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

Kiwanis Club 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.

Thursday, October 23- Regular Club Meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant. Friday, October 31 – Halloween. Got your costume ready?

And here's a Halloween riddle for you: How do witches tell time? Answer: By their witch-watch!

Public Information Division Early Voting in Skokie

Early voting for the 2014 general election begins on October 20, 2014 and runs through Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Any registered voter in suburban Cook County may vote early at this location or any other designated early voting location.

Early Voting Hours at Village Hall are: October 20 to 25, 2014 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 27 to 31, 2014 – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. November 1, 2014 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Any person who will be 18 years old by November 4, 2014, is a US citizen and a resident of this precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election may register to vote. Persons who have moved or changed their names must re-register. There will be Grace Period registration at all early voting locations.

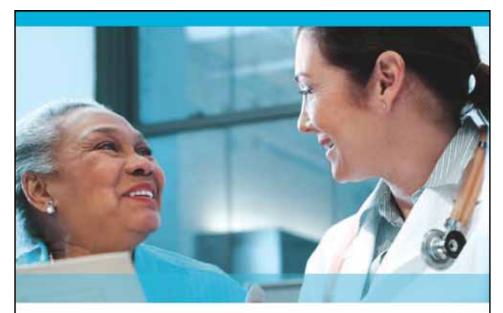
Please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847-933-8203 to request an application for an absentee ballot. Visit www.cookcountyclerk.com for additional voter information.

You are Invited to the November 2 Community Forum

The Village of Skokie will host a Community Forum on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Oakton Community College, 7701 Lincoln Avenue.

Participants will engage in facilitated small group discussions about programs, services, and priorities, they think are important for the future of the community. Each group will report to the larger group after small group discussions are concluded. The information shared at the forum will be analyzed by Village staff and the Board.

Registration is required and RSVP's are accepted through October 24, 2014. Please contact the Village Manager's office at 847/933-8210 or email info@skokie.org.



Get healthy, stay healthy. Choose from one of our 325 doctors in more than 40 medical specialties.

St. Thecla Women's Council is looking for Exhibitors for their 12th Annual. Holiday Craft and Gift Show. Saturday, November 22, 2014, 9 am - 4 pm. Set-up at 8 am Contact Maribeth 773-266-3831 or email mruehlman@aol.com

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.

Preckwinkle Urging Public Participation in Upcoming Budget Hearings

Maintaining her commitment to government transparency and accountability, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is encouraging the public to participate in a series of upcoming hearings on the recently proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

Preckwinkle's proposed budget contains no new taxes, fines or fees for the second consecutive year, continues the transformation of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS), takes a strategic approach to real estate management, holds the line on positions (which remain 8% below the start of the administration), and works to improve public safety.

"An engaged citizenry is an essential part of the budget process," Preckwinkle said. "I am proud to present a balanced budget with no new taxes, fines and fees, and welcome public input. By attending a hearing or submitting a question, residents can play an important role in the budget process."

Preckwinkle is soliciting public input at four meetings throughout Cook County in October. Organized and directed by Cook County Finance Chairman John P. Daley, the meetings provide residents with the opportunity to have their voices heard and learn more about the proposed budget unveiled on October 9.

vide the public with an opportunity to weigh in on the County budget," Daley said. "I am looking forward to hosting these meetings and receiving feedback from residents."

Anyone interested in speaking at a public hearing is encouraged to register at surveymonkey.com/s/H5YVLLK. Speakers will be allowed three minutes to address the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Speakers with written testimony or any additional materials for the committee to consider are asked to bring 20 copies and email any remarks to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov.

In an effort to allow the public to review budget documents and engage with her office directly, President Preckwinkle has posted all budget information to the Cook County Budget website. She is also encouraging residents to submit questions directly to her by visiting cookcountyil.gov/budget/tell-toni/or tweeting @ToniPreckwinkle using the hashtag #CCBudget2015.

The remainig schedule of budget hearing times and locations can be found below.

2014 at 6:30 p.m. - Maywood Courthouse, 1500 Maybrook Ave., Maywood • Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. - Skokie Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie

"These hearings are designed to pro-

Firewood Sale Begins November 8

The City of Evanston's annual firewood sale starts Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 2310 Oakton St. (between the Recycling Center and the Evanston Animal Shelter). Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays through the end of February 2015, or until supplies are exhausted.

Prices are: (4'x4'x1.5') x 2: \$150 4'x4'x1.5': \$80 2'x4'x1.5': \$50 1'x4'x1.5': \$30 Payment by personal check is preferred. Payment also can be made with cash; exact change is appreciated. Credit cards are not accepted. Employees will be available to assist with loading firewood into your vehicle, but the city cannot deliver firewood. For more information, please call or text 847-448-4311.

Do you need woodchips for your fall clean-up? Free woodchips are available at the base of the hill in adjacent James Park, accessible by the drive at 300 Dodge Avenue (at Mulford). Residents are welcome to take as much of the woodchips as they like.

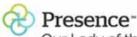
Jefferson Park Meeting

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The next meeting of the JPNA, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, is October 29, Wed., 2014 at 5132 W. Giddings, Chi, lower level of the Jefferson Park Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m.. The Guest Speaker will be 16th Police District Commander Bay who will speak about the priorities for a safe Jefferson Park and lessening crime. There will be a question and answer period. There will also be annual elections with those nominated last month being so far unopposed. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments. For more information call 1-773-282-3879.

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POSTAL NEWS

Chicago Post Office Delivers the Holidays to Diplomatic and Military Service Members Worldwide

Postal Service Recommended Mailing Dates

There may not be snow on the ground, but now is the time to start thinking about holiday mailing deadlines for military and diplomatic service members overseas

"Making sure those serving in the nation's armed forces and diplomatic service receive their presents and care packages in time for the holidays is our priority," said Chicago Postmaster Tangela Bush. "We want to help their friends and family send mail worldwide in time for the holidays."

Helping to get packages on their way, the Postal Service offers a \$2 per box postage discount on its largest Priority Mail Flat Rate box at, \$15.45, for mail being sent to APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office and Diplomatic Post Office) destinations worldwide.

Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes are available at no cost at either local Post Offices, or ordered online at shop.usps.com. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online anytime using Click-N-Ship at https://cns.usps.com/go.

To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25, send cards and packages to military APO/FPO/ DPO addresses overseas no later than the mailing dates listed below.

Military Mail Addressed To	Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS) ¹	First-Class Mail —Letters and Cards		Parcel Air Lift (PAL) ²	Space Available Mail (SAM) ³	Standard Post
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 3	Dec 3	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AA ZIP 340	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 8

PMEMS is available to selected military. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

² PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Standard Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

³ SAM parcels are paid at Standard Post prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis

Use the Military Care Kit to Send Presents and/or Care Packages

With Priority Mail supplies as the packaging of choice for families preparing care packages for service members overseas, the Postal Service created a free "Military Care Kit" based on the items most frequently requested by military families. The kit contains:

- Two Priority Mail APO/FPO Flat Rate Boxes. Two Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Boxes. Priority Mail tape.
 - Priority Mail address labels Appropriate customs forms.

To order the free kit, call 800-610-8734. Guidelines for packing, addressing, and shipping items to U.S. troops can be found at usps.com/ship/apo-fpo-guidelines.htm

Addressing the Package

1. Write out the service member's full name in the address.

2. Include the unit and APO/FPO/DPO address with the 9-digit ZIP Code (if one is assigned). For example

CPT JOHN DOE	SEAMAN JOSEPH SMITH
UNIT 2050 BOX 4190	USCGC HAMILTON
APO AP 96278-2050	FPO AP 96667-3931
SGT ROBERT SMITH	MSG JANE DOE
PSC 802 BOX 74	CMR 1250
APO AE 09499-0074	APO AA 09045-1000

Include a return address

4. Include the service member's name and address as well as the sender's name and address on an index card inside the package in case the label is damaged.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage products and services to fund its operations.

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A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation: 152 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relix on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. With more than 31,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, usps.com, the Postal Service has annual revenue of more than \$65 billion and delivers nearly 40 percent of the world's mail. If it were a private-sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 42nd in the 2012 Fortune 500. The Postal Service has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency for seven years and the fourth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute.

Norwood Crossing To Commemorate Veterans Day On Nov. 10 With Recognition Program

Veterans, residents, friends, and families are invited to attend and participate in

The verdict is in: Vote "YES" **For Retention Judges**

To Ensure Experience and Integrity in Our Justice System, Vote Yes for the Following Judges.

Tuesday, November 4

Appellate Judge Thomas E. Hoffman

Circuit Court Judges

Mauricio Araujo Edward A. Arce Andrew Berman Margaret Ann Brennan Eileen Mary Brewer Janet Adams Brosnahan James Brown Eileen O'Neill Burke Thomas J. Byrne Diane Gordon Cannon Evelyn B. Clay Mary Ellen Coghlan Clayton J. Crane Anna Helen Demacopoulos Ann Collins-Dole Donna L. Cooper Edmund Ponce de Leon Lynn Marie Egan Candace Jean Fabri Peter A. Felice Thomas E. Flanagan James Patrick Flannery John J. Fleming Rodolfo (Rudy) Garcia James J. Gavin Robert F. Gordon* Margarita Kulys Hoffman Michael B. Hyman^{*} Marilyn F. Johnson **Rickey Jones** Themis N. Karnezis Kerry M. Kennedy Diana L. Kenworthy Maureen Ward Kirby William G. Lacy Marjorie C. Laws

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a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program, on Mon., Nov. 10, at 2:00 p.m., at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available on the street or in the parking lot behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue).

The program, "for veterans, about veterans, and by veterans," will include posting of the Colors by the American Legion Edison Park Post 541 Color Guard; National Anthem sung by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir; pledge of allegiance led by Norwood Crossing resident Mary Cormack, former First Vice President of VFW Post 1284 Ladies Auxiliary; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); individual recognition of veterans present in addition to extending a special tribute to one of the last surviving members of a specific military group; and a special performance of patriotic songs by the St. Patrick High School Honor Choir commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I.

All active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to complete a form upon arrival that asks for their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where stationed, and dates of service in order to be properly recognized. Refreshments will be available.

Norwood Crossing is a not-for-profit senior living community, serving Norwood Park and surrounding Chicago and suburban communities since 1896. Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324 or email sbanash@norwoodlifecare.org.

Sandra Tristano Valarie E. Turner Raul Vega Kenneth J. Wadas Debra B. Walker Ursula Walowski Gregory Joseph Wojkowski Frank G. Zelezinski

*assigned to Appellate Court

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Happy Hauntings at the Chicago Cultural Center celebrates "Chicagoween," October 23-26

The witching hour is near and the Chicago Cultural Center is the place to be for Halloween fun during Happy Hauntings, October 23-26! This celebration of Chicagoween - the City of Chicago's Halloween season - is moving from Daley Plaza to the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) for four days of ghost tours, arts and crafts, costume contests, Midnight Circus, movies and much more. Hours for Happy Hauntings are 4-7pm on Thursday, October 23 and 11am-7pm on Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26.

Kids, don't miss the annual "Monster Bash" on Saturday, October 25 from 11am-7pm! FREE activities include trick or treating (while supplies last), a dance party, performances by Midnight Circus and of course the Monster Bash Costume Contest at 11:15am. The costume contest is open to children ages 12 and under and includes the following categories: scariest, funniest and most original. There will also be a best costume category for children under 12 months. Children should line up to participate at 10:45am.

For a complete schedule of activities and performances, visit chicagoween.us.

Upcoming Programs at Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Ave, Chicago IL 60646, (312) 744-8313

Ghosts and Graveyards of Chicago with Author Ursula Bielski Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Ursula Bielski has been exploring the cemeteries of Chicago since her earliest childhood, when she learned about Chicago history during her father's history lessons at Graceland cemetery. Later, she would become the city's "Ghost Queen," writing nine books on haunted Chicago and other paranormal subjects, and founding Chicago Hauntings Tours. Join Ursula for an evening's armchair excursion through her "Top Ten Haunted Cemeteries of Chicago," from Resurrection Cemetery (home to Resurrection Mary, Chicago's most famous--but most elusive--phantom) to Bachelors Grove, known as one of the most haunted cemeteries on earth. For ages 16 and up. Please register for this program by calling (312) 744-8313 or email the branch at edgebrook@chipublib.org.

Spooky Spectacular

Thursday, October 30, 2014, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join the fun in our Halloween celebration of scary stories and creepy crafts. Wear a costume if you dare! No registration required. For ages 8-12. For more information, please call (312) 744-8313.

A New Halloween Tradition



Celebrate Halloween At Chicago Parks Festivities Include Haunted Houses, Pumpkin Patches & More

The Chicago Park District hosts dozens of Halloween events in the parks. Offerings include several haunted houses, numerous pumpkin patches, movie screenings and much more. For the full listing of Halloween events or call 312-742-PLAY.

Halloween highlights for the north side parks 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.

• Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Drive, 312.742.7522

• Ages 13 and up

• Admission \$5; Click here to buy tickets. Join us for our annual "Indoor" Haunted Drive-In movie, includes popcorn, hotdog and a drink.

Great event for teens and adults!

Movie: Insidious, PG-13; this horror flick is suited best for teens and adults Day of the Dead Workshop: Sugar Skull Canvas at Mayfair Park

• Thursday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

• Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773.685.3361

• Ages 9+

• Admission \$15

Learn to paint and decorate your own sugar skull on canvas. Admission includes one sugar skull canvas per person. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Children ages 9 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the workshop, Indoor Drive-In Haunted Movie at Margate

• Friday, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Drive, (312) 742-7522

• Ages 13 and up

• Admission \$5; Click here to buy tickets. Join us for our annual Indoor Haunted Drive-In movie, includes popcorn, hotdog and a drink. Great event for teens and adults! Movie: Ghostbusters, PG-13

Day of the Dead Jewelry Making

• Friday, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave.,
- 773-478-9744
- Ages 8 and up, girls only
- Admission \$20

During this workshop participants will learn about the history of Day of the Dead and how to make and design their own Day of the Dead jewelry sets that include one pair of earrings, one necklace and one bracelet. There will be a variation of beads to choose from that reflect Day of the Dead themes. Participants will also enjoy traditional Day of the Dead treats such as Champurrado (a chocolate based drink) and Pan de Muerto (a sweet

bread roll). Register with the Eugene Park Advisory CouncilChicago Park District Halloween/add 2Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls at Eugene Field Park

• Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., 773-478-9744
- Ages 6 and up; ages 6-9 must have parent present
- 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). Register with

the Eugene Park Advisory Council. Scary Skate

• Saturday, Oct. 25, 4:40 – 6:10 p.m.

• McFetridge Sports Center, 3843 N California Ave., 773-478-2609

All Ages

• Fees - Normal Open Skate Rates ;12 and Under \$4; 13-60 \$5;Senior Citizens - 60 and Over \$2; Skate Rental - \$3

Wear your favorite costume and join us for a spooktacular skating party! Enjoy spooky tunes,

decorations and treats! First Second and Third Place Prizes for Costume Contests!

Pumpkins in the Park 5K Run and Walk

- Saturday, Oct. 25
- Lincoln Park, 2045 N Lincoln Park West
- 2 p.m. CLIF Kid Spooky Sprints (12 years and under)
- 4 p.m. 5K Run

• \$30 for 5K Run; \$15 CLIF Kid Spooky Sprints

Presented by Fleet Feet Chicago in partnership with the Chicago Park District, the Pumpkins in the Park 5K is Chicago's Official Halloween race for the whole family! 5K participants enjoy a winding course through beautiful Lincoln Park then celebrate at the post-race party featuring costume contests, music, a pie-eating contest, sponsor giveaways and more! To register, click A Night Out with Dracula at Olympia Park

• Monday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

• Olympia Park, 6566 N. Avondale Ave., 773.631.6861

All ages

Admission \$5

Come out and spend an evening 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! This event is sponsored by Edison Park Youth and Alderman Mary O'Connor.

For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 8,200 acres of parkland, 580 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 natural areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict. com or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/\747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling 312/742.PLAY.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 23 - 25 from 7 - 10 p.m.

A haunted tour through Shakespeare's spookiest imagery for ages 10 and up! A "Not-So-Scary" playspace for children of ALL ages A New Annual Event at Ewing Cultural Center

Thursday - Saturday, October 23 - 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. "I think ShakesFear has a few really scary moments along the tour. Part of the fear factor comes from touring Ewing Manor in darkness, but Shakespeare was brilliant at creating terrifying situations, images and characters. From gruesome abductions, horrifying death scenes, and even the appearance of ghosts, Shakespeare never shied away from fear", Andy Park, director of ShakesFEAR!

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours in Skokie

The Village of Skokie has set Halloween trick-or-treat hours from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 31. Please respect the privacy of homeowners and do not ring doorbells before or after this period. If the outside house light is not on, do not disturb the homeowner by ringing the doorbell.

Help make this Halloween season fun and enjoyable for your kids and neighbors by following these safety tips:

•Choose a costume for your child that will be safe.

•If your child is carrying a prop, make sure it is soft and flexible.

•Treat your kids to a spooky dinner. This will make them less likely to eat their candy until it can be checked.

•Make sure your child is extra cautious when crossing the street.

•Provide a light for your child as it gets dark earlier during the fall season.

For more Halloween safety tips, visit www.skokie.org or contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210.

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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. Suzanna 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.

Register for the Evanston Ecology Center's October 25 Bug-A-Boo Halloween Walk

The Evanston Ecology Center invites residents to participate in its annual Bug-A-Boo Halloween Walk on Saturday, October 25.

This year's event will showcase animals' amazing defense mechanisms.

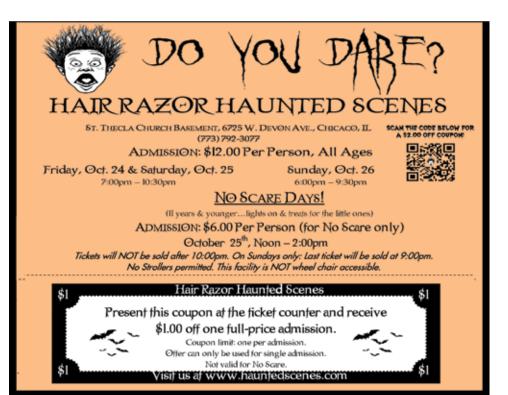


Participants will learn fun facts about animals' unique adaptations for survival, and will meet costumed characters outside as they explore the Ladd Arboretum. Activities and snacks will be provided at the Ecology Center following the walk.

To avoid overcrowding or long waits, participants are asked to register for a specific start time by calling the Evanston Ecology Center at 847-448-8256, or by visiting cityofevanston.org/register. All walks begin between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., and last for approximately one hour.

The Bug-A-Boo Halloween Walk is a family program for participants age 2 years and older. Participants are asked to register all attending family members. The cost is \$5 per person, or \$3 for Evanston Environmental Association members.

The Bug-A-Boo Halloween Walk is just one of the many fun, seasonal events happening in Evanston this October. For a complete listing of City events, including the Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market's Fall Festival, the Evanston Public Library's Boo Bash, the Robert Crown Center's Halloween for Little Ones, and many more, visit cityofevanston.org/halloween or call/text 847-448-4311.







Ages 9 & up, **\$15**, 5-8pm

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Oct. 25 Day of the Dead: Sugar Skulls at Eugene Field Park 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., 773.478.9744

Ages 6 & up, **\$20**, 10:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm

General Superintendent and CE

Scary Movies

Pumpkins in the Park

5K Run/Walk October 25

www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

ParkPoints

Oct. 25 **Pumpkin Patch at Horner Park** lawn & hill north east of fieldhouse 2741 W. Montrose Ave., 773.478.3499 All ages, \$1, 10:30am-2:30pm

Oct. 26 Pumpkin Patch at Portage Park lawn at Central & Berteau 4100 N. Long Ave., 773.685.7235 All ages, \$1, 10:30am-2:30pm

Arts & Entertainmen

Brush With Nature – Art Exhibition

Emily Oaks Nature Center Gallery, 4650 Brummel Ave, Skokie, IL 60076 Free public reception on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. On exhibition through January 2, 2015.

Brush with Nature is a plein air painting program presented by the non-profit arts organization Anatomically Correct where the public is invited to watch professional artists paint plein air style (a French term which means out in the open).

Program Director Debra Hatchett explains, "It's almost like live theatre - or performance art. It is so much fun to see how an artist works and enjoy the magic of having a painting appear right in front of your eyes."

The artworks that are displayed in this exhibition were created by plein air artists who participated in both the July and October 2014 plein air events.

'Visitors who saw the artists create their paintings along the nature trails like to come back and see the finished product inside the gallery. They can vote for their favorite artist. The exhibition reveals the scenery and wildlife from both the summer and fall events. It's the best of both seasons," remarks Debra.

The juried exhibition will be on display in the Nature Center Gallery at 4650 Brummel Ave, Skokie, IL 60076 from November 7, 2014 through January 2, 2015. A free public reception will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Regular viewing hours are Monday - Friday 8 am- 5 pm; Saturday 8 am- 4 pm; and Sunday 10 am- 4 pm. Phone Emily Oaks at (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 for more information.

Brush with Nature is sponsored in part by the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission, Blick Art Materials and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Founded in 1991, Anatomically Correct is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to showcasing works by artists in alternative spaces in a combined effort to educate, diversify, and promote community awareness of the visual and performing arts. www.brushwithnature.org

Two "Old Radio Shows" To Be Re-Created At Skokie Synagogue Men's Club Brunch

Two radio shows from the 1940s will be re-created at a Men's Club Brunch at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Sunday, November 2, starting at 10:00 a.m. "Those Were The Days Radio Players" will present two outstanding programs from the Golden Age of Radio; those long-ago radio days of Jack Benny comedies, Sam Spade mysteries, The Shadow detective shows, and Aunt Jenny's Real Life Stories soap operas - when families sat together listening to their favorites. Men and women are invited to join the fun. Cost is \$12 per person; \$15 at the door. For further information or for reservations, please call the office of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 847-675-4141.

We invite you to call early to book your holiday parties, family celebrations & business occasions Oktober

ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP

The Theatre School at DePaul University Presents: VIGILS

The Theatre School at DePaul University is pleased to present Vigils by Noah Haidle in the Sondra and Denis Healy Theatre, located in The Theatre School building at Racine and Fullerton. The production is directed by Andrew Peters, MFA Directing candidate, Class of 2016. Opening Night is Friday, November 7, and the production will run through Sunday November 16, 2014. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. Previews are on November 5 and 6, at 7:30 PM. About the play: It has been two years since a Widow's husband-a fireman-died in a heroic act, but she is not ready to move on. She captures her husband's Soul in a box, while his Body wanders around their home, replaying memories from their lives together and giving occasional hugs. When a Wooer appears on the scene, the Widow finds herself faced with the choice and consequences of letting go. At once heartbreaking and hilarious, Vigils is a generous and bittersweet play about the absurdities of loss, change, and love. Directed by Andrew Peters, MFA Class of 2016.

Tickets are \$15, preview tickets are \$10, and student tickets are always \$5. Subscriptions and group rates (6 or more people) are available. All tickets are reserved seating. Tickets are available by calling (773) 325-7900 or visiting the online box office at http://theatre.depaul.edu.

The Theatre School at DePaul University is located at 2350 N Racine Ave (at Fullerton). The school is easily accessible via the Fullerton CTA Station and the Fullerton (74) bus. Visitors and audience members can park in DePaul University's Clifton Parking Deck, located at 2330 N Clifton Avenue. Please call the Box Office for more information or for help in planning your trip.

For patrons who are blind or have low-vision, the performance will be audio described on Sunday, November 16 (2 PM) with a pre-performance touch tour. Call 773.325.7900. Special events include an Opening Night Reception following the performance on November 7 and post-show discussions on November 9 and 13.

Norwood Crossing Residents Combine Fashion Show With Fall Art Exhibit Opening

The public is invited to attend "Stardust," the Fall Fashion Show that will highlight the clothing outfits created by residents of Norwood Crossing to express their identities and "reshape fashion." Clothing and accessories were selected from the Norwood Life Society Thrift Shop.

The event will take place at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, at 3:00 p.m., on Nov. 1. Glittering lights and musical accompaniment will lend richness to the program that showcases the creations on which residents have been working since the end of August.

Immediately following the Fashion Show, the audience is invited to view the artwork of Norwood Crossing residents. Their works will be displayed throughout Norwood Crossing through January.

The artwork is an outgrowth of weekly Expressive Art group sessions under the guidance of art therapists, Michelle Ettlinger and Emily MacArthur. Also part of the Life Enrichment department, directed by Krystle Frey, is dance/movement therapist Lucrecia "Cricket" Duncan.

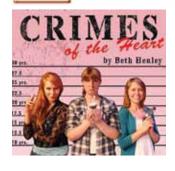
Refreshments will be available following the Fashion Show. For more information, call (773) 577-5326, info@norwoodcrossing.org or visit www.norwoodcrossing.org/artshow.



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Arts & Entertainment





My Sister Shot Her Husband, We're So Glad She's Home Those are two phrases that seem odd when strung together, but

the sentiment behind them is at the heart of Beth Henley's Pulitzer-prize winning comedy, Crimes of the Heart, which will be performed at Skokie Theatre from November 7th through the 23rd. Babe Boutrel shoots her husband one afternoon because she, "didn't like his looks." This is the catalyst that reunites her with her sisters Lenny and Meg. As they prepare her defense, all three women must come to grips with all the dysfunctional relationships steering their lives; failed love affairs, the childhood abandonment by their father, their mother's suicide. and making peace with their terminally ill grandfather. Oh, and the family pet, a horse named Billy Boy ... he died.

This isn't your typical comedy. There are no mistresses in their underwear hiding in closets, no men in drag, and no society women getting hit in the face with cream pies. Instead, it's comedy that speaks to the soul. It shows us how silly we can be about things that don't really matter, and how we can face anything if we stick together. Henley is the master of a style called "Southern Gothic" which features off-kilter and eccentric characters that illuminate the flaws of society in a dark, humorous way. Southern writers frequently juxtapose the tragic with the humorous, the immense with the trivial, and the sacred with the bawdy.

The three Magrath sisters are played by Ellen Cribbs, Mary-Kate Arnold, and Jessica Conger. These talented and accomplished actresses skillfully navigate these juxtapositions to hilarious and touching effect. Whether they bicker like children over who ate who's candy, or whose dress had more bells sewn to it, or whether they advocate delicate and difficult feelings on behalf of each other, you will be drawn in and totally captivated by their story. They are joined by Michael J. Bullaro as a hurt and jilted lover, Jonathan Helvey as a young and infatuated defense attorney, and Cat Hermes as their first-cousin neighbor who yearns to lead the Ladies' Social League.

Crimes of the Heart is performes November 7th through the 23rd, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm. There is a special matinee on Wednesday November 12 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$28 general admission, \$24 for seniors, \$18 for students. This show is part of a three-show subscription series with tickets ranging from \$45 - \$57. Other shows in the series include the romantic comedy Same Time Next Year in February and David Mamet's Oleanna in May. For tickets, call 847-677-7761 or order online at SkokieTheatre.org

Stock School Celebrates Literacy Day With "Wild Rumpus"

Stock School celebrated Literacy Day with a wild rumpus! Children and families at Stock School fostered a love for books and reading among their preschool peers by celebrating Literacy Day on Friday, October 3rd with a reading of Where The Wild Things Are. Families completed the day by engaging in crafts, dramatic play, and a school-wide "wild rumpus!"

Literacy Day festivities will began at 9:00 with a teacher-led read aloud of the book, followed by dress up and a maskmaking of book characters. Families concluded Literacy Day with a school-wide "Wild Rumpus" complete with music played school-wide and individual classrooms decorated to recreate the setting of Where The Wild Things Are. Parents accompanied their child during Literacy Day to learn collaboratively with their children about how to engage in fun and educational reading activities. Families had the opportunity to act out scenes from the book to showcase the creativity and unique personalities of Stock School students.

About Stock School

Stock School, whose motto is "Where All Children Belong," serves children ages 3 to 5 years with a variety of educational programs and services for a diverse student population regardless of ability. At Stock School, students are provided an enriching educational program that maximizes learning potential, social adjustment, and independence of each child. The school also offers resources and support for each family with a variety of events targeted specifically for parents. For further inquiry please contact Principal, Ann McNally at



Students and families from Classroom 104 listen closely to Ms. Lisa as she reads Where the Wild Things Are to celebrate Literacy Day.





Mayor Emanuel, City Officials Break Ground On Fullerton Revetment, Announce Future Of Theater On The Lake \$31.5M Investment Will Improve Lakefront Experience For Chicago Residents, Visitors

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Chicago Park District Commissioner Juan Salgado, and Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld today broke ground on the Fullerton Revetment project, which will stabilize the shoreline near the Fullerton Theater on the Lake and create 5.8 acres of new Park District land.

As part of the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project, the City, in partnership with the Chicago Park District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will stabilize the shoreline at the Fullerton Avenue Beach, which will make the Theater on the Lake facility even more convenient and attractive to residents who would like to enjoy activities at the facility and on the lakefront. The shoreline restoration will replace the existing failed revetment with a steel and concrete revetment designed to manage waves and will convert the existing failed beach cell to new parkland, adding approximately 5.8 acres of park space in an area that is regularly congested with park goers.

Protection Project began in 2000, and 19 of the 23 segments of the 9.5-mile project have been completed. The new design maintains safe access to the shoreline while preserving its historical and aesthetic value. The total cost of the project is now estimated at more than \$500 million, funded by the USACE, City of Chicago, Chicago Park District and the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Last fall, Mayor Emanuel announced that the historic Theater on the Lake building at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive would be converted from a summer-only

programming site to a year-round program and event facility. This expansion is part of the Mayor's commitment to build and reinvigorate arts programming in neighborhoods in the City, as well as to elevate and expand neighborhood cultural assets as called for in the Chicago Cultural Plan.

The conversion to make Theater on the Lake a year-round program and event facility includes a complete renovation of the interior theater space, which will be equipped with a new performance space, lighting and sound systems. The building will be conditioned to operate year-round and will be equipped with new dressing rooms, green rooms and event space in the northern half of the pavilion. A concession space with outdoor seating and public toilets are also included. The main entry to the theater will be from the lakeside with a glass enclosed lobby facing the lake. Other improvements to the site will include a new vehicular drop off, loading access and an outdoor patio with views of Lake Michigan.

"Patrons will enjoy professional theater companies at Theater on the Lake for more than just an 8-week run," said Park District General Superintendent Michael Kelly. "The renovations will provide the capacity for bigger audiences and year-round programming."

The Park District is currently reviewing proposals for the conversion, and work is expected to start next year to ensure that completion coincides with the Fullerton Revetment project. Theater on the Lake will continue to perform in neighborhood parks as part of Mayor Emanuel's Night Out in the Parks until the conversion is complete.

Mount Carmel Freshmen Participate In Impact Service Learning Program

Mount Carmel Freshmen students participated in the school's inaugural week long service learning program, IMPACT, aimed at heightening the Catholic and Carmelite identity and Mission. Garfield Park Conservatory was among the locations the freshmen visited to better understand the gift of God's creation and our responsibility to take care of it.



Ms. Michelle and Ms. Krystal of Classroom 102 dressed as Max, the main character in Where the Wild Things Are

773-534-1215 or School Counselor, Kathleen Dorsey at 773-534-1215. The Stock School is located at 7507 W.

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The Deadline for VFW's Youth Scholarship Competitions is Fast Approaching

The VFW is still accepting entries for the 2014-2015 VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship competitions. The deadline for student entries in both contests is Nov. 1.

The VFW's scholarship competitions are dedicated to promoting patriotism among America's youth. Students are asked to submit an essay in response to a question or statement on a subject that encourages them to consider how democratic ideals and principles apply to their lives. Each year the VFW awards more than \$3 million in scholarships and awards to middle and high school students who participate in the two competitions.

This year's Voice of Democracy theme asks students, "Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future." The Voice of Democracy scholarship competition is an audio-essay competition open to students in grades 9-12. The national winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship.

The Patriot's Pen competition is open to students in grades 6-8. This year, students are asked to reflect on the statement, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans." The national winner will receive a \$5,000 award. Students should submit their entry (along with a completed entry form) to their participating local VFW Post.

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ABOUT THE VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans' service organization comprised of combat veterans and eligible military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and its oldest major veterans' organization. With nearly 1.9 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in almost 7,000 Posts worldwide, "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS." The VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs worldwide. For more information or to join, visit our website at www.vfw.org.

Prospective Students And Families Welcome To Open Houses At Resurrection College Prep High School

Resurrection College Prep will be hosting two fall Open Houses for prospective students and their families on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Visitors will receive a personalized tour of the school facilities by a current student with an opportunity to meet faculty, staff, coaches and administrators. Families can learn about the curriculum, athletics, fine arts, one-to-one technology initiative, service and leadership opportunities, tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities. With a 100% college acceptance rate, Resurrection's block schedule, AP and college credit classes, Practicum Program, Advisement Program, and Learning Assistance Program provide for challenging academics in a supportive environment. The Resurrection Class of 2014 was awarded over \$9.2 million in college scholarships.

Eighth grade girls are invited to participate in a Resurrection College Prep High School

8th Grade Shadow Day. Students are paired up with a current student to experience a typical day at Resurrection and available days are listed on the Resurrection website. Registration is at www.reshs.org. Seventh grade girls are invited to an "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 13, 2015. Registration is at www.reshs.org. Questions may be directed to Nancy O'Leary at 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or noleary@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 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

Resurrection Open Houses

Thursday, November 6, 2014 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sunday, November 23, 2014 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Tour the school and learn about the curriculum and programs at Resurrection, including the block schedule, academics, athletics, fine arts, transportation options and scholarship opportunities.

> Shadow Days 8th grade girls welcome now on select dates to shadow a current Resurrection student

> > 7th grade girls welcome to an 'Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 13, 2015 Register at ww.reshs.org

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 8, 2014 10 am to 4 pm Adult admission - \$5 Seniors & students - \$2 Children under 10 - free

Shop at over 180 craft displays and vendors for unique hand crafted gifts, housewares, holiday decor, jewelry, accessories, food items and more!

Jr. Bandit Lock-in

Friday, December 12, 2014 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to an evening of athletics, fun & games! \$25 - includes dinner & t-shirt.

Register at www.reshs.org



The Chicago Bar Association Law Referral Service: Your Local Legal Network

Is It Worth a Like? Facebook Don'ts from a Legal Perspective

By Regina P. Etherton, Regina P. Etherton & Associates, LLC and Vice-Chair of The Chicago Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service Committee

Facebook can be a valuable social networking tool; however, it has drawbacks that you may not be aware of.

When you are a party to a lawsuit, information control is one of your greatest assets. Managing what information is divulged to whom is very important. Facebook information is public, and anyone may have access to it, including the opponents in your lawsuit. If your opponent can see this information, they can use it against you to assert things that may or may not be true.

For instance, if there is a picture of you posted on Facebook after an accident, and you are not wearing a knee brace your doctor instructed you to wear, the opponent in your law suit can argue that your failure to wear the knee brace is the primary cause of your injury, and he/she should not be responsible.

This is only one of the many ways that information can be used against you. If information such as this is accessed by your opponent, it can reduce the probability of a successful lawsuit, or even if the lawsuit is successful, will reduce the amount you can recover. It also makes your lawyer's job much more difficult.

Even seemingly innocent posts of photos of you smiling with your family can be used to undermine your claim for damages. When a party to a lawsuit, error on the side of caution: Don't post on Facebook or any other social media about anything that is personal in nature!

About the Lawyer Referral Service:

The Chicago Bar Association has been making referrals to local attorneys for more than 70 years. Our lawyers are screened and have an average of 20 years of experience. We can help YOU find the right lawyer! Call 312-554-2001 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or visit www.chicagobar.org/LRS for referral to a private attorney in the Chicagoland area. Evening/weekend help available for criminal, domestic relations and personal injury matters.

8th Grade Girls Invited To Shadow At **Resurrection College Prep High School**

Eighth grade girls are invited to participate in a Resurrection College Prep High School Shadow Day. Students are paired up with a current student to experience a typical day at Resurrection. Shadow Days are listed on the Resurrection website and include the following dates: Tuesday, September 23; Friday, September 26; Wednesday, October 1; Tuesday, October 7; Wednesday, October 8; Thursday, October 9; Tuesday, October 14; Friday, October 17; Thursday, October 23; Tuesday, October 28; Tuesday, November 4; Tuesday, November 11; Wednesday, November 12; Tuesday, November 18; Tuesday, November 25; Tuesday, December 2; Wednesday, December 3; Tuesday, December 9; Wednesday, December 10, and Tuesday, December 16. A 7th Grade "Experience Res" Day will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015. Please visit www.reshs.org to register for a Shadow Day. Questions may be directed to Nancy O'Leary at 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or noleary@reshs.org.

Resurrection will be hosting two fall Open Houses for prospective students and their families to tour the school facilities and meet with current students, staff and administrators. Visitors can learn about the curriculum and programs at Resurrection, including the block schedule, the Practicum career-exploration program, the Learning Assistance Program, the Advisement Program, and work/study, tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities. The Open House dates are Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

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Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

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Monthly Author Series And One Book, One Chicago **Events Presented At Chicago Public Library In October**

AARON CHRISTENSEN

Monday, October 27 at 6 p.m.

Just in time for Halloween, Aaron Christensen takes us on a joy ride through the annals of horrifying (and just plain horrible) fright films. Christensen discusses his recent book Hidden Horror: A Celebration of 101 Underrated and Overlooked Fright Flicks.

BRYAN STEVENSON

Wednesday, October 29 at 6 p.m.

Chicago Public Library welcomes Bryan Stevenson, author of Just Mercy, and one of the country's most visionary legal thinkers, social justice advocates, and MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award recipient. As the U.S is awakening to the consequences of a period of unprecedented incarceration and severe punishment that has transformed us as a nation, Stevenson takes us on an unforgettable journey into the broken American criminal justice system.

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Mayor Emanuel Announces Chicago Park District Receives 2014 National **Gold Medal Award For Excellence In Parks And Recreation** Chicago Wins Significant Honor In The Park And Recreation Industry

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), has awarded the 2014 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management to the Chicago Park District. This year's proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program is Musco Lighting LLC.

The Chicago Park District was one of four finalists in the Class I Category, having a population of 400,001 or more residents. Agencies were judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through longrange planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation communities and the State Park System Class awarded on odd numbered years.

The Chicago Park District has been striving for this national recognition for the past few years, and Chicago's park system embodies the core values of the NRPA including conservation, social equity, health and wellness. Its innovative, community driven programs like Summer Day Camp, Night Out in the Parks. Mayor Emanuel's Chicago Plays! playground program, ground breakings and ribbon cuttings have lead the Chicago Park District to win the NRPA's Gold Medal award. It is the mission of the Chicago Park District to enhance the quality of life in Chicago by being the leading provider of recreation and leisure opportunities; provide safe, inviting and beautifully maintained parks and facilities; and create a customer-focused and responsive park system that prioritizes the needs of children and families.

Agencies were judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit www.nrpa.org/ goldmedal or www.aapra.org.

The Chicago Park District is the steward of more than 8,100 acres of open space, totaling 580 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, 10 bird and wildlife gardens, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Chicago Public Library Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Join the Chicago Public Library in "Celebrating Diversity" with its first annual observance of Native American Heritage Month. Throughout the month of November, the Library offers a variety of programs highlighting the history, culture, traditions, as well as the contributions Native Americans have made to the nation and Chicago. In addition, a selected bibliography and the Library's 2014 Native American Heritage Month Calendar of Events are available at chipublib.org.

The opening program for Native American Heritage Month takes place on Saturday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m., at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue. The event features exciting presentations by Native American Chicagoans including the keynote speaker Susan Kelly Power, co-founder of the American Indian Center of Chicago, Red Line Drum and Dancers performing traditional music and dance, and Urban Rez, a film about the lasting effects and the legacy of the Urban Relocation Program (1952-1973).

During Native American Heritage Month, the Library will present interesting, entertaining and informative programs for all ages, including storytelling and crafts for children, lectures, film screenings, art exhibitions and workshops, and adult book discussions.

Here are some highlights from the 2014 Native American Heritage Month Celebration: Spiral Storytelling

Fawn E. Pochel a lifelong member of the Chicago American Indian Community and a former Miss Indian Chicago teaches children about spiral storytelling. Instead of using written words to narrate a story, participants are encouraged to draw pictures to recreate life events. Pictures are drawn in a spiral to represent the creation, evolution and revelations of life.

Hip Hop Beats, Indigenous

Kyle T. Mays a multidisciplinary scholar of race relations, popular culture, U.S. history and indigenous studies, presents an interactive audiovisual tour of indigenous peoples' experiences in the United States, past and present, through Hip Hop culture.

American Indian Politics Since 1945

This panel discussion explores major themes in Native American politics since the World War II. Panelists include Kurt Peters, co-editor, with Terry Straus, of the 2009 book Voices and Visions: American Indian Activism and the Civil Rights Movement, Terry Straus, author of Native Chicago and Dorene Wiese, President of the American Indian Association of Illinois.

Film Screenings

The Library presents six selected Native American themed feature films. For more information about the film series, or for the complete listing of Native American Heritage Month events, dates and locations, please visit chipublib.org.

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40th Annual Fall Flea Market at the **Robert Crown Center November 1**

Evanston's 40th Annual Fall Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St.

There's something for everyone at the market. More than 70 tables will sell a wide variety of items at this year's event, including sporting equipment, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, games and much more. Proceeds from table rentals benefit the Robert Crown Center Advisory Board.

Admission to the flea market is free (no early birds, please). For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311.

The Department Of Cultural Affairs And Special Events Announces It's Fall Theater And Dance Schedule

Performances include the SpinOff dance series, newly commissioned works and premieres at the Chicago Cultural Center, Storefront Theater and Millennium Park

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is pleased to announce its fall season of theater and dance performances and residencies. The DCASE Theater and Dance series presents critically-acclaimed local, national and international music, theater, dance and multidisciplinary artists, newly commissioned works and Chicago premieres.

Returning to the Chicago Cultural Center and the Storefront Theater is the second annual SpinOff dance series, November 7-22. This month-long celebration of contemporary dance will present work by Midwest-based choreographers and dance companies. All performances are free and feature Chicago and world premieres and excerpts from works-in-progress. A complete schedule will be released in September.

Performance locations include the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) and the Storefront Theater (66 E. Randolph St.). Admission is free or low cost for all DCASE Theater and Dance events. For event details, visit cityofchicago.org/dcase.

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What's in a Word?



Chester M. Przybylo

We use words every day without much thought. Words can have different meaning in different contexts. Sometimes this "play on words" can give rise to humor. In fact, comedian George Carlin based his career on the subtleties in the usage of language. Carlin became famous for the "Seven Dirty Words" skit detailing the words that were prohibited in broadcast media. In fact, Carlin's skit was the subject of a U.S. Supreme Court Case which clarified the boundary between free speech and obscenity. Carlin often pointed out apparent oxymorons like "jumbo shrimp" or "military intelligence." George Carlin died recently, at age 71.

Like George Carlin, an attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning understands that subtleties in the language used can make a big difference. An example of the reason for the complexity of language in estate planning matters is the "Rule Against Perpetuities" which can invalidate a gift or other transfer in a Will or Trust if not done the right way. Relax, you do not need to try to figure out what "the Rule" is and how it applies. In fact, the rules involved in estate planning are so complex that a court found "... few, if any, areas of the law have been fraught with more confusion or concealed more traps for the unwary draftsman" If your daughter needed her appendix removed, would you read up online to perform the procedure yourself? Would you get out your knife and wet-stone and start sharpening? Would you take her to the dentist? Well, of course not. In fact, while the possibility is laughable; the reality would be tragic.

The same holds true in estate planning. Just as your daughter is relying on you to bring her to a good surgeon to remove her appendix, your children are also counting on you to plan your estate properly. Just as your daughter's life could be at stake in the appendectomy, your children's livelihood and well being could be at stake with the estate plan. A poorly drafted estate plan can wreak havoc on relationships, as well as assets. If you don't plan your estate properly, it would be almost as obscene as George Carlin's famous "Seven Dirty Words."

A qualified estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning can ensure your wishes are carried out smoothly and effectively.

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.

Chicago Author Stan "Tex" Banash To Discuss Roadside History Of Illinois At Eisenhower Public Library In Harwood Heights On November 10

The public is invited to hear Chicago author Stan "Tex" Banash discuss his third book, Roadside History of Illinois, at the Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, in Harwood Heights, at 7:00 p.m., on November 10.

Banash will explain the book's seven regions, several interesting trip segments, describe some of his research, and then point out a number of significant happenings about Illinois history that shaped the state. The book itself begins with the Ice Age and carries readers to the present along old U.S. highways, state roadways and county roads, leading to the people, places and events that contributed to the state's development. It is the first book on Illinois history in more than 30 years and has been praised by former U.S. Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III and Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and inscription following the talk.

Last May, the Illinois House of Representatives recognized the importance of the book to Illinois history by passing a House Resolution that congratulated the author on its publication.

Active in his local community, Banash is a six-term past president of a local chamber of commerce and chaired a local zoning advisory board for 19 years. He also operated his own home-based public relations firm for more than 30 years. The author graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and obtained a Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Roosevelt University. His two earlier books were Best of Dee Brown's West and Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology. He also reviews books for a number of western publications, and is a member of Western Writers of America, the Society of Midland Authors, Western History Association, and the Westerners-Chicago Corral, where he served as its sheriff for five years.

Historical House in Wilmette Finds a New Home in Evanston

On Friday, October 10, work will begin to relocate the historic John Van Bergen Irving House to Evanston from its current location at 1318 Isabella Rd. in Wilmette. The house will be temporarily stored in the parking lot of the future Whole Foods location at Isabella St. and Green Bay Rd. until the new site in Evanston is ready.

This preservation project was brought to light when Landmarks Illinois, the state's leading voice for historic preservation, identified the home as an important and threatened historic piece of property. Built in 1928, the house was designed by John Van Bergen, who worked in the office of Frank Lloyd Wright and served as a notable Prairie School (late 19th/early 20th century architectural style) designer.

The house is currently divided into three sections, which will be moved individually by truck. The move will take place on October 10 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Additionally, a no parking zone will be enforced on both sides of Isabella St., between Ewing Ave. and Green Bay Rd., on October 10

from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A police escort will be present and traffic will be rerouted while the house is transported. Commuters are encouraged to use extreme caution, as the structure will take up much of the street and workers will be present.

The developer who purchased the John Van Bergen Irving House hopes to build a new home on the Wilmette lot, but allowed time to remove the historic home so that it could be properly preserved. Once the project is completed and the house is in its new Evanston location, work will be completed to obtain its landmark status.

For more information about the preservation project and relocation of the John Van Bergen Irving House, please call/text 847-448-4311.

Project Contacts: Klein and Hoffman, Inc. Christopher Enck, Project Coordinator, 630-334-0952 City of Evanston Pelayo Enerio Jr. (Jhun), Division of Engineering, 847-448-4311

Active Trans Releases List of the Most Dangerous Intersections in the Chicago Region

Advocacy group launches Safe Crossings campaign pushing for more funding for improvements at some of the most unsafe places to cross in the city and surrounding suburbs

October 14, 2014 -- Crossing a busy street is an everyday activity for most Chicagoans, but too often it's also one of the most dangerous things they'll do all day.

Seventy-eight percent of all pedestrian crashes in Chicago occur within 125 feet of an intersection, according to the city. In 2013, there were 29 pedestrian fatalities in Chicago and there have already been 21 this year.

"Our streets are valuable public spaces and crossing them shouldn't require putting your life at risk," said Ron Burke, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance. "With more dedicated funding to improve street design and increase enforcement at major intersections, we can make our streets safer for everyone and our communities more walkable and livable."

There were more than 4,700 reported pedestrian crashes and 130 fatalities in • N. La Grange Rd and W. Ogden Ave

Most Dangerous Intersections in the Chicago Region N. Cicero Ave and W. Chicago Ave

- N. Halsted St/N. Lincoln Ave/W. Fullerton Ave
- S. Cottage Grove Ave and E. 79th St
- N. Dearborn St and W. Ontario St
- S. Ashland Ave and W. 63rd St
- N. Cicero Ave and W. Madison St
- N. Ashland Ave and W. Cortland St
- S. Martin Luther King Dr and E. 63rd St

• N. Elston Ave/N. Western Ave/W. Diversey Ave

The group also selected 10 dangerous suburban intersections to highlight the regional challenges to increasing intersection safety for people of all ages and abilities using the road.

• N. McCormick Blvd and W. Touhy Ave (Skokie)

- S. Cicero Ave and W. Cermak Rd (Cicero)
- U.S. Route 12 (Mannheim Road/ La Grange Road) and W. Cermak Rd (Westchester)
- Shermer Rd and W. Dempster St (Morton Grove)

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Illinois in 2012, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation; 84 percent of the crashes and 69 percent of pedestrian fatalities in Illinois occurred in metro Chicago. In Chicago, pedestrian fatalities accounted for onethird of all traffic fatalities in 2012, compared to roughly 14 percent statewide.

Based upon analysis of crash data, staff feedback and more than 800 suggestions from the general public, Active Trans selected the following 10 intersections as focus areas for its Safe Crossings campaign in Chicago.

- N. Milwaukee Ave/W. North Ave/N. Damen Ave
- Active Trans Releases List of the

- (La Grange)
- Harms Rd and Glenview Road (Glenview)
- 1st Ave and Madison St (Maywood)
- N. Harlem Ave and Madison St (Forest Park/Oak Park)
- Harlem Ave and 79th St (Burbank)
- E. 147th St and Halsted St (Harvey)

Active Trans will work with community organizations, businesses and local residents to push for funding for improvements at these and other problem areas throughout the region. These lists represent just a small portion of the many dangerous places to cross in Chicagoland, particularly for our most vulnerable users such as children, people with disabilities and seniors.

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City of Chicago to More Than Double Number of Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs by 2018

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) announced today that the City is developing a plan to double the number of wheelchair accessible taxicab vehicles (WAVs) by the end of 2018.

"This important investment will help ensure that having a disability doesn't mean limited access to taxis and enjoying our great city," said Mayor Emanuel. "For many of us, taxis are a necessary means of getting from point A to point B, and more wheelchair accessible vehicles are a step in the right direction."

This major increase in the number of WAVs will be subsidized in part by the City's Accessibility Fund, a funding source supported by fees paid by the taxi and rideshare industries. This is the latest commitment from the Mayor in a long series of initiatives to improve the accessibility of the City's public passenger vehicle industry.

The new centralized dispatch which started in 2013 has reduced customer wait times, increased the participation of WAV by establishing driver incentives and has also established training that has garnered greater results.

Ebola and Pets

As officials in Spain recently euthanized a dog for being exposed to Ebola, and the dog of a Texas nurse who became infected with Ebola is currently in quarantine, doctors from BluePearl Veterinary Partners want to share the information that is known about pets and Ebola.

"When it comes to Ebola and how this infectious disease interacts with our pets, there really isn't a ton of information available," said Dr. Jennifer Welser, chief medical officer of BluePearl Veterinary Partners. "However, we've done our best to put together a list of the important things we do currently know."

Diseases that can pass between humans and animals are referred to as zoonotic diseases. This is important because 62 percent of American households have at least one pet according to a 2012 Humane Society survey. Because of this, veterinarians play a vital role in recognizing and preventing the spread of disease.

Ebola is zoonotic, but the extent to which it actually affects animals is not well known. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, scientists believe that the first patient became infected through contact with an infected animal, such as a fruit bat or primate (apes and monkeys), which is called a spillover event. Person-to-person transmission follows and can lead to large numbers of affected persons. In the current West African epidemic, animals have not been found to be a factor in ongoing Ebola transmission.

As for dogs and cats becoming infected with Ebola, there have been no reports of dogs or cats becoming sick with Ebola, even though they may develop antibodies from exposure to the disease.Certainly a greater understanding of the effects of Ebola on dogs and cats is needed.

According to the CDC, the risk of an Ebola outbreak affecting multiple people in the United States is very low. Therefore, the risk to pets is also very low. Even in areas in Africa where Ebola is present, there have been no reports of dogs and cats becoming sick with Ebola. Beyond the more common household pets, some people do keep monkeys as pets. According to the CDC, monkeys are at risk for Ebola. Symptoms of Ebola infection in monkeys include fever, decreased appetite and sudden death. Monkeys should not be allowed to have contact with anyone who may have Ebola. Healthy monkeys already living in the United States and without exposure to a person infected with Ebola are not at risk

for spreading Ebola. If there is a pet in the home of an Ebola patient, the CDC recommends that veterinarians, in collaboration with public health officials, evaluate the pet's risk of exposure. Appropriate measures, such as closely monitoring the exposed pet while taking necessary precautions, should be put in place.

Scientists and veterinarians with the American Veterinary Medical Association, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the CDC and many other partners are continuing to work together to develop additional guidance for the U.S. pet population.

"Besides being doctors to animals, veterinarians play a key role in public health and disease prevention," Welser said. "Veterinarians throughout the U.S. and around the world work together with human health officials to keep the public safe."

About BluePearl Veterinary Partners

BluePearl Veterinary Partners employs 1,800 team members including more than 450 veterinarians. BluePearl hospitals offer referral-only, specialty care services and most offer 24-hour emergency care. BluePearl does not provide primary care. The company is one of the world's principal providers of approved veterinary residency and internship programs. Blue-Pearl also participates in clinical trials that investigate the effectiveness of new veterinary drugs and treatments, providing pet families access to cutting-edge medicine that is not yet commercially available. BluePearl is headquartered in Tampa, Fla.

Village Cooking Corner

Pumpkin Muffins

1/3 cup oil

- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 2 eggs

1 teaspoon soda

1 2/3 cups sifted all purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

³⁄₄ teaspoon salt
¹⁄₂ teaspoon cinnamon
¹⁄₄ teaspoon cloves
1 cup canned pumpkin
1/3 cup water

Cream the oil and sugar, beat in eggs. Mix and sift together the flour, baking powder, soda, salt and spices and add to the creamed mixture alternately with the pumpkin and water. Bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees for 25 - 30 minutes. From the Kitchens of Tillie Meyers

North Town Garden Club

Fall has arrived, can winter be far behind?

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 P.M. at Warren Park Field House, 6601 N. Western Ave.

Gregory Berlowitz is the founder of Chicago Market, a new local, sustainable, cooperative grocery store coming to the North Side of Chicago in 2015. Greg will present the vision, values and timeline for the Market's opening. Come hear how Chicago Market, which has already grown to over 500 Owners, is building the co-op community and changing the local food landscape. Greg is an advocate for sustainable agriculture, vice-chair of the Chicago Bar Association Food Law Committee and member of the Chicago Public Schools Food Advisory Committee. He is also the father of two, a lawyer, playwright, and organic gardener.

• Need a bale of hay? If so, contact Phil Martini at Indian Boundary Park, Philip. martini@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Arts & Crafts Fair for Northtown Garden Society

Calling All Artisans and Crafters....

The Northtown Garden Society (NGS) is holding a Nature and Garden Arts and Crafts Fair in May of 2015 to raise funds for our community service and educational programs. We are currently seeking artists and crafters to sell their creations at our fair.

Here are the particulars:

• The theme of our fair is Nature and Gardening thus all art works need to depict gardening or nature or, in the case of soaps, candles, jewelry or foods, be made of natural products. We will offer all media including but not restricted to paintings, woodworking, textiles, soaps, ceramics, mosaics, photography and jewelry.

• The fair will be held indoors in the gymnasium at the Warren Park Field House, 6601 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Participants may purchase a 6' x 2.5' table for \$25.00 or a 6' x 8' booth for \$30.00. Tables may be shared by 2 participants. If the participant wishes to provide his/her own table, the entry fee is \$25.00.

• Each participant must donate one item to NGS to be raffled. Raffle proceeds will go to NGS.

• For more information or if you are interested in participating, review the rules and complete the application available on our web site, www.northtowngardenso-ciety.org and mail in no later than November 15, 2014.

Got questions? E-mail Ginny at ngschicago@gmail.com.

Statement From Mayor Rahm Emanuel On Chicago Chosen As Site Of 2015 Nfl Draft

"Chicago is pleased to welcome the 2015 NFL Draft to America's heartland. Next year, NFL fans from across the country will travel here or tune in as the future of their team is decided in Chicago. We look forward to working with the Chicago Bears, the NFL, and our neighborhood partners to make this an event that highlights our world class city and reinvests in our communities."

Trapeze Specialist to Teach New Master Class Series and Winter Classes to Continue Record Breaking Trend

After her show stopping performance in the October Circus in Progress, Camille Swift will teach a new class in The Actors Gymnasium Master Class Series - Intermediate Static Trapeze. Students will meet over five Thursdays evenings, starting November 13 and running through December.

Camille Swift specializes in static and single-point trapeze. Her physicality is heavily influenced by other kinds of artistic movement, including her eight years of experience in classical ballet four years of practice as a breakdancer; and five years of training in Japanese swordsmanship. In addition to being an aerialist, she is also a visual artist. Camille received her circus training from the Association Volaverunt in Paris and The Aloft Loft in Chicago. She founded Top Star Trapeze in Champaign, IL.

With only 6 students accepted, this intermediate trapeze class tailors to those who would like to excel in trapeze skills and sequencing. Prerequisites include an Aerial or Circus Arts class at The Actors Gymnasium. Interested students must have a basic vocabulary of trapeze skills. For more information and to enroll in the workshop, www.actorsgymnasium.org Edison Park 9nn

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range of community organizations. This year, the organization will be providing 22,000 program opportunities to teens throughout the city. These programs will be provided by more than 750 instructors.

After School Matters offers paid opportunities to teens through two program models: Apprenticeships, in which teens work alongside talented professionals in safe, structure **After School Matters & Secks Brogram Braviders to Develop and Deliver En**well coll**gaging, annovative After School and Sumhie Programs for Chicago Teens** tunities for skilled teens to work directly with local organizations and businesses After School Matters delivers these opportunities through three program cycles: Summer 2015, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016.

"After School Matters is regularly building a network of skilled professionals and community organizations to develop and deliver quality programs to teens throughout Chicago," said Mary Ellen Caron, Chief Executive Officer of After School Matters. "By supporting teens' development of skills in a variety of content areas, as well as essential career readiness skills, After School Matters helps Chicago youth discover their potential and find their future."

After School Matters offers professional development and training opportunities for program providers to develop and enhance their ability to engage teens, as well as to support enrichment skills such as relationship-building, conflict resolution and more.

Those interested in becoming new program providers can learn more, download the full RFP and submit completed proposals through an online application here: www.afterschoolmatters.org/instructors-and-partners. Additional questions can be directed to rfp@afterschoolmatters.org. Proposals are due by Friday, November 7 at 5 p.m.

For more than two decades, After School Matters has offered Chicago high school teens high quality out-of-school time opportunities in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology that allow them to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond. It is the largest provider of high quality after-school and summer programs for high school students in the nation, creating 22,000 opportunities annually for Chicago teens, of whom 97 percent are minority and 86 percent are living at or below the federal poverty level. Research shows that teens who participate in After School Matters programs graduate from high school and enroll in college at higher rates than their peers.

ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS:

\After School Matters provides Chicago high school teens with high quality, outof-school time opportunities to explore and develop their talents while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond. Over the past two decades, more than 200,000 teens have participated in our hands-on, project-based after-school and summer programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology. Programs take place at locations throughout the city including Chicago public high schools, Chicago Park District and Chicago Public Library locations, community-based organizations and Downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. In 2014-2015, After School Matters will create 22,000 unique opportunities for teens to participate in programs. Teens can search and apply for programs online at www.afterschoolmatters.org. Follow After School Matters on Twitter at @aftrschoolmttrs, on Instagram at @afterschoolmatters, on Youtube at youtube.com/ AftrSchoolMttrs and on Facebook at facebook.com/afterschoolmatters.

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Mayor Emanuel Announces Thinkchicago: Chicago Ideas Week 2014 Fourth Annual Event Brings 139 of the Midwest's Top Engineering and Computer Science Students to Chicago; 2014 Winner of ThinkChicago: Lollapalooza Challenge Announced

Mayor Emanuel announced today the fourth annual ThinkChicago: Chicago Ideas Week, a three-day event that will introduce 139 of the Midwest's top technology and computer science students to the city's fast-growing technology industry and bring them to one of the country's most unique idea-generating conferences. This fall's ThinkChicago is the sixth installment of the successful program established by Mayor Emanuel in 2011 and the fourth to be held during Chicago Ideas Week. The students selected this year represent 23 universities, spanning 10 states predominantly from Illinois and the Midwest region.

"ThinkChicago is a unique event that brings the best and the brightest of our region's top technology students to Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "I welcome this elite group of students to Chicago as they are introduced to our city's vibrant and rapidly-growing innovation economy."

Applicants were selected based on academic excellence and demonstrated commitment to technology and innovation. The Chicago Ideas Week installment of ThinkChicago targets college students from the Midwest, as the program aims to attract up-and-coming technology talent to the city. Of the 139 students attending this year, 95 percent of the students hail from the Midwest, with 76 percent of the students from Illinois. Approximately 37 percent of students are engineering majors, 26 percent computer science, 11 percent economics, nine percent business, and seven percent natural sciences.

"ThinkChicago is not only a wonderful opportunity for students to explore Chicago's vibrant innovation ecosystem, it also provides growing companies a faceto-face connection with tremendous talent," said Jeff Malehorn, President and CEO at World Business Chicago.

Mayor Emanuel also announced the winner of the ThinkChicago: Lollapalooza Challenge, a competition among this summer's ThinkChicago: Lollapalooza students to identify ways to keep the Lollapalooza festival on the cutting edge in entertainment and technology over the next five years. The winning recipient, Reyanna Fayyaz, is pursuing a Master of Computer and Information Technology and Master of Science in Engineering in Computer Graphics and Game Technology from the University of Pennsylvania, and will receive two VIP passes to Lollapalooza 2015. Her winning entry included creating a more interactive concert experience, ways to more effectively disseminate festival information, and promoting attendee-to-attendee engagement among festival-goers.

tion. Ten students will have the opportunity to give their startup pitch to the other ThinkChicago students and a judging panel. The winning pitch will win the opportunity to represent the University of Illinois at the Student Startup Madness Competition, a national tournament-style competition for college student digital media startups, culminating in the national finals at South By Southwest (SXSW) in Austin, TX. The winner and second place student will receive a complimentary two-month residency next summer at 1871.

"ThinkChicago: Chicago Ideas Week is a valuable opportunity to showcase Chicago's vibrant tech industry and the career opportunities that are available to University of Illinois students and young alumni," said University of Illinois President Robert Easter. "We are pleased to partner with Mayor Emanuel, World Business Chicago, Chicago Ideas Week, and 1871 to facilitate this program. Retaining our students in Illinois upon graduation is a key priority for the University and will help drive economic growth across the state."

As part of the program, ThinkChicago students will attend a variety of events that include:

Panel and keynote discussions featuring renowned technologists and entrepreneurs including Shahid Khan, Owner, Jacksonville Jaguars; Caralynn Nowinski, Executive Director, UI Labs; Charles Adler, Co-founder, Kickstarter; and Howard Tullman, CEO, 1871.

• Tours of local technology companies such as Orbitz, kCura, Context Media, Civis Analytics, Motorola, and Starter League.

• Tickets to Chicago Ideas Week, including sessions such as "Entrepreneurship - Take the Leap," "Music - Deconstructing Your Playlist," and a full afternoon at the Tech Summit.

"Programs like ThinkChicago: Chicago Ideas Week, as well as ThinkChicago: Lollapalooza and 1871's Chicago College Startup Competition, are crucial to attracting and retaining the nation's top young talent," said Howard Tullman, CEO of 1871. "These initiatives position Chicago as a top location for recent graduates to live and work, and ultimately ensure that our businesses continue to have access to an extensive network of talented potential employees."

Launched in 2011, Chicago Ideas Week is a week-long event that brings together some of the world's most outstanding speakers to present their ideas and inspire the innovations of tomorrow at 80+ sessions across the city of Chicago. Chicago Ideas Week aims to be the platform for sharing big ideas, inspiring action, and igniting change to positively impact the world. People who participate in Chicago Ideas Week include artists, engineers, technologists, inventors, scientists, musicians, and economists. Mount Carmel High School Freshmen students participated in the school's inaugural week long service learning program, IMPACT, aimed at heightening the Catholic and Carmelite identity and Mission and expanding service learning opportunities for students to express their faith in action.

"The theme of the week's excursions was to focus on the gift of God's creation and the responsibility to care for and maintain the integrity of that gift," said Mr. John Stimler, principal of Mount Carmel. "Students learned about the earth and the need to take responsibility for the resources we have been given, while engaged in a variety of environmental-related service projects and learning experiences."

The freshmen began their week outside of the classroom hiking and removing litter in nearby Jackson Park and practicing contemplative prayer in the Japanese Garden on Wooded Island. The rest of the week was spent at various sites across the city and suburbs, including Indiana Dunes, Powers State Recreation Area, Chicago Botanic Gardens and the Garfield Park Conservatory. The week concluded with an all-class retreat day, consisting of reflection and a class liturgy.

"What I think the students gained from this experience is a raised consciousness and stronger relationship with the environment," said Mr. John Haggerty, IMPACT coordinator and Vice President of Mission Effectiveness at Mount Carmel. "They now know the adjustments they can make in their dayto-day lives to preserve and protect our resources and that even small changes have a global impact."

This week was the first of three IM-PACT weeks that Mount Carmel students will take part in. The sophomores will participate in January and focus on the theme of hunger and poverty. The juniors will participate in March and focus on the dignity of the human person.

"Our commitment to service goes beyond fulfilling service hours," said Fr. Tony Mazurkiewicz, O.Carm. '92, president of Mount Carmel. "This program was a great opportunity for all of us to grow deeper in our understanding of the integrity of God's creation and our Christian call to service."

The IMPACT program was first implemented at Crespi Carmelite High School in Los Angeles, and recently at Salpointe Catholic High School in Tucson and brought on at Mount Carmel for the first time this year.

Mount Carmel High School is Chicago's premier college preparatory school for young men. Located just south of the Museum of Science and Industry and the University of Chicago, Mount Carmel attracts students from all across the Chicagoland area. Over a century after Mount Carmel's founding in 1900, under the leadership of the Carmelites, the school continues to fulfill its mission to live with zeal for God, for life, and for learning.

"We're proud to partner with the City of Chicago, the University of Illinois, World Business Chicago and 1871 to bring our nation's most talented students to Chicago," said Brad Keywell, Chicago Ideas Week Founder and Co-Chairman. "By showcasing Chicago as a hub of technological and entrepreneurial innovation, ThinkChicago draws graduates to our vibrant city to kick off their careers and build new ventures."

For the first time, this year ThinkChicago will be hosting a startup pitch competi-

For more information on Think Chicago, visit www.ThinkChicago.net. For more information on Chicago Ideas Week visit www.chicagoideas.com. For more information on the Student Startup Madness Competition, visit www.studentstartupmadness.com.

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