regulatory hurdles and environmental concerns often lead businesses and residents to store their outdated equipment. Shore eCycle offers a one-stop solution fir members of the community to responsibly recycle electronic waste.

Shore eCycle also offers scheduled pick-ups of materials, secure data destruction and environmentally friendly electronics disposal through a fully certified process. Shore eCycle expects to receive it's R2Rios certification by the end of 2015. Additionally, Shore eCycle will offer free community collection events throughout the year. For more information on business contracts or free collection events, please contact Michael Mack at 847-581-0200 X 12 or visit us online at www.CyclePointus.org/Chicago.

Shore Community Services has been in the community for 64 years and its mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through educational, residential, vocational and related programs provided with community integrated supports and services. CyclePoint™, powered by SourceAmerica®, is a new eRecycling network that offers communities all across the U.S. convenient, safe and secure electronics disposal. Its mission is to employ people with significant disabilities.

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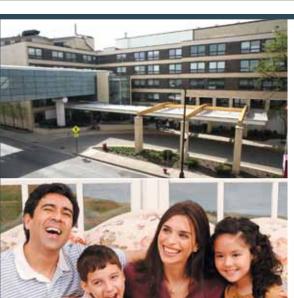
Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion

Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on the 2nd (Sept. 10, 2015) and 4th (Sept. 24, 2016 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 Unites States military services during the armed conflicts listed below.

We are also forming a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The requirement for be-

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 form such Service shall be eligible for member-

ship in the Sons of the American Legion. Please visit our website at http://amerlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541





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Norwood Seniors Network To Host Open House On Oct. 15

Are you caring for a family member at home and need assistance or would like your loved one to eat a more nourishing meal, then you might want to acquaint yourself with Norwood Seniors Network, which offers community outreach services to older adults on Chicago's far northwest side and nearby suburbs. This not-for-profit organization, founded in 1994, will hold an Open House from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., on Oct. 15, at 6009 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The community is invited to attend

This is an opportunity to meet staff, get answers to questions about its many services, sample home delivered meals, see the newest home safety monitoring equipment, learn about services to keep you independent in your own home, and become acquainted with care management. Norwood Seniors Network provides home-delivered meals, door-to-door transportation, round-the-clock or two hour minimum caregiving, luncheon outings, and other related services.

Stop by, relax in a comfortable atmosphere, enjoy light refreshments, and register for a door prize drawing. If you can't attend and would like more information, please call (773) 631-5673 or email info@norwoodseniorsnetwork.org.

"Joy Of A Healthy Mouth" Is Timely Talk On Oct. 21

Keeping your mouth and teeth healthy during the aging process requires regular attention. Learning the ways to do this will be offered in a Timely Talk on the "Joy of a Healthy Mouth." The event, sponsored by Norwood Crossing, is open to the public and will be held on Oct 21, at 2:00 p.m., at Norwood Crossing Assisted Living, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Making the presentation will be Frances Turdot and Eileen Jasper, both registered dental hygienists, and Aldona Sparkus, DDS, all affiliated with Illumident, Inc., a not-for-profit organization specializing in health education. The focus of the program is preventive oral health, which encompasses rinses, gels and easy to use toothbrushes. They use a "show and tell" format during their presentation, making it easier for audience members to ask questions as the program moves forward.

Turdot says that the program is well received with many attendees afterward asking, "Why didn't we know this earlier?" According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, only 24 percent of older adults see a dentist regularly, and 65 percent of older adults have gum disease.

The event is free, and each attendee will participate in a raffle and receive a packet of dental items to take home. Refreshments will be available.

Timely Talks are part of a series of public information programs offered by Norwood Crossing to the community. For more information or to make a reservation to attend, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Norwood Park Senior Center To Host AARP Driver Safety Class On October 13 & 15

Are you up-to-date on changes to the "Rules of the Road" in Illinois or want to improve your defensive driving knowledge? If so, consider enrolling in the two half-day AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by the Norwood Park Senior Center. The sessions are open to persons age 55 or older. Classes will be held on Oct. 13 and Oct. 15, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

The sessions are informative, engaging and spirited. Many who have attended the classes remarked how much they learned about safe driving practices and changes to traffic laws. Completion of the course may qualify participants for a multi-year discount on their liability insurance, an aggregate savings that could exceed \$100. Cost of the class is \$20 per person (\$15 per person for AARP members). To register, please call the Center at (773) 775-6071 or email them at info@npseniorcenter.org.

The Norwood Park Senior Center is managed by Norwood Seniors Network, a community outreach program, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District.

Kathleen Kendrick Appointed Trustee Of North Shore Mosquito Abatement Board

Niles Township Administrator and Deputy Clerk Kathleen "Kitty" Kendrick was appointed to Trustee of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement Board. Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin welcomed Ms. Kendrick, adding, "Kitty is a focused leader, and will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Trustees." Established to serve 13 north shore communities, the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) is dedicated to protecting community residents from mosquito borne illnesses, using the safest and most effective methods of mosquito control.

As Administrator and Deputy Clerk, Kendrick has served Niles Township Government and its residents for 15 years. She is a resident of Morton Grove.

Since 1850, Niles Township Government has been dedicated to improving life for its residents. Niles Township is located in the northeast corner of Cook County. With a population of over 105,000 the Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf, and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview.



Niles Township Administrator/Deputy Clerk, Kathleen "Kitty" Kendrick

Niles Township Real Estate Tax Seminar

Niles Township Assessor Scott Bagnall, Tom Shaer, Deputy Assessor of Communication Office of Joe Berrios Cook County Assessor, and Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin addressed local residents at the Skokie Public Library on September 15th.

The officials provided information on real estate taxation and assistance with completion of property tax appeal forms. Township residents that wish to learn more about the tax appeal process are encouraged to visit the Niles Township Government office at 5255 Main Street in Skokie, or phone Assessor Bagnall's office at (847) 673-9300.

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L-R, Niles Township Assessor Scott Bagnall, Tom Shaer, Deputy Assessor of Communication Office of Joe Berrios Cook County Assessor and Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin.



Bears Of Hope At First Bank & Trust's Anniversary Celebration

First Bank & Trust celebrates its 20th Anniversary in September! The community and bank customers are invited to celebrate with the bank at 8047 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, on Saturday, September 19 from 10am until noon.



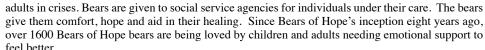
Bears of Hope bears being decorated by children.

Bears of Hope will be there with its Children's Craft Program. This program offers children (ages 7-13) to decorate a Bears of Hope bear. It's a way for children to do something good for others while having a creative, fun-filled experience. All materials provided. Bears volunteers will make Bears of Hope bears with the decorated bears. When completed, they will be exhibited at First Bank & Trust's Skokie Blvd. location before being given to a children's agency. Space for this event is limited. Register now for this free special event at firstbt-bears-of-hope eventbrite.com

Other events include:

Face painting with First Bank & Trust staff
Ice cream treats from Brain Freeze Ice Cream
Novelties

Bears of Hope is a volunteer group of people who make handmade fabric bears for children and



For more information about Bears of Hope visit bearsofhope.com or bears@bearsofhope.com For more information on this event, visit firstbt.com/bearsofhope



Talk To A Lawyer For Free On Saturday Oct. 17

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer program will be taking calls on Saturday, October 17th, from 9 a.m. to noon at no cost. Call (312) 554-2001 to speak with an attorney about any legal question or issue.

Callers may explain their situations to an attorney who will then, if able, suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to see their own attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) for referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The LRS has over 300 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law. Meeting the American Bar Association's Standards for Lawyer Referral, the service has some of the highest experience requirements for its member attorneys in the entire nation.

Call-A-Lawyer events are held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. The number to call is (312) 554-2001.

When contacting the LRS during normal business hours M - F, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in over 40 different areas of law including:

- Domestic Relations (including divorce, custody, support and other family law matters);
- Personal Injury (including auto accidents, slip and falls, products liability, wrongful death, malpractice and other types of injury cases);
- Estate Planning (including will drafting, trusts, probate and will contests);
- Real Estate (including buying or selling real estate, foreclosure defense, and landlord tenant issues);
- Employment Law (including wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination); and
- Numerous other areas of law.

In An Emergency After Normal Business Hours: You can reach a lawyer 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling 312-554-2001



Statement From Mayor Emanuel On Relocation Of Conagra's Global Headquarters To Downtown Chicago

I am honored to welcome ConAgra Foods to the City of Chicago. By choosing Chicago as their new home, ConAgra Foods sees the same strengths that so many other companies see in relocating their headquarters here from our talent, to our transportation, to our quality of life. This decision by ConAgra Foods further solidifies Chicago's role as one of the world's leading destinations for food processing companies. I look forward to watching them become part of Chicago's future by creating even more jobs and opening up more opportunities for the residents of our city."



Left to right, Former MWRD President Terrance O'Brien and Kathleen Therese Meany, with present President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

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.

SEPTEMBER 25 WAS PEANUT DAY MUST READ REPORT by Maria Bappert. It was a beautiful day ... we couldn't have asked for a nicer one. I put on my apron, stuffed both pockets full of packages of peanuts, took my can and headed out about 8:45 am. As I was walking on Lawrence Avenue toward Western, I saw a young African-American man crossing Lawrence Avenue from the Ravenswood Post Office. I've seen him in the area before ... he is very thin, wears black clothes, walks slowly and looks destitute. When he was on the south side of the street. I walked toward him and showed him a bag of peanuts and asked, "Do you want some peanuts?" He looked me in the eyes and made a motion like he was taking out his wallet. I said, "no, no! I want to give them to you." He took the package and slowly walked away toward Western Avenue. Later on I observed him picking up cigarette butts from the sidewalk ... Oh my God!

*I had done really well at this location last year, so I walked back to the SW corner of Lawrence & Western. When the eastbound traffic stopped, I went inbetween the two rows of cars and raised my hands with the peanuts and my can. Had quite a number of donations where people did not want the peanuts.

Some drivers rolled down their windows and waved me to come over. When all my



peanuts were gone, I went home, turned my money over to my husband Frank for sorting out and counting. I loaded up with peanuts again and went back and repeated my act until the peanuts were gone. Went back home, had lunch with my husband and our visiting son, then went back for the third time. After that, I called it quits, as I was all tuckered out and my hips were starting to bother me from stepping up and down the curb. Saw many drivers as well as pedestrians who were texting .. Frank and I counted the paper money, and on Saturday I took the coins to the bank and ran them through the coin counting machine. It only spat out one Canadian nickel, and my total was \$171.72! Dr. Heiderman was also out just north of McDonald's and I'm waiting to hear how much he collected. In the meantime, he and wife Barbara are off to a well-deserved

OCTOBER, 2015 DATES – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 8 – Due to our Treasurer Dr. Heiderman being on vacation, the meeting was CANCELLED. The Board Meeting will instead take place on October 22.

October 12 – Columbus Day (Observed) October 22 – Regular Meeting followed by a Board of Directors' Meeting

October 31 – Halloween - Got your costume ready?

SkokieTheatre.org

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The Midwest Premiere Of The Whole Megillah: The History Of Yiddish Theatre

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

People have grown very fond of theatre historian Charles Troy and his monthly presentations at the Skokie Theatre. The retired graphic designer found a new use for his skills when he merged them with his love of musical theatre. He has created over fifty multimedia presentations that peek behind the velvet curtain and reveal the backstage stories of how our favorite Broadway

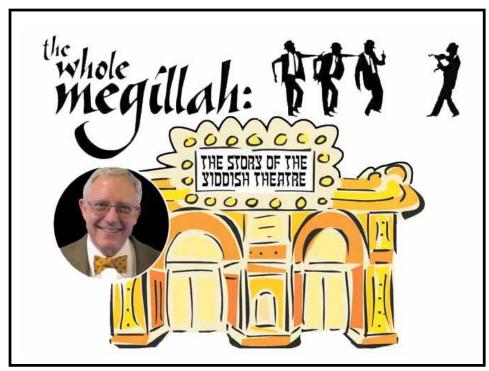
one in Palm Harbor, Florida. In Palm Harbor, 500 people attended and the show got a unanimous standing ovation. Rabbi Gary Klein called it, "One of the best things that ever took place in our Temple."

The Midwest premiere of The Whole Megillah: The History of Yiddish Theatre will take place at Skokie Theatre on Saturday, October 24, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.

Time: A Rockin and Rocky Halloween. Music from everyone's favorite Halloween "camp classic," Rocky Horror is paired with rock songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's and presented in a cabaret-concert

style. Audience members are encouraged to dress-up and sing, play, and dance! There will be a prize offered for the best audience costume.

Don't miss the fun on Fridays.



Live theatre requires more collaboration between artists than any other form of art. This is why there is nothing more exciting than live entertainment. And when our favorite artists collaborate in new ways, the results are spectacular.

musicals were created. He delights audiences with a different presentation on the first Wednesday of every month.

One of his fans is Lori Lippitz, the founder and manager of The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. She is also someone with a unique artistic vision. She founded the band in 1983 and it has become the Midwest's most popular klezmer band. Even though they have toured numerous times in Europe and have performed throughout the U.S., including at Carnegie Hall, they are also local favorites and perform often here in Skokie. Audiences of all backgrounds are delighted by Maxwell Street's high-energy performances that glow with warmth and humor.

Lippitz had an idea for a special program, and after seeing Troy's presentations, she approached him with her concept. These two very different artists joined forces to create The Whole Megillah: The History of Yiddish Theatre. Part concert, part presentation, Charles Troy brings the colorful story of Yiddish Theatre to life. From its beginnings in the late 1800's through its Golden Age and beyond, the adventure is punctuated by live music provided by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band.

Troy spent over five months on research, writing and designing the multimedia presentation. Then, they took it on the road for previews. It was presented last winter to packed houses at different Jewish Reform temples: one in South Bend, Indiana and

Q.A.S. 1975 + 40

Queen of All Saints School class of 1975 is having a 40th reunion!

Join your classmates for fun & reminiscing at this free party! (Cash bar.) RSVP to Donna Dolan Hansen via Facebook. Hope to see you at Edison Park Inn, 6715 N. Olmsted, Chicago, on Saturday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m.

org, or by calling the box office at 847-677-7761. You won't want to miss this special evening.

Halloween Happenings - You also won't want to miss these special fall festivities.

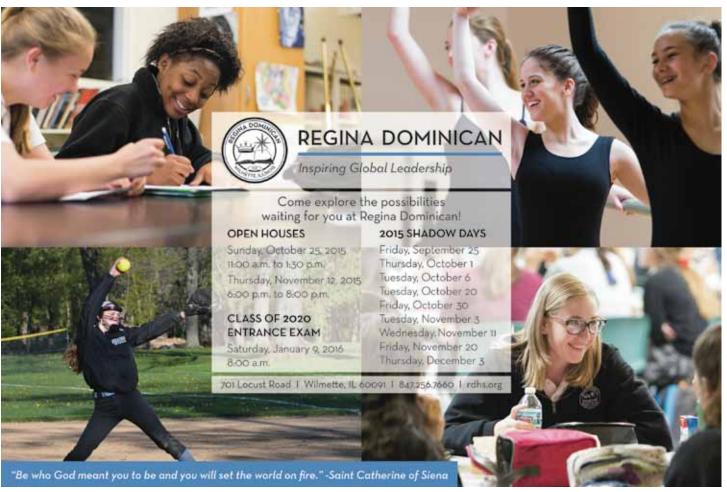
Friday October 23rd at 8 pm, Megan Wells returns with her one-woman version of Dracula. The nationally renowned actress and story-teller delighted audiences last year with her tour-de-force performace. She brings the original text by Brahm Stoker's masterpiece to life, playing over ten different characters.

Friday, October 30th at 8 pm, Daryl Nitz and Johnny Rodgers return with Time Warp



White Eagle Thanksgiving Feast

Family Style







Halloween highlights this fall include:

Pumpkin Patches & Halloween Parties

- Oct. 5-31
- Various parks
- All ages, entrance fees vary from free to nominal
- · Nominal fees may apply for on-site activities

Fall pumpkin patches throughout the city feature a selection of shapes, sizes and decorating stations. Some pumpkin patches and Halloween parties include a petting zoo, hayride, games, treats and a chance to take a photo at the harvest photo station. Click here for a schedule or call 312-742-PLAY.

Day of the Dead-Puppet Making

- Monday, Oct. 19, 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. • Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway
- Ave., 773.478.9744
- Ages 1½ but less than 3 • Admission \$10

During this workshop, parents and their children will learn a brief history about Day of

the Dead. In celebration of this holiday, each child will be given a pre-sewn hand puppet in the shape of a skeleton. They will decorate it with colorful pre-cut felt pieces that include flowers, hats, and miniature accessories.

Day of the Dead-Frida Kahlo Bags

- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., 773.478.9744
- Ages 9 and up
- Admission \$20

Frida Kahlo (1907-1954) was a famous Mexican painter best known for her self portraits, often depicting subject matters of beauty, pain, and symbolic elements of Day of the Dead. Much later after her death in 1954, Frida became an iconic figure of pop culture as more people learned about her work and life story. Today, Frida Kahlo's legacy can be seen in fashion, film, and other forms of

As a part of our Day of the Dead Workshop Series, we will be painting and decorating canvas tote bags with images of Frida and her work. Each bag is hand crafted and one of a

Day of the Dead Workshop: Hand Puppets

- Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. 11a.m.
- Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773.685.3361
- Ages 1 ½ but less than 3
- Admission \$5

Join us for a creative Dead of the Dead Workshop. Each child will be given a presewn hand puppet in the shape of a skeleton; they will decorate it with colorful pre-cut felt pieces that include flowers, hats & miniature accessories.

Day of the Dead Workshop: Sugar Skull

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. • Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773.685.3361
- Ages 9 but less than 13
- Admission \$10

Each child will be given a pre-cut felt in the shape of a "calaca" or sugar skull. They will sew on pre-cut felt pieces to decorate their project.

Day of the Dead Workshop: Sugar Skull

- Saturday, Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
- Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., 773.478.9744
- Ages 6 and up
- Admission \$20

During this workshop, participants will learn about the history of Day of the Dead, learn to make sugar skulls from scratch and enjoy some traditional Day of the Dead treats such as Champurrado (a chocolate based drink) and Pan de Muerto (a sweet bread roll).

Ages 6 and Up. (Ages 6-9 must have parent present during the workshop)

This activity is presented by the Eugene Field Park Advisory Council, http://eugenefieldpac.com/day-of-the-dead-2015/.

Day of the Dead: Skull Painting

- Saturday, Oct. 24, 12 p.m. 2 p.m.
- Wilson Frank J. Park, 4630 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773.685.6454
- Ages 10-18
- Admission \$5

During this workshop, participants will learn about the history of the Mexican holiday, Day of the Dead, and decorate their own calavera to take home.

Halloween Event

- Sunday, Oct. 25, 12 p.m. 1 p.m.
- Sheil Park, 3505 N. Southport Ave., 312.742.7826
- All ages
- Admission FREE

We love Halloween at Sheil Park!

Join us for our annual community Halloween party! Make sure you come all dressed up in your funniest, scariest, most creative costume ever.

A Night Out with Dracula

- Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
- Olympia Park, 6566 N. Avondale Ave... 773.631.6861
- All ages
- Admission \$5
- Come out and hang out with the Count!

Creep on over to this hauntingly fun, family-friendly event, which includes: pizza and salad, a "kids music game show" and a photo opportunity with the Count!

Halloween Costume Party/Parade

- Friday, Oct. 30, 3:30 p.m. -6 p.m.
- Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley Ave., 312.742.7554
- Ages 6-13
- Admission \$5

Don't miss this spook-tacular event!

Join us for our Halloween Parade! Come dressed in your funniest, scariest, most crazy costume and parade around park with us. It will be a spooktacular time.

Family Costume Dance

- Friday, Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph St., 312.552.3000/312.742.3918
- Ages 3-11
- Admission \$5

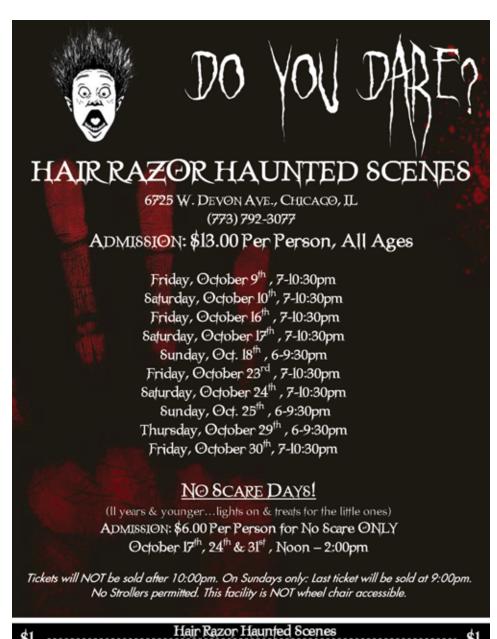
Join the Halloween fun at this family friendly costume dance.

14th Annual Halloween Bash

- Saturday, Oct. 31, 3 p.m. 5 p.m.
- Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Ave., 773.764.0338
- All ages
- Admission FREE

Check out our Halloween Bash!

Join us for the 14th Annual Halloween Bash at the park. This community party has become a favorite of the neighborhood kids! Activities planned include refreshments, dancing, costume contest and prizes. Don't miss out on the spooktacular fun.



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It's that Spooktacular time of the year when all Halloween Festivities are beginning. It seems that with each coming year more and more people are having a bewitching time celebrating Halloween with gory parties. dressing up, and haunting their homes both inside and out.

At the Antique Resale Shoppe, ghosts and goblins of all ages come in for tricks, treats, and vintage clothes to make their costumes a bit more unique. There are plenty of "dress-up" items from hats, gloves, eyeglasses to beaded sweaters, circle skirts. and army fatigues. And we can't forget the tons and tons of jewelry and accessories that can make a costume bootiful. Suzanne and Jules enjoy looking into their crystal ball for costume advice.

When you ride your broom over don't forget to say, Boo!

Suzanne and Jules, The Antique & Resale Shoppe, 7214 N. Harlem, Chicago, IL 773/631-1151.



Chicago Park District's Arts In The Parks: The People's Studio Exhibition Featured By 20th Annual Chicago Artists Month

CHICAGO ARTISTS MONTH

The Chicago Park District's Arts in the Parks: The People's Studio exhibition has been selected as a feature program for the 20th annual Chicago Artists Month.

Arts in the Parks: The People's Studio is an exhibition that celebrates the rich range and scope of arts & cultural offerings in the parks. Experience the work of citizens from across the city who make the parks their canvas, their stage, and their space for creative dialogue. Through the Chicago Park District's partnerships with Chicago Artists Month and Truman College, the exhibition will give space for ideal partners and funders to come forward and take part in dialogues about placemaking, youth development and all that the programming the Chicago Park District does.

Join the Chicago Park District in celebrating Chicago Artists Month with the exhibition, Arts in the Parks: The People's Studio, at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave, Main Building, 1st Floor, Sat., Oct. 3 – Sun., Nov. 15. The Opening Reception will be Sat., Oct. 3 from 1 – 4 p.m. During the reception, explore three distinct cultural organizing projects from Englewood, Austin, and West Rogers Park through an interactive dialogue with citizens, artists, and park employees leading the work. There will be free parking in the Truman College Parking Lot.

Throughout Chicago Artist Month, engage in more dialogues with the citizens, artists, and park employees leading the work at these additional events:

Fall Paddle at Skokie Lagoon's Tower Road Boat Launch

Come paddle with us, and enjoy guided hikes and pumpkin painting Saturday, October 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Tower Road east of I-94, Northfield)

Be sure to check fpdcc.com for the most up-to-date information about the Cook County Forest Preserve programs, events and activities.



An Afternoon of Edgar Allan Poe

As evening shadows creep in, and you feel what you hope is only the wind at your back.... Join the distinguished library staff of Resurrection College Prep High School, Ms. Ann Marie Schneider and Ms. Ellen Olker, as well as Resurrection Religious Studies teacher, Mr. Mike Longo, for a Sunday afternoon of high tea and discussion of two of Edgar Allan Poe's most frightening short stories: *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *The Fall of the House of Usher*.

Meet with other tea and book-loving spirits (and maybe a few other unseen spirits) at Spencer's Jolly Posh Foods at 3755 N. Southport Ave. in Chicago on November 1, 2015 at 12:00 pm. R.S.V.P. to Ann Marie Schneider at aschneider@reshs.org by October 26, 2015.

Sign Up for the Zombie Scramble by October 5!



The City's 2nd annual Zombie Scramble is set for Sat., Oct. 24! Dodge "zombies" as you attempt to complete a 2-mile course and fun challenges along the way. This year, the Scramble will begin at Hole 3 of the Canal Shores Golf Course. Adults and children age 8 years and up must register by Mon., Oct. 5 to participate!





Meet some of the Chicago Artists Month Featured Artists (L to R): Boogie McLarin, Andres L. Hernandez, Eric Boelkens, George Berlin, Onye Ozuzu, Jabari "Naledge' Evans. Photo by Joe Mazza | Brave Lux Chicago.

IN OUR OWN WORDS: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND THE ARTS

Austin Town Hall Cultural Center, 5610 W Lake St. Chicago IL 60644 November 7th 1-3 p.m.

Enjoy brief performances and presentations by the youth as well as dialogue with the youth or their program partners to hear what the youth value or find challenging about the work they do.

THE ART AND NATURE OF PLAY

North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd.

October 24, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This event will feature public dialog on Design for Public Play with urban playground designers, academics and curators. There will be tours of Walking Stick Woods and the year-round outdoor Forest Play School as well as activities for children and adults.

Participating in Chicago Artists Month are Chicago Park District Park Cultural Centers across the city, who will open their doors to showcase their artistic achievements, offer studio tours, and highlight cultural programming throughout the month of October.

Chicago Artist Month is an initiative of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events that showcases the work of Chicago's independent artists and arts organizations. As a platform for independently-produced events and programs in all disciplines, Chicago Artist Month highlights creative activity in Chicago neighborhoods, encourages tourism and small business development, fosters collaboration and opportunities for creative expression and learning. More information, visit http://www.chicagoartistsmonth.org/.

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



Estate Planning Is Simple... Right?



Chester M. Przybylo

Many people think that estate planning is simple: You just press a button on a word processor and out comes a Will or other document that does just what you want. However, it's just not that simple.

There are many reasons that it takes someone with years of education and practical experience to advise you and prepare documents to accomplish your wishes. Typically, you have not even thought of all the questions, much less the answers and why they are important.

For example, many people think in terms of giving specific assets to specific people. Sometimes this works. But, oftentimes people do not consider the possibility that their estate planning documents could become effective at their death decades in the future. Will you still have that IBM stock you had planned to leave to Johnny? Will you still have the lake house you had planned to leave to Betty? What should happen if you had sold one or both prior to your death? What if

the IBM stock had gone the way of Enron and the lake house had skyrocketed in value? If there are expenses and taxes to pay, should the recipient of each gift pay his or her share of the expenses and taxes or should some recipients receive their gifts without the burden of expenses and taxes?

As you can see, there are many practical questions which a qualified estate planning attorney will know to consider. There are also many technical legal and tax issues which you might never spot, until your heirs end up in conflict or the IRS is knocking at their doors. For example, Powers of Attorney, which appoint an Agent to make financial decisions for you, are very common and useful documents. However, if the Power of Attorney is not carefully drafted, it can cause the value of all of your assets to be included in the estate of the agent. In addition to overlooked problems, without a qualified estate planning attorney you can miss opportunities to plan for Medicaid qualification, to avoid probate, to reduce income, estate, gift, and other taxes, and to provide for your family.

A qualified estate planning attorney examines your unique situation and goals, your family and financial circumstances, and tailors a plan to meet your needs. From a simple Will or Trust to a complex plan including multiple advanced planning strategies, not every tool is applicable in every situation. Whether you are just starting out in life, or are in your twilight years, a qualified estate planning attorney can listen to your goals and tailor a plan that is best able to achieve those goals.

Chester M. Przybylo is a founding member of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, a nationally acclaimed organization whose members are dedicated to the highest standards of estate planning and elder law. His Chicago-based firm, Chester M. Przybylo and Associates, has served its clients for over 45 years. Visit the firm website for helpful information on estate planning: www.PlanOurEstate.com, or call 773-631-7100 for an appointment.

(See page 1 for a Listing of our Upcoming Free Seminars)





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Apples Or Oranges? Cubs Or Sox? City Or Suburbs?



Karen Feldman

Where is the best place to live? Have you ever read any publications that rank the "best " places to live in US and wonder why half the places are on it? I recently came across a website that will find the best place for you to live by using "matching" software. Really? Do you think there is a need for that? Reality check (or perhaps Realty check)! The best place to live is the place you choose by your priorities and not by rankings in national data. What would be on your checklist?

Recently, a young woman called me for Real Estate advice after she saw my post on Zillow in regards to a buyer's question of "which is better, City or suburbs?" She had just relocated here and had the same question. We spent an hour discussing it on the phone. Here are some issues we discussed about both. What do you think? I would be happy to hear your comments.

Chicago weather. What would us Midwesterners talk about if we couldn't complain about the weather? City or Suburbs? Thinking prompts: Street plowing and parking, bus service, and the coveted attached garage.

Know your neighbors. The days are long gone when you knew everyone on the block and having the same friends as an adult that you had in nursery school. Corporate transferees with a 3 year relocation package, people working from

home, changes in political climate, and the miniaturizing of the world by technology often transforms homes into temporary housing with an expiration date. City or suburbs?

Best investment. Where is the appreciation? In Chicago, more people looking to buy, but also more competition to sell. Chicago market has faster turnover. Suburbs are similar but on a smaller scale. Look for the valuable amenities in the town, but always buy in a good school district in the suburbs. Some areas are selling purely because of school rankings and those areas demand higher prices. Recreation, access to the trains, and walkability to town are often essentials to factor in price for those markets.

Proximity to culture. A downtown, big city? Museums, the arts? Exposure to new ideas? Chicago and the suburbs both celebrate and welcome diversity. City or suburbs? Well, if you have a car or

can take public transportation, guess what? You can dive into the city for a day at the Art Institute or venture out to the burbs for a fabulous small theatre play.

Recreation- what's your passion? Biking? Swimming? Professional sports? You can certainly ride your bike out to the suburbs and beyond if you wanted to. Take in a Northwestern football game in Evanston. Walk to a Cubs game from your home in Wrigleyville. City or Suburbs? Again, cars and public transportation can get to either.

Back yards. Ummm...definitely suburbs! If you don't want the maintenance, then either will work.

Meeting people. Opportunity exists in both. City or Suburbs? There are many channels to join clubs, volunteer at charities, take a class, and visit the single scene in both areas. If you don't venture out of your cocoon in either place, you probably wouldn't meet a lot of people.

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Lastly, Restaurants. Chicago wins that point but the Suburbs are a new found source of swanky restaurant patrons and it's growing. Last I checked, there wasn't talk about a Chicagoan tax to come out to the burbs. No worries suburbanites, wonderful amenities such as Elawa Farms in Lake Forest and other places offer cooking classes by renown Chicago celebrity chefs.

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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.

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.

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Skokie Commission On Family Services Is Sponsoring Home Sweet Home: Aging In Place And Boomers And Beyond Community Resource Fair

The Skokie Commission on Family Services is hosting its second Boomers and Beyond community resource fair at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie. On Friday November 6, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., healthcare professionals and other experts in the field of aging will converge under one roof.

Kicking off the awaited return of Boomers and Beyond will be an informational panel presentation at the Skokie Public Library on Thursday, November 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place will offer information about aging in the community and the resources available to help promote quality of life and well-being.

The Boomers and Beyond community resource fair will offer programs and services designed to help people age with grace and independence while living an active lifestyle. Attendees will receive helpful information and expert advice about local resources, community-based programs, state and federal benefits, volunteer opportunities, fitness and nutrition, legal assistance, financial products, social and cultural activities, lifelong education, senior housing, assistive devices, technology and more. In addition to an exhibit area featuring more than 40 vendors, there will be free wellness screenings, education seminars, refreshments and numerous giveaways.

November marks the season for open enrollment for Medicare

Part D and Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) advisors will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance about individual prescription medication benefits.

Join Boomers and Beyond community resource fair and Home Sweet Home: Aging in Place for this FREE educational experience. All are welcome, whether a resident of Skokie or a neighboring community, a senior, a boomer or a family member caring for a loved one

For more information about Boomers and Beyond community resource fair, please contact Beth Lindley, Skokie Human Services at 847-933-8208 or www.skokie.org.

Cook County Treasurer's Office Accepts Partial Property Tax Payments on Website

Partial payments on unpaid property taxes can ease the financial strain of paying late.

"The easiest way to pay is online," Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said. "It's surgical."

After visiting the Treasurer's website at cookcountytreasurer.com, the only thing a taxpayer needs is the Property Index Number (PIN) of the house or other property being billed, the checking or savings account numbers and the bank routing numbers, all of which are found on checks, Pappas said.

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The taxpayer can make full and partial payments any time until the bill is fully paid, up to when unpaid bills must be auctioned at the next year's Annual Tax Sale.

Pappas said about 264,000 property owners owe on bills for tax year 2014, mailed and payable this year, and may not know that they can make partial payments.

"While making a whole payment is preferable, it is not always possible," Pappas said. "When it's not possible to pay in full, making partial payments can help ease the strain for owners of homes, businesses and land who owe property taxes."

Interest is based on the total tax due. Unpaid tax balances accrue statutory interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month. Thus, less tax due means less interest due until the taxpayer can pay the balance.

"If you owe taxes, you don't need to wait to pay in full," Pappas said. "Pay what you can now and ease your way to final payment. But finish paying before your unpaid bill has to be sent to possible auction at the Tax Sale."

Honor Flight Chicago – "Operation Locate a Hero" - 2016 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 2016 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.

Chicago Public Library Hosts Several Noteworthy Author Events In October

Chicago Public Library presents its October 2015 Authors @ the Library Series. Throughout the month the Library welcomes several noteworthy authors including Dominic A. Pacgya, Juan Felipe Herrera, Karin Slaughter, Leonard Pitts, Jr., Michael Alan Peck, David Vinjamuri, Mona Golabek, and Lee Cohen. Unless otherwise stated, all events take place in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, Lower Level, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information visit chipublib.org or call (312) 747-4050.

October 2015 Authors @ the Library Events

LEONARD PITTS, JR.

Wednesday, October 14 at 6 p.m.

Acclaimed author and journalist Leonard Pitts, Jr. joins us to discuss his new novel Grant Park, an audacious and eloquent take on politics, race and recent U.S. history. Pitts, a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, is an important voice in contemporary American fiction.

SELF-PUBLISHING SUCCESS: How to Get Your Work Noticed

Friday, October 16 at 12:15 p.m.

Video Theater, Lower Level,

Join author and 2015 "Soon to Be Famous, Illinois Author Project" award winner Michael Alan Peck, as he speaks with branding expert David Vinjamuri about his work and the process of becoming a successful self-published author.

MONA GOLABEK and LEE COHEN

Monday, October 26 at 6 p.m.

Join us for a discussion focused on the acclaimed book The Children of Willesden Lane with authors Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen. Golabek and Cohen discuss the ways in which a story of courage and survival set during WWII is having a profound influence and effect on the lives of 21st century youth. Golabek, who is also an acclaimed pianist, provides a brief musical performance.

Books will be available for purchase and the authors will sign books at the conclusion of the programs. Admission is first come, first served; reservations are not required.

Since 1873, the Chicago Public Library (CPL) has encouraged lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through innovative services and programs, as well as cutting-edge technology. Through its 80 locations, the Library provides free access to a rich collection of materials, both physical and digital, and presents the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children, teens and adults. CPL received the Social Innovator Award from Chicago Innovation Awards; won a National Medal for Library Services from the Institute for Museum and Library Services; was named the first every winner if the National Summer Learning Association's Founder's Award in recognition of its Summer Learning Challenge; and was ranked number one in the U.S. and third in the world by an international study of major urban libraries conducted by the Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf in Germany. For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit chipublib.org.

Evanston Public Library Storytelling Festival October 9-11

Revel in the power of words from a diverse group of professional storytellers and students at the Evanston Public Library's Storytelling Festival, Fri., Oct. 9 through Sun., Oct. 11. Held at a variety of venues in downtown Evanston, the festival will celebrate the universal and unique experiences of being human through a wide range of story styles and cultural perspectives.

Fire Prevention Week: Learn the Dos & Don'ts of House Fire Safety

October 4 - 10, 2015 marks Fire Prevention Week, a commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and an opportunity to emphasize fire safety and preparedness.

Remember these dos and don'ts to help you and your family protect against the dangers of a house fire:

- DO keep a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Stay safe with smoke alarms outside of every bedroom and each separate sleeping area.
- DON'T forget to test your smoke alarm every month. The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. If your alarm doesn't sound when tested, it's time to replace it.
- DO address your needs. If you require eyeglasses, hearing aid, cane or a wheelchair, ensure they are next to your bed to quickly grab if necessary. If there is a fire, you may have less than three minutes to get out of your home. Be ready to act immediately.
- DON'T assume you'll hear the fire alarm if it sounds. If you test the alarm and can't hear it, consider getting a strobe light that will flash or a bed shaker that will shake when the smoke alarm sounds.
- DO make a fire escape plan that shows at least two ways out of every room. Identify a
 meeting place in the front of your home, to verify that everyone is safe and help firefighters
 ensure everyone exited safely.
- DON'T stop to call 911 until you're safely outside and away from danger. Stay outside until
 the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For even more fire safety tips, visit the U.S. Fire Administration's webpage at www.usfa. fema.gov. You can also follow FEMA Region V at twitter.com/femaregion5 and www.facebook.com/fema. Individuals can always find valuable preparedness information at www.Ready.gov.

CTA Hosting Renewal Events for Expiring Ventra Military Service Passes

The Chicago Transit Authority reminds those enrolled in the Ventra Military Service Pass (MSP) program that their MSP card will expire this fall. All cards issued before August 2015 need to be renewed. To assist those with expiring cards, the CTA is hosting multiple renewal events beginning in October through early December.

Nearly 11,000 active duty military personnel and disabled veterans are enrolled in the free rides program. All MSP cards issued before August 1, 2015 will expire on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Free replacement cards will be issued onsite to current MSP card holders with the proper credentials at the following events between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (all locations):

James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph St. Auditorium — Concourse Level Chicago, IL 60601 DATES: Oct. 6, 7, 14, 15 and November 12

820 S. Damen Ave. Room 2446 Chicago, IL 60612 DATES: October 12 and November 23

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

CTA Headquarters 567 West Lake St. 2nd Floor, Rooms A, B and C Chicago, IL 60661 DATE: December 2

In order to receive a replacement card onsite at these events, active military personnel and disabled veterans will need to bring the following credentials: 1) current Ventra Military Service Pass, 2) Valid state ID card, and 3) either a valid Armed Forces ID card (for active duty personnel) or an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs (USDVA) indicating service-connected disability compensation of 10% or greater; or indicating you are receiving military disability retirement pay in lieu of USDVA compensation at a rate of 10% or greater. Proof

of compensation must be dated within the last 12 months.

After December 2, 2015, MSPs can only be renewed at the Ventra Service Center located on the 2nd Floor of CTA Headquarters, 567 West Lake St Chicago, IL 60661 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.). Anyone with questions can call 1-877-NOW-VENTRA (1-877-669-8368) for more information.

The Military Service Pass program began in 2008, following passage of a Chicago City Council Ordinance establishing free rides on CTA buses and trains for anyone on active duty and in uniform as well as disabled veterans. If you are on active duty but not in uniform, your MSP must be presented in order to ride for free. Actively drilling National Guard or Army Reserves members also qualify and will need their Armed Forces ID card.

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Village Cooking Corner

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 1 envelope plain gelatin

1/4 cup cold water 3 egg yolks Mix and let stand Salt

1 1/4 cups pumpkin 1/4 teaspoon ginger 1/2 cup milk 1/2 teaspoon nutmet

1/2 cup brown sugar

Cook in double boiler, add dissolved gelatin. Cool. Add beaten egg whites to which 1/2 cup sugar has been added. Put into a previously baked pie shell. Keeps well in ice box.

Submitted by Bernice Fave

Pumpkin Cookies

1 can Pumpkin 2 tsp Cinnamon 2 Eggs, beaten 2 tsp Baking Soda

1 cup Salad Oil (dissolved in 2 tblsp milk)

2 cups Sugar 4 cups Flour 4 tsp Baking Powder 2 tsp Vanilla 1-1/2 tsp Salt

Mix all ingredients together, well, after which you may fold in Chocolate Chips and/or Raisins and/or Nuts (Optional).

Drop, by teaspoon full, on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes.

From the Kitchens of Helen Marcou

White Eagle Mushroom Barley Soup

8 cups of Chicken/Beef Stock (Special)

6 oz. of Dried Mushrooms

2/3 cup of Pearl Barley

3 cups of Cream

1 Cup finely diced Carrots

1 Cup finely diced Potatoes

1 Cup finely chopped Celery

1 cup finely chopped Onions (browned)

Desired spices - salt - pepper & other

Add barley to stock and cook until almost tender. Add mushrooms (washed), carrots, potatoes, celery and onion. Cook all until tender. Add cream to desired thickness. Add spices to taste. Serves 12 – 6 oz. Portions.

Long-Lasting Cut Flowers – A Useful Hint!!

Hydrangeas, poppies and dahlias have a gooey sap that skins over when their stems are cut, preventing the flowers from taking up water. To break that skin, hold a lighter or a candle flame on the cut for 30 seconds, then stick the stem right away into a vase of water. (Taken from "This Old House" magazine, October, 2015)

Adult Enrichment Offerings At Resurrection



Adult Enrichment Course ~ American Literature & History ~ **Tuesday Evenings In September & October**

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering an adult enrichment course entitled "The Power of the Pen: American Literature and History." This course will explore the period from the late 19th Century through the early 20th Century by reading authors such as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Edith Wharton and Mark Twain. Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo will teach the course. Mike Longo is a Resurrection Religious Studies teacher and Chamber Orchestra director who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University. The course will meet on the following Tuesday evenings, September 15 & 29 and October 13 & 27, 2015, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Resurrection. The fee for the course is \$50; to register or for more information, please contact Alisa Martorano at amartorano@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 142.

Teen Writing Competition Gives Lincoln Park's Fountain Girl Statue A Voice

The Chicago Park District is sponsoring a writing competition for teens, ages 12 - 18 years old, to create an engaging monologue for the Fountain Girl Statue located in Lincoln Park, south of W. LaSalle Drive and east of the Chicago History Museum. The winning monologue will be voiced by a drama student selected by Chicago Park District professionals and become part of the Statue Stories Chicago project this coming spring 2016, continuing through August 6, 2016.

"We're excited to offer teens an opportunity to be part of this unique cultural project and help the Fountain Girl in Lincoln Park come to life," Said Michael P. Kelly, Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO.

Deadline to submit monologues is Mon., Oct. 26, 2015 as PDF documents to teencompetition@chicagoparkdistrict.com. Submissions should include: 350-word monologue written in the first person from the statue's point of view, with a heading that includes the following information:

Age

Monologues should be submitted as a PDF

Norwood Seniors Network Invites You To An **Open House On October 15th**

Our Open House is scheduled for October 15, 2015 from 1-4pm, please stop by to learn more about what we do to help seniors in the community!

- Home delivered meals
- Life Line Home Safety Monitoring equipment
- Care giving services (hourly and live in)
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Planning That Affordable Holiday Trip

By Nathaniel Sillin

Are you an advance planner or an improviser? Your travel planning style might save you money during the busy winter holiday travel season.

Generally, families with children and a need for specific seating and direct flights may need to plan earlier to secure such reservations. More flexible travelers can roll the dice on last-minute deals.

Here are some ideas to explore:

Be open-minded about scheduling. Most people know red-eye and dawn flights are typically cheaper. However, holiday travel presents its own set of opportunities for pricing and availability if you don't follow the crowd. For example, with Thanksgiving always on a Thursday, most travelers choose Tuesday or Wednesday for arrival and Sunday for departure. Choosing a different scheduling window, including travel on the actual holiday, may not only save money but considerable stress getting to and from clogged airport, train and bus stations.

Drive smart or leave the keys at home. If you're using your own automobile, make sure your collision and liability coverage are adequate to cover potential medical and repair costs for other motorists if you're in an accident out of town. If you're planning to rent a vehicle, speak with your auto insurance agent before you go. Many personal policies do extend domestic collision and liability coverage to rentals, but it's particularly important to confirm coverage if you're traveling outside the United States. Of course, if you're visiting a place with excellent public transportation or safe bike routes, check pricing. An affordable bike rental (pack a helmet) or multi-day city or regional bus-and-rail pass might eliminate the need for a car altogether.

Sleep cheap. Saving money on accommodations is another area where you can save significant dollars by either planning significantly ahead or trolling for last-minute bargains. Top family destinations generally require reservations months in advance, but see how full they are closest to the actual holiday dates. Many family members may travel a week before or a week after the actual holiday but won't stay over the holiday. That leaves more rooms and activities available. The same goes for stays in other popular tourist locations around the world. Check destination hotels closer to the date to see if they're offering special rates or packages.

Put your membership dollars to work. If you belong to an auto club or have credit cards with particular travel benefits, see whether any of those benefits - from actual mileage points to coupon discounts - can be used to save money

Check your home, health and business insurance. If you are traveling domestically or globally, see if your personal health insurance extends to your destination. The same goes for home/rental and business insurance. Many people don't realize that some or all of their personal insurance coverage may cover medical, theft, liability, injury and other risks at their destination. Read your policy and confirm your assumptions with your agent.

Consider travel insurance to fill any gaps. Once you've confirmed the limits of your personal coverage, research travel insurance policy sites (http://www.insuremytrip.com) and recent articles on travel insurance so you can make sure common risks like trip cancellation and lost luggage are covered as well as specialized risks like advanced medical care and medical transportation at your destination

Watch those bags. Many airlines charge ascending fees for every checked bag, so packing light has never made more sense. However, major air and ground shipping companies are now offering luggage-shipping services for domestic and overseas travelers with pickup options at their ground facilities. Make a call and see if this option makes sense, particularly if you take extra clothes or gifts with you at the holidays.

Bottom line: Holiday travel bargains can be found months in advance and sometimes at the last minute. Your flexibility will determine the deals you can get.

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How To Be The Worst Marina Guest

It's nearing the end of summer cruising season for recreational boaters, who are looking to fit in one more trip away from home. If you're member of BoatUS, a marina may even give you a discount on fuel, transient dockage or repair work, but most importantly, transient boaters should recognize that they have responsibilities as marina guests. Ignore these duties and you risk earning the scorn of management and being asked to leave. What will get you in trouble? BoatUS worked with the Marina Recreation Association to find out some of the things that could make you a bad guest.

When strangers call: You're approaching the gate to your dock, and there they are. Workmen with toolboxes, families with ice chests and water toys, other seemingly nice people all waiting for someone with a key to let them in the marina. It's awkward, sometimes annoying, and always a pain. What do you do? A simple, "I am sorry, but I can't let you in," will you off the "Worst Marina Guest" list. suffice. If you think that's too harsh, you could also



Taking care of your dog's waste will keep

give the stranger neighborly advice on where to find the marina office, or tell them that the marina will shoot you at sunrise should you let unknown guests in, but either way, allowing strangers access is bad idea for a bunch of reasons.

You've got chocolate in my peanut butter: You like country music. The guy in the neighboring slip likes rock-n-roll. This won't turn out as wonderful as a 1980's Reese's "you've got chocolate in my peanut butter" TV commercial unless you're considerate of each other. If you want to jam to loud music, do it out on the water away from others. Back at the marina dock, keep it reasonable, honor the marina's posted quiet hours and you may find some invites to come aboard and make new friends.

The Fido Hypothesis: Dogs and boats go together, but did you know that a disease-causing bacteria in dog waste is an environmental pollutant? An early 1990's study of the "Fido Hypothesis" found that at some beaches, dogs helped to raise bacteria levels so high that swimming was prohibited. About the same time EPA placed dog poop in the same category as herbicides and insecticides. That's right - your dog's poop is bad stuff. Just like oil, grease and other toxic chemicals, you don't want bad bacteria leaching into the water we swim in. Don't be shunned as the "poopie" boater - clean up

It goes without saying that being considerate of others, like not hogging dock carts, keeping docks clear, or following all safety rules makes you a welcome guest. If you are a good marina mate and also a Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) member, give yourself a break by taking advantage of the savings offered on marina fuel, transient slip or repair discounts at www.BoatUS. com/map. To join, go to BoatUS.com/membership.



From B'nai B'rith To Rock & Roll (And Back)



The Title Trackers are a unique rock & roll group that just made their Chicago debut and they gave money to charity at the same time. The Title Trackers take the names of classic albums that don't have "title tracks" and turn them into songs. The group is recommended by rock stars Jim Peterik (Ides Of March & Survivor) & Alan Parsons. The Title Trackers are: Andy Hill, Dave Tokaji, & Russell Wiener, and their special guest musicians at Abbey ub included: Isaac French, Aaron Hadley, Shira Jacobson, Patrick Kelly, Mika Larson, Joe Schwartz, Sarah Steiner, Sam Subar, & Stefan Teodosic. Stefan is executive director of Beber Camp in Wisconsin with offices in Skokie. Beber Camp believes "no kid should be denied a Jewish summer camp experience because of financial need." Stefan & others raise money year-round to help provide partial & full scholarships for fami-



lies who can't afford it. The Title Trackers donated 20% of their merchandise sales at Abbey Pub to the B'nai B'rith Beber Camp's scholarship fund. More details are at: www.bebercamp.com & www. thetitletrackers.com.

Resurrection Jr. High Fine Arts Workshop

Junior high girls (grades 5-8) are invited to attend the Resurrection College Prep High School Fine Arts Junior High Workshop on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The theme for the program is Catch Your Dreams. Girls can experience Resurrection College Prep's Fine Arts Program in action and will be able to participate in workshops featuring art, dance, drama and music. Students need no background in the arts to join in this evening of educational fun.

Attendance at this workshop is designed to spark an interest in the arts and to allow students to learn about expressing themselves through the arts. The fee for this event is \$25, which will include dinner, workshops and a souvenir T-shirt. Registration is available until October 16 on the Resurrection College Prep High School website at www.reshs.org. Questions regarding the workshop may be directed to 773.775.6616 Ext 110 or jsalerno@reshs.org.

Resurrection Arts And Craft Fair Applications Available



Applications are available for crafters who are interested in participating in the Resurrection College Prep High School Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The annual event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Each year, more than 2,000 patrons visit the fair to explore the wide variety of hand-crafted items at over 180 craft displays. Spaces for professional company vendors are sold out. The application for crafters is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by contacting

Carol Marchetti at 773.775.6616 Ext 112 or cmarchetti@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 almost 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

St. Thecla Women's Council is seeking crafters and vendors for it's 13th Annual Craft & Gift Show to be held on Nov. 21, 2015. For information or application call Maribeth – 773-266-3831 or Terri – 773-631-0215



Sukkahs & Maccabi Tel Aviv Basktball

Hundreds of High-school students (including a large delegation from Shorashim) and fans that came to to the United Center to see Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball game visited Chabad's sukkah outside the stadium. For many of them, it was their first time shaking a lulav or etrog, or in some cases even seeing a sukkah. This was one of many public Sukkahs organized by Lulbavitch Chabad of Illinois and its 40 centers.



Former Maccabi Tel Aviv star player Tal Brody, 72, holds the lulav in the mobile sukkah. To his left is Rabbi Eliyahu Benhiyoun of Chabad of Lincoln Park and at right is Rabbi Avrohom Kagan, of Chabad of River North in Chicago. (Photo:Lubavitch Chabad of IL)



Students spend time in the sukkah before a Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball game in Chicago. In the center is former Maccabi Tel Aviv star player Tal Brody. (Photo: Lubavitch Chabad of IL)





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