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Chicago's 104th Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Enjoy this holiday tradition, a glittering tree set among Chicago's sparkling skyline and the iconic art of Millennium Park. The City of Chicago is proud to present the 104th Anniversary of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 17. Chicago's 104th Christmas Tree was donated by Darlene Dorfler of Grayslake, Illinois. The 62-foot Norway Spruce was selected out of 71 submissions received by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special

The ceremony will be emceed by WGN TV's Demetrius Ivory and Erin Ivory along with a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Admission to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and all other holiday activities in Millennium Park is free.

The Christmas Tree will remain up until Saturday, January 6, 2018.

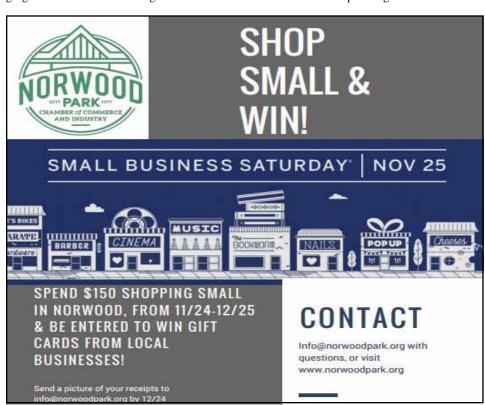
The Tree Lighting ceremony begins at 6pm.



Millennium Park Campus Holidays

November 17, 2017-January 6, 2018 Millennium Park and surrounding venues

Featuring your favorite seasonal traditions, ice skating, music, exhibitions and family fun, Millennium Park will be the epicenter of holiday fun in Chicago. Enjoy the 104th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and the opening of the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink and Maggie Daley Park Ice Skating Ribbon on November 17. Then, don't miss events like the Wreathing of the Lions, Caroling at Cloud Gate, the Dance-Along Nutcracker, the Do-It-Yourself Messiah, gingerbread house decorating and more. Information at millenniumpark.org.





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Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff of Village Publications See Page 7 For More



Upwrap Lincoln Square

Save those receipts when you shop at the small businesses in Lincoln Square and Ravenswood! Spend money at local businesses, send your receipts into the LSRCC office, and get a \$50

For complete event rules and regulations visit our website at www.lincolnsquare.org/unwrap-lsr



#GIWINGTUESDAY

Tuesday, November, 28 AT FRIEDMAN PLACE

This national day of giving is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

You can make your gift go further this year, as all gifts made on giving Giving Tuesday will be matched by a very generous donor.

For more information contact Laura Roth at laura.roth@friedmanplace.org #ILGIVE





Community First Medical Center November Health Events

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

Friday, November 17 and 24

11th Step Mediation - 6:45 - 8:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor

Silent mediation, a brief positive talk or reading followed by 12 step sharing. Open AA meeting format, everyone is welcome to attend. Coed, non-smoking. This is a fellowship open to learning how the art of listening leads to developing an improved 'real" relationship with their higher power and our fellows. For all who seek through prayer and meditation to improve their conscious.

Sunday, November 19 and 26

Alcoholics Anonymous – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A. 7th Floor.

Alcoholics anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they solve their common problem. If you think you have a

drinking problem, please join our free AA

Tuesday, November 21

16th District Senior Meeting - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., 5151 N. Milwaukee, Community Room.

Dr. Darla Thomas, Podiatrist, will discuss healthy feet and providing free foot screenings. Thursday, November 23 and 30

Overeaters Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. Commu-

nity First Medical Center, Café Meeting Room A fellowship of individuals who through

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

Thursday, November 30

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

These free sessions will be conducted by Car-

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

Four Indicators That You Should Replace Your Hearing Device

Like any other medical device, hearing aids do not last forever. Even if you're happy with the performance of your hearing device, eventually, you'll have to replace it. But how do you actually know when it's time to replace your hearing device?

One general rule is that most hearing devices last, on average, 5-7 years. However, we need to stress that each case is unique, and only you, in consultation with your audiologist, can determine when the time is to replace your existing hearing device.

If you experience one of these 4 scenarios, it's probably time to replace your hearing aid:

Your hearing device is over 5 years and has been sent in for repair.

When it's that close to the end of its useful lifespan, your hearing aid should be replaced instead of being repaired. That way, you don't have wait for your hearing aid to be repaired only to have it potentially operate unreliably and have to be replaced. You might as well upgrade when you have the chance. Repairs on hearing aids greater than five years can also be very costly and do not have a long repair warranty. Sticking money into an old device instead of saving it and purchasing new technology is not always the best thing.

You are noticing you aren't hearing as well as you or your family expect.

Problems with hearing, relative to what you're used to, could mean that your hearing device is malfunctioning. Or, it could mean that your hearing has deteriorated and you need to be evaluated for a hearing aid again. In any case, you should visit an audiologist to get evaluated and figure out the cause of the problem and a new solution that will work well for you.

Your hearing aid isn't comfortable anymore.

As we live, our bodies are always undergoing change. Likewise, a medical device you use every single day may eventually bend or warp from the constant use. If you're noticing a lower level of comfort, you may be able to get your audiologist to re-mold the hearing device for a better fit or find you a new hearing device that fits more comfortably.

Advances in technology have changed the effectiveness of hearing devices.

You may be perfectly happy with your hearing device, but things in the hearing industry are changing so quickly that devices go through entire life cycles in 5 years. You may think your hearing device is functioning adequately, but you'll never know what you could be missing out on with the newest generation of devices currently available on the market. So, during your regular checkup, it pays to ask your audiologist about how technology has advanced and how you may be able to benefit from these changes.

Thinking it may be time to replace your hearing device? Contact us by calling 773-685-9202 or email info@chicagohearingservices.net to set up an appointment and we can help you decide if there may be a better device for your needs!



Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD is the owner and audiologist of Chicago Hearing Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and her Doctorate of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Dr. Vetter-Toalson is involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and Big Shoulders Fund Chairman's Advisory Council. Chicago Hearing Services has served northwest Chicago since 1990.

Need A Lawyer?

The Chicago Bar Association Can Help

Talk To A Lawyer For Free On Saturday, November 18, 2017

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, November 18, as part of an ongoing legal public service program offered by the CBA.

Calls will be accepted Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001. Call-A-Lawyer events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month in the morning hours.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service during the week for a referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The CBA's Lawyer Referral Service has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law that offer their services to the public. When contacting the LRS

during normal business hours Monday through Friday, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in numerous areas of law including:

- Domestic Relations, including divorce, custody, support and other family law matters);
- -- Personal Injury (including auto accidents, slip and falls, products liability, wrongful death, malpractice and other types of injury cases.
- Estate Planning, including will and trust drafting, probate and will contest.
- -- Real Estate, including buying or selling real estate, foreclosure defense and landlord/tenant

-- Employment Law, including wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination.

Additionally, the CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides callers' access to attorneys in three different areas of law at any time after normal business hours. You can reach a lawyer 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling (312) 554-2001.



Community First Medical Center now has specialists in the following areas:

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our flag



(Part 8) "Time And Occasions For Display"

We continue our series on the History of "Our Flag". This will continue over the next few editions and hope that it proves to be of interest and an educational reference for all of our readers - young, and not so young. (This is taken directly from the booklet titled "Our Flag" issued by the 105th Congress, 1st Session, and printed by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1998, under Senate Concurrent Resolution 61)

(a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the

hours of darkness.

(b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

(d) The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable), Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May: Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September

17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

(e) The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

(f) The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

(g) The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

Mayor Emanuel, Department Of Procurement Services Announce Roll-Out Of Certification Program For Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Procurement Services (DPS) today announced the roll-out of the certification program for veteran-owned business enterprises (VBE) and a new Bid Incentives and Program Guide to serve as a resource for Chicagoland businesses.

"The City of Chicago is committed to creating an open and fair government accessible to all of its residents," said Mayor Emanuel. "The VBE Certification and Bid Incentive and Program Guide are designed to level the playing field so that businesses of all sizes—includ-

ing those owned by veterans - can compete and earn City contracts."

Coupled with the available veterans bid incentives, the VBE certification will create even more opportunities for participation in City contracts by veteran-owned businesses. VBE certification allows the City to conduct an analysis of the availability of small, local veteran-owned businesses and their areas of specialty. The VBE certification program mirrors the rigorous application process

that is in place for minority and women-owned business enterprises

To become certified as a VBE, firms will have to demonstrate that they are at least 51 percent owned by an honorably discharged veteran, be located in the six-county region of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, McHenry or Will and not exceed size standards as set by the federal government.

To learn more about VBE certification, the Bid Incentives and Programs Guide, and local, small M/WBE, and employment programs implemented under Mayor Emanuel, visit: www.cityofchicago.org/dps.

Two Norwood Crossing Veterans Receive Medals For Military Service

Rochelle Crump (left), a Vietnam War veteran and founder and president of National Women Veterans United, confers special recognition medals on Lorraine Seles (center) and Lucille Janssens, both sergeants in the U.S. Marine Corps. Janssens, a member of American Legion Edison Park Post 541, processed officer promotions at Naval Head-quarters in Washington, DC during World War II; Seles served in supply administration stateside during the Korean War. The medals were presented during the Veterans Day program held at Norwood Crossing, a long-term care retirement community at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.



(MBE/WBE).

Bears of Hope — Veterans Appreciated

For the tenth year, Bears of Hope joined Skokie's McCormick and Schmick's Seafood & Steak Restaurant for its annual 'Veterans Appreciation Day' on November 5, 2017. The restaurant gave veterans a complimentary lunch or dinner entrée and Bears of Hope gave them a patriotic-themed fabric bear. Bears Founder, Carolyn Reiner, said, "We've been making bears for veterans since Bears of Hope began in 2007. It's our way of thanking veterans for their service to our nation and showing them how much we care".

Veterans representing all branches of service came to the restaurant. They had served in World War II; Korean War; Vietnam; Iraq; and Afghanistan. Bears volunteers. Sheila Mozin & Jamie Reiner felt h

Bears of Hope patriotic bears for veterans

Bears volunteers, Sheila Mozin & Jamie Reiner felt humbled to meet three World War II veterans. They said, "The veterans told us how appreciative they were about what we do".

Bears volunteers personally gave patriotic bears to veterans. Marge Davis said, "I enjoyed meeting and listening to the veterans 'war' stories".

Bears of Hope's patriotic bears are also given to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, a receiving VA Hospice for terminally ill and dying veterans. Karen Huber, Rainbow's coordinator of volunteer services, commented, "The bears bring smiles to the veterans faces, give them comfort and lets them know people care about them and what they did for our country."

Restaurant General Manager, Aaron Torricelli, remarked, "This was McCormick & Schmick's 20th annual 'Veterans Appreciation Day'. We are honored to show appreciation to our veterans. Bears of Hope was an added bonus and a huge part of the event that meant so much to the veterans."

Besides patriotic bears, Bears of Hope makes bears to comfort sick children and adults. Local social service agencies are given bears throughout the year for those under their care. Over 2,300 bears are giving hugs to children and adults who need 'extra hugs' to feel better.

For more information: www.BearsofHope.com



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Niles-Maine District Library Hosts 11th Annual Veterans History Breakfast



On Friday, November 3, 2017 the Niles-Maine District Library hosted its 11th Annual Veterans History Project Breakfast. More than 70 people attended including 24 local veterans with their families. The first president of the Niles Library Board and World War II Army veteran Rudolph Hazucha was present for the first time.

The Veterans History Breakfast honors local veterans who have participated in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project by sharing their stories about serving their country. Since 2005, more than 60 veterans have participated in the Veterans History Project and their interviews can be read and listened to online at www.nileslibrary.org/veterans-history-project.

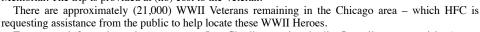
"Today, we honor and thank our local veterans for providing us the freedom to read," said Susan Lempke, Niles-Maine District Library Director, during her speech at the Veterans Breakfast.

The breakfast was concluded with a performance by the Sweet Reminder Duo as the Anderson Sisters, who entertained the crowd with a tribute to the music that once uplifted and unified a nation.

Niles-Maine District Library is located at 6960 Oakton Street, the northeast corner of the Oakton and Waukegan intersection. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 9pm, Friday, 9am to 7pm, Saturday, 9am to 5pm and Sunday, 1 to 5 pm.

Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"2018 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2017 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.



For more information please contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit (www.honorflightchicago.org)

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

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Holidays in the Village



Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire A Perfect Blend Of Holiday Vendors, Cookies & Santa Photos

C.A.R.E.'s highly anticipated holiday fund-raiser will take place Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017, at the Unitarian Church in Evanston.

The 2017 Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire will again serve as THE "don't-miss" event of the holiday season for pet-loving people and their dogs. The C.A.R.E. Faire will take place two days after Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All family members, including dogs and brave cats, are welcomed.

Highlights of the 2017 C.A.R.E. Faire include the always-amazing Cookie Walk, to which talented C.A.R.E. bakers will supply mountains of delicious home-baked goods. An array of pet- and people-oriented vendors will offer a head-start on holiday shopping. Also on the don't-miss list are the C.A.R.E. Silent Auction, C.A.R.E. Booth and the Such-A-Deal. The always popular Photos With Santa booth will return this year.

As of the third week of October, C.A.R.E.'s Silent Auction array includes these items:

Sutton Studios - In-Studio Portrait Sitting, print & framing voucher - \$700 value

Gethsemene Garden Center - Gift Certificate - \$200

Patricia Locke - Alexandra Necklace Waterlily - \$175 value

Oceanique - Chef's 5 Course Dinner for Two - \$160 value

Music Theater Works - Two Tickets to Peter Pan -\$145 value

Northshore Acupuncture Center - Stress Relief Acupuncture & Essential Oil Treatment - \$125 value

Patricia Locke - Tatiana Earrings Waterlily - \$125 value

Lynfred Winery (Roselle)- Wine Tasting for 6 - \$100 value

The Wine Goddess - Wine Class for Two - \$100 value

Ayla's Originals - Gift Certificate - \$70 value Oil Lamp Theater - Two Tickets - \$70 value Koi Fine Asian Cuisine - Gift Certificate - \$50

Johnny's Kitchen and Tap - Gift Certificate - \$30 value

The Bagel Restaurant - Gift Certificate \$25 value Carriage Hill Kennels - \$25 towards Boarding, Grooming - \$25 value

C.A.R.E. asks Faire attendees to bring pet food donations as their "admission fee." Dog and cat kibble (unopened bags), canned pet food and cat litter are especially needed. The annual C.A.R.E. Faire serves as a key fundraiser for C.A.R.E.'s animal rescue work. Proceeds from the Faire will go toward vet care, food and supplies needed to for our animals as they await forever homes, as well as for completing work on the new CARE Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, opening spring 2018 in Skokie.







20th Annual Concert in Chicago Strauss Symphony of America

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Nir Kabaretti, conductor (Vienna)

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Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017 at 2:30 pm

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Produced by Attila Glatz Concert Productions. Artists subject to change without notice



Ravenswood Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Date: Saturday, Nov. 25th 2017 Time: 10am – 7pm Location: Damen Avenue (Argyle to Leland) Montrose Avenue (Ravenswood to Damen) Admission: FREE



Victorian Caroling

Date: Saturday, Nov. 25th 2017

Time: 11am – 4pm (30 minute performances at the top of each hour)

Location: Damen, Lincoln, and Montrose Avenues Admission: FREE



Lincoln Square Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, Nov. 25th 2017

Time: 5:30pm Location: Giddings l

Location: Giddings Plaza Admission: FREE

Lawyers By Day, Showstoppers By Night!

Chicago Bar Association Presents Annual Bar Show Comedy Revue

They practice law by day, but more than 50 Chicago-area attorneys will be hitting the stage after business hours to perform a rousing musical comedy revue that parodies local and national political figures in the Chicago Bar Association's annual Bar Show opening in downtown Chicago November 30.

No one is off limits in this irreverent production that features skits and musical numbers



Cast of the 2016 Show, "Shamilton"

lampooning politicians, sports, and show biz figures who made news and headlines over the past year. The show is written, directed and performed by a cast and crew of 55 attorneys who also have backgrounds in music or theater, including Chicago and community theatre performers, classical musicians and opera singers.

Tickets are on sale now for this year's show, "Much to Sue About Nothing!" which runs from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at DePaul University's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo, Chicago.

Presidential politics will figure prominently in the show along with stabs at state and local politicos in skits featuring lawyers portraying Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Gov. Bruce Rauner, Democratic gubernatorial candidates and County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. The Presidency of Donald Trump will be a major theme, along with appearances by cast members portraying Mike Pence, Hillary Clinton, Kellyanne Conway, Melania Trump, Ivanka Trump and the First Family.

"There was no shortage of material to draw upon for this year's show and we are going to bring some hysterical performances to the stage with a unique Chicago spin," said Bar Show Producer Jeffrey Marks. "And yes, we will be tweeting live throughout all of our performances."

Now in its 94th year, the Chicago Bar Association Bar Show is the longest running original musical revue in Chicago.

Tickets are \$45 for the main floor and \$35 for mezzanine. Group rates are available. All performances began at 7:30 p.m. except for Sunday which features a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Go to www.barshow. org for tickets or further information.





Holidays in the Village





Chicago's Most Beloved Holiday Tradition Returns!!

The Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to downtown on November 17th, 2017 for 38 days of festive shopping, delicious German foods, hot spiced wine (Gluhwein), Imported beers, hand crafted ornaments, entertainment, family fun and

much more! The Christkindlmarket is an outdoor traditional German holiday market that has, for the past 22 years, transformed Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago into a magical picturesque European Christmas village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and vendors from all around the world. As one of the largest authentic German market outside for Europe, the Christkindlmarket Chicago has become the most beloved holiday event in Chicago, attracting over a million visitors annually from Chicago, around the US and the world. Open daily from 11/17/17 to 12/24/17, come experience this free event and enjoy the wondrous atmosphere and festive cheer of The Christkindlmarket Chicago.

Since 1996 German American Events, LLC., a subsidiary of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, has hosted the Christkindlmarket Chicago, featuring nearly 60 vendors boasting one-of-a-kind offerings that are destined to become treasured gifts for loved ones of all ages. The traditional wooden huts are filled with a wonderland of fine gifts including hand-made holiday ornaments, nutcrackers, cuckoo-clocks, beer steins, wooden toys, jewelry, wood carvings, and European sweets and treats. With more than 65% of the vendors travel from Germany to Chicago each year to share their fine wares and holiday traditions, The Christkindlmarket Chicago has various heated walkin cabins that offer a cozy place to take time and shop for unique gifts. The Grand Timber House and Festival Tent also provide visitors a place to warm up, sit down, and enjoy delicious food and drinks such as specialty sausages, potato pancakes, schnitzel, Stollen, and pretzels. Guests can also quench their



thirst with a refreshing imported German beer or warm up with a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), which is served in the popular annual collectable souvenir mug.

Throughout the 38-day event, the Christkindlmarket hosts live entertainment and performances including Theatre troupes, professional singers, dance groups and much more. On weekends, the roaming Alpine Brass band, with its festive German holiday music, is sure to stir and awaken the spirit of the season in all.

The popular "Kinder Club" boasts fun activities geared towards the youngest visitors. Children and the young-at-heart can go on a scavenger hunt to explore the market, interact with the vendors, and learn more about German holiday traditions. Collect an ornamental paper crown and the Christkindlmarket Passport activity book, which includes coloring pages, riddles and much more.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago 2017 is the perfect destination to get into the spirit of the holiday season, whether through an evening out with family and friends or a get-together with co-workers. The market offers the chance to plan holiday gatherings with reserved tables and food and beverage packages ranging from individual family tables up to 100 guests. Whether enjoying a "Stammtisch", which means small get-together with friends, or a full tent reception, the Christkindlmarket is the perfect place to celebrate the season.

Millennium Park - McCormick Tribune Ice Rink

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium park will kick off the winter season on Friday, November 17 (weather permitting), on the same day as the 104th Annual Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. The rink will open to the public at noon and remain open through Sunday, March 4, 2018.

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink is located in Millennium Park on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Street. Skating is FREE and open to the public, with skate rentals available for \$12 Monday-Thursday and \$14 Friday-Sunday/Holidays.



History of the Christkindlmarket Christkind

The Christkind, a fairy-like being dressed in gold and white robes with a crown upon her golden locks, is the namesake of the Christkindlmarket Chicago. Christkind folklore dates back to the 1500s and stems from traditional customs: parades during the holiday season were guided by one "grand" angel, the Christkind. Since then, and still today, she is the bearer of gifts to most children in German speaking countries, much like Santa Claus is in the United States. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged December 24th and delivered by the Christkind, who leaves gifts under the Christmas tree and disappears before the children can catch a glimpse of her.

For more information, please contact us and visit the official website at www.christkindlmarket.com.

Chicago Christkindlmarket Location

On Daley Plaza in the Chicago Loop (on Washington, between Dearborn and Clark street)

Dates & Times of Christkindlmarket Chicago

Friday, Nov. 17 – Saturday, Dec. 24 Sundays - Thursdays 11am – 8pm • Fridays & Saturdays 11am – 9pm Special Hours: Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Eve: 11am - 4pm (See Ad On Page 1 For Naperville Location and Dates)

Caroling at Cloud Gate

Bundle up and get ready to belt out some holiday classics at these festive events that are part concert, part sing-along as local Chicago choral groups lead hundreds of celebrants in song.

Note: Performance may be shortened in cases of extreme cold weather.

Schedule

- November 24: Leo High School Choir
- December 1: Merit Conservatory Choir
 December 8: The Voices of Acme Choir (VOA)
- December 15: Broadway in Chicago







Alumnae Association presents
Saturday, December 9, 2017
9:00 am to 11:30 am
(Breakfast is served from 9 to 10:30 am)
All are welcome to enjoy breakfast, photo

All are welcome to enjoy breakfast, photos with Santa, a theatre production by Resurrection drama students, Christmas arts and crafts, face painting and a special gift for each child.

\$10 per person in advance \$12 per person at the door

Reservations are encouraged to secure a space. Purchase advance tickets at www.reshs.org or call to order tickets at 773.775.6616 Ext 136.





May We Introduce...

the newest members of the Our Village family, Michael Otte and Izabela Czajkowska, who will be following in the footsteps of our esteemed friend and pillar of the legal profession, Chester Przybylo, whom so many of you have been following for years in our newspaper through his regular column. Michael and Izabela will be our guides from here on through the various aspects of Estate Planning, Elder Law and Taxes.

We wish Chester and his Family very long and happy retirement years together.

We are, at the same time, excited for our readers that these two fine representatives of the legal community are joining us. Please meet and welcome:

Michael A. Otte

Michael A. Otte concentrates his practice on estate and trust administration, contested and litigated estate and trust administration, and estate and trust planning. Additionally, Michael's particular area of expertise is in elder law matters, including medicaid planning, medicaid appeals, guardianship, contested guardianships, nursing home contract review, general elder law matters requiring litigation or other court involvement, and other issues affecting the legal needs of older people. Michael has given dozens of both public and private seminars on his areas of expertise in order to educate the public and fellow attorneys on important estate planning and elder law concepts. Mr. Otte is a member of the Chicago Bar



Michael Otte

Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

After earning his BA at the University of Iowa in Economics, Michael spent one year in Austin, TX as an Americorps VISTA volunteer and later earned a teaching certificate and taught history in Austin for two years. Upon his arrival in Chicago and prior to earning his J.D in 2009, Michael worked for Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago in the city of Chicago, where he taught classes on mortgages, credit, and lending and worked under contract with AARP to counsel seniors on elder financial matters, with a specific emphasis on reverse mortgage counseling.

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Izabela Czajkowska

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Roadside History of Illinois

This is the eleventh in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago, nearby suburbs and elsewhere in the state that can be visited by those who seek to learn more about local history. The articles are partial excerpts from the book, Roadside History of Illinois (Mountain Press, 2013), by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash



Norwood Park and the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House

On the far northwest side of Chicago, between Jefferson Park and O'Hare International Airport, the Kennedy Expressway skirts the community of Norwood Park. In 1868 a development group, the Norwood Land & Building Association, designed an elegant suburban community with curved streets, Victorian homes on large lots, a luxurious resort hotel, and a small man-made lake. The developers took the name Norwood from the 1868 Henry Ward Beecher novel, Norwood: Or, Village Life in New England, at the suggestion of one of the trustees, and set out "to translate the poetry of Beecher's prose into a picturesque Illinois village." The word park was added to the name when the post office was established. In 1853 the Illinois & Wisconsin Railroad passed through Norwood Park, and a train station was added in 1870, attracting more visitors and new residents. In 1874 Norwood Park was incorporated as a village; 19 years later it was annexed to the city.

Around 1906, to accent the community's elegant homes, the Chicago Special Parks Commission hired noted landscape architect Jens Jensen to upgrade some of Norwood Park's public spaces, including Norwood Circle Park, Myrtle Grove Park, and the grounds of the Chicago & North Western Railway station. Jensen called his design for the latter the "Railway Garden Park."

Many nice turn-of-the-century homes still stand near Circle Avenue, the circular street in the heart of the community. After World War I, middle-class bungalows sprung up in many Norwood Park neighborhoods, and following World War II, ranch-style homes became popular. More recently, new, larger homes were added, and the community remains a mixed-income residential area today. The Norwood Park community area encompasses several neighborhoods, including Oriole Park, Big Oaks and Union Ridge.

Beginning in the 1980s, Norwood Park stepped up efforts to preserve its heritage. In 2002, part of the community was placed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The historic area comprises, among other sites, Norwood Circle Park, the 1907 train station (restored to its original state) and the Rail-

way Garden Park, Mulberry Point Park (Chicago's smallest park), William Howard Taft High School, and the Noble-Seymour Crippen House, the oldest house in Chicago.

The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House has an interesting and long history. It began when a wealthy Englishman named Mark Noble, along with his family, arrived in Chicago in August 1831. The Nobles originally lived in the dilapidated former home of Jean Baptiste Point de Sable, Chicago's first permanent nonnative resident, in what is now downtown Chicago's Pioneer Court. Two years later, Noble purchased several hundred acres of prairie and timberland northwest of the city. Here he built a sturdy frame farmhouse on a high ridge. Noble Sr. died in 1839, and the home was later occupied by other owners.

In 1868 New York native Thomas H. Seymour bought Noble's farmhouse along with 68 acres, on which he planted about 1,000 cherry and apple trees and 2,000 grapevines, and raised a small herd of shorthorn cattle. To accommodate their large family of seven children, Seymour and his wife built an Italianate-style wing to the north side of the farmhouse, and expanded the loft area into a second floor. They also added a front porch and twin porticos for the two front entrances.

After Seymour died in 1915, his heirs sold the house and about two acres of land to the Stuart Crippen family, who added indoor plumbing, electricity and a number of other improvements. In 1987, Crippen's descendants sold the home--widely accepted as the oldest house in Chicago--to the non-profit Norwood Park Historical Society, which made the property its headquarters. A state grant in 1997 funded the home's extensive restoration to its 1915 appearance. The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House was designated a Chicago Landmark in 1988 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000.

The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Avenue in Chicago, is open on Saturday afternoons for tours.

Additional information can be obtained by calling (773) 631-4633 or emailing info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Copies of Roadside History of Illinois may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. More information about the author can be found by visiting his website www.stantexbanash.com.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

The JPNA, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, will have as its main speaker at its main speaker, Kurt Hilgendorf, Chicago Teachers Union Policy Analyst, at its November Meeting which will be changed this month to a different date, Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 P.M. at the Congregational Church of Jeff Park, 5320 W. Giddings. There is parking at Hoyne Savings at Giddings and Milwaukee. Also. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments. There will be a question and answer period. For more information, call 773 282 3879.

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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.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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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We've Been On Stage All Year, Now It's Your Turn!

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

Many people come to Skokie Theatre to enjoy the talent on stage. And we know, every now and then, thoughts creep into people's heads like "I know that I could do that," or "What would it be like to be up there?" After all, if Troy Donahue can be a move star ...

There are two events coming that invite you to come up on stage and be the show.

Skokie Story Slam - December 1 at 7:30 pm.

Everyone has a story to tell, we want to hear yours.

The Skokie Story Slam is the first of four monthly contests where audience members are invited to step on stage and share their stories. Similar to the Moth Radio Hour on NPR, there will be a word for the month that all stories must be based upon. When you arrive, you decide if you want to volunteer as a story teller, and if your name is called, you step on stage and share your saga.

You can also volunteer to be one of the audience judges. Stories are given points from 1-10 by a panel of judges chosen from the audience. The storyteller with the most points is invited back in April to compete in the Grand Slam. The winners from December, January, February and March will come back with new theme, and share their stories to become the champion. The judges can not also be storytellers, so every month you have to choose.

You can also choose to do neither, and just enjoy the stories. Admission to the Skokie Story Slam is

only \$10. The Skokie Story Slam is open to everyone, not just to Skokie residents.

The word for December is "DISTRACTION". Did someone distract you beyond your wildest dreams? Were you distracted before your son or daughter's wedding? What distracted you? What were the effects of that distraction? Was it a welcome distraction or a dangerous one?

Whether you choose to share your story, join the panel of judges, or cheer them on from the audience, the Story Slam is a fun way to share experiences with your neighbors and your community. Come pull up a chair and enjoy the original performing art ... the art of storytelling.

Skokie Idol is BACK! - Auditions begin January 20, 2018

Skokie Theatre is pleased to launch out 4th annual Skokie Idol competition. Auditions are held on January 20. Contestants bring in their favorite song and sing for the judges. After that, contestants are selected in three age groups: Junior Division (grades 4-7), Teen Division (grades 8-12), and the Adult Division (everyone else). The contestants return for weekly sing-offs on Saturday afternoons through March. Each week, they are ranked by both our judges and the audience. Higher ranked contestants are invited to bring a new song for the next week until there is only one contestant left in each division. Everyone gets to vote at the sing-offs, which are only \$5 to attend.

The last contestants standing become your Skokie Idols for 2018. They are featured in a free concert on July 11, 2018 as part of Wednesday's on the Green in front of the Skokie Library.

Skokie Idol is open to everyone, not just Skokie residents. For contest rules and registration, visit

Resurrection Entrance Exam And Shadow Days

Resurrection

Entrance Exam - Saturday, December 2, 2017

Resurrection College Prep High School invites eighth-grade girls to take the Class of 2022 Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 7:45 am to noon. Registration information for the exam is available at www.resh.org. Students should bring a \$25 testing fee (cash or check payable to



Resurrection College Prep). The exam will begin at 8:00 am and end at approximately noon. Water and snacks will be provided to testers. Calculators and language translators are not permitted during the exam. The test will commence at noon with a pizza party for all testers after the exam. On the day of the exam, testers will receive a packet of information that includes materials necessary for application to Resurrection College Prep.

Students must test at Resurrection to be eligible for the Block Scholarship for Top Testers and other scholarships opportunities at Resurrection. Information regarding limited accommodations on the Entrance Exam may be requested by contacting Registrar Ms. Briana O'Donnell at bodonnell@reshs.org or 773.467.4619 with documentation submitted no later than November 17, 2017

Parents are welcome to attend an optional Parent Breakfast Information Session at Resurrection at 8:00 am on the day of the

Entrance Exam. Parents can learn about the curriculum and programs at Resurrection, including AP and college credit classes, technology initiatives, the advantages of single-gender education and the unique Resurrection Practicum Job Shadowing Program. Information will also be presented about athletics, tuition assistance, and scholarship opportunities.

Shadow Days are available for girls to spend the day at Resurrection to experience the school first-hand. Select days remain for eighth-grade girls to spend the day at Resurrection to shadow a cur-

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

Michael Teolis Singers "Christmas Is Coming"

The Michael Teolis Singers begin its 11th season of choral music with their annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Oak Park. Christmas Is Coming will include some new Christmas sounds, new takes on old holiday favorites, reprises from past seasons, and the Chicago premiere of John Gardner's "Cantata For Christmas" for chorus and chamber orchestra.

In anticipation of the 200th anniversary, MTS will also perform Franz Gruber's "Silent Night," as arranged for chorus and strings by William Ferris, and "White Christmas" as sung by the Drifters will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Irving Berlin's holiday classic.

First United Methodist Church is located at 324 N. Oak Park Avenue, at the corner of Superior and Oak Park Avenue in Oak Park, IL. The building is handicap accessible, with free on street parking. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults

and \$15.00 seniors/students, cash only. For more information, phone 708-366-2889 or email info@MTS-

Michael Teolis Singers is partially funded by the Oak Park Area Arts Council, in partnership with the Village of Oak Park and the National Endowment for the Arts

Village Cooking Corner

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we humbly ask Thy blessing on the turkey and the dressing, On the yams and the cranberry jelly, and the pickles from the deli. Bless the apple pie and tea, bless each and every calorie. Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner; tomorrow we can all get thinner. For all Thy help along the way we're thankful this Thanksgiving day. We're thankful too, for all our dear ones, for all the far away and near ones. Although we may be far apart, we're together in my heart. Keep us in Thy loving care. This is my Thanksgiving prayer. P.S. And anyone who wishes may help with the dishes ... It's Thanksgiving. Gobble till you wobble!

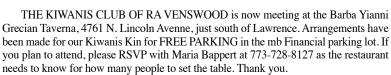
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This Thanksgiving, THINK HAM!

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood





Since Thanksgiving is celebrated on November 23, we offer this Prayer of Thanksgiving: For all your goodness, Lord, we give you thanks. Thanks for the food we eat and for the friends we meet; for each new day we greet, we give you thanks!

41st Annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot 5K/10K race, 5K fitness walk & Drumstick Dash for 6 and under



Proesel Park Sunday, Nov. 19 8:45 AM • All ages

This is our largest event of the year, bringing 2,000 walkers out to walk and run through the streets of Lincolnwood. Also includes Race Village with sponsor tent, costumed turkeys, DJ and more Advance registration required - this race sells out www.lincolnwoodil.org/turkeytrot



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Call 847.635.1426 for information about Winter/Spring classes.



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