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### **Peregrine Banding at Evanston Library**

The three baby peregrine falcons, hatched in early May for the seventh year in a row at Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue in downtown Evanston will be banded for identification purposes by representatives of the Field Museum of Natural History on Wednesday, May 26 at 11 am on the third floor of the Library. The festivities are open to the public.

It is also a tradition to name the babies at the time of banding, once they have been examined and their gender determined. Inspiration for names in the past have included authors Dashiell Hammett and Rebecca West, environmentalists Aldo Leopold and May

Theilgaard Watts, and former Evanston Public Library Director Neal Ney.

"I'm thrilled that the Library is home to seven generations of peregrine falcons, the fastest creatures on earth," said Paul Gottschalk, administrative services manager. Mr. Gottschalk has been keeping an eagle eye on the birds since they first arrived, even helping out with feeding the babies in the first year when the mother falcon broke her wing and could not hunt on their behalf.

For the past several years, a pair of peregrine falcons has nested on top of one of the columns on the south side of the Library along Church Street and at least one baby falcon has successfully fledged each year. The nest cannot be viewed directly from inside or outside the building, so the Library has set up a webcam which transmits pictures of the nest and its inhabitants every couple of minutes. The pictures from the webcam can be viewed at http://www.epl.org/falconcam/

For more information, please contact the Library Reference Desk at 847-448-8630.





Memorial Day never will be a day of celebration. There are other days set aside for parties.

We all have our ways of remembering. Some go to church services, visit graveside services, attend Memorial Day get togethers and some just take time to think alone.

Let's not forget those who may not understand the true significance of this day; the young. They should be taught the true significance of this day. These young people are the future of our American society.

This Memorial Day, also remember our local heroes who gave their lives for our Freedom, and have a safe Memorial Day Weekend.

#### **Skokie Memorial Day Observance**

A Memorial Day observance ceremony will be held at Veterans Memorial at Krier Plaza (the intersection of Lincoln Avenue/Niles Center Road and Oakton Street) at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31, 2010.

Local Veterans posts will be present at the ceremony. Taps will be performed as well.

For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.

#### The 20th Annual Festival of Cultures

The 20th annual Skokie Festival of Cultures takes place on May 22 and May 23 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Oakton Park, 4701 West Oakton Street.

This exciting event includes two days of ethnic folk music and dance, a wide range of international food, unique arts and crafts, international children's games, a merchandise bazaar, and dozens of cultural booths and displays.

All major departments of the Village of Skokie will be present at the event, including the Fire Department, Health Department, Human Services Division, Police Department and the Public Works Department. Some department giveaways include pens, Skokie Diversity bracelets, travel packets of sunscreen and keychains.

### **Senior Freeze Property Tax Exemption**

All property owners who are over 65 and have a household income of less than \$55,000 should have recently received a reminder from the Cook County Assessor's office regarding the Senior Freeze Exemption on property taxes. The exemption application is due on June 9th, 2010. The application needs to be notarized and the Evanston Assessor's office can notarize your exemption forms for you.

The Evanston Assessor's office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located at 846 Dodge Ave. The phone number is 847/332-2465. The office will be closed on Friday May 21 from 11 a.m. to 4p.m. for a Township Meeting.

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#### Berrios Unveils Cook County Homeowner Plan Debacle in Evanston Shows True Leadership is Needed

Cook County Assessor candidate Joseph Berrios unveiled a four-point plan for homeowners on his newly launched website www.electjoeberrios.com. The Berrios Plan will generate more money for Cook County, provide homeowners with fair assessments at market value, add new technology to make assessments more accurate, and improve customer service. It will also call for a blue-ribbon committee to reconvene so that it can review an existing ordinance that is causing homeowners undue hardships.

One way Berrios plans to improve the Assessor's office is by working hand-inhand with township assessors. It was reported late Tuesday that in Evanston more than 1,500 building permits weren't reported to Cook County over a three-year period, leaving Evanston officials trying to figure out how much tax revenue was lost as a result.

"This is completely unfair to the rest of the homeowners who have to make up for the remaining share," Berrios said.

The Evanston Township assessor and the city's building department share responsibility for getting the permits to the county, officials said.

"Building permits are the main way the Cook County Assessor's office knows whether it should inspect a property to evaluate whether it has increased in value," Berrios said. The failure to move forward those permits means the property has been undervalued and that other residential property owners are paying more than their fair share. Most of the under-reported permits happened under the watch of former Evanston Township Assessor, and current Republican candidate for Cook County Assessor, Sharon Eckersall.

Eckersall claimed the township's permit department wouldn't turn over permits, but it was her job to make sure that happened, Berrios said.

"Candidate Eckersall can pass the blame around all she wants, but the responsibility ultimately lies at her feet," Berrios said.

The Berrios plan announced on Thursday will also:

Thoroughly examine the 'Claypool 10/25 Ordinance'

It was promised by the current Assessor that this ordinance would bring transparency and simplicity to the property tax system. Instead, it has resulted in an unfair and confusing methodology that has caused undue hardship on homeowners. Berrios will ensure that the ordinance is studied thoroughly by a blue-ribbon panel to assess viability and determine necessary changes. This study will include a "consequences" section so that the Cook County Board of Commissioners understands the potential effect of the ordinance and any revisions.

Use new technology to make land assessments more accurate

Cook County is losing millions upon millions of dollars because some properties are assessed as vacant land, yet there are homes being built on some of these properties. Through the use of a new computerized system, we will be able to review every parcel using aerial photographs. These pictures could be compared to assessment records and used to verify vacant land parcels. As Assessor, Berrios will also improve human communication between my office and township assessors, as well as the City of Chicago, to make sure that building permits are submitted to my office in a timely fashion. This will help ensure that assessments are accurate and filed promptly.

#### Fairly assess properties at market value

Homeowners are being unfairly hit with tremendous fair market value increases by the current Assessor during the most serious economic decline in decades. Transparency is key to understanding your assessment notice. Berrios will make sure that properties are fairly assessed and that assessment notices are easy to understand.

#### Improve customer service

This will happen in a variety of manners.

"As a customer, you will be treated with the respect you deserve," Berrios said. "I will make sure that phones are answered promptly, messages are returned, and that the office is open on several Saturdays each year during tax calendar crunch time." This will allow working families to visit the office without having to take time off from their jobs.

Berrios says he will also keep suburban offices open so homeowners don't have to travel downtown.

Finally, Berrios says he will rely on staff more effectively than any previous assessor. Homeowner counselors will be available to help serve you on a one-on-one basis so that you, as a property owner, understand your rights, your benefits, your taxes and your options." Berrios has been a commissioner on the Board of Review since 1988. Prior to being elected five times to that post, he served three terms as an Illinois state representative. He is chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party and Committeeman of the 31st Ward. Berrios was the first Hispanic elected chairman of the party, a commissioner to the Board of Review and to the Illinois General Assembly.

### Liberty Bank for Savings Announces Hire of New Loan Production Manager

Recently, Liberty Bank for Savings named Jerry Kussy its new Loan Production Manager. Kussy, 38, has over nine years experience in loan origination. He has worked as a Senior Loan Officer, President, and as Branch Manager for several mortgage institutions in the suburbs of Chicago throughout his successful career.

Kussy is a State of Illinois Loan Originator License holder and an accredited member of the Illinois Association of Mortgage Professionals. He also owned Profile Mortgage, in Des Plaines, for two years before he successfully sold the company to their number one competi-

tor before coming to work at Liberty. He resides in Park Ridge with his wife Tina and their three-and-a-half year old twins.

Liberty Bank for Savings has been providing safe and secure banking service since 1898. The community bank, with offices on the northwest side of Chicago, in Park Ridge and Lincolnwood, celebrates its 112th anniversary in 2010. For more information call 773.489.4471 or visit www.libertybank.com.

#### **Chief Berkowsky Retirement Event May 28**

There will be a retirement ceremony for Evanston Fire and Life Safety Services Chief Alan Berkowsky on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. in the Parasol Room on the Fourth Floor. Chief Berkowsky started his career with the City in 1981 as a firefighter/paramedic and has served the City of Evanston for more than 28 years.

Berkowsky was promoted to Fire Captain in June 1990. Later he was assigned to Fire Prevention as a Fire Inspection/Investigator and then in 1992 promoted to Division Chief of Administrative Services. In 1995 he was assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau as the Fire Marshal and then promoted to Fire Chief in June 2004.

Some of Chief Bekowsky's many accomplishments over the years have been: upgraded the Fire Department's radio system; computerized report writing for the Department which enabled them to go paperless; built two new fire stations and the City's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building with the construction of Fire Station #5; assisted with the design and startup of the current 911 Center; worked with Underwriters Laboratories to modify the design of the first carbon monoxide detectors and halogen torchier lamps; pushed for the Sprinkler Retrofit Ordinance for dormitories, hospitals, nursing/care facilities and non-owner occupied rooming houses; paramedic equipped fire trucks; and as Chief he hired 34 new firefighters along with promoting 17 Captains, three Shift Chiefs and three Chief Officers.

#### **City of Evanston Budget Meeting**

Notice of Public Hearing

2010 Town of the City of Evanston Budget

Monday, June 28, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Civic Center

2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston

The proposed Township Budget and Appropriations Ordinance may be viewed by the public at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 1200 Evanston, IL 60201, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until Monday, June 28, 2010.

The Town of the City of Evanston is committed to making all public meetings accessible to persons with disabilities. Any citizen needing mobility or communications access assistance should contact Director of Health and Human Services, Evonda Thomas, at (847) 866-2948 or TDY (847) 328-4080.



### **New Evanston City Clerk Office Hours**

Please note that beginning Monday, May 10, 2010, the City Clerk's office will close for one hour each day (Monday thru Friday) from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We open at 8:30 AM and close at 5:00 PM. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Medicare & You Seminar**

This free event from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8 will explain which services are covered, changes in coverage, local resources and effective ways to advocate for coverage. The seminar will share what the Medicare recipient or caregiver needs to know. This is sponsored by Evanston's Commission on Aging and will be held at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. For more information, please contact Sandra Varpness, Commission on Aging, 847-866-2919.



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### DANK Haus German American Cultural Center Joins With President Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation to Deliver

#### **President's Volunteer Service Award**

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center today announced it has teamed with the White House to become a Certifying Organization for the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. Established in 2003, the AWARD was created by President George W. Bush to give Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet requirements for volunteer service, measured by the number of service hours performed over 12-months.

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center is one of thousands of organizations that have joined forces to deliver the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERV-ICE AWARD and honor the volunteers who strengthen our Nation. As a Certifying Organization for the AWARD, DANK Haus German American Cultural Center is responsible for verifying service hours, nominating potential recipients and delivering the AWARD.

"We are extremely proud to recognize our most outstanding volunteers with the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD," said Nicholle Dombrowski, Executive Director. "DANK Haus German American Cultural Center volunteers are role models in our community, donating their time, energy and talent to bring us closer together as neighbors and a Nation. The AWARD is our way of thanking these volunteers and inspiring everyone in our community to make volunteering a central part of their lives."

The AWARD is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group convened by President George W. Bush to help foster and encourage a culture of volunteer service and civic participation among Americans. Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the Council is composed of leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofit and volunteer service organizations and community volunteering.

#### Liberty Bank for Savings to Sponsor 2010 Park Ridge Historic Tours

The 2010 Park Ridge Historic Tours, sponsored by Liberty Bank for Savings and hosted by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, will enlighten the public on how the city came to be and how it has evolved. The tours will run from May through November and will feature the history of the people, places and events that have created the city's legacy.

School-age children will also have the opportunity to win cash and prizes with a Park Ridge Trivia Contest held monthly and sponsored by Liberty Bank. Proceeds from the tours will benefit The Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge and The Park Ridge Community Fund.

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#### Summer 2010 Highlights - New Format Hits Doors this Week

In a cost savings measure, the City of Evanston's quarterly Highlights publication has been rolled into its existing Recreation and Activities Guide (formerly Arts & Recreation) starting with the Summer 2010 issue.

Please find included in this edition news, events, activities and the most recent City of Evanston Water Quality Report.

Extra copies will be available in city buildings and community centers. For more information on the publication, call the City Manager's Office of Community Information, 847/448-8085.

#### Chicagoland Businesses Ready for a Two-Wheeled Commute During Bike to Work Week

Businesses are gearing up to be the healthiest and greenest in Chicagoland by getting their employees to participate in Bike to Work Week. Already 250 companies have registered for the weeklong battle to see who can get the most employees to bike June 12-18.

The competition is getting fierce with the likes of Bank of America, Google, United Airlines, Allstate Insurance, Siemens, and hundreds of other law firms, museums, colleges and municipality departments.

Will yours be next? Don't miss out on this chance to compete to a happier, healthier work environment.

The Active Transportation Alliance's annual Bike to Work Week, June 12-18, puts companies in a wheel-to-wheel competition to see who can cross the finish line as the greenest and healthiest company in Chicago.

Here is how it works:

Team leaders sign up their company at www.activetrans.org/biketoworkweek. Team leaders can be anyone – an administrator, staff, president, director, owner, manager – whoever! Choose the correct category for your business to you can compete against similar organizations.

That person encourages their team of co-workers to bike at least one trip during Bike to Work Week June 12-18. Team Leaders then collect the results and submit them online.

Active Trans will supply Team Leaders will all the tools they need to make biking an easy choice for their teammates – bike maps, how-to manuals and duel cards to challenge the competition. Team Leaders also get a free technical fabric T-shirt.

The companies with the highest percentage of bike commuters that week win! A luncheon following Bike to Work Week celebrates Team Leaders and honors the winning companies.

Bike commuting experts are available to visit offices and demonstrate easy tips and tricks to get your office onto two wheels. Presentations are \$100. Contact Cynthia Spreadbury at cynthias@activetrans.org or 312.427.3325 x 234 to reserve one today!

Sign up your company today and see how fun and healthy your office can be. Register at www.activetrans.org/biketoworkweek.

### 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.

### City Gears Up for New Website - Seeks Volunteers to Transfer Content

The City of Evanston seeks residents and students with all levels of computer skills to help move the city website to a new, improved Content Management System on Saturday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Code-A-Thon will take place at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., and all participants should bring their laptops with Wi-Fi to the event.

The day-long event will offer a wide range of project options including designing graphic and banner ads, creating calendar events and coding interactive modules. Those with their own project ideas will have the opportunity to pitch and potentially implement new City of Evanston website features.

Lunch and a goodie bag will be provided to all participants. For more information, or to register, please visit the Code-A-Thon

www.cityofevanston.org/global/codeathon.shtml... Registration for Code-A-Thon closes Wednesday, May 26.



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#### Free Reading/ESL/GED Classes for Adults/Tutors Needed

Free classes are held through Oakton Community College at many locations for adults who need help with their English speaking, reading, writing, math, or GED preparation.



To be trained as a VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) volunteer tutor, a required 3-part training session will be held at Oakton in Skokie on the evenings of June 3, 8, and 24.

Call 847-635-1426 for more information or go to our Web site: www.oakton.edu and click on continuing education or volunteers.

# **LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS**

#### **Emeritus Program Visits Glencoe Locations**

The Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College offers classes at several satellite locations this summer.

Puccini and the World's Most Popular Operas (MUS B41-91) examines the controversial life of the Italian composer. Experience Puccini's beloved operas including La Boheme, Tosca, and Madama Butterfly, and less famous works including The Girl of the Golden West. Eight-week course meets 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Thursday, starting June 10, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Course fee is \$110.

Broadway Backstage Cinema (HUM F12-91) looks at Hollywood's portrayal of the conflicts faced by Broadway actors and actresses in films such as Stage Door (1937), A Double Life (1948), All About Eve (1950), The Dresser (1983), and Being Julia (2004). Eight-week course meets 1:30 – 4:45 p.m., Thursday, starting June 10, at the Glencoe Park District, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe. Course fee is \$114.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, including costs of featured lectures, call 847-635-1414 or 847-982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

#### **Enroll in Summer Oakton Emeritus Courses**

Enroll in summer courses offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Romance, Comedy, and Screwballs: Films from the Classic Hollywood Era (HUM S94-91) covers classic films of the 1930s and '40s including Bringing up Baby, Ball of Fire, The Philadelphia Story, and It Happened One Night. Eightweek course meets 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, starting June 9. Course fee is \$110.

Beethoven: His Life and Symphonies (MUS C35-91) provides an in-depth study of the German composer's stormy life while focusing on his nine masterworks. Eight-week course meets 2:30 - 4 p.m., Wednesday, starting June 9. Course fee is \$110.

Bridge: Declarer and Defender Play Practicum (REC E91-91) teaches key concepts of the game. The second hour allows for practice based on the concepts learned in the first hour of instruction. Six-week course meets 12 - 2 p.m., Wednesday, starting June 9. Course fee is \$150.

Sketching and Painting with Watercolors or Acrylics (ART D07-91) demonstrates drawing skills, composition, color mixing, and application. Each student receives individual attention. Eight-week course meets 4 - 6 p.m., Wednesday, starting June 9. Course fee is \$110.

Other available Emeritus courses at Skokie include: Beginning Hatha Yoga (PED S10-91), Intermediate Hatha Yoga (PED S11-91), and Beginning Bridge (REC S60-91).

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#### Youth Beach Volleyball Registration Deadline, May 25

Are you between 11-17 years-old and want to compete in 2-on-2 tournaments like you see on TV? If you are a volleyball player with at least two years of experience, this is the perfect program for you.

The practices are 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 1-July 27 at the Clark Street Beach. The fee of \$220 per player will include entrance fees for all tournaments. The registration deadline is May 25. You will be taught how to pass, set and spike — beach-style. You will get a great workout in the sand, receive 8 weeks of practice and entrance into four half-day tournaments at North Avenue Beach in Chicago. The tournaments will be 2 v 2, round robin format, with 13 & under, 15 & under, and 17 & under divisions. There will be no practice on July 6.

To register, call 847/448-8252. We will continue to accept registrations after May 25 IF the program had enough registrants as of the deadline.

### NILES NORTH'S REED NAMED 2010 GOLDEN APPLE RECIPIENT

Golden Apple, a leader in advancing the teaching profession in Illinois for 25 years, announced the 10 recipients of the Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The honorees, all high school teachers, were selected from a pool of 562 nominees. Niles North High School physics teacher Scott Reed, National Board Certified Teacher and 2007 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction, was named a Golden Apple recipient today. He was surprised this afternoon when Sidney Green, former NBA player for the Chicago Bulls, entered his classroom and announced that he was a winner for the Golden Apple Award. Also on hand to congratulate Reed were Golden Apple Foundation President and CEO Dominic Belmonte and Golden Apple Chief Program Officer Gloria Harper. Amidst a sea of family, friends, administrators and students, a visibly moved Reed expressed his gratitude and appreciation, while several students fought back tears. While celebrating Reed's accomplishment, one student said, "He's the best teacher I ever had."

From the first day of school and throughout the school year, Reed establishes a respectful, positive and supportive classroom environment. Wanting to truly understand his students and share their successes, Reed's classroom engages in team building activities and highlights their victories through posting their pictures throughout his room. Reed believes that each student has an important voice, and all voices need to be heard and respected to achieve the class' high goals and expectations. While students are focused on mutual respect in a safe learning environment, Reed feels that this is when the fun of learning, exploring, discussing, predicting, sharing, demonstrating and empowering each other can begin.

Golden Apple has recognized outstanding Chicago-area educators annually since 1986. The creation of Golden Apple founders Mike and Pat Koldyke, the Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching recognize and honor outstanding teachers for their contributions to building a stronger, better-educated citizenry.

Each Golden Apple Award recipient receives a tuition-free, six month sabbatical to study at Northwestern University. Each winner also receives a \$3,000 cash award. Perhaps most importantly, Golden Apple teachers become Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, providing a stronger voice and a larger stage from which to make an impact, through ongoing professional development and engagement in education reform, such as the mentoring of future teachers through Golden Apple's Scholars program.

"Every year we have an amazing group of recipients and this year's teachers are no different," said Dominic Belmonte. "We believe teachers should have the opportunity to develop their ideas and a forum to share their thoughts on improving education. We're proud to have achieved 25 years of providing such important resources and recognition to our best teachers."

The recipients of the 2010 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching will be honored at a black-tie event on Friday, October 15, at WTTW/Channel 11 Studios in Chicago. WTTW will also broadcast the awards in a one-hour television program following the event.

Golden Apple accepts nominations for the Awards each fall. Anyone may nominate an eligible teacher but teachers may not nominate themselves. Eligible teachers must be full-time classroom teachers at public or non-public schools in Cook, Du-Page, Kane, Lake, or Will counties and be committed to continue teaching in Illinois for at least two subsequent years. Awards focus on a rotating group of grade levels (Pre-K-3, 4-8, and 9-12). In 2010, high school teachers are the focus of the Awards.

Distinguished retired teachers, college/university professors, administrators, and former Golden Apple Award winners serve on Golden Apple's selection committee. Committee members apply research-based professional standards to identify teachers who exemplify the highest standards and practices of the teaching profession. The selection process includes classroom observations of all Award finalists and interviews with colleagues, supervisors, students and parents.

Golden Apple Academy members have directly helped more than 5,000 Illinois teachers to become more effective in the classroom and indirectly helped tens of thousands of others. Additionally, half a million Illinois children have been positively impacted by the Golden Apple Scholars who have become teachers in Illinois since 1993 through advanced teacher preparation and mentoring by Academy mem-

#### Free Youth Summer Lunch Program Begins June 14

Free cold lunches will be served to all children age 1-18 again this summer on a first-come, first-served basis. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday, June 14-August 20, 2010. (No service July 5.) Sites are Mason Park (Church St. at Florence Ave.) and the parks adjacent to Fleetwood-Jourdain Center (1655 Foster St.) and Robert Crown Center (1701 Main St). Lunches must be eaten on site and parents must accompany young children.

The Summer Food Service Program is coordinated by the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center and funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. Serving times vary by location. For more info., please call 847-448-8254.

In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture policy, this program is available to all eligible children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint, write: USDA, Director of Civil Rights, Room 326-W Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call 202-720-3272.

bers. The 250 currently active Academy members have more than 2,000 collective years of teaching experience.

#### 2010 Golden Apple Teachers:

Scott Reed, Niles North High School; Dr. David Baar, Providence St. Mel School; Anthony Curtis, Phoenix Military Academy; Jacob Gourley, Thornton Fractional South High School; Susan Harsa, Saint Francis High School; Darshan Jain, Adlai E. Stevenson High School; Rosalind Kline-Thomas, Michele Clark Academic Prep High School; Jungsun Moon, King College Preparatory High School; Aaron Reedy, Thomas Kelly High School; and Patrice Turk, Chicago Academy High School.

#### Summer Outdoor Youth Tennis Classes Registration Deadline Approaches

This program is designed to give youth age 3-7 years a solid foundation to maximize tennis improvement and enjoyment. Location, time, cost and level of play vary, so please contact the Chandler-Newberger Center for details or to register at 847-448-8252. The registration deadline for weekday classes is June 9, and for weekend classes, June 15. If we don't have enough registrants by these dates the programs will be cancelled. We will continue to accept registrations after these dates IF the programs had enough registrants as of the deadline.

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### Take Me Out To The Ball Game ...

Cubs baseball, a beautiful summer day, a hot dog, and all your friends what else could you want on this Teens Only Cubs outing? If you are age 11-16 register by June 4 for this trip. Teens will meet at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave at Noon for the bus trip to see the Cubs facing the Houston Astros on Wednesday, July 21. The bus will return at 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$37/resident or \$45/nonresident. Encourage your friends to sign up; we'll take care of tickets, transportation and supervision. Seats are in the Upper Deck Reserved section. Bring money for snacks and souvenirs. Please call 847-448-8250 to sign up.

### NILES WEST NEWSPAPER WINS FIRST PLACE RATING FOR 10TH YEAR IN A ROW

For the 10th consecutive year, the Niles West High School newspaper, West Word, has received a first place rating in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual publication contest. For the second straight year, and the fourth time in 10 years, West Word received first place with special merit, one of five Illinois schools to achieve this honor. Publications are judged on five categories: West Word earned perfect scores in content coverage, editing and creativity. The paper earned 955 out of 1,000 points, its highest total in the last ten years.

Staff writer Kathryn Booker was awarded "Best Non-School Related Story" for her article "Abercrombie Sued for Discrimination."

West Word staff for 2009-10: Zoe Ljubic and Rexly Peñaflorida II, editorsin-chief; Hillary Lindwall, managing editor; Morgan Quilici, copy editor; Mary Basic, business manager; Sarah Espinosa, photography editor; Uzma Ahmad, news/West Wire editor; Suhail Ansari, editorials editor; Hira Malik, Around Town editor; Adriana Zalloni, West World editor; Naomi Prale, sports editor; and Sadia Ansari, Mary Basic, Kathryn Booker, Daniel Friedman, Dan Machalinski, Sofiya Pershteyn and Irfan Qurashi, staff.

The West Word faculty advisor is Michael Conroy.

### NEW SIZZLING SUMMER SESSIONS FOR GRADES 1-8 AT DISTRICT 219

This year, two new Sizzling Summer fun courses are being added at Niles Township High School District 219. In addition to the popular Sizzling Summer Science courses, now there is Sizzling Summer Shakespeare and Sizzling Summer Engineering.

The Sizzling Summer Shakespeare session runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from June 14 through June 25 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton, Skokie. In the two-week course, students in grades one through five will learn about Shakespeare's England, acting tips, blocking, characterization and set design in order to produce and perform a Shakespearean play. The cost of \$40 includes a script and T-shirt. Sign up at http://register.niles-hs.k12.il.us/summerschool/.

The Sizzling Summer Engineering session runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. from July 6 to July 16 at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. This project-based, hands-on and real-world problem solving camp for grades six through eight is based on the successful pre-engineering program of Project Lead The Way (PLTW) offered at District 219. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning activities are designed to nurture kids' imaginations, inspire creativity and engage boys and girls of all backgrounds, igniting their passion and fueling interest in understanding how things work. The cost is \$100. Sign up at http://register.niles-hs.k12.il.us/summerschool/.

### NILES NORTH HISTORY STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

Two history fair projects by Niles North High School students were judged to be the best in the state of Illinois and have now qualified for National History Day, a competition between hundreds of thousands of students across the United States. From each state, only two high school exhibits are chosen for the national competition. Joy Sugihara, Henrietta Cho, Ammara Junaghadwala, Rebecca Gilbert, Maybelle Sicad and Jeanine Taerbaum will represent Illinois at the 2010 National History Day competition, held next month at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. All six students are enrolled in the Honors level of U.S. History.

Sugihara, Cho and Junaghadwala's project is titled "CIO: Unite and Fight" and is about the Committee of Industrial Organization's integration of black and white workers into one labor union to fight against unfair working conditions and racism. In addition to qualifying for national competition, this project was awarded the Illinois Labor History Award and first place from the Illinois Education Association-NEA.

The project by Gilbert, Sicad and Taerbaum is about Title IX, a federal law passed in the early 1970s that required equal funding for boys' and girls' athletics and academics.

### DISTRICT 219'S WALVOORD NAMED CHEVALIER IN THE ORDER OF ACADEMIC PALMS BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

The French Government has announced the naming of Niles Township High School District 219 French teacher, Eileen Walvoord, as Chevalier in the Order of Academic Palms (Ordre des Palmes Academiques). Established in 1808 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Academic Palms is the oldest civilian accolade awarded by the French Government to honor individuals for their contributions to the field of education and to the promotion of the French language and culture. There are three grades in the Order of Academic Palms: Commandeur (Commander), Officier (Officer) and Chevalier (Knight). Walvoord will be presented with her medallion by an official of the French Consulate of Chicago.



### NILES WEST'S ZILEWICZ TO EXHIBIT AT NATIONAL JURIED COMPETITION "A WHOLE NEW MIND 2010 BRAINSTORM"

Niles West High School visual arts teacher John Zilewicz had two works of art selected for "A Whole New Mind 2010 Brainstorm," a national juried art competition to be held May 24 through June 24 at Governors State University in University Park, IL. Zilewicz's pieces, entitled "Claustrophobia" and "Tormented Ones," were among just 59 selections (out of 289 pieces) that fit the theme of the competition, inspired by Daniel Pink's book "A Whole New Mind—Why Right Brainers Will Rule the Future." The selection process favored artwork documenting, analyzing and/or inspired by the intellectual activity, thought processes, dysfunctions and problem solving capabilities of the human mind.

An awards ceremony and reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.

Jurors for the competition are Susan Aurinko, a photographer, curator and gallerist for Coalition Gallery, Kemper Gallery IIT and Prudential Plaza and Tricia Van Eck, an Associate Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

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# **\*A Theater Review\***

#### *The Drowsy Chaperone* Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive Lincolnshire, Illinois

#### Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

When you have a cast that includes Linda Balgord, Tyler Hanes, Paula Scrofano, James Harms, Adam Pelty, Andy Lupp, Tari Kelly, Laura E. Taylor, Melody Betts, David Lively, Gene Weygandt, and Adrian and Alexander Aguilar, who are all Broadway performers or could and should be, how can a theatre miss.

Under the direction and choreography of Marc Robin who is a gold mine in both categories how can it not be a four-star hit?

The show has a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison with musical direction by Doug Peck.

The remainder of the cast is Cheryl Avery, Mathew Crowle, Erik Floor and Katie Spelman.

Without a doubt the show brings back the memory of Broadway musicals of years ago.

Ms. Balgord plays the Drowsy Chaperone and while she resides in New York, she is from Wisconsin but has done several shows at the Marriott that include Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl" to successful raves and proves you don't need Streissand's nose to satisfy most audiences. We only hope she will return from time to time as her performance is right on target with her acting and singing.

I loved her in "Aspects of Love," "Sunset Boulevard," and even "The Pirate Queen" which was a disaster but no fault of Ms. Balgord.

Another treasure to this production is James Harms as the Man in the Chair. Harm's character has no name but he is a modern day musical theatre addict who has a vast collection of long play records of his favorite musicals. His favorite musical is the 1928 musical comedy "The Drowsy Chaperone" (this is a fictitious musical) and once he plays the record the show takes off in leaps and bounds and the fun, singing and dancing begins and audiences should be in heaven for the over two hours it takes for the story to come to life on stage.

Most critics love and enjoy the theatre but that doesn't mean they like every show even though we hear a voice shout out in the dark theatre before the lights go on "I Hate Theatre."

Tyler Hanes plays Robert the handsome suitor of Janet played by Tari Kelly who would rather give up her career and get married. Problems set in as Feldzieg played by David Lively who is Janet's producer sets out to sabotage the wedding by hiring Aldolpho played by Adam Pelty as the Latin lover to dissolve the wedding.

What happens is one riot as the story unfolds and we meet two gangsters who in the show have the disguised roles of pastry chefs who are the real life Aguilar Brothers. Other standouts are Paula Scrofano as Mrs. Tottendale whose rich estate is set in the show, Gene Weygandt as Underling the butler will have you in stitches. Laura E. Taylor has the role of Kitty who wants to be a big star. Another major talent is Melody Betts as Trix, the mysterious aviatrix.

Andy Lupp plays George who is Robert's best man and their song and dance number "Cold Feet" is absolutely a show stopper and you don't want either one to stop dancing. They set the stage on fire with their performances.

The show gives audiences the opportunity to see the talented actor, singer and dancer that Andy Lupp is.

Other standout numbers are "As We Stumble Along," "Accidents Waiting to Happen," "I Do, I Do In the Sky" and "Love is Always Lovely" to name a few of the songs.

Adam Pelty's father I'm sure was watching his son perform in heaven and beaming with joy at his performance.

We only hope Ms. Balgord will return in the near future to the Chicago stages as she is one classy woman.

This is Tyler Hanes' third show at Marriott and he is talent with a capital "T." I hope Chicago audiences will have the opportunity to see him back for another show in the near future.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" runs through June 27th. For performance dates,

#### Billy Elliot The Musical Ford Center for the Performing Arts Oriental Theatre, 24 West Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601

#### Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Broadway in Chicago at the Ford City for Performing Arts - Oriental Theatre is flying high with their production of "Billy Elliot." It is a major hit that should remain here for at least two years or longer. I never saw the movie or read much about it so I didn't know what to expect.

It is nice to see and welcome back the three ex-Chicagoans in Jim Ortlieb, Blake Hammond and Evanston Native Susie McMonagle. Stephen Daidry for the Chicago company has assembled a strong cast of equity performers. The Music is by Elton John with the book and lyrics by Lee Hall and the choreography by Peter Darling. In the opening night audience was Elton John, Oprah Winfrey and Jesse Jackson.

A bright new young star has been born and he is a mere 13-year-old Cesar Corrales and for that age what a talented find. He was not only amazing but incredible. I had the chance by accident to meet and talk with his mother and younger brother in the lobby on opening night.

I only had a few minor problems and one was the running time of the show, which was three hours. Some might consider the first act too long but I found it fast moving and yet it could have been cut by 30 minutes. Second - I would not take anyone under the age of 13 to see it because of the language. A bit raunchy for someone six or seven although nowadays with what kids say and do - does it matter? Third - Because of the cockney accent it was difficult to understand what they say at times. Would I pay to go and see it again? A big "Yes." I wish I could go see the other three "Billy Elliots."

It's a joyous celebration of how one boy from a small town who is on his way to the boxing ring stumbles onto a ballet class that he quickly has a passion for and how his father reacts when he finds out because he thinks ballet back in the 1980's is for fruits, but how father, uncle and grandmother discover they are wrong. The whole family goes on an incredible uplifting adventure.

This show first opened in London, Australia and of course New York.

Emily Skinner is wonderfully cast as Mrs. Wilkinson who discovers that Billy is talented as his dance teacher and gets him trained for The Royal Ballet School. Armand Schultz is Billy's hard nose father who has to deal with a coal miners' strike in England in 1984. Patrick Mulvey is the volatile uncle, Cynthia Darlow plays the loving grandmother of Billy and Chicago's own Susie McMonagle is mum - the dead mother of Billy but who remains alive in Billy's heart - a very touching performance.

The songs "Shine," "Solidarity," "Dear Billy" (mum's letter), "Angry Dance,' are just that "Electricity." There are not too many shows like this in New York and friends who have seen it in London and New York have said Chicago's cast is the best. It's an expensive price for a ticket but well worth it. Don't miss seeing it. "Billy Elliot" is here for an open run. For performance schedule and reservations call 800-775-2000 or get your seats at a downtown box office. Tickets are \$30-\$100.

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show times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets range from \$35 to \$48. There is free parking and the venue is wheelchair accessible.

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### Art Exhibit at Evanston Main Library "Welcome to Colorido"

Stop by the Main Library and check out the artwork of Tim Dubois. His exhibit, "Welcome to Colorido," will be up through the first week of June 2010 on the 2nd floor. Visit his Flickr site for a preview. The Main Library is located at 1703 Orrington Ave.

Welcome to Colorido. No doubt, you will be compelled to ask, "Where is Colorido?" Where it is not is infinitely more important, though. As you are introduced to new residents, your unique picture of the town will take shape. Like untwisting a ball of yarn, in the end your hands will be empty, but before you will lay many paths, many possibilities. Oh, and do not bother looking for Colorido in your atlas. Like Brother Melville says, "It is not down in any map; true places never are."

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# Local Arts and Entertainment

### Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Senior Club Trip – Low Down Dirty Blues at the Northlight Theatre

When the crowd goes home for the night, the real show begins! At least that's the case at one local blues bar, where musicians gather after hours to swap stories and songs filled with passion, soul and an authentic love of the blues that can't be described, but demands to be played. Inspired by blues legends such as Muddy Waters, Ma Rainey, Sophie Tucker, Howlin' Wolf and Pearl Bailey, this low down dirty jam session pays tribute to a musical form that's steeped in Chicago history-and alive and thriving today!

Please join us for a pre-performance lunch at Boston Blackie's (9525 Skokie Blvd), conveniently located next door to Northlight Theatre (9501 Skokie Blvd). Boston Blackie's is famous for burgers, but has an extensive menu including soups, salads and sandwiches priced from \$7-\$10. Please note: transportation and the cost of lunch are not included in trip.

Wednesday, June 2, 11:30am – Optional lunch at Boston Blackie's. 1:00 pm Performance

Ages:

Fee: Lincolnwood Social Club Member: \$55

Non-Club Member: \$66

55 +

Online registration is available by logging onto www.lincolnwoodil.org and navigating to the Parks and Recreation Department home page, then clicking on the REGISTER NOW button. For more information contact the Lincol-nwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

### Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Senior Club Trip \* Spirit of Chicago - Big Band Lunch Cruise

Join us for big fun on the waters of Lake Michigan for the Spirit of Chicago's Big Band Lunch Cruise. Enjoy a jazzy mix of buffet dining, dancing and spectacular skyline views. The Allan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra will replicate the beautiful sounds of the 1920s and 1930s while you enjoy an afternoon on the water.

The lunch buffet will include the following items – garden and couscous salads, tilapia, au gratin chicken breast, penne al forno, mixed vegetables, red skin mashed potatoes, assorted freshly baked rolls, cookies, cakes, pastries and seasonal fruit.

Wednesday, June 30, 10:15am – Depart Lincolnwood. 4:00pm – Estimated Return to Lincolnwood For Ages: 55+

Fee: Lincolnwood Social Club Member: \$118, Non-Club Member: \$142

Online registration is available by logging onto www.lincolnwoodil.org and navigating to the Parks and Recreation Department home page, then clicking on the REGISTER NOW button. For more information contact the Lincol-nwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.



Plenty of free parking! Group Rate Available Ticket prices do not include service fees Buy tickets online at www.skokietheatre.org

### **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 May Program Artist, Michael Latala will demonstrate technique in Portraits "Flesh and Light" 7:00 Tuesday, May 25 Skokie Library, 5215 Oakton St. Skokie All are welcome to this Skokie Art Guild Program.

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The DANK Haus in historic Lincoln Square is having viewing parties for those that bleed black, red and gold! Put on your kit and join your fellow fans for some projection screen soccer action.

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Live	Fri June 18	6:30 am	Germany v Serbia
Live	Fri June 18	9:00 am	USA v Slovenia
Recorded	Fri June 18	1:30 pm	Germany v Serbia
Live	Wed June 23	9:00 am	USA v Algeria
Live	Wed June 23	1:30 pm	Germany v Ghana
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Doors open 30 minutes prior to match. Pretzel, landjäger and refreshments available. This event is family friendly for the enjoyment of all fans young to old. Germany games in Stage 2 finals will be shown as progress is made.

Free and open to the public.

### **Bicycle Safety Day is June 6, 2010**

Join your friends and neighbors at the annual Village of Skokie Bicycle Safety Day, Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oakton Park parking lot, 4701 Oakton Street (Oakton Street at Knox Avenue).

Children through age 14 can participate in games and win prizes. A bicycle safety course will test their knowledge of the law and their ability to properly handle a bicycle. Bicyclists can register their bicycles with the Skokie Police Department this day as well.

Members of the Skokie Park District, Skokie Police Department and the Skokie Fire Department will be on hand to promote pedestrian and traffic safety.

The Skokie Traffic Safety Commission sponsors Traffic Safety Week. Traffic Safety Week is designed to further public awareness of traffic and pedestrian safety 52 weeks a year.

The rain date for this event is Sunday, June 13, 2010.

For more information, contact the Traffic Engineering Division at 847/933-8231.



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

JUNE 2 at 1:30pm Rob Dorn 's CRAZY 'BOUT BROADWAY

JUNE 4  $\cdot$  8:00pm Ilana Goldberg, soprano & Dan K. Kurland, piano: In Recital

JUNE 5  $\cdot$  8:00pm Three Cat Media presents the musical comedy "The Stops"

JUNE 6 · 2:00pm Rob Dorn in Crazy 'bout Broadway

JUNE 6 · 7:00pm A Window into our Hearts: Songs That Got Us Through the War (1939-1945)

JUNE 9 at 1:30pm Jack Miuccio's CROONERS OF HOLLYWOOD

JUNE 11  $\cdot$  8:00pm The Fatum Brothers' Jazz Orchestra presents "Why We Love Count Basie!"

JUNE 12  $\cdot$  8:00pm Three Cat Media presents the musical comedy "The Stops"

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### **Best Friends/Companion Pets/Great Outdoors**

#### **Container Gardening Made Easy May 26**

A garden in a container is an easy, low-maintenance way to add color and interest to your yard, deck or balcony. Learn tricks on what to place in your garden and how to maintain it through the changing seasons.

The class meets 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26 at the Evanston Ecology Center and is for anyone age 16 and older.

The fee is \$25/resident or \$30/nonresident. A container and starter plants are included in the fee. Call 847/448-8256 for more information.

### **Canines Rule at Woofstock**

The annual open house at Pooch Park takes place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 6 at the Park, 3220 Oakton St. in Evanston. The Pooch Park can be accessed east of McCormick Blvd. from Main St. Dogs and their favorite humans can enjoy demonstrations, activities and contests. Everything is free, but all dogs must be on leashes during this event. For more info., call the Skokie Park District at 847-674-1500, ext. 2700.

### Thoughts about Puppies

Ahh don't you just love the smell of spring? We have had a few tease days, but the warm weather is just around the corner. Thank your biscuits cause I am stating to feel cooped up! I have made several new fiends this winter in doggie day care; but I want to feel the sunshine! Soon the sun and all the new puppies will be here!

Spring is the time many of our Humans acquire a new puppy! There is nothing cutier then a stumbling clumsy puppy! Yes, in true adult dog fashion I pretend to dislike them but who can resist puppy breathe? Please don't tell my Human my secret or she'll be bringing home something new!

Over the winter months I meet new pups that where

acquired last spring; and umm... some of them have issues. For example, there was the pup that lunged and snapped and me as I walked by! The pup my Human groomer couldn't even touch because it was biting! There was the pup that shook so much I felt the floor vibrate! All of these pups where under a year old!

The problem with all these pups is a lack of socialization. From the minute you bring your new pup home you have to bring it everywhere you possible can! Exposing the pup to as many different people, children, and sounds as possible!

Let's imagine that for the first 6 months of your life you have never left you home and property, other then maybe a walk around the block. You only go in the car to the person that has the sharp object that goes into your back. The only dogs you have ever met are you're Human's sitter's dog or the neighbors. How would you feel when you are dropped off at the groomer for the first time? Obviously, scare to death!

None of the mentioned pups where bad, just scared. They didn't know any better because they were never taught that the groomer or that kid on the bike is not going to hurt them. I am sorry, but the person to blame here is the Human! You cannot wait 6 months for your pup to get its first grooming and expect them not to freak out! You cannot expect them not to bite children when they have not met any!

The point is to get your new puppies out to see the world! Expose them to as much as possible; of course make sure they are vaccinated first! But, that shouldn't stop you from meeting new people! When your new pup is scared of everything the only one to blame is the Human! So, please Humans, you are responsible for that wonderful wiggly puppy; make sure they see the world!

Play Hard, Bosley

Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.



### Lincolnwood Tennis Programs Begin the Week of June 7th, 2010

The Village of Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department invites you to register for its summer tennis programs. Programs are under the direction of the Frank Sacks Tennis Camps, Inc. and follow the guidelines of the United States Tennis Association USA Tennis 1-2-3 programs and grow-the-game initiatives. Summer programs run for six weeks and will be held at Niles West High School.

These tennis programs emphasize fun, fitness, and friendship and offer professional tennis instruction at a fraction of the rates charged by private clubs and resorts. Offered are tennis camps, group tennis clinics and classes for adults and youth. All programs are directed by Frank Sacks, who is a certified USPTA and USPTR tennis professional and former Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach at Northeastern Illinois University and Niles West and Niles North High Schools.

For more information, Frank Sacks Tennis Camps at 847-933-0002 or via the Internet at www.franksackstennis.com.

### Urban Wildlife Coalition: Bird/Window Collisions – How You Can Help

More than five million birds representing upwards of 250 species are expected

to pass through the Chicago area this spring, and May is a particularly busy month. A great time for bird-watching, but unfortunately, a bad time for bird collisions with windows.

Sometimes these stunned animals may appear to be dead, but are not. In fact, with timely treatment, more than 80% of these injured birds can be saved and released back to the wild! Urban Wildlife Coalition works closely with Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, a state- and federally-licensed facility dedicated to rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife.



Volunteers are needed to help transport injured

animals to the rehabilitation center(s). A few hours one morning a week can save hundreds of birds. Training is provided. For more information, please visit www.flintcreekwildlife.org/volunteer.htm or phone 847-842-8000.

#### If you find an injured or orphaned bird:

First off, it is a myth that if you handle baby birds, the mother will reject them.

Place the bird in a paper bag with a folded paper towel at the bottom. Secure the bag with a clip.

Place the bag in a dark, quiet location and phone the number above (enter this number into your cellular phone for quick emergency access)

Do not give the bird food, water, or try to provide medical care which may cause further injury. Sometimes our best intentions actually cause further injury to the bird.

Injured birds can be dropped off at Flint Creek's Northerly Island site (1400 S. Lynn White Drive, Chicago, IL 60605) between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. daily. Directions are available on the website at www.flintcreekwildlife.org. Please call the number above first, so the rehabilitation team can prepare. Orphaned birds also are accepted between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. daily, but it is necessary to call first so they are certain the bird requires treatment. Oftentimes, birds that appear to be orphaned may not necessarily be, and taking them from their parents can be detrimental.

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 urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

### **Preseason Beach Token Sale Ends June 11**

The last day for Evanston and Skokie residents to save money on their 2010 beach tokens is Friday, June 11. Through that date, tokens are being sold at the discounted resident price of \$22. Fee assistance is available to help qualified Evanston residents with the purchase of tokens. In addition, a limited number of free tokens are available to residents who meet income guidelines. When Evanston's five swimming beaches open for the season on Saturday, June 12, resident token prices will increase to the regular season rate of \$30 each. Daily beach passes are \$8 for those age 12 and older and \$6 for children age 1-11. Children under one year of age are admitted free.

Tokens are available at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.; all community centers; and the Dempster Street Beach office, open daily starting May 29. To obtain the discount, proof of residency is required at the time of purchase. For more information, call 847-866-2900.

# GREAT OUTDOORS

### Women Out Walking in 7th Week

The Evanston Health Department's Women Out Walking (WOW) program is in its 7th (of 12) week of operation. Thus far the 1100 or so women involved in the program have walked over 113 million steps, participated in two group walks, attended one workshop (which focused on heart health and had fitness class samplers – tai chi, cardio boxing, boot camp, and line dancing) and are set to have their first healthy cooking class this weekend.

The goal of this program is to encourage women (and families) to become more physically active and live healthier lifestyles. Walking steps (and steps converted from participating in other types of physical activity) are logged each week and allow participants to win prizes. WOW has been a true movement that has demonstrated Evanston's desire to get up, get moving, and get healthy.

If you are interested in joining us, our next workshop will be held on Saturday, May 22nd from 9-11am at the McGaw YMCA's Children Center. We'll be focusing on breast health and fitness classes will include, belly dancing, yoga, strength training, and NIA. Come join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Webb at jwebb@cityofevanston.org or 847/448-8053.

#### Co-Ed Beach Volleyball Registration Deadline, May 26

Come to Clark Street Beach and enjoy playing volleyball in the sand and sun! Our leagues have a co-ed 4-on-4 format with divisions for both recreational and intermediate adult players. All teams will play 8 weeks plus playoffs.

The first practice is 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1. Registration deadline is May 26. The fee per team is \$450. 6-8 players per team. These leagues are being run as a collaboration between the City of Evanston's Recreation Division, Players Sports Group and Volleyball Professionals. Levels are "REC" for less-experienced players (more for fun) and "B" for intermediate-level players, those with decent knowledge and skills and experienced players.

To register for these leagues, please visit www.playersports.net/volleyballbeach. All league information, including rules, schedules, standings, results, etc. will be available at their web site. If you have questions about the program, contact play@playerssports.net or Ray Doerner at 847/448-8682.

### **Private Elm Tree Insurance Deadline Is June 1**

The deadline is Tuesday, June 1, for applications for the City of Evanston's Private Elm Tree Insurance Program. While Evanston maintains elm trees on public property, homeowners are responsible for removing diseased elms from their private property. Under the Private Elm Tree Insurance Program, the City will handle all aspects and costs of an infected tree's removal to ground level. Removal of the remaining stump is up to the homeowner.

This is a one-year program, and new applications must be submitted each year. Applications are available on the City's Web site, www.cityofevanston.org; at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.; or by calling 847-866-2912.

### NILES TOWNSHIP GOLF TRAINING CAMP HELD JUNE 15-17

A Niles Township Golf Training Camp will be held June 15 through 17 at the Willow Hill Golf Course in Northbrook. Campers will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on June 15 and June 16 and at 8 a.m. for a 9-hole tournament on June 17. The three-day training camp will emphasize all aspects of golf, including the full swing, short game, bunker play, fitness and putting. Each skill zone will have an instructor per six golfers. The camp will culminate on June 17 with a 9-hole tournament of champions with prizes for each age group. The fee is \$85 which includes practice balls, 1-9 hole round of golf and a T-shirt. Bring payment on the first day of camp. To register, contact Niles West Golf Coach Mitch Stern at (847) 626-2683 or Niles North Golf Coach Ryan Geu at (847) 626-2785.

### Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Hosts Farmers Market

### Rails to Trails Corridor in Downtown Skokie

In late April, 2010, the Village of Skokie purchased the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Oakton Street and Dempster Street, just west of the Skokie Swift tracks, for the development of a multi-use walking and bicycle path. The path will be called the Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor and will consist of a paved path, natural prairie-style landscaping, signage and street furniture.

The process to transform the right-of-way into a multi-use path began in 2002 when Union Pacific filed with the Surface Transportation Board for its abandonment. Since that time the track, street crossings, crossing gates and all other rail-road-related equipment have been removed from the right-of-way. Development of the property is impossible due to the numerous utilities running under the right-of-way and because of its narrow nature. These restrictions make the property most suitable as a multi-use bicycle/walking path.

The Village's purchase of the Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor is funded by a \$750,000 Illinois Department of Conservation grant and \$750,000 in Tax Increment Financing funds. The Village also received a \$200,000 federal grant to assist in the construction of multi-use path. The Village recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking engineering and landscape design firms that have prior experience converting abandoned rail lines into multi-use paths. A contract award will likely occur in summer 2010.

Construction on the Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor is expected to begin later this year and the corridor is expected to open by spring 2011. Eventually, the plan is to connect the Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor with the North Shore Bicycle Path to the north and to the Chicago bicycle path system to the south.

For more information contact Pete Peyer, Village of Skokie's Community Development Director, at 847/933-8447.

#### **Free Beach Tennis Demonstration**

Not familiar with Beach Tennis? A free instructional demonstration and league registration will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sun., June 6 at Clark Street Beach, Evanston. Enjoy warm sand, bare feet and summer breezes while you learn a new sport, brought to you by Beach Tennis USA. All play takes place on the sand courts at Clark Street Beach. You will play in doubles teams using paddles; the game is scored just as tennis. Additionally, we will provide paddles and balls for participants who do not already have them. For additional information or to register, please call 847-448-8252.

### **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

#### **Beginning June 3rd** Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department

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 Ave.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and naturalproducts. 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.

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

#### **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.

## Selecting an Estate Planning Attorney – Wisely



When you plan your estate, you are putting together your road map to your legacy. Your estate plan determines who will be entitled to your assets, how they can use them, and the protections which they and the assets you leave them may have from creditors, divorcing spouses, etc. The attorney whom you select to assist you in creating that plan is integral to its success. That is why you need to choose wisely.

Chester M. Przybylo

When Bill and Mary were planning their estates, they went to an attorney who was a family friend,

had a general practice and dabbled in many areas of the law. Their attorney, Frank, was very nice and even gave them a discount because of their friendship. Frank drafted Wills for them that appeared to work on the surface. Bill wanted one-half of his assets to go to Mary and one-half of his assets to go to his children from his first marriage. His Will seemed to do this. However, when Bill died, it did not work out that way. Bill had \$750,000 in assets at his death. His one-half interest in the house he owned with Mary was worth \$250,000. His one-half interest in the ranch he owned with his brother, Sam, was worth \$300,000. Finally, his IRA was worth \$200,000. Unfortunately, but unbeknownst to Bill and Mary, estate planning does not just entail writing down your wishes in a Will, like Frank did for them. It takes knowledge and experience to create an effective estate.

When Bill died, they discovered that the house was held in joint tenancy, so his \$250,000 interest in the \$500,000 house passed to Mary automatically at his death. It was not controlled by his Will at all. Likewise, the ranch was held in joint tenancy with Sam. Bill's \$300,000 interest in the ranch automatically passed to Sam, even though the Will provided otherwise. Finally, the IRA had a beneficiary designation naming Bill's mother. After Bill's first marriage ended, he had changed the designation to his mother. He forgot to update the designation when he remarried. Frank, though meaning well, did not think to ask about the beneficiary designations because he did not focus in estate planning and did not have the experience to know better.

So, of his \$750,000 in assets, Bill wanted one-half, or \$375,000, to go to his kids from his first marriage and \$375,000 to Mary. Instead, Mary only got \$250,000 and his kids from his first marriage got nothing—even though that's not what his Will provided. An experienced attorney would have recommended that Bill change the house and ranch to tenancy-in-common property and would have made sure the beneficiary designation was updated. That way, Bill would have provided for his family as he had wanted.

Don't make the same mistake that Bill and Mary did. Go to a qualified estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in estate planning. Make sure they get continuing legal education to stay updated on the latest developments in the field of estate planning. For example, the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys requires its members to earn 36 hours of training in estate planning or elder law annually. Once you select a qualified estate planning attorney, have confidence that your legacy is in good hands.

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.

### Isabella Reigns as New Queen of Baby Names - Takes Top Spot on Social Security's Most Popular Baby Names List

There's a new queen of baby names. Isabella took the crown from last year's winner, Emma, to claim the top girl baby name of 2009. Jacob continued his remarkable run by holding onto the top boy name for the 11th year in a row over a new number two for boys, Ethan. New to the top 10 this year for boys are Jayden and Noah, and for girls, Mia.

To see all the top baby names for 2009, go to Social Security's website www.socialsecurity.gov. Here are the top 10 boys and girls names for 2009:

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1) Jacob	Girls:	1) Isabella
2) Ethan		2) Emma
3) Michael		3) Olivia
4) Alexander		4) Sophia
5) William		5) Ava
6) Joshua		6) Emily
7) Daniel		7) Madison
8) Jayden		8) Abigail
9) Noah		9) Chloe
10) Anthony		10) Mia

Boys:

Baby Jacob and Baby Isabella issued a joint statement thanking Americans for "their support and good taste." They also urged fans to "check out www.socialsecurity.gov to learn about a new 'twist' in the law that may help an older relative or neighbor get an average of almost \$4,000 of extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs."

A favorite feature of Social Security's baby names website is the "Change in Name Popularity" page. This year's winner for the biggest jump is Maliyah, which undoubtedly is related to the popularity of the First Family. Malia (the spelling used by the First Daughter), also is one of the top 10 fastest risers among girls names. Isla, the name of popular actress Isla Fisher (and wife of Sacha Baron Cohen – aka Borat, which thankfully has yet to make the list) was the second fastest riser among girls. On the boy's side, Cullen had the biggest increase, likely attributable to the popular character Edward Cullen in the "Twilight" novels and movies. King came in as the number three top mover for boys, but more on Elvis later.

The girl's name Marely, which interestingly had the third largest increase last year, had the biggest drop this year from number 334 to 851. Mylee had the second biggest drop; Miley (as in Cyrus) also dropped in popularity. In the wake of controversies surrounding Lindsay Lohan, Lindsay dropped from number 381 to 524. Brett, Jonas and Alvin are among the boy's names with the largest decreases. With Brett, Social Security wonders if Americans are ready to retire the name (sorry Vikings' fans, we mean Jets' fans, um Packers' fans). And despite the soaring popularity of singing trios – whether human brothers or the chipmunk variety – fewer people apparently are willing to name their sons Jonas or Alvin.

With 69 baby Baracks born in 2009, Barack continues to move up the list to number 1,993 from 2,424 in 2008, and 12,535 in 2007, but still lags well behind First Dog Bo at 782.

Many patterns of recent years continued. Religious names continue to be very popular, including the girl names Heaven at number 275 and Nevaeh (Heaven spelled backwards) at 34. Messiah was number 663 for boys. An extraordinary 3.7 percent of the Top 1000 boy names rhymed with the word "maiden" and names associated with cities, states, or countries were popular, particularly for girls.

And for all of you Elvis fans out there, here's the annual update from Social Security Commissioner Michael J. Astrue: Elvis slipped from number 713 in 2008 to 858 in 2009. Unconfirmed reports indicate he was "all shook up" by his 2009 rank, but pleased that Presley is number 268 for girls, and that King and Memphis landed at 462 and 605 for boys.

As the federal government's leading expert on baby names, Commissioner Astrue commented "I have no idea what any of this means, but nonetheless urge you to go to our website www.socialsecurity.gov to have a little fun with baby names and to see if you can help an older relative or friend qualify for \$4,000 of extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs."

The Social Security website offers lists of baby names for each year since 1880. Social Security started compiling baby name lists in 1997.

Be sure to check out www.socialsecurity.gov on May 14 to see the most popular baby names for each state, as well as an exclusive video of Chubby Checker counting down the most popular names of the past decade.

Andrew Salata, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration e-mail: Andrew.Salata@ssa.gov, PH# (312) 575-5490

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### POLISH FRATERNALS SPONSORS TWO EVENTS

Polish National Alliance Vice President (PNA) Paul C. Odrobina invites Sox Fans to join us along with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons and Polish Women's Alliance for Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Sox Park) on Wednesday, July 6, 2010 starting at 7:10 p.m. The Chicago White Sox vs. the Los Angeles Angels. Price of tickets for the Lower Box Seats is \$21.50.

A Fun filled Polish American Day is planned at the Six Flag Great America Theme Park in Gurnee, Illinois is planned for Saturday, June 5, 2010. The park will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Polish Dancers will be performing at the park during the day. (performance times will be posted at the park) Ticket prices are \$26.00 per person. Children ages 2 and under are free. The ticket price includes entrance to the Hurricane Harbor Water Park.

Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723 ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632, ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women's Alliance (1-888-522-1898 ext. 1208). Sox game tickets are limited and going fast, and will be sold as first come, first served.

### Skokie Human Services and the Skokie Rotary Club Give Back to the Community

Through the Rebuilding Together program, a national non-profit organization, the Rotary Club of Skokie Valley and the Village of Skokie Human Services Division assisted an elderly Skokie resident in need of home maintenance assistance.

The project included a functional bathroom, tuckpointing the exterior brick and interior ceiling and wall repair from water damage. Exterior and interior home painting was done as well. The project quickly escalated to full repairs with the discovery of a hole in the roof and deteriorated flooring from a leak on the second floor.

All labor was donated by the Skokie Rotary Club of Skokie Valley, the services of R.B. Plumbing and Lucky's Handyman Services. Some of the materials were purchased with a donation from the Rebuilding Together program. These materials were supplemented by donated materials. More than 12 hours of hard labor and fellowship resulted in a safe and functional environment for a proud resident who is not used to asking for help. Many volunteers assisted to make the home improvement project a reality.

For more information, contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

#### MONDAY NIGHT CAR SHOWS BEGIN MAY 31 IN SKOKIE

Local business owners and residents dedicated to the classic automobile hobby will again present their Monday Night Car Shows starting on Monday May 31 (Memorial Day) and every Monday night through Labor Day. The show is located in the parking lot of the Hungarian Foods store, Oakton Street and Crawford Avenue, Skokie. Registration begins at 5:00 pm. The show begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. The show is free and open to the public.

Rick Glickman is the MNCS committee chairman and founder of the show. According to Glickman, "The mission of our non-profit organization is to advance the classic car hobby through community awareness, camaraderie, and contributions to educational programs that teach automotive skills to the next generation of students through scholarships. We are proud that our car show has grown to become the most popular show on the North Shore is just 4 years". Vehicles on display include antique and vintage cars and trucks, muscle cars, hot rods, foreign cars, motorcycles and even the occasional restored military vehicle. Music, prizes and food vendors are offered at every show.

The Monday Night Car Show draws participants and spectators from the north and northwest suburbs and from the north side communities of Chicago.

For further information call (847) 433-2400 or visit the show's web site at: www.mondaynightcarshows.com

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Art Exhibit/Reception. June 1, 6 p.m. Community members are invited to attend a reception to see a variety of artwork created by Visual Arts students from Niles West High School. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display at Lincolnwood Library during the month of June.

Constituent Advocate. June 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. A representative from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office is available to answer questions. No appointment is necessary.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. May 27:"(500) Days of Summer"; June 3: "The Men Who Stare at Goats."

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. May 28: "The Hurt Locker"; June 4: "Crazy Heart."

Dining for Wellness. May 19, 11:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Place presents Ratatouille with Pernod Butter. Free tickets are available at the Circulation desk.

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**

Monday Movies. Films for children and teens on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m. May 24: "Monsters vs. Aliens" rated PG.

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.

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.

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.

#### **Skokie New Commission on Family Services**

The Commission on Family Services, a new commission which met for the first time on April 7, 2010, provides a forum for focus on a wide range of issues concerning Skokie's most vulnerable citizens. Recommendations on policies, programs and procedures are made to the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

The mission of the Family Services Commission includes facilitating improvement in the quality of life for Skokie's most vulnerable persons regardless of age, physical well-being, or socio-economic status through public information, education, and advocacy.

The Skokie Commission on Family Services is composed of community members who:

\* Reflect, as much as possible, the demographics of Skokie;

\* Have unique training, interests and backgrounds that are of assistance to the Commission in its efforts; and

\* Represent public and private organizations that provide social services to Skokie residents.

Meeting Dates take place the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. during the months of January, March, April, May, June, September, October, November, and December.

Commission meetings are held at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie. For more information on this Commission and others please visit www.skokie.org.



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