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TAFT HIGH SCHOOL'S BACCALAUREATE FRESHMEN VOLUNTEER AT NORWOOD CROSSING

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Twenty-five incoming freshmen, all part of Taft High School's International Baccalaureate program, recently spent one-half day at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, as part of their "days of service" volunteer program. Working in conjunction with Norwood Life Society's norVOLution volunteer program, the students: planted new flowers and watered the entire garden in Memory Support; worked on crafts with residents and walked Bunny, a therapy dog; re-organized the library; participated in Creating Choreography; helped the Life Enrichment staff organize supplies in its Art Studio; washed and wiped down chairs in Riley's dining area and in the Northcott Solariums; prepared admission packages and shredded documents for the Admissions Department; took residents shopping; and assisted in the Thrift Shop. The days of service program is sponsored by MGR Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that uses programs to impact communities while working with Chicago Public Schools to overcome social and economic barriers. "This program instills the seeds of volunteerism in our most valued treasure-today's young people-and we are most grateful," said Kate Roche (seated, front row, fifth from left), norVOLution director at Norwood Crossing.

ANNUAL CHICAGO'S GREEKFEST AT ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH SEE PULL-OUT SECTION PAGES 5-8

Pappas Urges Delinquent Owners to Pay 2010 Property Taxes

Owners of homes and other real property who have not paid property taxes for tax year 2010 (originally payable in 2011) should pay immediately to avoid having their taxes offered for auction at the Annual Tax Sale which begins August 3, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Pappas said owners with unpaid bills for tax year 2010 should go to her office's website, cookcountytreasurer.com, and pay electronically by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 27. Payment also can be made at Chase banks with a certified check, cashier's check or money order by August 1.

The Tax Sale is a four-day auction at which tax buyers bid on unpaid taxes, this year for 2010 bills (mailed in 2011). If the owner does not redeem, the tax buyer can ask a court for title to the property. Owners redeeming taxes from buyers face penalties and interest costs.

Currently, the taxes for some 59,000 properties are delinquent. To alert owners, earlier last month the Treasurer's Office published delinquency lists in newspapers and sent notices by certified mail to the owners.

Pappas noted that owners should make sure they pay any delinquent tax bill first, before paying the newly issued Second Installment bill. "Unsure owners should go to cookcountytreasurer.com and check their payment status," Pappas said.

If they find a delinquency, they can stay on the website and pay electronically, Pappas said.





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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers August Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in August.

A free lecture titled **'Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgery for Women'** will be held Monday, August 6, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The gynecological procedure known as hysterectomy is the second most common surgery among women in the United States. Allan Adajar, M.D., an obstetrics and gynecology specialist, will discuss minimally invasive laparoscopic and robotic types of gynecological procedures, including how this type of surgery is done, its risks and benefits, and will answer questions. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, August 10, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Tuesday, August 21, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

The Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group will meet Wednesday, August 22, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center C. This free support group provides mutual support and education. Cardiology staff will conduct sessions and answer questions related to pacemakers and internal cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Registration is not required.

A cholesterol screening will be conducted Thursday, August 23, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening requires a 12-hour fast and tests for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL levels. Test results will be mailed. There is a \$15 fee, payable at the screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, August 23, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required. Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

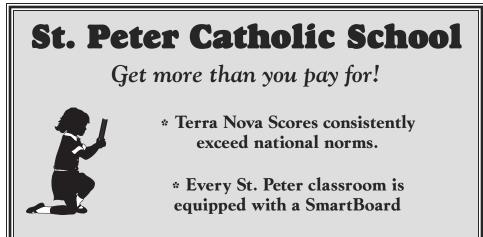
Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 12 o'clock Noon at Hilltop Family Restaurant, 2800 W. Foster (Northwest corner of Foster & California) Aug. 9th - There will be no guest speaker today. A Board of Directors

Aug. 9th - There will be no guest speaker today. A Board of Directors meeting will follow the regular Meeting.

Aug. 23rd -Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. Our guest speaker is Peter Cherr, Sales Operations Specialist for CCH, a Wolters Kluwer Business. Peter and some of his employees helped out with our Peanut Day last year.

For more information, please call Ron Heiderman @ 773-561-0455 or email to rheiderman@sbcglobal.net



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BOARD OF REVIEW NOW ALLOWS PRE-FILING OF 2012 ASSESSMENT COMPLAINTS

Fritchey urges neighbors to take advantage of opportunity

Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey (D-12th) today informed constituents that beginning July 16, 2012, all homeowners in Cook County may preregister their 2012 property tax assessment complaints even if the township in which they live has not yet opened for review in the Board of Review's 2012 session. Appeals can be filed online at cookcountyboardofreview.com.

In the past, property owners were able to file an appeal only when the township in which their property resides was open for review. Under the new system, property owners can file their appeal before the township officially opens and the Board of Review will hold the complaint until the appropriate township filing period.

"I can't tell you how often I hear from people who are frustrated over how complicated the property tax system is in Cook County," Fritchey said. "Though we have a long way to go, I applaud the Board of Review Commissioners for implementing a common-sense reform such as this one. By removing one obstacle facing property owners looking to file their appeal, the Board of Review has injected some much needed flexibility into the process."

The Board of Review will not accept any pre-registration complaints or regular assessment complaints for a property located in a township where the thirty-day (30) filling period has ended for the 2012 session.

Fritchey also reminded taxpayers that while the filing of an appeal may reduce the assessed value of a property for a future tax bill, it does not remove the obligation to pay the current second-installment tax bill in full and on time. Secondinstallment bills are due no later than August 1, 2012.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 5320 W. Giddings, lower level of the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments. For more information, call 773-282-3879.

Evanston Switches Energy Provider, ComEd Notifications Mailed out this Week

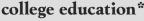
The City of Evanston's Electricity Aggregation Program enrolled 24,768 customers with Constellation Energy this week, which will allow residential and small business customers to receive a fixed rate of 4.797 cents/kWh for the next 12 months. Only 2%, or roughly 500 account holders, opted out of the city's program during the 21-day opt-out period.

Customers included in the program are receiving confirmation letters from ComEd this week notifying them of the switch to Constellation Energy. Customers have a ten-day period to cancel their switch to Constellation Energy and can do so by calling Constellation Energy at 1-800-718-1493. Also, any customer participating in the program can cancel their participation and go back to ComEd without penalty at any time during the duration of the 12month contract.

Through the March 20, 2012 referendum vote, 73% of Evanston voters asked the City of Evanston to work to obtain lower electricity supply rates for its residents and small businesses through an opt-out electricity aggregation program. On April 30, 2012, the Evanston City Council voted unanimously to purchase electricity from Constellation Energy, an Alternate Retail Electricity Supplier (ARES), for the city's Electricity Aggregation Program.

A 100% renewable energy mix will be used, which makes Evanston one of the few Illinois communities to purchase energy at a substantially lower rate for its residents, while attaining the benefits of renewable energy at the same time.

Questions or comments about the Electricity Aggregation Program should be submitted by calling 3-1-1 or online at www.cityofevanston.org/311.



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Wheaton College Sues over HHS Mandate

Leading Evangelical Institution Joins The Catholic University of America to Preserve Religious Freedom

Wheaton College, the leading evangelical liberal arts institution, filed a lawsuit alongside The Catholic University of America in the D.C. District Court, opposing the Health and Human Services "Preventative Services" mandate, which forces both institutions to violate their deeply held religious beliefs or pay severe fines. This alliance marks the first-ever partnership between Catholic and an evangelical institutions to oppose the same regulation in the same court.

"This mandate is not just a Catholic issue—it threatens people of all faiths," says Kyle Duncan, General Counsel, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "Wheaton's historic decision to join the fight alongside a Catholic institution shows the broad consensus that the mandate endangers everyone's religious liberty."

Wheaton's religious convictions prevent it from providing its employees with access to abortion-causing drugs. The college's lawsuit acts to preserve its religious liberty and the right to carry out its mission free from government coercion.

"Wheaton College and other distinctively Christian institutions are faced with a clear and present threat to our religious liberty," says Wheaton College President, Dr. Philip Ryken. "Our first president, the abolitionist Jonathan Blanchard, believed it was imperative to act in defense of freedom. In bringing this suit, we act in defense of freedom again."

"As the president of the national university of the Catholic Church, I am happy to express solidarity with our evangelical brothers from Wheaton College as they challenge the HHS mandate. Wheaton's lawsuit is another sign of how troubling many people of faith find the government's efforts to chip away at our first freedom," added Catholic University President, John Garvey.

There are now 24 separate lawsuits challenging the HHS mandate, which is a regulation under the Affordable Care Act (aka "Obamacare"). Catholic University filed suit on May 21, 2012. These HHS challenges were not affected by the Supreme Court's June 28th ruling on the constitutionality of the "individual mandate."

The Becket Fund led the charge against the unconstitutional HHS mandate, and along with Wheaton represents: Belmont Abbey College, Colorado Christian University, the Eternal Word Television Network, and Ave Maria University.

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is a non-profit, public-interest law firm dedicated to protecting the free expression of all religious traditions—from Anglicans to Zoroastrians. For 18 years its attorneys are recognized as experts in the field of church-state law, and they recently won a 9-0 victory in Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC, which The Wall Street Journal called one of "the most important religious liberty cases in a half century."

For more information, please contact Jameson Cunningham with Shirley & Banister Public Affairs at jcunningham@sbpublicaffairs.com or (703) 739-5920.

Village of Lincolnwood Officially Opens "The Promenade"

Mayor Gerald Turry, along with the Village Board and the Beautification Commission, officially dedicated the newly renovated walkway between Village Hall and the Police Department on Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place announcing the grand opening of "The Promenade" to approximately 50 guests.

The ceremony included a musical performance by Lincolnwood's own Ruderman family trio of father Dick and sons Aaron and Barry. A short reception followed the ceremony in Village Hall prior to the 7:30pm Village Board meeting.

A Naming Contest was held by the Village for this newly renovated space. Over 50 entries were received from members of the community. At the July 17 Committee of the Whole the Village Board narrowed the field to five choices. Guests at the ribbon cutting were asked to vote for their favorite name. The winning entry was received by Warren Marwedel. The name will be "The Promenade". Mr. Marwedel will be recognized at the August 21 Village Board meeting for his entry. He will get his picture taken with Mayor Turry and will receive recognition in the Connections Newsletter. He will also receive a complimentary commemorative brick that

Galewood Centurion Celebrates 100th Birthday

In a Century of Progress Marion Bruska Marvels Most at Her Kindle!

Embracing today's technology at age 100, avid reader Marion Bruska, says one amazing thing she could never have imagined is her "Kindle book." "You order whatever you would like to read, it comes to the Kindle and it doesn't get any bigger," says Marion, who was born in Chicago on April 6, 1912, a week before the Titanic sank.

While Marion celebrates modern marvels, her family, friends and fellow residents and staff at Victory Centre of Galewood, the supportive living community where she lives, are hosting a 100th Birthday Party on Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. to celebrate Marion's significant milestone as well as her rosy outlook and inspiring life.



Marion Bruska

Reflecting on life at 100 Marion says, "Being alive is the best thing. Looking back, you see why something occurred and why you made a detour. Why your life turned out differently than you planned."

Before her first birthday, Marion caught scarlet fever and doctors predicted a short, sickly life for her. Marion defied the odds then and continued to throughout the course of her life. Marion didn't meet her soul mate and husband until age 40 and began having babies in her early 40s, an age when most other women's babies were nearly grown. Marion flew across the ocean for the first time at age 72 and went backpacking in Europe at age 74.

Marion gives simple, lovely advice for achieving longevity, "Don't go through life carrying a grudge. Learn to forgive and forget. Make a habit out of being kind; never deliberately hurt someone's feelings. Everyday stop and see something beautiful."

CSAGSI Event: Finding Your Catholic Ancestors: Using Church Records in the Archdiocese of Chicago

Ginger Frere, a reference librarian in Genealogy and Local History at the Newberry Library, will show us how church records can provide many valuable details about our ancestors.

August 18, 2012, 1:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange at 150 S. Ashland Avenue in LaGrange Illinois. Cost: Free

For further information: http://www.csagsi.org

FoBNC Event: Trees That Talk: Conversing with Our Ancestors Through Limestone Trees

Samantha Chmelik will show us how to read the symbols our ancestors used on their gravemarkers.

August 19, 2012, 1:30 PM at Ceremony Hall in the Columbarium at Bohemian National Cemetery at 5255 N. Pulaski in Chicago Illinois. Cost: Free

For further information: http://www.friendsofbnc.org/ or contact Marge Sladek Stueckemann at 847-362-9036 or mdstueck@aol.com.

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra Concert

On Sunday, September 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm, the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will present "Bridging the Gap: an Interfaith Concert of Muslim and Jewish Music," celebrating 500 Years of Friendship in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Program includes Josip Slavenski's "Muslimani," Ilya Levinson's "Shtetl Scenes," works by John Williams, and traditional Bosnian sevdah music adapted by Philip Simmons. The program will feature vocal soloist Imam Senad Agic, guest speaker Rabbi Neil Brief and the Chicago Syntagma Musicum Chorus.

The concert will be held at the American Islamic College located at 640 W. Irving Park in Chicago. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.americanmusicfestivals.com.

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will be placed in the Promenade.

It's not too late to be a part of Lincolnwood's history by purchasing a commemorative brick for The Promenade. Engraved bricks (4" x 8") are sold for \$75 each, which includes the cost of engraving and installation. For an additional \$50 a duplicate brick may be purchased to keep. Commemorative bricks provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to publicly honor your family, friends or business, while permanently recording your place in Village history. Proceeds from the sale of engraved bricks will be used for park improvements. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

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Local Arts and Entertainment

"A Theater Review" "Hero" **Marriott Theatre** 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

My sincere congratulations to the Marriott Theatre, Terry James, Aaron Thielen and Michael Mahler for giving Chicago theatergoers a brand new musical "Hero." It works and should be a major success.

I love the theatre and enjoy the old chestnuts but it's nice to see new shows and when you plan a season of five musicals for subscribers and patrons it is difficult to please all but you need to attend with an open mind.

Michael Mahler is a composer, lyricist, actor and musical director and has developed some terrific musical numbers for the show.

Aaron Thielen, the playwright, has developed an engaging book for the show and one audiences will love or I feel should love.

David H. Bell, the director, has assembled a strong cast of actors, singers and dancers with Erich Bergan as Hero Batowski, Heidi Kettenring as Jane Foster, Don Forston as Al the father of Hero in the story, and Dara Cameron as Susan. Alex Goodrich is Kirk Michael, Aaron Lindner is Kyle, the beautiful and the talented Summer Naomi Smart is Adele. Jonah Rawitz is Nate who you'll be hearing a lot of.

Others in the ensemble are Kelly Abell, Jameson Cooper and Alex Goldklang.

The show runs a fast two and a half hours and you'll be entertained by such songs as "My Superhero Life," "The Start of Something Good," "What it Takes to be a Man," "That's My Kryptonite," and "There is Wonder All Around," to name a few songs from the show.

The story deals with Hero who is a talented young artist who would like to be living a superhero life. Hero is living at home with his father who runs a store that sells comic books in Milwaukee.

As the story unfolds things change when he bumps into his old girlfriend, Jane.

Alex Goodrich is Hero's best friend and this 6' giant will have you rolling in the aisles with his comic performance. With help from his father, Kirk, Hero begins to realize his own dream.

I would pay and go back to see this show. With a little tightening it could be Broadway-bound. "Hero" runs through August 19th. For performance days show times - reservations- call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$40 - \$48. -Four Stars-

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Lincolnwood Featuring New Artist

Beginning July 16, 2012, the art of Gregory Maire will be featured in the Village's art gallery. This show, entitled "Gregory Maire: A Study in Color and Form" will run from July 16 to August 31, 2012. The Village will host a public reception for the art exhibit on July 17, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

The art is displayed at Village Hall, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Art Gallery section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm.

TREASURE SWAP CLOTHING PARTY FOR CHARITY

Join us for an afternoon of charity and fun! We are thrilled to announce the Treasure Swap Clothing Party for Charity, which will be hosted by the Council 27 of the Polish Women's Alliance of America on Saturday, August 18 from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

The clothing proceeds will benefit victims of domestic abuse served by the Polish American Association.

COUNCIL 27 OF THE POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA IS HOSTING A TREASURE SWAP CLOTHING PARTY FOR CHARITY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012, FROM 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. AT BO PAD-OWSKI'S ENCHANTED GARDEN, 9500 GREENWOOD DRIVE, DES PLAINES, IL

Here's how it works:

For every piece of women's clothing, accessories (hats, scarfs, belts, shoes, purses, jewelry) outerwear, etc. that you bring, you get to select up to the same number of "new to you" items to take home. All items must be in "gently used" or" like new" condition or they will not be accepted.

Any items remaining at the end of the Party, will be donated to the PAA.

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For Information: Bo Padowski 847 420-4070, Antoinette Trela 847 323-1005

JR. BANDIT CROSS COUNTRY INVITE

Grammar school students are invited to participate in the Resurrection College Prep High School Jr. Bandit Cross Country Invite on September 8, 2012 on the campus of Resurrection College Prep High School. Team and individual runners are invited to participate in the following categories: Varsity Girls (7th and 8th grade), Varsity Boys (7th and 8th grade), Jr. Varsity (JV) Girls (6th grade and under) and Jr. Varsity (JV) Boys (6th grade and under). The Varsity race will be 1.5 miles and the JV race will be 1 mile. Check-in time is 8:15 am and the races will begin every twenty minutes, beginning at 9 am.

The fee is \$10 for an individual runner or \$100 per team. To register, please submit the registration form found on the Resurrection College Prep website at www.reshs.org<http://www.reshs.org> under the "Jr. High Events" tab. Questions may be directed to Cross Country Coach Fred Angelini at

fangelini@reshs.org<mailto:fangelini@reshs.org> or 847.334.1718 or contact the school at 77.775.6616 Ext 134.

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 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

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OUR HISTORY

The Festival Committee at St. Demetrios has been busy planning and organizing our 63rd Annual Chicago's GreekFest and St. Demetrios is celebrating its 84th year as a parish in this community. It hasn't been an easy summer with soaring scorching temperatures but when you are busy planning an event such as ours the time today. In 1940 when the Depression years were finally put behind them, the Annunciation Cathedral and St. Demetrios Church reorganized under one community and became the United Greek Orthodox Churches of Chicago. In 1982, the membership of the United Community, in a special assembly, voted unanimously to dissolve the United Greek Orthodox Church and to allow Annunciation (the mother church) and St. Demetrios (the fledgling) to function as independent churches as is

goes quickly, in spite of the hard work we all seem to have fun working together as usual at St. Demetrios.

We extend a cordial invitation to all of you, bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy the three-day weekend with us. Come join us on August 17, 18, 19 at St. Demetrios Church.. We are about to open our doors to a weekend of the greatest of our authentic Greek cuisine and a sizzling program of entertainment for the entire family that will not break the bank. We have spent many an hour making sure that prices remain stable yet the quality and consistency we are known for remains the same. St. Demetrios is in the far north section of Chicago's Lincoln Square almost at the far northwest corner of the city as one embarks into surrounding suburban towns of Lincolnwood, Evanston, Skokie. We are nestled next to Swedish Covenant Hospital on a quiet residential street where St. Demetrios Church got its start in 1927. A small group of parish council members of the Annunciation Cathedral at 1017 N. La Salle Street, who were responsible for directing the affairs and destiny of one of the oldest Greek Orthodox Church



www.StDemetriosChicagoGreekFest.com

communities in Chicago, conceived the idea of a church school and chapel closer to their homes on the far north side of Chicago where the church now stands on Winona. This was a dream that took fruition and became a reality with the purchase of a property bounded by Carmen Avenue on the South, Washtenaw on the West and Winona Street on the North. They planned a school and chapel in spite of the then difficult economic times and became a reality when they built the building on the property where our church now stands.

History somehow repeats itself every so often, as we all well know. During all the planning of this great edifice was taking place, the country was in the midst of the Great Depression years of the early 1930's but the spirit of those early founders was undaunted. They worked hard, using their own funds to support their idea of a School and Chapel on this property. At times, they had to sacrifice not only their own money but put in a great deal of personal labor carrying coal and doing many other tasks to maintain and support the building they had so lovingly built. On the corner of Carmen and Washtenaw still stands a beautiful two unit yellow brick building that was the home of two of the families that were from the original parish council that envisioned the dream for the property on which St. Demetrios stands. They were some of the same people who loved this church so much they would be seen walking from their home with a small wagon carrying the coal that would be used to heat the building. This group established the Solon Greek School in 1928, which still exists and gives young people Greek language education and an opportunity to enhance their educational backgrounds as citizens of this country. In 1937 the Religious Education program was begun at St. Demetrios and still flourishes

faithful as a part of the Metropolis of Chicago, which comprises six Midwestern states, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois, under the spiritual guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos. We all recognize that our nation is in difficult economic times that has affected many of our faithful and community and has delayed some of our dreams for improving our church facility for the time being. One thing is for sure, the spirit of our founders back in 1927 still runs deep in our community and everyone clergy, parish council members, church staff, parishioners young and not-so-young, friends of St. Demetrios and everyone surrounding this large family of St.Demetrios is pitching in to help whether with monetary donations or volunteering to serve in whatever is needed...and the love within this community is shining brightly onto our path into future decades.

We welcome you to our Festival and thank you in advance for sharing in our proud heritage and look forward to offering our hospitality to you on August 17, 18, 19.

Note: You might also be interested to know that our Patron Saint is St. Demetrios of Thessaloniki - also known as Salonika; a port city in the northern Macedonian region of Greece. In the "Myrovlitis" book store of our St. Demetrios Church you will find a book entitled "O God of Demetrios" which tells the story of St. Demetrios a Saint revered by our church and our faithful. He is our inspiration for he had everything young people seek - education, wealth, position, respect, athletic

customary in the Metropolis. The historic decision took effect on January 1, 1983. During the 1980's and 1990's many physical improvements were made to the original structure namely, the Byzantine Iconography in the church interior, the enlarged Narthex as you enter the church of St. Demetrios, the enclosed front staircase with its beautiful stained glass windows and the addition of an elevator. Like any living entity, St. Demetrios is continuously striving to improve its structure and its services to its parishioners and the community. Since the mid-1990's into the present decade, St. Demetrios Church under the spiritual guidance and leadership of our Priest, Father Apostolos N. Georgiafentis and assistant Father Peter Sarolas, continue to make improvements to the aging structure and bring more of the Orthodox Iconography into the interior and establishing many spiritually enriching programs and activities for the parishioners and the children of the community. The St. Demetrios Church community being a living entity continues to grow in spirit and in beauty. It continues to serve faithfully the thousands who enter the doors every year and to provide the sacraments to its

abilities, good looks, strength, popularity but most of all he was courageous, committed to the Lord and faithful.



John Laftsidis, VP and James Pappas, Pres Parish Council



Zach Bazianos, Chris Tsiones, John Laftsidis (3 of 4 co-chairs 2012 Fest with a guest

STAR STUDDED MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

We didn't stop at food alone because we planned a weekend of musical entertainment for the soul and for your entertainment. Any music lover will agree that the admission to our Festival is minuscule compared to the extraordinary opportunity to hear some world renown musical talent all performing on one stage and to have the privilege to enjoy such virtuosos with all the Greek ambiance we have created under a summer sky. . The Stage is set and your invitation is to join us to enjoy this star studded program planned for all of our guests.

PRESENTING ON STAGE

* On Friday night, August 17 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. come and enjoy the exciting music of the NORTHSIDE - a Rock 'n Roll group who grew up at the St. Demetrios Church community and actually got their start right here in the Miller Center (then known as the Grand Hall) of our Church. The group is back to perform at this great weekend Chicago's Greek Fest 2012, and includes the talent of Chris Stamos on drums, Bob Spilios, bass, Louie Kritikos lead guitar and George Skoubis, guitar and keyboards. They will be bringing the best in Rock n. Roll from the 1970's to the present For the first time this year they will be joined by their offspring, who are also talented youth of our St. Demetrios community following in their fathers' foot steps on stage with the NORTHSIDE:

★ FUTURE NORTHSIDE - Alex and Dean Kritikos, Jimmy and Peter Skoubis
 ★ OPENING DOORS - including St. Demetrios' own Luke Stamos and Niko Kapetan

* STYROFOAM ARMY - including St. Demetrios' own Dimitri and Niko Kapetan

* On Saturday and Sunday nights, August 18- 19 you will enjoy the incomparable JOHN LINARDAKIS BAND under the direction of John Linardakis along with Frank Rhokas, bouzouki, Dino Koulianos, lead vocalist, George Marks, keyboards and John Verros, drums. Performing both Greek and American dance and listening music for your pleasure. Featured guest artist clarinetist Dr. Thanasi Zervas. Dr. Zervas is a composer, theorist, conductor, virtuoso reed player. Dr. Zervas was born

in Filiatra in the Southern Peloponnese in Greece and he studied music at the Athens Music Conservatory as well as the State Conservatory of Thessaloniki Greece. He holds a Doctorate of Music Composition and a Master of Music in Saxophone performance from Northwestern University, Evanston, Il. As well as a B.A. in music from Chicago State University. As a composer Thanasi has had many performances of his compositions in the U.S., Europe and Africa. He is a specialist in contemporary music composition, orchestration and improvisation. His articles and research papers have been published by the University of Central Missouri, The University of Athens and the University of Macedonia to name a few. Dr. Zervas is presently an Associate Professor of Music theory at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, Greece and the chief editor of the electronic music theory composition journal. He is an internationally



Dr. Thanasi Zervas

known and accomplished musician and we are honored to have him perform at the St. Demetrios Chicago's GreekFest 2012 along with the John Linardakis Band.

* Also appearing as a guest performer with the Linardakis Band on Sunday evening will be Soprano, Carol Lo Verde, a specialist in Chamber music of many genres. Ms. Lo Verde is a native of Chicago. She has a B.A. in music from



* Included in this star studded weekend of musical entertainment we will also present the already famous Hellas Dance Troupe on Sunday evening and our very own ST. DEMETRIOS SOLON GREEK SCHOOL DANCERS (another talented youth group from our St. Demetrios Greek School program - under the direction of Mrs. Diamando Siomos will perform on Sunday night only at 8:30 p.m. The outfits they will be wearing are authentic Greek dress apparel representing Greece.

Adding to the excitement of this incredible weekend of food and entertainment at St. Demetrios's Chicago Greek FEST August 17, 18, 19, Chicago Bear Fans, will



John Linardakis - Diane Alexander White Photography

have an opportunity to meet and chat with a former Chicago Bear. Does the Score 46-10 bring fond memories? It was the score of the 1985 SUPER BOWL CHAM-



Steve McMichael

three times. Join in the fun and meet Steve right here at St. Demetrios Church's CHICAGO GREEKFEST.

From 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday there will be plenty of activity for kid. We will have a KIDDIE KORNER CRAFT CLASSROOM with hands-on learning of various crafts in the Chris Korbilas Family Community Center Room, as you enter the main entrance of the church building on the 1st Level, as well as CLOWN AND PUPPET SHOWS. There will also be GAMES AND RIDES continuously during all three nights.

You may also want to stroll through our Greek Marketplace (AGORA) just like in ancient Athens at the Foot of the Acropolis. Our Marketplace is located in our air-conditioned Miller Center. Here at St. Demetrios we also like to encour-

PIONSHIP! Here is your chance to meet and talk to one of the heroes of that game. Steve McMichael will be with us at the St. Demetrios Chicago's GreekFest 2012 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Have an autographed picture with Steve, ask him questions about the current season or just get to meet him in person. A raffle will be held of authentic CHICAGO BEARS memorabilia including a CHICAGO BEARS JERSEY. Kids will receive a special gift from the BEARS just for coming by to meet Steve McMichael.

STEVE MCMICHAEL was a defensive tackle and played 13 seasons for the CHICAGO BEARS. Twice reaching the Pro Bowl and four times being named All-Pro. He played a total of 191 games with the Bears, more than anyone else in the team's history. While McMichael was a Bear the team won six NFC Central Division titles, Super Bowl XX and went to the NFC Championship game

Our kiddie craft classroom.

Mundelein College and pursued formal studies in voice at Indiana University in Bloomington. Ms. Lo Verde has a reputation for possessing a pure, clear voice capable of a wide range of color and she has a unique sense of musical style and extraordinary musicianship. Ms. Lo Verde is an Associate Professor of music at Columbia College, Chicago and teaches voice and musicianship. She will duet for the first time with Dr. Thanasi Zervas in Greek and Italian compositions. age entrepreneurs. Come and stroll through our Marketplace... hand crafted toys, bags, wooden frames, and interesting signs to enhance your home or office, jewelry, sun glasses, hand bags, scarves, Sweet Basil plants, a well known chiropractor, originally designed unique stone jewelry, the presence of the talented hand work of the sisters of St. John Chrysostomos Monastery, from Kenosha, Wisconsin and our own St. Demetrios Myrovlitis book and Icon Store with religious icons and books in both Greek and English as well as other religious items such as incense, charcoal, etc..

You may also enjoy a TOUR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH and the Byzantine Iconography therein. One of our parish council members will take you through the church and explain the various religious items and Icons therein. Look for a schedule in our Program Book as you enter the church grounds.

While at the Festival you are greeted with the words KALOS ORISATE (kalos orisate) translated in English means - good welcome. We welcome you with open arms to our church home and hope your weekend with us is memorable. When we raise our glass of water or other beverage and say to you STHN HGIA SAS (estin eyea sas) we mean in English "TO YOUR HEALTH" We thank you for gracing our church home with your presence! See you on August 17, 18, 19. For further information you may call the church office at 773-561-5992 or visit our website at www.StDemetriosGreekFestChicago.com

OUR INCOMPARABLE GREEK CUISINE



Grilling our fabulous souvlakia.

Come and Join Us for an Incredible Weekend at the St. Demetrios Chicago's Greekfest at 2727 West Winona Street in Chicago August 17, 18, 19. You will enjoy some of the greatest Greek cuisine and pastries, a star studded program of musical entertainment, activities for the whole family and most of all, the same warm hospitality that will greet you in Greece. All for much less of course. It may not be exactly like the sunny shores of Greece, the warm balmy weather or the cool breezes at night coming off the Mediterranean.....but for sure it is the same hot weather. Remember this is still Chicago so anything can change at a moments notice as far as the weather is concerned.. It is not Omonia Square or Syntagma in beautiful Athens but we are nestled on a quiet residential street in another square called Lincoln Square in Chicago.. Here you will be able to experience the authentic cuisine and the excising music of Greece, without the major expense of air fare and expensive hotels.

Our Greek Cuisine is a labor of love and although sometimes our recipes seem awfully long and time consuming, Greeks look at cooking as an art. It is not meant to be a fast food type cuisine but one that requires time and energy and the best in flavorful ingredients and seasonings. Just like the French start their meals whether large or small with the words Bon Appetit so the Greeks have always cared about the nutritional value of their food and love to cook so they use the words "Kali Orexi" - Good Appetite. Of course, you would not traditionally

hear the words Good Appetite in America but the Greeks in America continue to say "Kali Orexi" upon sitting down for a meal. So we take this opportunity to wish all of you who venture to our Festival on August 17, 18, 19 - "Kali Orexi".

When you are ready for your dinner, whatever the hour you choose, walk over to our FOOD TENT for a wonderful assortment of authentically prepared Greek dishes, which we create with the freshest and finest ingredients we can obtain right here in our church kitchens. You may want to enjoy our GRECIAN CHICKEN - marinated and seasoned with lemon, oregano and wine and served with the fluffiest rice pilaf. Or you may decide on our popular SOUVLAKI succulent pork tenderloin shish-kabob which we marinate Greek-style with lemon, garlic and oregano. Shish-kabob is a Turkish word. In ancient time, the Greek shepherds skewered pieces of meat and vegetables and cooked them over coals in the ground. They would then surround the spit and enjoy these morsels for the Gods! Remember knives and forks were not always available. Or why not try our ROASTED GREEK LEG OF LAMB - The lamb is marinated with cloves of garlic, salt and pepper, oregano, thyme, spearmint flakes, lemons and wine and roasted carefully till it melts in your mouth. Traditionally the roasting of lamb was always a man's job and still today you will find that the men of the continued next page



Three lovely ladies - Kafenio!



from the 1970's through the present day with Chris Stamos on drums, Bob Spilios, bass, Louie Kritikos lead guitar and George Skoubis, guitar and keyboards. For the first time this year they will be joined by their offspring, who are also talented youth of our church community following in their father's foot steps on stage with the NORTHSIDE.

Saturday & Sunday Night Featured Guest Artists... internationally renown Dr. Thanasi Zervas,



Composer/Clarinetist in from Greece, PhD Northwestern University, Associate Professor of Music, University of Thessaloniki, Greece and Soprano Carol Lo Verde, a specialist in chamber music of many genres, Associate Professor of Music at Columbia College Chicago. Ms. Lo Verde will duet for the first time with Dr. Thanasi Zervas on Sunday evening in both Greek and Italian compositions. Saturday Night at 9:00 p.m. only ... The HELLAS DANCE TROUPE Sunday Night: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Meet CHICAGO BEARS LEGEND: Steve "Mongo" McMichael Sunday Night at 8:30 p.m. only... The SOLON GREEK SCHOOL DANCERS

Join us for a fun and unforgettable weekend!

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OUR INCOMPARABLE GREEK CUISINE

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household always are ready and proud to handle this job as they do here at St. Demetrios.. Our GYROS is delicious and it is carved fresh - it is not packaged but freshly made throughout the day. Why not try our GREEK FRIES - sprinkled with Feta. You will not be able to stop eating them! Or how about some GREEK BURGER SLIDERS.. Yummy indeed!

Perhaps it is PASTITSIO that will hit the spot - a macaroni and ground beef seasoned with salt and pepper, cinnamon, red wine and tomato sauce which is then topped with a rich cream sauce of eggs and milk and baked to perfection. Pastitsio is a favorite Greek family recipe for celebrations and holidays This is truly what I mean about being a labor of love... it is a labor intensive process to prepare but oh how delicious to eat. We also have TYROPITA - home made Greek style cheese pie in crispy filo crust and our famous SPANAKOPITA homemade (not bought) Greek style Spinach Pie, which we prepare with fresh spinach, feta cheese, green onions and seasonings of the Greek cuisine and bake it in a crispy filo crust. Unforgettable food.

Since the Mediterranean Cuisine is abundant with fresh vegetables - try our GREEK SALAD if you wish, which we prepare with all freshly tossed salad greens season with our Greek dressing of olive oil, wine vinegar sprinkled with oregano and garnished with feta cheese and Greek olives and anchovies. A meal in itself.

No Greek meal stops with the food alone. A must have at our Festival are the plethora of desserts which are all hand made right here in our kitchens. After dinner walk over to our Pastry Tent where you will find the best Greek Pastries around because they are made with recipes that have been prized by our St. Demetrios families through the years. The choices are innumerable. If you cannot taste them all at the FESTIVAL, you can also take a box home to enjoy the next day while you reminisce about the wonderful weekend of fun you have had with us. You cannot leave the grounds without at least tasting our now unforgettable famous LOUKOUMADES (puff pastry) made from scratch, sprinkled with honey and cinnamon and served warm continuously throughout the three days. I did say our food is labor intensive and served with love.

When you pick up your mouth watering pastries why not walk over to our KAFENIO (Coffee House).....ask one of our charming hostesses to make you a cup of GREEK COFFEE perhaps Metrio....and enjoy, maybe for the first time, the ambrosia of this wonderful cup of coffee. If you don't feel adventurous then



Multi-tasking Parish Council members Chris Tsiones, John Laftsidis and Nick Antonopoulos grilling chickens.

PLAIN AMERICAN COFFEE is available for you. My favorite is always the FRAPPE! Nothing like it especially on a hot humid night which may be the case for us on August 17, 18, 19.....just from the experience of this very hot sizzling summer we have been encountering this year. The KAFENIO also serves Milk Shakes, Smoothies (most flavors, a small fruit plate also Lemonade and home made Yogurt. It is always service with a smile in our KAFENIO.

Last but not at all least in our preparation for this Great Festival, you will want to stop by our BEVERAGE BARS - one located on the grounds (Carmen Side) and one in our air-conditioned Miller Center. There you will find most every beverage that might suit your taste for the evenings you are with us....cokes, water, wine, or any other beverage your taste buds call for. The two beverage bars are manned by members of our parish council as well as gentlemen volunteering their services, some for many years, from our church community. Dino and his group will be serving with a smile and perhaps a joke or two very much like our founders back in 1927. We seem to follow in each others foot steps here at St. Demetrios.

RADITIONAL GREEK RECIPES

ROAST LEG OF LAMB

Leg of Lamb has to be my very favorite of the red meats. It is served in different ways for different occasions. For a general small family or friends gathering, purchase a leg of lamb weighing about 5 to 6 pounds. When I serve it for Easter (Pascha) dinner or larger family gatherings of 12 or more, I purchase a leg of lamb weighing about 10 pounds. From my experience, I always make sure that I purchase USA lamb from Colorado as opposed to imported lamb. I like the

taste much better. Serves Six:

1 leg of Lamb 5 to 6 pounds Salt and pepper 5 garlic cloves, slivered. 1 or 2 tablespoons of Oregano 1 teaspoon of thyme juice of 1 lemon ¹/₂ cup of olive oil White Wine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup melted unsalted butter



Potatoes - I use about 7 or 8 Yukon Gold Potatoes

Wash and pat dry the leg of lamb and place in a roasting pan. Sliver the garlic. There are two methods of using the garlic with the lamb. You can rub crushed garlic onto the entire leg of lamb or make small slits with a knife and insert the

PASTITSIO

- 2 lbs,. Ground Beef (use Sirloin)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon, chopped Italian Parsley
- 2 cloves, Garlic, minced
- 1 tsp., Cinnamon
- ¹/₂ tsp., Nutmeg
- 1 8 ounce can, Tomato Sauce (I use No Salt Added)
- ¹/₂ cup of White Wine
- butter (I use unsalted butter)
- olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 lb of MISKOS Macaroni #3 *
- 3 eggs, beaten
- Grated Cheese (I use Mitzithra * if not available use Parmesan 6 cups of Bechamel Sauce - which follows Pastitsio Recipe

Bechamel Sauce

Although this basic White Sauce is attributed to the French it can be traced to Ancient Greek cookery.

- 4 to 5 cups of hot milk 3 tbsp. All Purpose Flour ¹/₂ cup of Butter Salt and White Pepper
- Melt the butter in a pan, add flour and stir until smooth. Lower heat and then

slivered pieces of garlic into the lamb. I usually insert the slivered pieces of garlic in the leg of lamb. Mix the oregano and thyme and rub over all sides of the leg of lamb. In a bowl or mixing cup mix the juice from 1 lemon, the wine and the olive oil and pour over the lamb making sure the lamb is completely covered. Cover with foil wrap and place in the refrigerator to marinate the lamb for several hours. Roast lamb at 350 degrees for about 1-1/2 hours if you like pink meat and about 2 hours if you prefer well done. Most Greeks prefer the well done meat.

While roasting baste frequently with a mixture of 1/2 cup white wine and the melted butter and pour some hot water(about 1 cup) into the pan. An hour before the roast is done peal and cut each potato into four lengthwise pieces and surround the lamb with the potatoes. Sprinkle the potatoes with pepper, oregano and a little salt as well as lemon juice. Continue to baste after the potatoes have been put in the roasting pan and turn the potatoes to make sure they brown on all sides. Complete your meal with zucchini or green beans sauteed with onions in tomato sauce, a Greek salad of tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, feta cheese and Kalamata olives and sprinkle with oregano and a dressing of extra virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar. Of course, if it is available to you, leg of lamb is absolutely delicious when roasted on a spit over charcoal. You may also ask your butcher to have the leg of lamb boned and rolled, it is easier to slice and handle after roasting in the oven. KALI OREXI! (Bon Appetit) Enjoy!

gradually add the hot milk, stirring constantly until it thickens. Season with salt and white pepper and add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Cinnamon.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In 4 tbsp. butter and 1 tbsp. Olive Oil saute ground meat along with the chopped onion, minced garlic and parsley. Crumble meat as you go along with a fork When no more pink is visible add cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and pepper and tomato sauce. Simmer for 30 minutes; remove from fire.

In large pot of boiling water cook the macaroni as directed on the package. When cooked drain and rinse macaroni and place in a bowl. Add 1/4 lb of melted butter, beaten eggs and a generous sprinkling of grated cheese to the macaroni and mix well. Spread half of the macaroni mixture in a 9x13x2 pan which has been greased with olive oil. Spread the meat sauce over the first layer of macaroni and sprinkle with grated cheese; top with the balance of the macaroni.

Pour prepared Bechamel Sauce over the top layer of macaroni and sprinkle lavishly with grated cheese; dot with butter and sprinkle delicately across the entire top with a little cinnamon.

Bake 1 hour in preheated 350 degree oven. Cool and cut into 3 inch pieces. Arrange on a platter and serve!

*Miskos Macaroni #3 and Mitzithra Cheese can be found in Greek Specialty Food Stores like Marketplace on Oakton in Skokie or Northeastern Fruit and Garden Center on Lincoln & Peterson, Chicago.

Recipes from Anastasia E. Weaver

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Grand Opening of Community Garden

The North River Commission, Peterson Garden Project, Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly, and Alderman Richard Mell (33rd), invite the community to the Grand Opening of Global Garden. Come help us celebrate the transformation of a vacant lot at Lawrence and Sacramento into one of the largest community gardens on the Northwest Side. Join us to celebrate the people who made Global Garden a reality – from the community leaders who envisioned a garden, to the community organizers who worked to fill an empty lot, to the community members who transformed Global Garden into the vegetable haven it is today. We are growing much more than plants; we are growing a community.

Grand Opening of Global Garden: Global Garden - 3000 Lawrence Ave. (just east of Sacramento), Thursday, July 26th, from 3:30pm - 6:30pm

The City acquired the one-and-a-quarter acre triangular site with the use of TIF and state funds in 2009. NRC led a community planning effort that integrated the site into the community-designed and governed Multicultural Sculpture Park and Healing Garden in Ronan Park. When CLESE approached Alderman Mell about temporary use of the site for an urban refugee training farm, NRC saw the opportunity to meet a community need. Today, CLESE holds a 3-year land lease with the City for their Refugee Agricultural Partnership Project, which teaches refugee families to earn a living by adapting their existing agricultural knowledge to the Chicago climate. CLESE also hosts Peterson Garden Project, who manages an edible garden program and Grow2Give Programs, which will generate over one ton of fresh vegetables in total for area food pantries this season across their four north side Pop-up Victory gardens. Raised garden beds are available to community members interested in growing their own food. NRC was excited to welcome new partners in meeting community goals and successfully found a bricks-and-mortar home for Peterson Garden Project and their new Learning Center in Ravenswood Manor.

The Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly (CLESE) and fifty-one member agencies provide direct services to more than 50,000 seniors from over 30 cultural and language groups in metropolitan Chicago. Their mission is to improve the lives of limited English speaking elderly through leadership, education and advocacy. By providing land, tools, seed, and instruction, CLESE's Global Gardens Refugee Training Farm builds on traditional strengths and skills to create real economic opportunity for displaced refugee farmers in their new home. Their long-term goal is to serve as an incubator for independent, refugee-owned farms and businesses.

The Peterson Garden Project is a plot-to-plate resource organization dedicated to recruiting, educating and inspiring a new generation of gardeners who want to gain control of their food supply, grow their own produce organically and make urban gardening the norm – not the exception. The Project installs and manages community edible gardens, offers garden education, and builds community, one tomato at a time.

The North River Commission (NRC) is a community-based organization founded in 1962 by concerned residents and neighborhood institutions. NRC unites over 100 civic associations, businesses, schools, institutions and places of worship on the northwest side of Chicago to improve the quality of life for all constituents in our community by creating affordable housing, quality education, arts & cultural endeavors, open spaces, and stable neighborhood businesses.

Please contact Emily Summers at nrcintern1@gmail.com or (773) 478-0202 ext. 112 with any questions or for more information regarding the event.

CITY OF CHICAGO FARMERS MARKETS RETURN 33rd SEASON

Much like spring, the City of Chicago Farmers Markets have returned, and the first markets will open in the neighborhoods, May 12 in Lincoln Park and on Division Street followed the next day by the Beverly market. Chicago's Farmers Markets are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) and COUNTRY Financial.

Downtown markets will open with the season's official kick-off at the Daley Plaza market, which opens on Thursday, May 24 where DCASE and COUNTRY Financial will reveal the winner of the 5th Annual Reusable Bag Design Contest during the 11 a.m. program. This year's artistic theme is "Fill Up on Fresh" and the winning design will appear on thousands of bags distributed throughout the season. **LINCOLN SQUARE** TUESDAYS June 5 - October 30, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lincoln/Leland/Western, City Parking Lot at Brown Line Station **LINCOLN PARK** TUESDAYS May 12 - October 27, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Armitage & Orchard, Lincoln Park High School Parking Lot

Lincolnwood Summer Market and Music Series Kicked off June 21

Mark your calendars for Thursdays this summer between June 21-July 26 for Lincolnwood's Summer Market and Music Series at Proesel Park! The market opens at 5pm with a wide variety of vendors including produce, specialty pastries, gourmet ice cream, handmade jewelry and unique arts and crafts. Consider making this a meal destination by enjoying the made-to-order roasting corn, paninis, and bangers hot off the grill. Several area non-profit groups will round out the market portion of this brand new series.

Bingo takes place each week from 5:45-6:30pm. \$5 allows you to try your hand at five games with a chance to win a VIP one-night stay at Hampton Inn and Suites, our official bingo sponsor. Face painters will delight our youngest guests from 5-7pm making this a true family affair.

If music is what you are after, this concert lineup is sure to please. Mr. Meyers kicks off the season on June 21 getting everyone in the mood for summer with their Caribbean vibe. The Flat Cats perform big band swing on June 28 with the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra celebrating everything American on July 5. Shy Violet will get everyone up and dancing with pop hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's. Out of Control will rock the house July 19. Our season finale on July 26 features Maxwell Street Klezmer Band showcasing music of Jewish Eastern Europe.

Concerts will be held from 7-8:30pm. All activities will take place in Proesel Park near the entrance to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. Bring your lawn chairs or favorite blanket and make this a new summer tradition.

For more information, please contact Genelle Iocca at giocca@lwd.org or (847) 745-4726. You may also visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Jefferson Park Sunday Market

Mark you calendars for the season's first Jefferson Park Sunday Market – Jefferson Park's very own farmers market held at the Copernicus Center at 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. The first market is Sunday June 24th at 10am-2pm. The bar will be open from 11:30-1:30. Returning venders include: Delightful Pastries - Organic pastries, C & D Family Farms(meats, eggs etc.), River Valley Farms - Mushrooms, sauces, pasta , The Scrumptious Pantry - Artisan specialties (cranberry ketchup!), condiments, oils and vinegars, That Pickle Guy (Kosher pickles, pickled specialities, giardiniera, muffaletta topping)

New venders include: Stamper Cheese Company (Cow- and goat- milk cheese) ,Café Woof Le Purr (pet treats+), Fannie Schmoes Bakery, Capo Coffee, Geneva Lakes Produce

Our opening market will also feature --

Plant Swap: bring your extra plants, seeds and even tools to exchange, or donate Rachel Decorvo, Horticulturalist for the City of Chicago, will be on hand as an education resource

Nate Sarnat & Kevin Miller of Harmonious Funk will be playing June 24th starting at 11am

Meatloaf-A-Go-Go Food Truck will also be on hand, for lunchtime snacks. More info may be found at www.jpna.net/fm or on Facebook under Jefferson Park Sunday Market.

DOWNTOWN FARMSTAND TO BECOME INDOOR MARKET

Fresh Growers, Bakers and Producers to Vend July 2 Downtown residents and workers will soon be able to shop for fresh produce and farm products every weekday, rain or shine, at the Farmstand Farmers Market, which is replacing the Downtown Farmstand on July 9.

Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the new market will offer fresh fruits and vegetables recently picked on nearby farms. Lehman's Orchards, Frank Farms and the Original Bleeding Heart Bakery will be among the vendors selling fresh products every day, while another group of vendors will offer their fresh wares on a rotating schedule, so that shoppers will find different offerings each day. The Farmstand Farmers Market, 66 E. Randolph, will remain open through October. During the summer months, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) which runs the Chicago Farmers Markets Program, will solicit ideas for a new concept for the space after the summer growing season. A Request for Information (RFI) will be posted on the department's webpage seeking innovative ideas for how the space can serve the public while providing nutritional education and information on local and sustainable goods. This public/private partnership will serve to promote a long-term mission of healthy eating and keeping Chicago as one of the greenest cities in the nation. Opened in 2008, the Farmstand was one of the first city stores to provide locally sourced goods. As other retailers began to offer similar options, the Farmstand operated at a loss for the past three years despite maintaining a loyal following.

Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore " Skokie Farmers' Market now opening two weeks earlier on Sunday, June 10. The Market will be open every through Sunday, October 28, 2012. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The Market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street .

A wide selection of fresh grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Also available are fresh baked goods, cheeses, fresh mushrooms, cut flowers and much more. New highlights planned for the upcoming year include a new plant and vegetable grower, cooking demonstrations and additional musical entertainment.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Manager, at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org. The RFI will be posted on the department website at www.cityofchicago.org/dcase beginning July 16.

For a complete list of Chicago Farmers Markets, presented by COUNTRY Financial, visit www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us.

What Happens in My Initial Estate Planning Consultation?



Your initial consultation with an estate planning attorney should be similar to your initial consultation with your physician.

First, you will be asked to provide information about yourself and your family. Are you married? Do you have any children? Did you have previous marriages? Do you have any grandchildren? What are the ages of you and your family?

Chester M. Przybylo

You will be asked about your assets and their nature and extent. You will be asked about your goals. Who will take care of all kinds of matters when you are unable to do so?

As many patients try to conceal certain information from physicians, some clients try to conceal certain information from attorneys. It is important for the attorney to know the full answer to all questions asked, just as it is important for the physician to know. The estate planning attorney asks the questions to help anticipate issues that might arise. For example, you may be reluctant to discuss a child you had fathered out of wedlock years ago. If you do not want that child to benefit from your estate, you should disinherit that child. A child simply omitted may be entitled to what they would have gotten had you died without a Will or Trust.

An estate planning attorney's role is to help you realize your goals and dreams while guarding against life's risks. For example, let's say you want to leave assets to your child with special needs. The estate planning attorney can draft the trust so that those assets will be available for your child's benefit, rather than being taken to pay or reimburse governmental agencies for benefits for which he or she is eligible.

The estate planning attorney will go over your goals with you and plot a course to achieve that goal. After you agree on the strategies involved, the estate planning attorney will draft the documents and directions to effectuate those strategies. For example, the attorney may draft a power of attorney to designate who will be your agent to make financial or health care decisions when you are unable to make them for yourself. The attorney may draft a deed placing title to your home into your revocable living trust so that it will not be subject to probate on the death of the survivor of you and your spouse.

The estate planning attorney and the physician are educated professionals who are there to help you achieve your goals, whatever those might be. When you leave the attorney's office, you should have an understanding of what the general plan is to achieve your goal and what steps will be taken next and by whom.

How do you choose an estate planning attorney? A recent segment on a CNN financial news cable network indicated that one of the most important factors to consider is your comfort level with the attorney and whether the attorney meets stringent continuing education requirements. Organizations such as the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys (HYPERLINK "http://www.aaepa.com" www.aaepa.com) impose stringent continuing education requirements, so you might want to start your search for an attorney at their website.

Once you have chosen an estate planning attorney and have had the initial consultation, you will know you made the right choice by the sigh of relief and satisfaction as you leave the attorney's office.

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 40 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.

Be Aware of Scams

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Whether it is financial help during these economic times, or a deal that seems too good to pass; being careful about the information we provide is always the best financial tip.

You may think you're safe simply by not carrying your Social Security card with you and not providing your personal information over the Internet or by email. But scam artists have become shrewd. Never reply to an email claiming to be from Social Security and asking for your Social Security number or personal information.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. If you think you've been the victim of an identity thief, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft Or, you can call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261.

Some people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are often victimized by misleading advertisers. Often, these companies offer Social Security services for a fee, even though the same services are available directly from Social Security free of charge. These services include getting a:

- corrected Social Security card showing a bride's married name;
- Social Security card to replace a lost card;
- Social Security Statement; and
- Social Security number for a child.

Some direct scammers suggest that Social Security is in dire financial shape and that people risk losing their Social Security or Medicare benefits unless they send a contribution or membership fee to the advertiser.

If you receive or see what you believe is misleading advertising for Social Security services, send the complete mailing, including the envelope, to: Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Hotline, Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235. Also, advise your State's attorney general or consumer affairs office and the Better Business Bureau.

Check out our Social Security Number page online at www.socialsecurity.gov. On our site, you can learn more about identity theft at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html. Read about misleading advertising at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10005.html

Please don't let a scam artist or identity thief make an April fool out of you.

Stachon Takes Command of the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars

During the 2012 State Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention the assembled delegates unanimously elected Joe Stachon as their Commander for the 2012-2013 year.

Stachon served honorably in the United States Army from January 1968 to October 1969, earning his eligibility to the Veterans of Foreign Wars while serving with Company "B", 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade as a combat rifleman, earning a National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge and Parachute Badge. Wounds received in action resulted in a medical retirement from the United States Army.

Joseph is a Gold Legacy Life member of Johnson-Phelps Post 5220 in Oak Lawn, Illinois, where he served in all chairs including Post Commander ten times (All-State Commander four times), he also holds offices in the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent #42. He served the 3rd district in a number of offices including Commander in 2002 and currently serves as District Quartermaster.

Joseph served the Department of Illinois in many offices including National Aidede-camp, National By-laws Committee, Department Ways and Means Committee, Deputy Chief of Staff, National Chief of Staff, Regional Membership Director, and the Department Newspaper Committee.

Commander Stachon, retired from the Chicago Police Department after 30 years of service, and is an active member of FOP Lodge #7 and the Retired Chicago Police Association.

Joseph is involved in various veteran and civic organizations as a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #575, life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #84, treasurer of American Legion Post #757, member of the 173rd Airborne Association, member of Chapter #242 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Vice-President of the Oak Lawn Athletic Club, member of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, a member of Oak Lawn Elks Lodge #2254 and Commissioner on the Palos Heights Veteran's Commission. Joseph and his wife Barbara have been married for 42 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren. They reside in Palos Heights, Illinois.

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MICHAEL CHILDERS' AUTHOR, AUTHOR PHOTO EXHIBIT

A photographic retrospective exhibition by world- renowned photographer Michael Childers, titled Author, Author, will be on display July 28, 2012 through February 3, 2013, in the Congress Corridor of the Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center, 400 South State Street.

Author, Author exhibits more than 50 original intimate portraits of some of the 20th century's greatest authors, playwrights and screenwriters taken by Childers from the 1960s through 2012. Moreover, this particular exhibit includes some never-before-seen portraits taken in New York City in 2011 and earlier this year. Some of the literary icons represented in this exhibit include Tennessee Williams, Gore Vidal, Edward Albee, Michael Crichton, Jackie Collins, Amy Tan, Oliver Stone, Sidney Sheldon, Mickey Spillane, Billy Wilder and Ray Bradbury.

As an additional benefit of this exhibit, the Library will feature Michael Childers for a lecture on his incredible career. The free program takes place on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium. This program is presented in cooperation with KMP Artists and the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Michael Childers is known for his fine art photographs of legendary movie stars, artists and other luminaries that first graced the cover of Andy Warhol's Interview Magazine and After Dark Magazine. As founding photographer for that publication, Childers guided it to its place as a unique documentation of his life's personal friends during his many years in Hollywood.

The poster and brochure for Author, Author received the prestigious American Library Association award for the best graphics and art direction of 2011. Michael Childers has also received awards for Lifetime Achievement in Hollywood photography from the Provincetown Film Festival, Temecula Film Festival, Carmel Film Festival, and the Los Angeles Film Festival. Also, Childers just recently received the Distinguished Photographer Award from the ArtHamptons Festival and some of his work is currently on display at the Michael H. Lord Gallery in Palm Springs, California. Michael Childers and his exhibits are exclusively represented by KMP Artists www.kmpartists.com.

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Austrian Comedy duo Moizi and Schwab Rock the USA Peter Moizi and Christian Schwab, two popular Austrian comedians, known as the Comedy Hirten (Comedy Shepherds), will perform at the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center as part of their "Moizi & Schwab Rock the US Tour". The comedy duo has already toured in Europe, but this will be their first tour in the U.S. They will present a cabaret/comedy program in English about major events that made it into Austria's and the international media.

Always with a twinkle in their eyes, the Comedy Hirten will imitate American, Austrian and other international stars. As you might already have guessed, they will point out positive traits of these celebrities, but add also humor and a bit of exaggeration to them - e.g. Heidi Klum's high-pitched voice or Arnold Schwarzenegger's unique accent.

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The library is closed Friday, August 10 for staff inservice.

Book Discussion. August 12, 11 a.m. The adult book discussion features "Cat's Table" by Michael Ondaatje.

Cinematic Classics shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. August 2: "On the Waterfront"; August 9: "Guys & Dolls"; August 16: "Psycho."

Dining for Wellness. August 15, 11:30 a.m. Chef demonstration by Lincolnwood Place. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. August 3: "Mirror, Mirror"; No film August 10, August 10: "21 Jump Street"; August 17: "Big Miracle."

Library Board Meeting. August 16, 7:30 p.m. The Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review. August 3, 10:30 a.m. Elise Ginsparg reviews The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership by Yehuda Avner.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. August 2: "Wanderlust"; August 9: "John Carter"; August 16: "Jiro Dreams of Sushi."

Strategic Planning Kickoff. August 1, 7 p.m. Come and share your ideas and visions to help shape the library's future. Dessert and coffee will be served. Families, feel free to bring your children. We will show a kid-friendly film to entertain them while you share your ideas.

Questions for Your Congresswoman. August 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kris Sadur, from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office, is available to answer questions about visas, immigration, social security, veteran benefits and more.

Back to School Reading. August 1-17. Summer isn't over yet! Lincolnwood youth, fill out a bookmark telling us what you've been reading. Weekly raffle winners will be rewarded with school supplies.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, June 26-August 28, 6-8:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

Literacy Class. Saturdays, June 30-August 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading and writing skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

The Friends of Lincolnwood Library meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

A Close-Knit Group. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All levels welcome.

Lincolnwood Public Library Kicks Off New Strategic Planning Process

Faced with unprecedented growth in the demand for services combined with continually evolving changes in technology, Lincolnwood Public Library is working on a project to determine how it can best serve area residents in the future.

The Library, with the help of a private consulting firm that specializes in library planning, is working on a three-year Strategic Plan that includes a detailed look at current operations and solicits input through community meetings, interviews, and mailed surveys to get input from library users and non-users.



Although both Moizi and Schwab say that they are absolutely different in character, they seem to be a perfect match on stage. The program was especially created for those who miss Austria and those who simply enjoy having a laughter-filled night.

The ORF (Austrian Television) will be accompanying the team on their tour and show their American Experience.

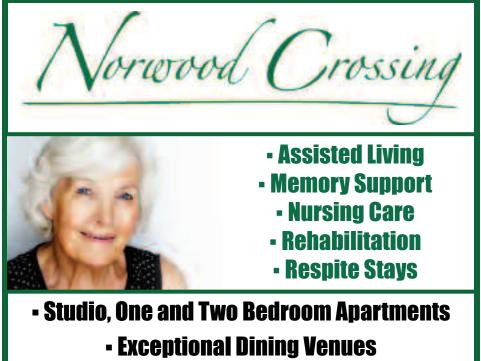
This exhibit is Sunday August 19 2012 at 8:00pm. Doors open 7:00 pm Reserve your tickets now for their only Chicago performance! http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/259422

Austrian food & drink available for purchase by Chef Martin's Alpine Brand. DANK Haus is located ½ block from the Western Brown Line stop in Lincoln Square, Chicago's historically German neighborhood. Free parking courtesy of MB Financial Bank

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