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Chicago's DANK Haus to Present 44 National and International Photographers of the PDML, Pentax-Discuss Mail List

May 7- June 12, 2010

DANK Haus, Chicago's German American Cultural Center located in historic Lincoln Square, presents "Augenblick: A Moment in Time," photographs from 44 national and international members of the PDML, Pentax-Discuss Mail List group. The exhibit opens on Friday, May 7, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at DANK Haus, on the 4th floor Scharpenberg Gallery, 4740 North Western Ave.

The PDML, Pentax-Discuss Mail List is an online group comprised of both amateur and professional photographers from 15 countries. The group uses cyberspace to connect, critique and encourage the art of photography and are ardent users of Pentax cameras and lenses.

Also featured at the exhibition is the newly launched PDML Photo Annual, 2010, (ISBN 978-1-4507-0950-7). Available through blurb.com http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1286080) and also available through www.robertstech.com/, this fine art photography book will be available for viewing along with selected, limited edition photographs from the book. The photographic annual is the second book produced by the group. Believing in giving and gifting through their art, PDML members donate book sale profits to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation—www.curesearch.org

The opening reception for the PDML group, and exhibition, "Augenblick: A Moment in Time" is on Friday, May 7, 2010. The 6th floor Skyline Lounge at DANK Haus, boasting one of the city's best views, will also be open that evening from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. All events are free and open to the public.

DANK Haus is located in the heart of Lincoln Square in Chicago at 4740 N. Western Avenue. The gallery is open to the public every Saturday, from 11 am-3pm and is available during the week by appointment only. For more information about DANK Haus, visit www.dankhaus.com or call (773) 561-9181.



Happy Happy Mothers' Day

YEA! is Coming... Saturday, May 15, 2010

Hundreds of school children have been working hard all year for this special day when their visual and performing art is the focus of Evanston's only children's art festival. The excitement goes from 10 am until 4pm at the corners of Chicago Ave and Dempster Street. In case of rain, Yea! will take place at Dawes School, 440 Dodge Avenue at Oakton.

Come experience the magic!! Some Facts about YEA!

Young Evanston Artists is the most comprehensive children's art event in the city of Evanston, and touches every sector of the community.

- * Yea! is non-competitive and non-commercial
- * No art is for sale
- * No child's art is judged "better" than any other child's art
- * 6000 pre-school thru 12th grade children are involved at some level
- * o 1000 children display their visual art
 - o 300 children perform on stage
- * Each child receives a certificate of recognition signed by the mayor of Evanston and their fine arts teacher
 - * 40 public, private and parochial schools participate

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"Sprouting" Artist Reception at Noyes May 16

"Sprouting" marks the 35th anniversary of the annual exhibition by The Chicago Korean American Artists Association (CKAAA). The title symbolizes the emergence of young sprouts from cold soil as ametaphor for people suffering through the current harsh economic conditions. An artist reception, free and open to the public, will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 16 in the gallery. There will also be a free Korean Kite Making Workshop from 3:30-4:30 p.m. during the reception. This workshop will introduce the art of Korean paper crafts and culture. Reservations are recommended.

The exhibition runs May 15 through June 29 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston; admission is always free. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. The building is accessible and group tours are available.

The show consists of Western style and Korean traditional paintings, ceramics, video, fiber, mixed media and installations. Sun Hye Choi curated the exhibition and is a participating artist. For more information about the organization and the artists involved or to register for the workshop, please call 773/443-0757 or email: ckaaa10@yahoo.com. This program is sponsored by the City of Evanston and the Evanston Arts Council. Partial support is provided by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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Make Your Own Kind of Music: The Brill Building Sounds songs by Carole King, Burt Bacharach, Neil Sedaka and more!

"Make Your Own Kind of Music: The Brill Building Sound" celebrates the songwriting teams from the 1960's who were the "hitmakers" for artists and acts across the country. These well known songs such as "Will You Love Me Tomorrow", "One Fine Day", The Look of Love", "Up On the Roof", "Save the Last Dance for Me", and "Laughter In the Rain" have become contemporary standards, as widely known as songs from the Great American Songbook and the Beatles. Chicago performers Anne & Mark Burnell present "Make Your Own Kind of Music: The Brill Building Sound" at the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 8:00pm.

What's the Brill Building? In the 1960's, New York music producer Don Kirschner put the best and brightest songwriters there, almost all duo's to write some of the most memorable songs in pop history. The writers: Lieber & Stoller, Goffin & King, Weill & Mann, Bacharach & David, Sedaka & Greenfield to name a few. The Burnell's "Make Your Own Kind of Music" had a SOLD OUT premiere at Maxim's: Nancy Goldberg International Center in March 2010.

Make Your Own Kind of Music: The Brill Building Sound Skokie Theatre Music Foundation 7924 N. Lincoln Avenue · Skokie, Illinois 50077

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For reservations www.skokietheatre.com or call: 1-847-677-7761 Free parking next to theatre.

Teen Fitness Becomes Affordable at Fleetwood–Jourdain Center

Teens from 13-17 are being offered a reduced rate on the use of the Fitness Room at the City of Evanston's Fleetwood–Jourdain Center. This bright space offers: Tunturi exercycles, Precor Ergocycles, AeroStep Steppers and a Trotter treadmill to help get you into shape. The room is available 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. M-F and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sat. Prices vary, so call for details. 847/448-8254.

City of Evanston to Issue Request for Information for Wind Farm in Lake Michigan

On April 13, 2010 the Evanston City Council unanimously authorized issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to interested parties for the solicitation of information on developing an offshore wind energy facility in Lake Michigan off the northern shore of Evanston. The City of Evanston will issue the RFI on May 1, 2010. Responses will be due on June 30th, 2010, by 3PM CST.

Those interested in responding to the RFI should visit www.cityofe-vanston,org/wind for more information and a copy of the RFI.

The Evanston Climate Action Plan (ECAP), accepted by City Council in November 2008, recommends that the city investigate the feasibility of offshore wind power generation in Lake Michigan. The development of renewable power at this scale has great potential for reducing Evanston's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The Citizens for a Greener Evanston (CGE), an advocacy group of community members instrumental in developing the ECAP, has been researching offshore wind generation and the suitability of Lake Michigan as a wind power generation site for several years. The City of Evanston believes it is now time to take this investigation one step further by posing the question to the renewable power industry.



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Small Fry Science presents, "Seed Science." Introduce your child to the wonderful world of science using age-appropriate experiments and activities. The next class is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12 at the Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. This class is for parents with a child age 4-6 years. Preregistration is required. The fee per couple is \$12. Call 847-448-8256.

Don't miss your spot in summer camp! Phone-in, walk-in, mail-in and on-line registrations continue. Summer camp guides are available at any of the centers or online at www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps. For information, call 847-866-2900.

Women's Basketball for fun and fundamentals. Beginners are welcome in a class designed especially for women over the age of 40. The next session starts at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., and runs through June 17. The cost is \$66/resident and \$74/nonresident. Drop-in fees are available. For details, call 847-448-8252.

The 34th Annual Spring Ice Show, "90 Days of Summer" opens at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., May 21, with additional performances at 7:30 p.m. on Sat., May 22, and a final matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sun., May 23. Skaters will celebrate the last day of school, the joys of summer camp and summer vacation, then end with the bittersweet back to school time period. This family-friendly show will be held at the Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St., Evanston. The ticket price is \$9.50/reserved seating and \$8.50/general seating. For information or to register, please call 847/448-8258.

Save money by buying your beach tokens now. Through June 11, Evanston and Skokie residents can purchase tokens for \$22 each. When beaches open on June 12, token prices increase to \$30. Tokens are available at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., and all community centers. Other non-resident fees are higher. For details, call 847-866-2900.

Light the Way! - Evanston CFL Porch Light Campaign Kicked off on Earth Day

On April 22, 2010, the City of Evanston will launch a new campaign to promote residential energy efficiency – the Evanston Porch Light Campaign. The campaign encourages residents to "light the way" by changing their porch light from a regular incandescent light to an energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL), demonstrating simple actions can make a difference, one porch at a time.

As part of the effort, the City will distribute 2,500 free ENERGY STAR®-qualified CFLs to residents that sign the Energy Star Pledge. The CFLs are part of an 18,000 bulb donation to the City by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for signing the Greenest Region Compact in February 2008. Residents can fill out the Energy Star Pledge on-line at

http://www.cityofevanston.org/global/green/resident_energy/energy-challenge.shtml... and get their free CFL at the Morton Civic Center, Room 4600, 2100 Ridge Ave. Please either e-mail your pledge confirmation or bring in the printed confirmation when you come to get your free CFL.

"Simple actions add up" is one of the core messages of the Evanston Porch Light Campaign, which calls upon residents to display their pledge to reduce energy by switching a light visible to their neighbors – their porch light. "Block by block, we hope to see neighborhoods switching their porch lights to CFLs," says Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor of Evanston, who has a CFL in her outdoor light fixture.

The Evanston Porch Light Campaign is one of more than 200 strategies outlined in the Evanston Climate Action Plan (ECAP), which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions community wide. Inspired by the lake shore community's symbol of the lighthouse, the initiative will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 857,745 lbs of CO2E annually.

"We want all our residents to know they can individually make a difference in our community and encourage them to spread the word to friends, family and neighbors. Saving electricity saves money and helps the City meet its community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction target."

CFLs use about 75% less energy than traditional standard light bulbs, last up to 10 times longer, and each one could save you up to \$70 in energy costs over its lifetime.

CFL bulbs contain a very small amount of mercury, so they should not be put in the garbage. There are many locations around Evanston that accept bulbs for recycling for free, including select City of Evanston facilities. For more information on CFL bulb recycling, go to www.cityofevanston.org/departments/publicworks/streets/recycling.shtml.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON SKOKIE'S RED-LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM

Today, the Skokie Police Department announced construction began on April 22, 2010 at the first intersection to be equipped with red-light cameras. This initial site will be at the intersection of Dempster Street and McCormick Boulevard. Construction at this location will occur over a 30-day period. Construction crews will complete the work as efficiently as possible between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Drivers can expect lane restrictions as crews install the detection system, foundation work, power, and signs. A traffic control plan will be implemented to minimize disruption to the traffic flow and to ensure the safety of the workers.

Once construction is complete, a 30-day warning period will begin. A warning notice will be mailed to the vehicle's registered owner with no fine being associated with the violation. Warning signs alerting drivers to the red-light cameras will also be installed.

"The warning period will give citizens an opportunity to become familiar with the red light system. We encourage people to slow down and definitely stop on red before the actual citations begin," said Sgt. David Pawlak. "This is a public safety program, and our goal is to deter red-light runners and prevent collisions resulting from these violations."

Photo-enforcement cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. Cameras will operate 24-hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red light at the intersection. At the completion of the warning period, citations will be issued and accompanied with a \$100.00 fine.

The Village's photo-enforcement program aims to improve the safety and quality of life in Skokie by reducing red-light violations and the crashes and injuries caused by red light running. The Village expects to have the system operational by May 31, 2010.

The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) with each violation reviewed and approved by the Skokie Police Department prior to being issued.

The Village of Skokie has contracted with ATS which provides red-light and speed camera enforcement programs for more than 200 communities across North America. More information about ATS is available at www.atsol.com or www.RedLightCamera.com.

One-day Registration for Youth Basketball Leagues Approaches!

Registration for the Summer Midget, Pint-Size and Middle School Basketball Programs will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sat., May 15. Spots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. A parent/guardian must register in person at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. Once spots are gone, there will be no waiting list. Practice begins the week of June 14, while play begins the week of June 24 and runs through Aug. 14. No program on July 1 and 3. Midget teams (age 5-7) play Sat. mornings; Pint Size teams (age 8-10) play Sat. afternoons; Middle School Programs (for youth entering grades 6-8) meets Thursday evenings. The cost is \$60/resident and \$80/nonresident. For info., call 847-448-8254.

ST. HYACINTH BASILICA SCHOOL All-School Reunion

St. Hyacinth invites all alumni to come to the all school reunion on Saturday, June 12, 2010!

Take a stroll through memory lane:

Tour of the school 2:00pm-5:00pm Mass at the Basilica 5:30pm Buffet dinner 7:00pm Professional pictures 6:30pm 8:30pm

Professional pictures 6:30pm-8:30pm

Did we mention we will watch your children for free!!!

Reunite with former classmates and teachers throughout the evening. Showcase years at the all school reunion: 25th: 1985 50th: 1960 75th: 1935

For more information please visit the school's website: www.StHyacinthBasili-caSchool.org and click on the ALumni Tab . You can also buy tickets online at the website. Please contact the school for more information or to receive a physical newsletter.

3640 W. Wolfram St Chicago, IL 60618; 773-342-7550; Email: info@sthyacinthbasilicaschool.org

'Peter Pan' Family Show at Oakton May 22

Take a trip to Neverland on Saturday, May 22, as Emerald City Theatre Company brings Peter Pan to the Performing Arts Center at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The 3 p.m. show is recommended for all ages.

This musical adaption of the popular children's book by J. M. Barrie follows the exploits of Peter Pan and Wendy who encounter spirits, mermaids, and a ticking crocodile while trying to defeat the nefarious Captain Hook.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission; \$5 for children under 12; and \$4 for groups of 15 or more.

To reserve tickets, call the Oakton Box Office at 847-635-1900.

Special Buckingham Fountain Friday Tours Return This Summer

Parkways Foundation and Chicago Park District are teaming up to offer visitors a rare chance to tour Chicago's Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain's underground pump works and learn more about the city's iconic monument beginning June 4.

The 30-minute tours, led by Julia Bachrach, Chicago Park District Historian, are offered each Friday at noon and at again 12:30p.m., running through August 27. The cost of the tour is \$50. For reservations or more information contact the Parkways Foundation at 312.742.5368 or rsvp@parkways.org. All proceeds from the Buckingham Fountain Friday Tours will benefit the restoration of Buckingham Fountain.

"We are excited to offer the public a chance to get up close and personal with Chicago's iconic fountain," said Tim Mitchell, Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO. "Visitors can get a very unique historical, perspective about this beloved fountain, while helping give back to the preservation of the Fountain and its legacy."

During its 2008-2009 winter hiatus, the world-famous fountain underwent renovations that included 235,000 square feet of new ADA accessible paving, installation of concrete stairs at the north and south, repairs to existing comfort stations and concession buildings, and restoration of the original landscape design with additional site lighting and benches. The historic fence surrounding the fountain was also repaired, including complete realignment, adjustments to shifted foundations, and replacement of missing components.

The next phase of renovations will include the restoration and repair of the fountain itself. The scope of work in this next phase involves rebuilding the lower basin, installation of a new plumbing system, repair of the electrical system, rehabilitation of the historic pump house, and restoration of the fountain's bronze sculptural elements.

Since its inception in 1994, Parkways Foundation has been funding park projects all over Chicago. The foundation has raised millions of dollars toward historic preservation and restoration, programming initiatives and environmental enrichment. Parkways Foundation seeks private investment to enrich the physical and cultural landscape of Chicago's neighborhood parks. For more information about the Parkways Foundation please call 312.742.4808.

Babysitting For Fun and Profit!

The Chandler-Newberger Center is pleased to offer the NEW American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course. If you are between the ages of 11-15 and include babysitting in your future plans, join us promptly at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday evening, May 19-June 3, for a three-hour intensive course. Fees include your book and a handbag for you to keep. The cost is \$84/resident and \$96/nonresident. The Chandler-Newberger Center is located at 1028 Central St., Evanston. For information or to register, call 847-448-8252.



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Book Discussion. May 10, 1 p.m. Lincolnwood Library's adult book discussion features Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. May 13: "Weather Girl."

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. May 7: "Paper Heart"; May 14: "Amelia."

Humanities Treasures. This free discussion group meets Wednesdays, 1–3 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library to explore current events and selected readings. Humanities Treasures is affiliated with the Oakton Community College Emeritus Program.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Family Storytime. May 13, 7-7:30 p.m. Put on your pajamas and stop by Lincolnwood Library for "Family Favorites" to listen to classic, well-loved children's stories.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover. May 22, 4 p.m. Children are invited to bring a favorite cuddly friend to a storytime on May 22 and then tuck in their "guest" for an overnight stay at Lincolnwood Library. Stop by during library hours on May 23 to pick up stuffed animals and view photos of their overnight adventures.

Afterschool Café. Mondays through May, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows. Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome. Register for morning or afternoon session with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Monday Movies. Films for children and teens on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m. May 10: "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" rated G.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

CLASSES

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. through May. 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, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading, writing, and math skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426.

Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adults can learn to knit or work on knitting projects. All skill levels welcome.

Tennis Block Party Registration Due May 15

This second annual free event kicks off Evanston's summer tennis season. Join us from 2-5 p.m. on Sat., May 22 in James Park at Oakton St., west of Dodge. This will be a fun-filled afternoon for ages 4 through senior adult.

All tennis levels are welcome for free tennis instruction, games, prizes, and much more! Although the Tennis Block Party is free, preregistration is required. Please register by Sat., May 15 by calling 847/448-8252.

For more information, call 847/448-8682. The program will be cancelled in the event of rain. This event is presented by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the City of Evanston's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.



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STATE'S ATTORNEY ALVAREZ HONORS "UNSUNG HEROES" IN THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE



Pictured, left to right, are: Ursula Villatoro, State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, Karli Butler and Palatine Police Chief John Koziol.

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez (second from left) recently honored individuals at the Victim Service Awards, a ceremony held in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Ursula Villatoro, who works as a crime victim advocate for Mount Sinai Hospital, was honored for her dedication to serving victims with fairness, dignity and respect. Villatoro, who is an integral part of the hospital's trauma team, is one of the first responders to crime victims when they enter the hospital, providing support and assistance during life altering events.

Karli Butler was presented with the Courage Award for her remarkable journey in overcoming injuries she suffered in a heinous battery and using that experience to empower and encourage other young women. In 2006, Butler suffered second and third degree burns when battery acid was thrown in her face. After enduring a series of painful surgeries and skin grafts, Butler volunteers with several organizations, sharing her experience with other crime victims and burn patients.

Palatine Police Chief John Koziol accepted the award on behalf of the Palatine Police Department, which was recognized for their tireless efforts in the investigation involving the Brown's Chicken murders in 1993. In 2002, two offenders were charged and the case was solved, but officers and investigators did not let their commitment to the families of the seven victims end. They continued to play an instrumental role in the prosecution, providing support for the families of the victims in and out of the courtroom.

Open Studio Project Classes

Adult Art Classes Connecting with the Creative Process

Take time to open the window to your creative side. No prior art or writing experience necessary - just an open mind. Cost \$165 non-members, \$155 members.

Tuesday Nights, 6:30-8:30pm

April 13 - May 18 June 1 - July 6

Thursday Mornings, 10:00am-12:30pm

Extended Class: \$200 non-members, \$190 members

April 15 - May 20 June 3 - July 8

Friday Mornings, 10am - 12noon

April 16 - May 21 June 4 - July 16 (no class 7/2)

Sunday Afternoons, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

April 18 - June 6 (no class 5/9, 5/30)

RESERVE YOUR SPACE - REGISTER TODAY! To register call (847) 475 - 0390 for more information.

Children's Art Classes Art & Adventure

Support your child's creativity in an open, playful atmosphere where adventurous use of materials is encouraged. Children will explore a variety of 2-D and 3-D projects. Taught by Jan Ellenstein who has been making art fun for children for the last 30 years. Age Level: 2-5 yrs (parent/child class)

Tuesday Mornings, 10am-11am

April 27 - June 1, 5 weeks, no class 5/11

Wednesday Mornings, 10am-11am

April 28 - June 2, 6 weeks June 16 - July 28, 6 weeks, no class 7/7

Wednesday Afternoons, 1:30 - 2:30

April 28 - June 2, 5 weeks, no class 5/5

June 16 - July 28, 6 weeks, no class 5/5

Fee: 5-week class: \$105 non-member, \$95 OSP member, \$75 sibling. Fee: 6-week class: \$125 non-member, \$115 OSP member, \$90 sibling.

LIMITED SPACES LEFT - REGISTER TODAY!

Register here or call (847) 475 - 0390 for more information.

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web: www.openstudioproject.org

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

St. Peter Catholic School News

St. Peter's 8th grade class recently collected 12 bags of donated shoes for the needy in Haiti. They were forwarded to the "Share Your Soles" organization where the shoes were prepared for shipping.

Mrs. Rosa and the 5th grade class collected over 700 books in their recent Book Drive. Over 300 books were donated to the St. Peter School Library.

On Sunday, 25 April, the 8th grade students received the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Kane officiating. Thanks to Sr. Kathy and Miss Nolan for preparing the students for this important event.

The Science Fair was a huge success--great projects, great organization. The efforts of Miss Nora, the students, and parents were greatly appreciated.

Save the date! On Friday, 14 May at 7:00 pm the St. Peter musical extravaganza, The Princess & the Pea, will be performed in the auditorium. Join us for an evening of thespian excellence.

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THIS SUMMER AS A PART OF THE NILES TOWNSHIP SUMMER ORCHESTRA

The Niles Township Summer Orchestra is seeking musicians (eighth grade to adult) to perform in its Community Orchestra. The Niles Township Summer Orchestra is a full orchestra for woodwind, brass, percussion and string musicians. The orchestra will play classical, Broadway and popular music. The orchestra will give a performance during Morton Grove Days on Saturday, July 3. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the orchestra room at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton, Skokie on June 9, June 14, June 16, June 21, June 23, June 28 and June 30. Niles West Orchestra Director Steven Katz conducts the Niles Township Summer Orchestra.

This is a great opportunity to join together with other musicians and perform for the Niles Township community. Concert dress is black pants or skirt, white shirt or blouse and black shoes. There is a registration fee of \$40.

For more information, please contact Steven Katz at (847) 626-2629 or stekat@niles-hs.k12.il.us.

NILES NORTH PTSA ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Niles North Parents, Teachers and Student Association (NNPTSA) is pleased to announce the following seniors have been awarded the 2010 NNPTSA Scholarship: Jennifer Rose Barrish, Kimberly Moore and Dan Salganik.

The purpose of NNPTSA Scholarships is to recognize graduating seniors who are involved in the Niles North community.

Any graduating senior pursuing higher education with a 2.0 GPA or greater (unweighted) can apply. Each student was required to write two separate essays using any two of the six statements that come from the national PTSA standards. These standards are: welcoming all families into the community; communicating effectively, supporting student success; speaking up for every child; sharing power; and collaborating with the community.

Each student was required to have a Niles North teacher, counselor, coach, staff members or community leader read and verify each of the essays for content.

NNPTSA is a not for profit charitable organization. Membership fees and donations directly fund student scholarships and determine the number and amount given.

For more information about this program or the NNPTSA, please visit http://sharepoint.niles-hs.k12.il.us/north/nnptsa/default.aspx or contact Renee DeWald, NNPTSA President at rdewald@aol.com.

NILES NORTH CHESS TEAM COMPETED AT NATIONALS

The Niles North High School Chess Team, the Illinois High School Association state champion, recently competed against 42 other teams at the United States Chess Federation's 2010 National High School Championships held in Columbus, Ohio. The Niles North team earned a very good 13th place in the Championship Team Division and a 22nd place in the Unrated Team Division. A team is composed of five competitors, although only two make up a team in the Unrated Division.

Individual highlights include: Michael Chinitz earned the Individual High Score, Championship Division (4.5 points out of a possible 7); Fedya Titov was named National Blitz Champion in the 1700-1799 Division; Emmett Barr earned a 7th place trophy, Unrated Division; Amir Salik earned a 10th place trophy, Unrated Division and Rafeh Qazi received an Honorable Mention in the Under 1200 Division.

The Niles North Chess Team members competing at Nationals were: senior Fedya Titov, juniors Michael Chinitz, Evan Goldstein, Saagar Gupta, Chad Hirsch and Evan Spiegel; sophomores Rafeh Qazi and Eric Rosen; and freshmen Emmett Barr, Hozan Marbeen, David Paykin and Amir Salik.

The Chess Team sponsors are Niles North teachers Harry Kyriazes, Heather Ingraham and John Kretsos.

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Talking Pictures Festival: Portraits of Emotion, May 8, 3-4pm.

Talking Pictures Festival: Cat Ladies, May 9, 2:30-3:30pm.

Monday Movie: Troubled Water, May 10, 7-9pm.

AAL Book Discussion: Blanche on the Lam, May 11, 7-9pm. Registration is required

IDES Re-employment Workshop, May 12, 10-12:30pm.

Reeltime: [Aging Well Film Festival] "I know a Woman Like That," May 12, 7:30-9pm.

Friday Films: John Cusack in Bullets Over Broadway, May 14, 3-5:15pm. Climate Action Plan Workshops, May 15, 12-2pm.

May Weekend Films - Air Bud: World Pup, May 15 and May 16, 2-3:30pm. Alinsky's Rules for Radicals and Community Organizing, May 19, 7-8:30pm. Black Dance and Barack Obama, May 20, 7-8:30pm.

Friday Films: John Cusack in The Grifters, May 21, 3-5:15pm.

Bilingual Storytime, May 22, 4-4:30pm.

Friday Films: John Cusack in The Ice Harvest, May 28, 3-5:15pm.

DISTRICT 219 STUDENTS WIN AWARDS AT STATE ENGINEERING CONTEST

Niles Township High School District 219 students recently competed at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) state competition held recently at the University of Illinois. The Niles West High School team placed ninth overall in the state.

Individual awards won by:

Niles West: Aaron Goldfein, first place in Computer Science; Ilya Raskin, third place in Physics; Wei-Pang Jan, fifth place in Chemistry; Thea Ledesma, fifth place in Engineering Graphics; Danny Lohan, fifth place in Engineering Graphics; Ben Pichler, sixth place in Physics; Elias Sopkin, sixth place in Computer Science and Kevin Lohan, sixth place in Engineering Graphics.

Niles North: Emil Isaakov, fourth place in Engineering Graphics and Sean Abraham, fourth place in Computer Science.

The WYSE sponsors are Martha Lietz and Matt Fahrenbacher from Niles West and Christi Camel and Tom Chung from Niles North.

NILES NORTH STUDENT EARNS SILVER KEY IN NATIONAL LEVEL OF COMPETITION

Niles North High School senior Ashley Carol-Fingerhut earned a Silver Key in the national level of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition, the nation's longest, largest and most prestigious visual arts recognition program for students in grades seven through twelve.

At the regional competition, Carol-Fingerhut won a Gold Key for her photograph entitled "Tres Cabanas", which then was sent to Washington, DC for national adjudication. The photograph was one of 1,400 works selected for national recognition (out of a total of 8,000).

One-day Registration for Youth Basketball Leagues May 15

Registration for the Summer Midget, Pint-Size and Middle School Basketball Programs will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sat., May 15. Spots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

A parent/guardian must register in person at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. Once spots are gone, there will be no waiting list. Practice begins the week of June 14, while the play begins the week of June 24 and runs through Aug. 14. No program on July 1 and 3.

Midget teams (age 5-7) play Sat. mornings; Pint Size teams (age 8-10) play Sat. afternoons; Middle School Programs (for youth entering grades 6-8) meets Thursday evenings. The cost is \$60/resident and \$80/nonresident. For info., call 847/448-8254.

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"A Theater Review"

Hephaestus: A Greek Mythology Circus Tale Goodman Theatre 170 North Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60601 The Hiding Place Provision Theatre 1001 W Roosevelt Rd Chicago, IL 60608

Critical Evaluation: **** out of ****

I've seen "Hephaestus," three times, twice when it was performed at their theatre at the Water Tower. Anyone who doesn't like a circus is a grown up Scrooge. This is a family show and the circus acts are breathtaking. The show runs a fast ninety minutes and I'd go back and see it again and again but then as a child I was exposed to ice shows and the Ringling Brothers Circus and this is no exception. The first presentation was in 2005.

Tony Hernandez has put together a top-notch production that includes artists from Ringling Brothers and Cirque du Soleil. What makes this show work better in the Owen Theatre is it has a higher ceiling than at the Water Tower. A little girl is the narrator of the story, which deals with the triumphs of the Greek God as her storybook comes to life. The girl playing the narrator is Tatiana Renallo, or Khori Faison.

The show has a cast of twenty-two performers. Some are known merely as Silverguy and Silvergirl. Four of the Silverguys work the high wire. Tony Hernandez, who plays Hephaestus, created the story and co-directed the show with Heidi Stillman. Katia Dmitrieva is Aphrodite, Iris is played by Erendira Vazquez Wallenda whose family is Ringling's famous Wallenda Family, and Hera is Lijana Wallenda Hernandez. The list goes on. Two spectacular performers are Giuliano Espana and Fabio Espana Anastasini as Silverguys and the Risley Act.

You'll see aerialists, balancers, drummers and trapeze artists that will amaze you. I don't understand why some adults don't enjoy daring performances to entertain. The show closes with the seven-person human pyramid high above the stage not previously a part of the other two productions I saw and it is breathtaking. I'd rush to obtain your tickets to see it.

"Hephaestus: A Greek Mythology Circus Tale" runs through May 23.
"Hephaestus" tickets are \$25-\$70. Next season starting in October of 2010 will be a new adaptation of "Peter Pan," a world premiere original of "Ethan Frome" and "The Last Act of Lilka Kadison" at their Watertower Theatre.
"Lookingglass Alice" returns to the Water Tower Theatre from June 16 through August 1. Tickets are \$32-\$64. For performance schedule, show times and reservations call 312-443-3800.



Standing ovations should go to Tim Gregory on his adaptation of Corrie ten Boom's Holocaust story "The Hiding Place." In my opinion it deserves to be nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Provision Theatre in the past had done some excellent shows ranging from musicals such as "Cotton Patch Gospel," a new

version of "A Christmas Carol," "C.S. Lewis on Stage," "Spitfire Grill," "Smoke on the Mountain," "The Gospel of John," and the list goes on.

Critical Evaluation: **** out of ****

Gregory has proven to me that he is an exceptionally talented actor. He can sing, act, is a top director and he can add playwright to his credit with this adaptation. It is not a happy play but it definitely is one that needs to be seen as we can learn a lot from it. "Gone With the Wind" was a four hour classic and "The Hiding Place' is a three hour classic. It was co-directed by assistant director Gerald H. Bailey. Lindsay A. Bartlett is the dialect coach. The production has a cast of 30 and I had tears in my eyes, which rarely happens to me to see how the Nazis could treat women, men, Jews and youngsters so inhumane

The story is based on Corrie ten Boom who died on her 91st birthday in 1983. She wrote her story with the help of New York writers John and Elizabeth Sherrill who befriended and traveled with her to sites of her past. It may give you the impression you'll be seeing another "Diary of Anne Frank" but put that out of your mind. The story takes place in Holland. The ten Bloom family has a large house and the father owns a watch repair store. This family is not Jewish but Christians who have Jewish friends and neighbors. But a Dutch traitor turns the family into the Nazis.

The cast has three equity actors. Lia Mortenson plays Corrie ten Boom and her performance is spellbinding. Also Cynthia Judge plays her sister Betsie ten Boom and Dennis Kelly who is their father Casper ten Boom give rave performances. Dane Halvorson and Jan deLaubenfels are two of the meanest Germans I've seen in a long time in their roles. It's impossible to name all thirty but some excellent performances were given by Steve Scholz, Jack McCabe, Maura Kidwell, Amy Malouf and Ryan Martin.

It's hard for me to believe that there are people who don't believe the Holocaust ever occurred but one needs to remember there are millions of German people who are not Nazis or voted for Hitler either. The story deals with faith-love-hope-reconciliation and redemption and this is a powerful production. I only wish for older people or people who have hearing problems the actors spoke louder. I also felt the story needed to be trimmed but it is fascinating and fast moving regardless of running time.

We need a theatre like Provisions. Support them, you won't regret it. "The Hiding Place" runs through May 23. Lots of free parking. Performances are 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$25-\$28. For reservations call 866-811-4111.

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MAY 21 at 8pm The Next Generation of Artists

MAY 22 at 8pm Make Your Own Kind of Music: The Brill Building Sound

MAY 23 at 2pm ROSWELL-WHAT THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

MAY 23 at 7:30pm "Show Us Your Love", presented by Bailiwick Chicago

MAY 26 at 1:30pm Marcus Gentry has GEORGIA ON MY MIND

May 28 · 8:00pm Streetdancer

MAY 29 at 8pm Tony Bernard presents Vegas Headliners Through The Years

MAY 30 at 2pm Jimmy Damon sings More Than Sinatra

Skokie State of the Village Luncheon with Mayor George Van Dusen, Trustees and Guests

The Skokie Chamber of Commerce held its annual State of the Village Luncheon on Friday, April 23, 2010, featuring Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen at the Evanston Golf Club.

With an attendance of more than 125 people, the event gave Skokie Chamber members the opportunity to network and learn about upcoming projects in Skokie. Mayor Van Dusen spoke to Chamber members about road construction activity, the acquisition of property on Dempster Street and other economic development issues. Please click here to view the text of Mayor Van Dusen's remarks.

In introduction remarks to the group, Kristen Murtos, President of Skokie Hospital, stated, "Skokie Hospital, like the Village itself, represents a diverse population united by a truly remarkable sense of community. We are so privileged to be a part of the community."

This year's State of the Village Luncheon was sponsored by NorthShore University HealthSystem in Skokie, Westfield Old Orchard, AT&T Illinois and the Illinois Science + Technology Park. A tape of his remarks will soon air on SkokieVision cable.

American Red Cross Adult and Child CPR Course

This program, for ages 12 years and up, will demonstrate how to perform rescue breathing, clear an obstructed airway, and perform one-rescuer CPR. These classes take place from 6:30-9:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 5-12 at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St. The fee is \$54/resident and \$67/nonresident. Space is limited. For more information, call 847-448-8682.

Medicare & You Seminar Date Change

This free event, sponsored by Evanston's Commission on Aging, has been changed to 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8 and will still be held at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. Seniors and caregivers can learn which services are covered, changes in coverage, local resources and effective ways to advocate for coverage. For more information, please contact Sandra Varpness, Commission on Aging, 847-866-2919.

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6 Thursdays, beginning April 29th, mornings at 10:30, or evenings at 8:pm. Get more info here: http://www.myjli.com/courses.php?task=details&CID=34 Register here: http://www.myjli.com/courses.php?task=locator&subtask= zip60076&CID=34

Please reply or call me with any questions, Rabbi Yochanan Posner, Jewish Learning Institute, Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Demspter Street, 847 677 1770 x 2

SKOKIE ART GUILD

Skokie Art Guild Live Model Figure Drawing Workshops

Thursdays 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM Saturdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live Models/no instructor. Fees per session: Sag Members \$12; non-members \$20. For information call:Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461 or Skokieartguild.org

Skokie Art Guild Meetings

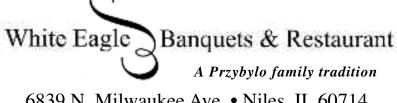
Skokie Art Guild demo/meetings are held at on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. in the Mary Radmacher room. Nonmembers are welcome.

> Next Event: Tuesday May 25th, 7:00 PM Robert Pinhasik ,Working with Acrylics

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair. July 10-11, 2010. Fine Art. Held downtown Skokie on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton (next to the Library). Prizes and Awards! APPLY NOW! For information/application: skokieart@aol.com www.skokieartguild.org 847-677-8163.

The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 17-18, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 7-8. Set against the scenic backdrop of Evanston's lakefront, both festivals are held in Dawes Park, Church St. and Sheridan Road. Artist applications are now available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For more details, call 847-448-8260.



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- 5. Practice sustainable gardening such as mulching, composting, or reducing your lawn area.

Please watch what you plant in your garden. Exotic species not native to your region can become invasive and harmful to both people and wildlife.

To learn more about making your yard a Certified Wildlife Habitat, visit www.nwf.org/habitat or call 1-800-822-9919.

Collars

Hello Furry friends, I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the nicer weather. I am meeting many new pups this year, all coming into my Human's spa to get spruced up. However, I have a bone to pick with you humans. What is the story with your dog's collars? I am grossed out by the condition of some of the items you Human's put on us dogs. I know you Humans are busy and all, but can't you look at your dogs neck? Unfortunately, collars do not last the lifetime of your beloved pooch and need replacing. Now I understand from my Human that times are tough, she keeps



telling us we are going to form a sled team so she can save on gas. I am not sure what she is talking about, but I am guessing that the money stuff you Human's need is tight, but collars don't cost that much!

I know that many of my pup friends are now shaking their head in agreement. Us dogs have a very heightened smell, well take a whiff at that collar you are forcing us to wear! Yes, although my Human cleans and scrubs pups she is forced to put back on those nasty collars. Other Humans then complain about the smell, well it is in the collar! Us dogs know how good it is to role in duck poop (except me of course, I am above such things), well it that odor gets on the collar too. So does mud, dirt, rain, whatever all contributes to our doggie smell. However, some can be elevated with a new collar. Can't make it to the store, well many of the nylon collars can be thrown in the wash machine and that sometimes helps!

So, now that you are set on getting your pup some new bling, what do you get? Well there are as many varieties of collars as there are breeds of dogs, so get what you like. And of course what looks good on your pet. Please make sure the collar fits properly. Many of my pup friends have gotten loose (shame on them!) because they slipped out of their collar. The collar should be tight enough to slip two Human fingers through. Basically the Human should measure your neck and add 1-2 inches for the collar. If you buy a collar to big and have access length, please bring it back. I have seen a multitude of injuries caused by the unusual items Humans use to tie the access length. Of course this is unintentional but be aware!

A word of caution, if you decide to purchase a training collar (also called a choke chain) or a pinch collar, they should NEVER be left on us pooches without supervision. Because of their design, if we get an end stuck some places we can choke do death. I don't want to hear about any of that happening again! These collars are designed for "training purposes" and should be used like that. Also, these collars should also fit like the nylon collars. You should also consider the weight of these chains as well. I have seen a training collar made for a Lab on a Yorkie. Can you imagine this poor 4-pound Yorkie with a 2-pound collar on? Again be aware!

So, my pup friends try and bring this to the attention of your Humans, afterall it is for our safety and overall good smell!! Bark Later, Bosley *Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral*.



Urban Wildlife Coalition: The Truth about Raccoons

In the past two issues of *Our Village*, we covered Wheaton's recent ambush on coyotes. For years, our communities have tried to cull an "overpopulation" (by whose definition?) of deer. Now, fear and misunderstanding are being directed at raccoons. What's next? Squirrels and birds? Like many other animals that have successfully adapted to urban living, raccoons are treated as marauders and nuisances. Two Chicago aldermen are trying to rid raccoons from their neighborhoods, using fear of public health as the motivation. Instead of relying on a "shoot first and ask questions later" tactic, we human beings can choose to be humane. A little bit of understanding goes a long way.

Raccoons are not aggressive by nature. Raccoons are highly intelligent and have successfully adapted to an urban environment in search of food and shelter. Like most wild animals, raccoons don't like humans and will avoid us if they can. Raccoons are not usually not aggressive unless frightened or provoked

Rabies is far less common then you think. The key is common sense, not hysteria. It makes sense to stay a safe distance from any wild animal, but according to the Illinois Department of Health, no raccoons have tested positive for rabies in records dating back to 1990, and according to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), only a single human death has ever been documented as resulting from the raccoon strain of rabies.

Healthy raccoons DO venture out during the day. Especially during the spring and summer, parents may be looking out to protect their hidden young or searching for food. Think the animal may be sick? Possible signs include: disorientation; the animal appears to be disoriented, "drunk," or walking in circles; the animal is harming itself.

Prevention is easier than removal. Raccoon births peak around May, but may occur as early as March and as late as September. In spring and summer, raccoons search for quiet, dark hiding places to rear their young. Now is a good time to check roofs, chimneys, and under decks to make sure there are no gaps or holes to your home. Preventing an unwanted visitor from entering your home is far easier than removing one.

Relocation isn't always humane. Though trapping and removal is considered to be a humane option, relocating raccoons can kill them. The animals may be territorial and placing a stranger in another raccoon's territory can result in death. In the spring and summer, relocation also may mean separating mothers from babies who cannot survive on their own.

Think "MASK" to deter raccoons.

Make sure your home or apartment is free of holes, gaps, places where raccoons can enter (chimneys, attics, roof, foundation, etc.)

Avoid leaving out food (pet food, bird feeders, etc.)

Secure garbage cans with bungee cords or a brick on top. Keep trash cans in the garage or storage shed until pick up day if that's an option.

Keep a safe distance. Though not aggressive by nature, raccoons are wild animals and should be appreciated from a respectful distance. Do not chase them or throw objects at them.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Hosts Farmers Market Beginning June 3rd

Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the Lincolnwood Farmers Market. In its 4th year, the market will run every Thursday through October 14 between the hours of 8am -1pm. The site will be the St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 4707 West Pratt Avenue.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and natural products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, breads and pastries, flowers, cheese, honey and more.

NEW this year, is the opportunity for community groups, to apply for a table once during the market to showcase an organization and share membership and volunteer opportunities with residents and neighbors. Also NEW this year is the opportunity for local artisans and the business community to apply once for a space for a small fee. (A Village Business license is required to sell products.)

With a 20 week season we hope to accommodate all who wish to participate. Entertainment and theme days will be provided on certain days of the Market. Watch for more details.

For further information or a community, artisan, or business application, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Chicago Ride of Silence Honors Fallen Cyclists in Chicago

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2010 Where: Eternal Flame (Daley Plaza) Chicago

Join the Chicago Ride of Silence, a silent procession of bicyclists to honor those who have been killed or injured while bicycling on public roadways, on May 19, 2010. The Ride also aims to raise awareness that cyclists have a right to share the roads. The Ride of Silence is a 10-mile route set to pass by the sites of local crash victims. The sites are marked by Ghost Bikes – bicycles painted white – which serve as powerful memorials to fallen cyclists.

All cyclists welcome to participate in the Ride of Silence

All cyclists encouraged to wear helmets

All cyclists also encouraged to use bikes equipped with headlights in the likely event the ride continues past dusk. (By law, headlights are required at night.)

All cyclists asked to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the procession

All cyclists asked to wear black arm bands in solidarity with victims, or red arm bands to signify a personal injury from a bike/motor vehicle accident

Free event (recommended donations \$1 per rider for a Ride of Silence pin)
The Ride of Silence is a global event. Last year, there were almost 300 locations worldwide, including Chicago, Arlington Heights, Downers Grove,
Joliet and Evanston.

EVANSTON'S FARMERS' MARKETS

There will be four Farmers' Markets in Evanston in 2010.

Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market

Dates/Time: Saturdays, May 8 - November 6, 2010 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Location: Intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.

Contact: Zollie Webb, (847) 448-8138, zwebb@cityofevanston.org

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer! For 35 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors who sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items. The Market has a festive atmosphere as the air is filled with various musicians from the Evanston community. As in years past, special events will be featured. Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets will be available through Zollie Webb (contact info. above).

New in 2010!

- 1. The Illinois Department of Human Services has approved the use of Link cards at the Downtown Market! Anyone approved to receive cash cash assistance or SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits is issued an Illinois Link card.
- 2. We're going green and will provide disposable bags to our customers for purchase.
- 3. We are seeking individuals who would like to become "Friends" of the Market. The objective is to have individuals volunteer their time and talents, in an effort to make this

Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage

West End Market

Dates: Saturdays, June 5 - Oct. 30, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of Church St. and Dodge Ave. (ETHS parking lot)

Contact: Precious Wright, Manager, 847-756-0159

${\bf Ridgeville\ Market}$

Dates: Wednesdays, May 12 - Sept. 22, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (until Sept. 1); 3:00 p.m. to dusk Sept. 8-22

Location: Intersection of Ridge Ave. and South Blvd. Contact: Michael Miro, Manager, 847-869-5640

Central Street Market

This new market specializing in organic produce is being planned for Independence Park, located at Central St. at Stewart St. (about two blocks west of Green Bay Road). Please check back for days/dates/times and more information as it becomes available.

Free Access to Fishing for Kids Now Open

This popular free program is a great way to introduce children ages 5-15 to the "catch and release" process. Equipment, bait and fishing expertise are provided!

Access to Fishing will be held every Saturday morning at Lovelace Park, Gross Point Road at Thayer St. Drop by between 9am and noon from May through September. No license is needed for those under age 16. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This program is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Questions? Please call the Evanston Ecology Center at 847/448-8256.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STEPS UP WITH PASSAGE OF HB 43

Advocates mobilize residents, high school students to urge safe walking Advocates for safe and accessible transportation are celebrating the Illinois Assembly's passage of HB 43, a measure that will drastically improve pedestrian safety in Illinois.

The bill, championed by Sen. Heather Steans and Rep. Luis Arroyo, will require drivers to come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks – even those that are unmarked or don't have a stop sign or traffic light.

Until now, Illinois law required drivers to yield and stop only when necessary. That language has lead to confusion among drivers and pedestrians, and it's made enforcement difficult.

The bill now moves to Gov. Pat Quinn's desk for his approval. The law will go into affect immediately after he signs the bill.

The Active Transportation Alliance – Chicagoland's voice for better biking, walking and transit – worked for nearly two years earning support for this important measure. Key advocacy efforts came from the group's members, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and pediatricians the Metropolitan Planning Council. Unique to this list was the support from an active group of students at Curie Metropolitan High School

"Illinois has taken a major step toward creating safer streets and prioritizing people on our roads," said Rob Sadowsky, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance. "I congratulate the General Assembly for taking this bold and important step. Our leaders have made walking a more convenient and safer option. That means safer streets for a large population of people who are unable to drive or choose not to drive."

Illinois joins dozens of states with similar laws, including California and Massachusetts. Until this bill's approval, Illinois required drivers to yield and stop only when necessary. This law clarifies driver responsibility and makes it easier for police to enforce the law.

More than 6,000 pedestrians are hit in Illinois each year, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Those crashes resulted in more than 1,000 serious injuries and 170 fatalities a year.

The Active Transportation Alliance is a non-profit, member-based advocacy organization that works to make bicycling, walking and public transit so safe, convenient and fun that we will achieve a significant shift from environmentally harmful, sedentary travel to clean, active travel. The organization builds a movement around active transportation, encourages physical activity, increases safety and builds a world-class transportation network. Formerly the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, the Active Transportation Alliance is North America's largest transportation advocacy organization, supported by more than 6,000 members, 1,000 volunteers and 35 full-time staff. For more information on the Active Transportation Alliance, visit www.activetrans.org or call 312.427.3325.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation Events and Tours

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Chicago Model City Drawing tourists and locals alike, the Chicago Model City exhibition consists of a large, highly detailed scale model of Chicago. The scale of the model is 1 inch to 50 feet, making the Willis Tower nearly three feet tall! Includes audio tour as well as "Ask Me" docents to answer visitor questions. Visitors can rent listening devices from the shop or download the tour free from iTunes and from http://www.architecture.org/iTunes/AudioTourRSS.xml

TOURS: CAF offers a variety of 85+ river, walking and bus tours. Find a full schedule and ticket prices at www.architecture.org.

RIVER CRUISE: Chicago Architecture Foundation architecture river cruise season opens. Chicago's famous architecture cruise offers an in-depth look at a wide range of architecture – all from the vantage point of the river -- with commentary by Chicago Architecture Foundation's legendary docents. Cruises depart daily, throughout the day. New this year: two "date night" cruises every Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm starting in June. Check www.architecture.org for other dates/times.

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WALKING TOURS: 45-min Lunchtime Building Tours Weekdays at 12:15pm. Tours include: the Willis Tower and 311 S. Wacker Drive, the Monadnock Building, the Rookery, the Fine Arts Building, The Reliance Building (Hotel Burnham), and a tour of the Chicago Board of Trade, City Hall/County Building, the Daley Center, and the Thompson Center. Check www.architecture.org for meeting place for each tour. CAF members FREE; \$5 non-members

Top Reasons to Do Estate Planning-What are You Waiting For?



Chester M. Przybylo

People have many different reasons to do estate planning. Some people plan diligently and well in advance of any urgent need. Other people procrastinate and plan only when things are thrust upon them. What are you waiting for? Here are some of the top reasons which estate-planning attorneys say motivate their clients to plan or update their existing plan:

Vacations - People want to relax without worrying about "what ifs." But, you don't need to wait for a vacation to take this worry off your plate.

Weddings - When a couple is starting a new life together, they want to start off right and make sure each other are taken care of.

Divorce - Most people no longer wish to benefit their ex-spouse after a divorce.

Births and adoptions - A new child is a joyous occasion. People want to make sure there is a solid foundation for their new bundle of joy. Even if they already have a plan, they want to make sure that the plan is suitable now that their family has grown.

Funerals - The death of a close friend or relative can make people feel their own mortality. They realize that their own death will happen, sooner or later, and they would rather it happen on their own terms. Often, people see first-hand the anguish caused by poor planning and want to make sure they don't leave behind an emotional and financial mess.

Inheritances - When people inherit money, it often changes their estate plan. They consider how to divide the newfound wealth and what they want to leave as their legacy.

Health changes - A significant deterioration in health often makes a person's mortality more real. They want to make sure their loved ones are taken care of in case their health declines further. Of course, planning in advance would remove that worry and focus their energy on spending time with loved ones.

Law changes - Changes in the law can affect what would happen to the estate. New opportunities appear from time to time, while other opportunities disappear. The savvy update their plans periodically to take advantage of these opportunities while they can.

The bottom line is that people do estate planning in order to take care of their loved ones and to assure the legacy they envision. A qualified, estate-planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in that field can help you arrive at an estate plan that effectively accomplishes your unique goals. When you die, will your loved ones discover a plan in disarray (or no plan at all) or a coherent estate plan? What will your legacy be?

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. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

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A NEW "TWIST" IN THE LAW MAY HELP YOUR MOM

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Mom has always been there to nurture and take care of you. Mother's Day is the perfect time to give back and look out for her. If she's having a hard time paying for her prescription drugs, tell her about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security.

If your mother, or any special woman in your life, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, she may be eligible for extra help to pay her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

Perhaps you've looked into the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Mom before, and discovered that she did not qualify due to her income or resources. In 2010, the law has changed. As Chubby Checker will tell you, a new "twist" in the law makes it easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

It's easy to figure out whether Mom is eligible for the extra help. To qualify, she must be receiving Medicare and:

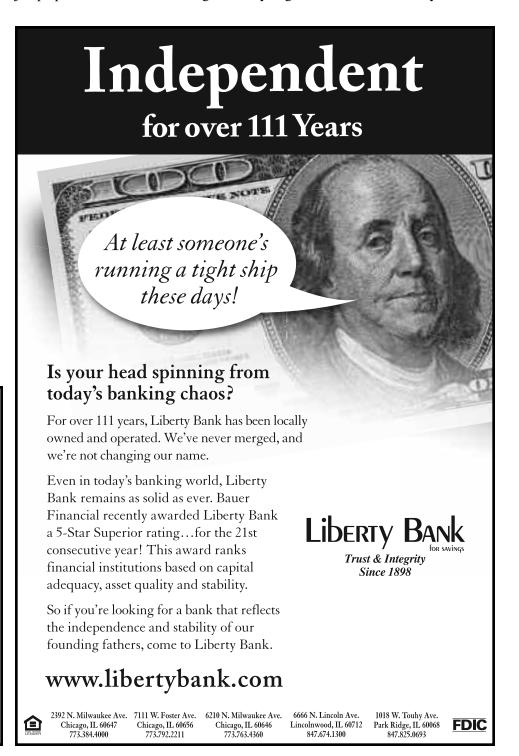
- · Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple. Even if her annual income is higher, she still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if she or her husband:
 - —Support other family members who live with them;
 - —Have earnings from work; or
 - —Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- · Have resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count her house or car as resources.

Thanks to this new "twist" in the law, we no longer count any life insurance policy she has as a resource, and we no longer count as income any financial assistance she receives regularly from someone else to pay her household expenses like food, mortgage or rent, utilities or property taxes. Don't take our word for it, see Chubby Checker's rocking message at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

While you're there, you can fill out an easy-to-use online application for your mom at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

If you'd like to learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Maybe it's been a few years since Mom has taken to the dance floor to do The Twist. But saving an extra \$3,900 a year on prescription drugs may cause her to jump up and dance. What better gift could you give her this Mother's Day?



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THE VOTES ARE IN AND THE 2010 JUNIOR IDOL WINNER IS...

North Shore Retirement Hotel has voted: 16-year old soprano Lexy Prodromos has claimed the title of the Junior Opera Idol 2010! A Winnetka native, Lexy was the popular contestant amongst the crowd with her lilting soprano voice. As this was Lexy's first time entering the Junior Opera Idol Contest, she exclaimed enthusiastically, "My competitors were all very talented, I did not expect to win!"

Lexy won over the crowd during the contest held recently in the ballroom at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, singing Verdi's aria "Caro Nome" from Rigoletto. Lexy received a \$500 scholarship that she will apply towards tuition at the V.O.I.C.Experience. Sherrill Milnes, a renowned American baritone, founded the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation in 2001. As the organization's Artistic Directior, Milnes works with Executive Director Maria Zouves, "to provide performance and study opportunities for singers, while creating an outreach of opera and musical theatre to the communities of the world."

This tremendous opportunity to work with Milnes, Zouves and other world-renowned coaches, theater and operatic personalities at V.O.I.C.Experience provides Lexy with coaching, lessons, master classes and outreach programs.

Lexy is currently a sophomore at New Trier High School in Winnetka. She finds most of her inspiration for singing from her family. Her mother and father are among her biggest supporters. Lexy's younger sister Stephany, 13, is also an aspiring soprano opera singer and both have been singing before they could talk! It wasn't until five years ago that Lexy decided to sing operatically under the mentorship of none other than her father, Chadwick Prodromos, a bass baritone. She has also studied operatic vocal repertoire with the late, world-renowned voice teacher Shirlee Emmons.

Both Lexy and her sister particularly enjoy singing for charitable organizations. In 2009, they presented the first annual charity concert for Misericordia, and this Mothers Day Weekend on May 9th, the two will be performing at the second annual charity concert at Ravinia in Highland Park. Together, they have sung the Star Spangled Banner at various events such as the Veterans Parade, the Fourth of July Parade in Winnetka and Northwestern University basketball games. The pair also performs regularly at the renowned Monastero's restaurant in Chicago. Most recently, Lexy and Stephany were offered the unique opportunity to sing the National Anthem as an operatic duet prior to the Chicago White Sox game on Tuesday, May 5, 2010.

Above all, Lexy is very excited about her win and cannot wait to use her scholarship towards V.O.I.C.Experience, "This was a wonderful experience, I couldn't ask for anything more!"

For more information on Lexy Prodromos, please visit http://lexyand-stephany.com.

For further information about this competition, please call the Opera Idol coordinator at the North Shore Retirement Hotel at 847.864.6400, ext. 622.

2010 Opera Idol Winner Selected By Popular Vote Aspiring Opera Singer Wins A Once-In-A-Lifetime Grand Prize

The audience at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, located at 1611 Chicago Avenue in Evanston, has spoken. Third year competitor Lisa Yuen, of Lake Bluff, IL, has been named the 2010 Opera Idol Winner. On Friday, April 16, 2010, Yuen was among six finalists vying for the title of Opera Idol and it turns out – third time is a charm! The finals were presented in a Master Class format with the internationally renowned opera star Sherrill Milnes, who provided guidance and coaching to Lisa as she prepared her winning aria from Romeo and Juliet, "Ah, Je Zeux Vivre!"

This win couldn't have come at a more opportune time for Yuen, who is currently pursuing her opera career full-time. There were a lot of retired professional opera singers, extremely prestigious in their day, dispersed among the audience in the ballroom of the North Shore Retirement Hotel, where the final stage was set. "This was one of the greatest experiences of my life. It was a tremendous honor to perform to an audience who could really appreciate it," declares Yuen. "I was SO surprised when I won, it was like a dream come true."

Lisa Yuen took home the grand prize – A \$2,400 scholarship and airfare to attend the nationally recognized V.O.I.C.Experience workshop, directed by Sherrill Milnes and the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience faculty. The workshop is an intensive three-week program of the V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation, held in August in Tampa, FL.

Yuen, originally from Dunkirk, NY, holds a Bachelors of Music from DePaul University and a Masters of Music from Roosevelt University. It wasn't until she was sixteen years old, while she was attending a summer voice camp, that a voice teacher discovered Yuen's natural talent for opera singing. Since then, Yuen has been adamantly pursuing her vocal career and maintains regular lessons with a voice coach.

Sherrill Milnes, a renowned American baritone, founded the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience organization in 2001. As the organization's Artistic Director, Milnes works with Maria Zouves, Executive Director, "to provide performance and study opportunities for singers, while creating an outreach of opera and musical theatre to the communities of the world." This once-in-alifetime opportunity to work with Milnes, Zouves and other world-renowned coaches, theater and operatic personalities at V.O.I.C.Experience will present Lisa Yuen with coaching, lessons, master classes, outreach programs and a special "Mission: Audition" project.

2010 Aging Well Film Festival

Aging Well and Reeltime will present the documentary "I Know a Woman Like That" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 12 at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. The documentary, produced by Virginia Madsen and directed by her Emmy Award-winning mother Elaine, features live interviews with extraordinary women age 64 to 94 engaged in the arts, athletics, social justice, environmentalism and high finance. No registration is necessary, but seating is limited.

Free Mason Park High School Basketball League

Mason Park High School Basketball League for ages 14-18 will be taking registrations May 1 through June 18, at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster. The League will play from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesdays, June 21-Aug 11 at Mason Park, Church St at Florence Ave. A mandatory player and coaches meeting will be held at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10. No program July 5. Questions? Please call Jelani Summers at 847-448-8254.

Skokie's Communication Network

The Village of Skokie extends many ways for residents to stay informed on Village programs and services:

- www.skokie.org, the Village of Skokie website, is a comprehensive and easy-to-navigate site that provides many answers to resident's questions.
- SkokieNews is an online news service delivering subscribers the most updated Village information.
- SkokieVision cable airs Village Board meetings, public announcements and Village service information on channel 17 with Comcast, and channel 22 with RCN.
- 847/675-INFO line is a system that provides a menu of recorded information on services and programs including phone numbers.
- 1660 AM Skokie is the Village's municipal emergency advisory radio station that provides up-to-the-minute reports, alerts and relevant instructions. In non-emergency situations, the station broadcasts emergency preparedness information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The station also features alternate side parking program alerts during snow emergencies.
- NewSkokie, the Village newsletter, is delivered to all residents and provides information on Village services as well as a community calendar.

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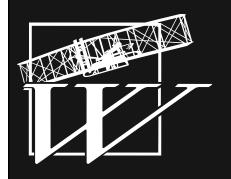
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- **A.** If you die without a will or trust, the state determines who will be your ultimate heirs. And they may not be the people you wanted to benefit from your estate.
- Q. Why do I hear so much about guardianship today?
- **A.** As more and more people live longer, there is a greater chance of them being incapacitated. A guardianship is a court-supervised proceeding that names an individual or entity to manage the affairs of an incapacitated person. A will has no power in this proceeding.
- Q. Shouldn't I just put my child's name on the title to my property to avoid probate?
- **A.** While this may avoid probate, it can have lots of unintended consequences... your child's creditors will be able to reach the joint tenancy property, it may also create a taxable gift, and you might end up disinheriting your own grandchildren.
- **O.** What is the fastest, easiest way to learn about good estate planning?
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