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## The Honor Flight Network

The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain. Earl wanted to honor the veterans he had taken care of for the past 27 years.

Earl could tell that the majority of the veterans had given up all hope of ever visiting the memorial that was specifically created to honor their services as well as the services of their fellow comrades who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. That's when Earl decided that there had to be a way to get these heroes to D.C. to see their memorial.

In January of 2005, Earl addressed about 150 members of the aero club during a safety meeting, outlining a volunteer program to fly veterans to their memorial. The first Honor Flight Network flight took to the air in May of 2005. Six small planes flew 12 very happy veterans out to Manassas, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C.

Time is of the Essence. Based on recent 2008 statistics, we are losing World War II veterans at the rate of approximately 1,000 per day. Honor Flight Network will continue do whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams of our veterans and help our senior heroes travel absolutely free.

Subsequent to the World War II veterans, our efforts will then focus on our Korean War and then Vietnam War veterans, honoring them similarly.

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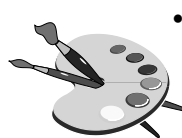
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# Village of Skokie Fall 2009 Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Information

The Village’s 2009 regular yard waste collection program ended today. Residents who still have yard waste will not need to contact Public Works to schedule a collection. Village crews will collect properly prepared yard waste from the entire town on Wednesday, October 28. Materials must be bundled or placed in paper yard waste bags and set in the curb or alley, in the same place that garbage is set out. Grass clippings will not be collected. The Village of Skokie will make additional yard waste collections during the fall season, weather permitting, through December 2. The curbside leaf collection program also continues through early December, weather permitting.

On Monday, October 19, 2009, the Village begins its annual leaf collection program that continues through mid-December, weather permitting. The leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of leaves. Instead of bagging, or for those who do not mulch leaves, residents may rake leaves next to the curb in front of their home. As weather permits, Village crews make rounds throughout Skokie collecting the leaves on a weekly basis. Please follow the suggested tips to insure collection:

- \*Please do not leave grass piles, twigs and branches or other debris within the pile as these items can damage equipment and prevent leaf collection.
- \*Wetting leaves while piled prevents them from blowing away.
- \*Be mindful of hydrants and keep them visible.
- \*Rake leaves away from parked cars and do not park on leaf piles.
- \*Do not rake leaves onto or in sewer drains.

For more information on leaf collection contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427

# The Village of Skokie Street Sweeping Program

The Village of Skokie Street Sweeping Program for 2009 began in March and is expected to run through mid-December, weather permitting.

The Village uses four mechanical street sweepers Monday through Friday on staggered schedules ranging from 3 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Public Works Department makes every effort to sweep single-family residential streets every five to seven days. Multi-family residential areas are swept monthly generally during the first full week of the month. Concrete alleys also are swept monthly depending on operational needs. Delays sometimes occur due to inclement weather, equipment repairs and holidays.

For questions regarding the street sweeping program, contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

# EVANSTON MAIN LIBRARY UNDERGOING STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Evanston has contracted for streetscape improvements on Orrington Avenue and Church Street adjacent to the Main Library. The purpose of the Library Streetscape Improvement Project is to enhance pedestrian mobility and safety on Church and Orrington in front of the library. This project is funded by Washington National TIF funds. The scope of work will include replacing the existing pavers with a new concrete sidewalk, the installation of new roadway curbing and brick paver bands behind the curbing, and upgrading the library ramp area with poetry inscriptions.

Construction will begin the week of October 12th. Starting on Church Street, the construction project will move west on Church Street toward Orrington Avenue, then north on Orrington. During construction, traffic will be maintained on Church Street and Orrington Avenue. Please be advised there will be no overnight and weekend parking on this block of Church Street (north side) and Orrington Avenue (east side). Construction zone “NO PARKING” restrictions will be in effect for the project’s duration from October 12th through the 3rd week of November. Sidewalks on these two blocks will be closed during construction.

All Library services will continue throughout the project, but patrons and staff will need to make the following accommodations:

- The front entrance of the Library will be temporarily closed during construction.
- The wheelchair accessible entrance on the east (alley) side of the Library will remain open.

Library book drops normally located on Church Street will be temporarily relocated to the east (alley) side of the building.

Parking in the Library underground garage will be available but limited due to storage needs of the construction crews.

Bicycle racks will be available on the east (alley) side and in the underground garage.

The selection of the poetry to be imprinted in the ramp will take place in the spring of 2010 and will be coordinated by the Library and the City’s Public Art Committee. Questions about the poetry project may be directed to Paul Gottschalk at 847/448-8656. For further information, please contact Paul Gottschalk at 847/448-8656 or Dan Manis at 847/878-0137.

# THE SKOKIE LIONS CLUB HAD A SUCCESSFUL CANDY DAY!



October 9th and 10th were Candy Days in Skokie. The weather was cold and wet; but the hearts of Skokie people were warm and generous. The Skokie Lions thank the community for helping make sure that the hearing and vision impaired people in our town will be served when they need glasses and hearing aids. We thank all our volunteers and contributors for allowing us to continue our support to the Niles Township Food Pantry and other needed services in our community.

Our success was made possible thanks to the 74 student volunteers from the WHO Clubs and National Honor Societies of our local high schools. Those kids did not let a little cold and rain stop them doing their part in helping those who need help. The Lions want to recognize the Facility Advisers who organized their students for public service. They are Mr. Johnson, Who Club of Niles West; Mr. Sharma, Who Club of Niles North; Mr. Reed, National Honor Society of Niles North, and Mr. Gina, National Honor Society of Niles West.

If you want to serve your community and help those people who need it the most; call Lion Walt Holden at 847 679 7457 or e-mail mylion-sclub@aol.com for information about how you can become a Lion.

# EVANSTON TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY NEEDS

## Evanston seeks resident input regarding community housing and non-housing priorities

The City of Evanston seeks input from community members regarding the City’s housing and non-housing priorities for the upcoming five years. The public hearing will be held Monday, October 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (revised time) at the Fleetwood Jourdain Community Center (1655 Foster Street).

“Community members’ feedback will guide the City in its use of entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and Emergency Shelter grants” explained Dennis Marino, Interim Director of Community Development. “The funds will be used to benefit primarily low and moderate-income residents.”

“The issues discussed at the public hearing will be included in the City’s 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to be submitted to HUD,” Marino noted. “The Consolidated Plan includes the City’s strategy to meet priority needs for the next five years by taking short-term action to achieve long-term housing and non-housing goals.”

Residents are encouraged to attend the public hearing to voice concerns and observations about the community’s needs. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in small group discussions and vote on Evanston’s priorities.

For those who are unable to attend but would still like to provide feedback, the Community Priority Needs Survey can be found online or call to request a paper copy from the Planning Division, 847/866-2928 x2268.

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CITY OF EVANSTON PARKING UPDATES

Evanston’s Maple Ave. Self Park Garage will offer up to four free hours of parking during the construction of the Maple Avenue streetscape project. The four free hours of parking will begin October 13th and continue through Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. Vehicles parking longer than four hours will be charged full rates. The Maple Ave. Garage is located at 1800 Maple Ave. - enter from Maple Avenue at Clark Street or University Pl.

Additionally, Evanston’s three downtown self-park garages along with Lot 60 on Chicago Ave. will offer free holiday parking starting November 26th and ending January 2nd. The hours of the free garage parking will be week-days from 5 p.m. until midnight and Saturday’s all day.

The free parking locations are located at: Sherman Plaza Self Park (Davis St. and Benson Ave.), Maple Ave. Self Park (1800 Maple Ave.), Church St. Self Park (at Church St. and Chicago Ave.) and Lot 60 (1234 Chicago Ave.).

Evanston Arts + Humanities

This year, Evanston joins the Illinois Arts Council in recognizing October as Arts & Humanities Month, a statewide celebration encouraging all Evanstonians to establish, deepen, and expand our relationships with the arts and humanities. The month will focus attention on our City’s vast cultural resources and increase public awareness of the arts. For more information and calander of events go to <http://www.cityofevanston.org/>

Block Museum Exhibit

A member of the New York School of painters that included Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, and Willem de Kooning, Robert Motherwell helped define 20th-century American abstract art. His work explored themes both intimate, such as a series of collages incorporating personal items like cigarette packets and pieces of mail, and international, like his Elegies to the Spanish Republic, a subject he reworked in various formats throughout his life. Organized by the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, this exhibition includes more than 40 drawings, collages, prints, and paintings from the artist’s decades-long career. Admission to the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art is free. Location: Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art Main Gallery 40 Arts Circle Drive, Northwestern University campus. Contact: Block Museum of Art 847.491.4000. Learn more at <http://www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/>

Art on Display at Evanston Public Library

Stop by the Evanston Main Public Library and enjoy the many, many displays of public art for free! From the massive hanging sculpture “Ghostwriter” in the grand stairway to the “For Endless Tress” dual art glass panels reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright, from oils to marble, and from stainless steel “Bookends” sculptures high atop the outside of the library to the beauty of the building itself. Take the time out to visit the main branch, check out a book and enjoy the art and beautiful architecture. To learn more about the various items in display, <http://www.epl.org/>

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center

**Lost German Chicago Exhibit** Saturdays 11am - 3pm thru Sep 2011 or by appt. The exhibit showcases treasures from German Chicago’s establishments and institutions of the past. How many people married after meeting at the Lincoln Turner Hall? How many times did you snuggle into Zum Deutschen Eck? How many times did you give yourself over to the magic at Schuliens’s? Have you ever seen the carvings the Oscar Mayer family installed in Germania Place? German Chicagoans shaped the stockyards, beer law, labor law and raised the art of gemutlichkeit for all. Come remember with us.

**Annual Meeting & Election** Sunday 25 Oct 3pm  
All members who joined prior to 25 Mar 2009 are eligible to vote.  
4 positions available Nominees:

Adalbert Bielski	Christine Clark	Yvonne Frazier
Erich Freiburger	Dan Reichart	Al Schafer

Evanston Firewood Sale

The City of Evanston’s annual firewood sale begins Saturday, Nov. 7. While firewood supplies last, sale hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at 2310 Oakton St., Evanston (between the former Recycling Center and the Animal Shelter). The cost is \$25 per 1/8 face cord; \$40 per 1/4 face cord; \$70 per 1/2 face cord; or \$125 per full face cord. Payment by personal check is preferred although payment can also be made by cash. Credit cards are not accepted, and delivery is not available. Once supplies are depleted, the Saturday sales will be discontinued for the year. Free woodchips are also available at the base of the hill in adjacent James Park. Residents can take as many woodchips as they would like. For more information, call 847-866-2912.



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# 4 Deaths, 3 Estate Planning Mistakes



Chester M. Przybylo

What would you want to leave behind for your family? If your choices were A) a contentious mess, or B) a well-coordinated estate plan, you would choose option B, right? All too many of us end up with option A. In fact, a recent national survey discovered that only 44% of Americans have a simple Will, much less a well-coordinated estate plan. This is a story of four best friends from school: Charlie, Keith, Mike, and Stu. Each of them lived very successful lives, but their deaths brought very different outcomes.

Charlie was the first of the friends to pass away. His death was quite a shock to everyone because he died in a car accident at a young age. Unfortunately, Charlie never got around to planning his estate and died without a Will. So, not only did his assets have to go through the court process called “probate,” his assets also passed by “intestacy,” which is a fixed formula set by the state legislature for those dying without an estate plan. Charlie was unmarried but had a long-term partner. Unfortunately, the state’s formula did not take that into consideration. So, all of Charlie’s assets went to his blood relatives and none went to the person who mattered most to him, his long-term partner.

Keith learned from Charlie’s mistake. Shortly after Charlie’s death, he went to an attorney and created an estate plan. However, he stuck the plan in a drawer for the many years since it was created and forgot about it. When Keith passed away, he had not updated his estate plan in almost twenty years. While his plan avoided intestacy, it did not reflect his current relationships and intentions, meaning that his estate was not distributed as he wanted at his death. Keith, who had been married to Linda for more than a decade, would want everything to go to her. However, Linda was shocked to discover that his outdated estate plan left everything, including the house they had shared for years, to his former girlfriend from 18 years ago, Betty.

Mike learned from both Charlie’s and Keith’s mistakes. Not only did he put an estate plan in place, he made sure that he kept it updated with his current dispositive wishes. However, he forgot to think about beneficiary designations. Like many of us, the majority of Mike’s wealth was controlled by beneficiary designations. Mike had been with the same employer since graduation. The beneficiary designation on his retirement plan listed his mother; at that time, he was unmarried and had no children. His designation sent the bulk of his wealth to his mother, who was in a nursing home. Not only did it deprive his wife and children of money they desperately needed, it ended up reimbursing the state Medicaid agency for paying for his mother’s nursing home care.

When Stu died, he had seen the personal and financial tragedies that could occur with improper planning. Stu went to an attorney who focused his practice in estate planning. The attorney prepared a well-coordinated estate plan that considered all of Stu’s assets, including those controlled by beneficiary designation. Stu did his part, too. He made sure to follow up with the attorney periodically and whenever there were significant changes in his life. While Stu’s family was saddened by his passing, their grief was not compounded by poor planning.

The four friends each had the best of intentions, to provide for their loved ones after their passing. However, only Stu had an updated, well-coordinated estate plan and only Stu achieved the goal of caring for his loved ones who were left behind.

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**PLEASE NOTE**  
**CHESTER M. PRZYBYLO’S SEMINAR**  
**DATES AND LOCATIONS ON**  
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## Teach Kids Early about Saving and Investing

Bad habits are hard to break. But good habits also tend to stick around for a long time. And that’s why you will want to teach young children about the importance of saving and investing. It’s almost never too early to start — and your efforts can provide a lifetime of benefits.

By the time most children reach age 5, they have more than enough cognitive skills to understand the basics of saving money. Of course, the older they get, the better equipped they will be to handle more sophisticated concepts of investing.

In any case, when your children are young, start them on the right financial path by taking these steps: Set attainable goals Kids will be more motivated to save money if they can see themselves achieving goals. And that’s why you don’t want to burden them too soon by trying to get them to save for a longterm objective such as college. Such a goal may well be appropriate — and even desirable — when your children are a bit older, but when they are quite young, have them put money into a simple savings account for things like toys, video games, CDs, etc. By putting away money regularly and seeing how their efforts are rewarded, children will learn something about financial discipline and delayed gratification — and they’re likely to be more appreciative of their possessions.

### Reward their efforts

To help children learn to save and invest, you may want to offer a helping hand. Specifically, consider partially “matching” your children’s savings account deposits. If you were to put in a quarter or 50 cents for every dollar they deposit, their savings would have an opportunity to grow faster, and they would believe they are getting “bonus” payments.

### Make investing fun

Try to get your children involved in picking and following a stock for fun. If your children are interested in athletic shoes, for example, take a “research trip” to the nearest sporting goods store and study which shoes seem to be the most popular. Also, ask your children what types of shoes their friends are wearing. If your children are old enough, you may want to go over annual reports and other financial information about the stock, but don’t get too bogged down with numbers, especially if you see their eyes glaze over. Do, however, follow the stock’s price and discuss the factors that may or may not be causing this price to rise or fall.

### Stress the long-term nature of investing

Teach your children that a stock is not the same as a bank account and that stocks should not be used for impulse purchases or to meet short-term goals. You might want to share with them some of your brokerage statements that show how many years you’ve owned some of your stocks.

By following these suggestions, you can help your kids develop good savings and investment habits. In other words, you’ll be giving them a gift that can make a big difference in their lives.

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# Boomer Choices Available As We Age

Being a Baby Boomer has always been about choice – we demand it, and we expect we’ll always have it. This holds true for our choice of how to meet the demands of retirement and aging. There are many options to consider, depending on the kind of lifestyles or the forms of help that make sense for you and your family.

You probably have an idea about how your retirement might go, or about where you want to live going forward. Staying in the Chicago area or moving to another region is one big decision. Some boomers will choose to move to a warmer climate for a number of years, and then move back as their health changes, to be closer to family support.

Whether in Illinois or another region, some healthy boomers choose to streamline their lifestyle in a condominium or apartment complex, or choose to join other boomers in retirement communities. Any of these choices are valid, of course.

## A Great Retirement is Possible Anywhere

We all dream about the retirement lifestyles shown in the magazines and on TV. Those retirees aren’t settling down! They’re cutting loose, starting fresh, taking charge – and taking time to enjoy all those things they’ve always wanted to get around to. And that’s possible for you, too, wherever you live. You don’t need to move to an exclusive enclave on the ocean with its own Canyon Ranch Spa to enjoy life to its fullest.

With a little detective work, you can find opportunities for enjoyment and enrichment in your current neighborhood. Read your local paper (aren’t you doing that now?) to find events you’d enjoy. Get involved at a community center or faith community. Offer to help a teacher or librarian at a nearby school. Hang out at the library, or walk on the lakeshore. So many choices!

Lots of provided activities and services, plus chances for new friendships, are part of the lifestyle that retirement communities offer. These facilities talk about clubs and fitness centers, five-star dining, and cozy chats in their living rooms. You may want to consider that just as coffee shops have different atmospheres or levels of informality, retirement communities do, too. You might enjoy the corner diner, but feel more comfortable at the local Starbucks. Think about these preferences as

you visit the condo complex or the retirement campus convenient to all your favorite people and places.

## Thinking about Future Healthcare Needs

When our health is good and we’re active and vital, it’s hard to think about a time when this may not be the case. As we begin to think about potential changes in our health status, though, we might need to consider a different set of choices.

For some people, worry-free living means more than leaving behind routine household chores. They have decided to search for a comprehensive range of health care options easy to access where they live. Moving to another region means locating trusted healthcare professionals in your new location. Even living in your current home, though, it’s good to think about how you would reach your doctor’s office when you can no longer drive.

If your housing choice involves moving to an apartment complex or retirement community, think about how you will access medical services. Some retirement communities have on-campus clinics where local physicians and therapists provide care. Others expect that you will call a cab, or ask a friend for a ride to that needed appointment. Consider access to medical services as you look at your future plans.

Some boomers will want to be proactive about planning for future changes in their health. They want to think about options for support while they can be in charge of making the decisions. What will be the “right” support for you depends on your circumstances, personal preferences, the level of care needed, and affordability.

There are many options for support available, ranging from CCRCs to Home Companions, to Assisted Living to SNFs. But what do these terms mean, where can you find these kinds of services, and how can you tell if the provider is doing a good job?

Watch for the next installment about Retirement and the Baby Boomers: “Finding your way through the Alphabet Soup.”

By Theresa P. Paulin  
Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, Illinois



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When Chicago’s legendary Organic Theatre first brought Stuart Gordon and Lenny Kleinfeld’s “Warp” trilogy to the stage, it was billed as the “world’s first science-fiction epic adventure play in serial form.” Audiences loved the Star Wars meets Flash Gordon fantasy adventure of a young bank teller who is whisked away to an alternate universe to fight Prince Chaos. Niles North Theatre brings “Warp’s” first installment, “Episode 1: My Battlefield...My Body,” to the stage for a mind-bending, time-shifting and world-changing experience. Colorful costumes, amazing scenarios and humor make “Warp” a sci-fi spectacle. Show times are 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on October 16, 17, 23 and 24 in the Drama Performance Center at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. For ticket information, please contact the Box Office at (847) 626-2122. A no-charge community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 15.

The cast for “Warp” includes: Steven Yandell as Director of Sanitarium/Lugulbanda, Dylan Connelley as Bank President/Psychiatrist/Symax, Nicole Carlson as Mary Louise/Valaria, Shelley-Roe Moody as Miss Smart/Sargon, Martin Hanna as Chaos and Will Boersma as David Carson/Lord Cumulus. The Ensemble: Athanasia Giannetos, Cate Hensley, Rachel Sepiashvili, and Alexandra Vidican. The Director of “Warp” is Timothy Ortmann. Technical staff includes: Scenic Director Kristen Mackie, Tech Directors Annaliisa Ahlman and Kristen Mackie, Costume Designer An-lin Dauber, Costume Coordinator Teresa Ripley, Technical Assistants Linda Room, Eric Jimenez and Ari Kravetz, Sound Designer Jonathan Berg-Einhorn, Stage Manager Kristina Loy and Assistant Director Elana Weiner-Kaplow.

### Support Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School Partnership is asking parents, teachers, and community members to support Safe Routes by writing a letter to their congressperson demonstrating the importance of Safe Routes to School programs. You can find a sample letter at [bikesiliconvalley.org/content/921](http://bikesiliconvalley.org/content/921). All letters should be sent to Margo Pedroso with the Safe Routes to School National Partnership by Oct. 23. Send electronic versions to [margo@safe-routespartnership.org](mailto:margo@safe-routespartnership.org) or mail letters to Margo Pedroso, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, P.O. Box 442328, Fort Washington, MD 20749.

## NILES WEST’S NATZKE SELECTED FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Niles West High School teacher Leslie Natzke was selected for the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), a teacher reciprocal exchange funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and implemented by International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX). She is one of 40 teachers chosen, from over 400 applications that were submitted from over 45 states. The TEA program provides professional development opportunities to promote mutual understanding between the U.S. and teachers, students and schools around the world. Natzke will spend two weeks in Senegal observing classes, co-teaching and sharing best practices.

Natzke submitted her application last April and was recently notified about her acceptance to the TEA Program. When she filled out the paperwork she indicated she was open to go anywhere in the world. “I’m really excited about it. I’ve been to Africa a fair amount, but I’ve never been to Senegal. I’m also interested in girls’ education in Africa so I’m interested in looking how that works in Senegal, where it is a more developed democracy,” she said.

Natzke will meet her teacher-counterparts from Senegal at a conference/workshop that will be held at Purdue University next month. During the meetings, the U.S. teachers and their counterparts from the host countries will discuss “...what they need in their home districts and match that with us,” although Natzke indicated the structure might remain rather fluid. “The teachers have to go home and they have to work within their communities to try to set it up. So if they get resistance, then, it’ll go in another direction. And the teachers, me and the other teachers from Senegal, will give an 8-hour workshop for the public school teachers in that subject matter.”

The continent of Africa holds special meaning to Natzke as well. She and fellow Niles West teacher Dana Des Jardins, along with two women from Niger established an organization called Expanding Lives, which seeks to give girls in Niger, who are the first in their families to go to secondary school, opportunities in which to finish school and become leaders in their community. Expanding Lives and their partner organization, Micro Credit in Africa (MICA), brings girls from Niger to spend six weeks here in the summer. “Our first year was successful and our second year was just fantastic and a lot of it has to do with our students. The kids were amazing. I was hoping for a one-on-one kind of thing where there would be one American and one girl from Niger but it turned out to have one Nigerien and at least ten Americans. Some days there would be 40 kids who showed up. There were days I just went home and wanted to cry, I was so happy.”

Natzke believes the actions of the students from District 219 caused a ripple effect. “My girls, the Nigerien girls, I know that they saw these other people who are the same age or younger than they are doing these things —taking charge of things, running things—and they knew that they could do the same thing. They had ideas, they had plans, they had things that they thought they could follow through on. So that’s really amazing.”

Natzke is looking forward to her experience in Senegal, not only for the time she will spend at her partner school, but for the lasting impact it will have. “They want us to try as get as many connections going as we possibly can between the host school and ours. And from what I can tell, from the reception of Expanding Lives in our school district, I have a feeling that it’s going to be a pretty positive thing for our students and our staff...I think it’s a really good opportunity for our school district, with everything that it has, to reach out and get to know another part of the world with which we don’t have a lot of connection.”

### Free Youth Fishing Program Continues

Young anglers, age 5 to 15, can grab a pole and fish for free on Saturday mornings at the pond in Lovelace Park, located on Gross Point Road at Thayer St. Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this is a catch-and-release program designed to give youth a chance to experience firsthand the fun of fishing. Free equipment and bait are provided, and staff from the Evanston Ecology Center are on hand to offer their expert advice. This fishing program is held from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday through October 31. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fishing licenses are not needed for anglers under age 16. For more details, call 847/448-8256.

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## COLLEGE NIGHT FOR NILES NORTH FRESHMEN AND THEIR PARENTS ON OCTOBER 28

Niles North freshman students and their parents are invited to Freshman College Night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, in Room 1200 at Niles North High School, 9800 N. Lawler, Skokie. Attendees can participate in discussions such as: preparing a high school course schedule, creating a four-year plan, and researching careers and colleges, as well as learning about the services in the Niles North College Career Resource Center. R.S.V.P. to College Resource Center Assistant Christine Brines at (847) 626-2176 or College and Career Counselor Jodie Faltynski at (847) 626-2170.

## Village of Skokie Begins H1N1 Vaccination Campaign in Skokie Schools

In mid-October, 2009, the Village of Skokie Health Department will begin a vaccination campaign for the H1N1 influenza (sometimes called “swine flu”) in all Skokie schools, preschools and day care centers. There will be no cost for vaccinations and they will be given on a voluntary basis. Parental consent will be required to vaccinate students under age 18. There is one vaccination clinic scheduled for each Skokie school and day-care center, with immunizations limited to students, teachers and others affiliated with the schools.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to have their child or children vaccinated for H1N1 flu and to also contact their health care provider to secure a seasonal flu shot for their young ones. Flu protection is recommended for all children from 6 months through 18 years of age. Any influenza, including seasonal flu and H1N1 flu can be a serious disease for children of all ages, causing them to miss school, important and fun activities and even be hospitalized.

It also is likely that H1N1 vaccine will be distributed through private physician offices and pharmacies. More information will be available over the next few months, and details will be widely disseminated as soon as they are known. In early December, the Village expects to hold a number of H1N1 vaccination clinics that will be open to all Skokie residents and children attending school, preschool or day care in Skokie. Details are pending, so please see [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for updated information.

Children less than 10 years of age should receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine, spaced at least 21 days apart, in order to have full protection.

Assuming a child receives the first H1N1 vaccine dose at a school clinic, the second dose can be administered by a child’s physician, during one of the December 2009 Village vaccination clinics mentioned above or during a later Health Department clinic. The Health Department will ensure that every child less than 10 years of age is able to receive both doses of vaccine and, again, encourages parents to see that their young ones receive the first vaccine dose at their Skokie school clinic. While the H1N1 vaccine and the seasonal flu shots can usually be administered at the same time, it is optimal for children to receive the seasonal flu shot as soon as possible in advance of receiving the H1N1 vaccine. The H1N1 vaccine is different from the seasonal flu vaccine; it is specifically created for the H1N1 virus and is aimed towards a younger population than the traditional flu vaccine. The initial target groups for the H1N1 vaccination include pregnant women, children, young adults and others with underlying health problems.

There is evidence that the H1N1 virus has re-appeared this fall. The majority of the U.S. population does not have immunity to this virus and can expect to be susceptible to infection. The federal government maintains that there will likely be an adequate supply of H1N1 vaccine to immunize persons at risk of infection. In addition to getting a seasonal flu shot, and an H1N1 vaccination when available, residents are encouraged to avoid illness by practicing the 3 C’s: 1. Clean - wash your hands several times a day with soap and water. In the absence of soap and water, alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be used if rubbed until dry. Teach these good habits to your children, too. 2. Cover - your cough with your elbow instead of sneezing into your hands; teach this to your children, too. 3. Contain - stay home if you have flu-like symptoms to keep from spreading the virus.

For more information on novel influenza A (H1N1) virus please visit the Centers for Disease Control web site at [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu). With other questions call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. For Additional Information: Ann Tennes, Director of Marketing and Communications 847/933-8234.

## CITY WELCOMES NEW NORTH-WESTERN PRESIDENT SCHAPIRO

### Evanston Holds Reception to Welcome Northwestern’s 16th President, Morton Schapiro

The City of Evanston held a reception to welcome Northwestern University’s 16th President, Morton Schapiro, and his family to the community. The event was held at Evanston’s Boocoo Cultural Center and Café, 1823 Church Street.

Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, members of the City Council, city officials and residents attended. “A wonderfully diverse cross-section of the entire Evanston community was on hand to extend a very warm welcome to President Schapiro and his wife,” said Mayor Tisdahl. “We are so delighted to have them in Evanston running a world class university. We are looking forward to a long, continued relationship.”

Schapiro is the former President of Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts and moved to Evanston in July from the East Coast to the “friendly” Midwest. He expressed hopes that his 9-year-old daughter adopts “those great Midwestern values.” Noting that, “it is such a welcoming community here in Evanston,” and thanked the community for its hospitality.

President Schapiro’s inauguration ceremony took place Friday, October 9 at 3 p.m. on Northwestern’s Deering Meadow. The City of Evanston looks forward to a continued strong relationship with the University in an effort to make Evanston an even better community than it is today.

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**Junior Science Café for Teens** Friday, October 23, 4 pm – 5:15 pm in the Loft. Electronic Gaming with Professor Ian Horswill.

The Café is an opportunity to bring science to life. It’s an informal discussion, with the purpose of exploring topics and creating a comfortable space for teens to talk about science and technology – stuff that matters to them, not just what’s in the school curriculum.

Each discussion is followed by questions from the audience, a great chance for middle and high schoolers to engage with science in an exciting, thought-provoking atmosphere. Parents, grandparents, and teachers are welcome to attend also! The program’s goal is to support and encourage students to consider careers in science and technology.

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**Beginning with Books.** Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver.

**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.

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

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## Skokie Farmers' Market Trick-or-Treat Bag Handout

Visit the “Best on the North Shore” Skokie Farmers’ Market held on Sundays through Sunday, October 25.

During the last market day of the season, Sunday, October 25, members of the Consumer Affairs Commission will hand out a free trick- or-treat bag (with a treat) to children who attend in costume. Children are invited to trick-or-treat at each vendor stand. Come early, while supplies last.

The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot, 5127 Oakton Street.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, a volunteer commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers’ Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers’ Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Master at 847/933-8224 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Community Halloween Party

The 2009 Annual Community Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 4:00 P.M. through 5:30 P.M., rain or shine, near the Proesel Park Tennis Courts located near the intersection of Kostner and Morse Avenues. Festivities include; treat bags for children 12 and under, hot dog and drink for everyone (while supplies last), hayride, storytelling and much more. Everything is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit their website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecreationUpcomingEvents.cfm](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecreationUpcomingEvents.cfm).

## Mysterious Legends of the Lake

Tracy Seglin

Danger lurks beneath the waves, perhaps a hidden vortex or sirens casting their spells, luring ships and airplanes to their doom. The Atlantic isn’t the only body of water with a triangle of terror. Our own Lake Michigan is home to unexplained mysteries – shipwrecks, plane crashes, UFO sightings, and more. In the spirit of all things spooky, we bring you a haunted edition of Legends of the Lake.

The Lake Michigan Triangle extends south from Ludington, Michigan to Benton Harbor; west to Manitowoc, Wisconsin; and then back again to Ludington. All these events are said to have taken place within The Triangle.

July 12, 1883 – Just off the Chicago Harbor, the crew of the Mary McLane dodges brick-sized blocks of ice falling from a cloudless dusk sky. Half an hour later, the assault stops as abruptly as it started, and bewildered crew members inspect the tug, finding numerous dents. Upon return to shore, they show astonished onlookers a recovered two-pound ice chunk, evidence of the unexplained phenomenon.

May 21, 1891 – En route from Chicago to Muskegon, Michigan, the schooner Thomas Hume vanishes into thin air. Sailing empty to pick up lumber, seven sailors, including the captain are never heard from again. The lake is searched exhaustively, but not a splinter of wood is ever recovered from the wreck.

November 26, 1919 – witnesses in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin report seeing a blazing light in the evening sky over southern Lake Michigan. They tell of two huge fireballs plummeting into the lake, exploding upon impact. The crash is followed by inexplicable ground rumbling and tremors.

October 30, 1921 – After an apparent collision with another vessel, the remains of the schooner Rosa Belle and her 11-member crew are found. However, no other ship had been a collision in the area, and the mystery of her demise is never discovered. Ironically, the wreck almost precisely mirrors an August 1875 tragedy when the same schooner capsized in the same area, drifting ashore to Grand Haven, Michigan.

April 28, 1937 – On the way back from Erie, PA, Captain George R. Donner guides lake freighter O.M. Farland through dangerous Great Lakes spring ice floes. When the ship reaches the calmer waters of Lake Michigan, Donner retires to his cabin with instructions for his crew to summon him near port. His crew finds an empty cabin. Captain Donner is never found, and legend tells that his door was locked from the inside.

June 23, 1950 – Heading from New York to Minneapolis, Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 2051 encounters storms near Chicago. Fifty-five passengers and a crew of three vanish over Lake Michigan. Upholstery and human remains are eventually discovered, but a full-scale Navy, Coast Guard, and state police search never recovers the plane.



## Urban Wildlife Coalition: Going to Bat for Bats

Blood-sucking rodents, creatures of darkness, rabies-ridden monsters who love getting caught in hair... bats get such a bad rap! It's time to uncloak the facts about bats:



### Nature's Insect Repellent

Bats in our region love to eat mosquitoes, easily munching 3,000 per night. A healthy population of bats can dramatically minimize our reliance on pesticides. They do not contract West Nile Virus by ingesting infected mosquitoes. Instead of shooing bats away, we should roll out the red carpet! Installing a bat house is the best first step toward attracting them to your backyard. For more information about how to build your own bat house or where to buy one, contact [urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com)

### Gentle by Nature

Like most wildlife, bats fear humans. They have absolutely no desire to attack us or get tangled in our hair. They are clean creatures that groom themselves regularly, and only rarely carry rabies. As with all wildlife, they are best appreciated from a respectful distance.

### Other Bat Facts

In China, bats are a symbol of happiness and good fortune

They are not rodents, but belong to the order Chiroptera (hand-wing)

Batlike animals soared through Earth's skies as far back as 50 million years!

Bats are nature's only true flying mammal – “flying” squirrels actually glide.

They're not blind, but color-blind, and often rely more heavily on their senses of smell and hearing to locate prey and predators.

For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit [www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org](http://www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org). Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at [urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com).

*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](http://www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org). Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at [urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com).*

## Three Days, Three Ways to Celebrate Halloween

**Starting as early as Saturday, Oct. 24, youth can celebrate Halloween at three special holiday events sponsored by the City of Evanston's Recreation Division. For families, the fun begins early with the Evanston Ecology Center's annual Bug-A-Boo Halloween Walk on Saturday, Oct. 24. This family-friendly, non-frightening event features an outdoor Halloween trail that winds through the Ladd Arboretum. Meet friendly costume characters along the way, and then enjoy snacks indoors at trail's end. Walks, perfect for children age 2 and older, take off at 20-minute intervals from 4 to 6:20 p.m. from the Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. The cost is \$4.50 per person. Reservations are required; call 847-448-8256.**

On Halloween eve, a free “HallaDaze” party takes place 6-8:30 p.m. at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster. This drop-in, costumes-welcome Halloween event is for youth age 4-12. There will be a magic show, clowns, exotic balloons, face painting and refreshments. Call 847-448-8254 for more information.

Then as a prelude to a night of trick or treating, a Halloween Skating Party takes place 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St. All ages are welcome. The first 50 people who come in costume skate for free--including free skate rental. For safety, this party is limited to 50 participants. For more details, call 847-448-8258.

## Evanston Robert Crown Center Flea Market

Make fall cleaning profitable. Sellers can now reserve tables for the Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St., Evanston. After clearing out closets, basements and garages, residents can sell unwanted items, from clothing and sports equipment to jewelry and small household appliances, at the annual fall sale. Tables can be rented for \$35 each. To reserve one or more tables, call 847-448-8258.



# Spooktacular Fun at Franken Plaza October 23-31

This Halloween, Daley Plaza once again becomes FRANKEN PLAZA October 23-31 with new performances, movie nights, arts & crafts and much more. Opening day is Friday, October 23 and kicks off at 11:00am until 8:00pm. FREE Admission. FRANKEN PLAZA continues through Halloween: Monday -Wednesday 11am to 3pm and Thursday -Sunday 11am to 8pm. Please note that the Halloween Happening Parade is canceled, but all the fun is still happening at Daley Plaza on Saturday, October 24 where kids can enjoy trick or treating (while supplies last), hay rides and a costume contest.

For more information visit [www.chicagoween.us](http://www.chicagoween.us).

## Creatures of the Night

In most people's minds, Halloween means vampires and witches, bats, owls and spiders. Even the mere mention of these creatures sends shivers through some folks. Vampires and witches -- a fear of them is understandable. But what is it about bats, owls, and spiders that makes people associate them with evil?

One trait these creatures share is a preference for darkness. They're active mainly at night, which runs counter to our own diurnal tendencies. As a result, people tend to regard night animals as demonic.

Consider the bat, which has long been associated with the darker side of our subconscious. Because bats appear only at night and vanish during the day, it was believed that bats were the souls of sleeping people. Likewise, depictions of the devil customarily feature batlike wings and ears (angel wings, meanwhile, are bird-like). And since bats often dwell in caves, people commonly associate them with the underworld.

As for the connection between bats and vampires, experts trace it to an ancient Asian myth involving night spirits that feed upon the blood of sleeping victims. True vampire bats exist only in the American tropics and were not described in scientific literature until 1810. The first literary work in which a vampire transforms into a bat and flies at night in search of human victims was Bram Stoker's "Dracula," published in 1897.

Owls, too, are also generally associated with death and the underworld because of their nocturnal habits. The most widespread species, the Barn Owl, with its ghostly appearance and blood-curdling shriek, is considered a bad omen in cultures throughout the world. Several African cultures depict owls as spirits of the dead and as omens that foretell the death of anyone who sees them.

One notable exception is the Inuit belief that the Snowy Owl is a good omen. Perhaps the reason for this unusually positive view of an owl is that the Snowy Owl is a daytime creature. Diurnal activity is a necessity for this owl: it lives above the Arctic Circle where the period of breeding and peak prey abundance coincide with the endless daylight of Arctic summer.

Spiders are not an exclusively nocturnal group, either, though many species, especially those that hunt actively on the ground, favor darkness. These are the species most likely to hide in cupboards and clothing, which doesn't help their reputation. Perhaps the reason spiders inspire such negative responses is that they tend to be most numerous in the dark recesses of places like caves and old buildings. Also, despite the fact that most spiders are harmless to humans, poisonous species can be found on every continent.

Yet the current link between spiders and evil is not consistent with their usual treatment. Traditional myths repeatedly feature spiders as creators and omens of good fortune. The sheetweb spiders (family Linyphiidae) are known in Europe as "money spiders" because it's believed that an encounter with one means a person will soon receive some cash. Still, most haunted houses include spiders alongside the bats, owls, and witches, and these are meant to play upon our darkest fears -- or should that be our fear of the dark?



## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE NWF campaign launch coincides with the release this fall of a new movie

Innovative film director Spike Jonze collaborates with celebrated author Maurice Sendak to bring one of the most beloved books of all time to the big screen this fall in *Where the Wild Things Are*, a story about childhood and the places we go to understand the world we live in. The National Wildlife Federation is teaming up with Warner Bros. to extend the film's lessons to families all across the country as part of its efforts to launch the Be Out There™ campaign.

The NWF initiative is designed to inspire families to "open the door and get outside," says Rebecca Garland, the campaign's executive director. "Research has shown that if kids have positive outdoor experiences at a young age, they will become lovers of wildlife and nature and turn into stewards of the environment as they grow older. The message of *Where the Wild Things Are* works perfectly with this effort."

The film adaptation of Sendak's classic children's book tells the story of a young boy named Max who feels misunderstood at home and escapes to a land "where the wild things are." He winds up on an island where he meets mysterious and strange creatures whose emotions are as wild and unpredictable as their actions. When those creatures crown Max as their king, he promises to create a place where everyone will be happy. He soon discovers, however, that ruling his kingdom is not so easy and his relationships there prove to be more complicated than he originally thought. The movie, which features an all-star cast, opens in theaters nationwide on October 16.

"We chose to team up with the National Wildlife Federation based on their valuable knowledge and insight on connecting children and families to nature. NWF's new campaign, Be Out There, reflects the spirit of the film *Where the Wild Things Are* by reminding us that the wild thing in all of us—especially children—needs to feel the wind on our faces and the sunshine in our hair," says Nicole Sedita, Vice President, Warner Bros. Promotions.

NWF developed its campaign to counter a disturbing trend among American youngsters today, which represent the first generation in this country to grow up isolated from nature. Outdoor time for kids has decreased, on average, by more than 50 percent from previous generations, while their time spent inside plugged into electronic media has grown to more than six hours per day.

To help parents get their kids outdoors, NWF provides a range of activities and useful tools on its website [www.nwf.org/beoutthere](http://www.nwf.org/beoutthere). You can download *Where the Wild Things Are* activity guides, which are packed with practical ideas. The website also describes how to become part of National Wild Rumpus Day and how to join the movement to connect kids with nature at home, in school and in the community.

"The partnership between NWF and the film *Where the Wild Things Are* combines America's leading organization devoted to helping children stay in touch with nature and the iconic story of a small boy escaping into the wild," says NWF Vice President for Education and Training Kevin Coyle. "Keeping children rooted in nature is about many things: the science of good health, love of families and, importantly, the heart-felt poetry of the outdoor experience. We say: 'Let the wildlife rumpus start!'"

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**Sci-Fi/Horror Video Workshop** Thursday, October 22, 4-6 p.m., in the Loft SCI-FI/HORROR VIDEO WORKSHOP: We will watch scenes from great sci-fi and horror/suspense films like 2001: A Space Odyssey, Star Wars, Gattaca, Halloween, and Vertigo in which simple, non-CGI film tricks involving miniature models, props, camera movements and perspectives created images that conjured worlds and actions beyond our own reality. In the second half of the workshop we will make our own short films using some of these classic techniques! Register at [www.epl.org/teencal](http://www.epl.org/teencal) or by calling 847-448-8625

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**Halloween Magic Show.** Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Bring the whole family for fantastic magic and fun with Gary Fabjance. Free tickets are available at the Circulation desk.

# GREAT OUTDOORS

## TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!

### Park District Hosts “Nature in Chicago” Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition

The Chicago Park District invites everyone to take their best shot in the inaugural “Nature in Chicago” Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition this fall. The Chicago Park District’s nature areas program is hosting a photography contest of nature in Chicago to illustrate the natural beauty and biological diversity that exists within our own city.

The contest is open to all skill levels and judging will be based on nature photos taken within the City of Chicago in the following categories:

- native flora (plants)
- native fauna (animals)
- migratory birds
- Chicago lakefront
- people in nature
- photos by youth (14-18) in the above categories

Winners of the photography contest will have the opportunity to exhibit their work at several Chicago Park District cultural centers, as well as have this work auctioned at the 2010 Chicago Wilderness Congress and the Lincoln Park Conservancy’s Annual Gala.

The contest will run from today, October 1st until November 15th. All photos must be taken within the City of Chicago. Photographers are asked to upload and submit photos by joining the “Chicago Park District Nature Photo Contest” group on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cpdnaturephotocontest/>. When adding photos to the group, photographers are asked to tag their photo with the category they are submitting the photo under. As an example, the photo should be tagged with “CPD Nature\_Native Flora”. Also, please read the contest rules before participating.

For more information about the “Nature in Chicago” Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition go to [www.cpdit01.com/resources/natural-resources.photo-contest/](http://www.cpdit01.com/resources/natural-resources.photo-contest/)

## Skokie Welcomes I-Go Car Sharing to Downtown Skokie

The Village Board has approved an agreement with I-GO Car sharing in Downtown Skokie and I-GO vehicles are now available in reserved parking spaces in the municipal parking lot at Lincoln Avenue and Oakton Street (behind Veterans Memorial at Krier Plaza). I-GO is a non-profit, locally based car sharing service. I-GO members have access to vehicles on an as-needed basis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

“The Village is pleased to welcome I-GO Car Sharing to Downtown Skokie. We are glad to support this environmentally positive initiative and hope that it adds convenience for I-GO patrons” comments Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni. I-GO Car Sharing surveys show that when people share cars, they reduce driving, which in effect reduces traffic congestion and pollution.

For more information visit [www.igocars.org](http://www.igocars.org) or call I-GO member services at 773/278-4446.

## Nat’l Wildlife Federation:

Fall is here! October is the season of warm days, cool nights and beautiful foliage. It’s also the time of year that many insect species begin to seek shelter from the oncoming cold. These insects normally find such shelter in hollow trees, rock crevices and under fallen woody debris—but for some species your home can serve as a nice substitute. Here are two likely insect species that might come knocking this fall, both of which are invasive exotics.

### Asian Ladybird Beetle

The Asian ladybird beetle (a kind of ladybug) was introduced multiple times in multiple places in the U.S. to help control crop pests as well as accidentally from Japanese ships that docked in Louisiana ports. Most ladybug species gobble aphids and other soft-bodied plant pests and are considered beneficial insects. Unfortunately, this species is so voracious it has out-competed and even eaten several native ladybird beetle species into rarity, and has become a household pest when it swarms indoors as the weather turns cold.

### Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

This shield-shaped insect is a fairly recent import. First documented in Allentown, PA a decade ago, the brown marmorated stink bug has rapidly spread throughout the Mid-Atlantic states. In its native range in Asia it is a crop pest, although so far here in North America its biggest impact has been on ornamental plants and as indoor nuisance in the fall and winter. If you live in this region, as I do, you’ll know from experience that this new invader is everywhere right now!

### Fall Migration

The change of seasons is an important influence on animal behavior. Whether it’s the hot season turning cold or the dry season turning wet, wildlife has to adapt to survive. One strategy is migration. Songbirds, waterfowl, raptors and hummingbirds travel north and south each year, some as far as the tropics. Caribou and pronghorn shift their range based on the season to ensure access to food. Even insects such as monarch butterflies and green darner dragonflies travel great distances to survive the oncoming winter.

One of the greatest things about fall migration is that it offers some pretty awesome wildlife watching opportunities. Encourage your viewers to get outside this fall and see what migratory species they can spot. Folks can report their sightings on National Wildlife Federation’s Wildlife Watch website, on Twitter or even on your iPhone.

There’s no excuse to stay indoors and not experience wildlife this fall!

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## DISCOVER WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING BUMP IN THE NIGHT AT GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY’S “CREATURES OF THE NIGHT”

From bats to owls to spiders, discover how some creatures have special adaptations or “tricks” that help them roam in the dark, at “Creatures of the Night” a free Halloween event at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. on Saturday, October 31 from noon to 3p.m.

Families can meet live nocturnal animals like fruit bats, spiders, owls and more, as they make a rare daytime appearance at the Conservatory. Visitors will learn about the creatures’ ability to learn adaptation “tricks” and get a very special “treat” at special critter stations. Other fun activities include spider plantings, wormy apples, and much more.

Admission to Creatures of the Night is free. For more information go to [www.garfield-conservatory.org](http://www.garfield-conservatory.org) or call 773.638.1766.

Directions - Garfield Park Conservatory is located just fifteen minutes west of downtown. From I-290, exit Independence Avenue (3800 west) and travel north. Turn east onto Washington Blvd. Turn north onto Central Park Avenue (3600 west). Alternatively, take the CTA Green line and exit at Conservatory/Central Park Drive.

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### Home Grown Artists

Home Grown Artists began in 2005 as a showcase for Evanston artists and their work at the busy and thriving Farmers' Market. In 2005 a survey funded by the Illinois Arts Council and the Evanston Community Foundation determined that Evanston has ten times the national average of artists living and working here. 75% of them support themselves with their art. And in the year of the survey, artists generated \$25 million in the Evanston economy.

Each year the Farmers' Market hosts local artists who display for sale a wide variety of their works including pottery, paintings, sketches, home made paper making, and many other mediums. A portion of the proceeds from the artists renting spaces is used to provide art scholarships.

In 2008, the City Council made Home Grown Artists a permanent part of the Farmers Market. The Market is located at University Place between Railroad and Maple Avenues, north of the municipal garage that serves the Century movie theaters at Church and Maple. It is one block south of Emerson Street/Golf Road and east of Green Bay Road and Ridge Avenue. The hours are Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November 7, 2009.

Home Grown Artists will appear at the Farmers Market from 7:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on October 3.

### SKOKIE FARMERS' MARKET SEASON IS ALMOST OVER

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held on Sundays through Sunday, October 25. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot, 5127 Oakton Street.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, a volunteer commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Master at 847/933-8224 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Fall Beautiful Fall - Time To Prepare For Winter

By: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

The chill of the first cool nights of fall serves as a warning that the growing season is coming to an end.

By all means, enjoy your flowers for as long as the weather permits. We can even stubbornly try to protect and cover animals from the onset of cooler temperatures. However, hard frosts will eventually take their toll. At this time I

strongly urge gardeners to clean up all dead flowers and vegetable plants. This is the first step towards having a great garden next year.

Then I would suggest adding a two to three inch layer of an organic material to the soil. If you have a compost pile, this would be a good time to work in this material.

Another option is to work the leaves from your yard into the soil. Adding these materials will have several benefits. First, the organic matter will have a chance to further decompose during the long, wet fall and winter. As the organic material naturally breaks down, this will add nutrients to the soil for next years plants.

Second, really digging and working up the soil in the fall aerates and loosens it and prevents the ground from becoming too hard. This is very important because a loose soil allows plants to develop healthy roots systems.

None of this work is very glamorous, however conditioning and preparing soil is one of the most important keys to having success as a gardener. Next spring your flower and vegetable plants will benefit from growing in a nutrient rich, loose soil.

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## Free Youth Fishing Program Continues

Young anglers, age 5 to 15, can grab a pole and fish for free on Saturday mornings at the pond in Lovelace Park, located on Gross Point Road at Thayer St. Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this is a catch-and-release program designed to give youth a chance to experience firsthand the fun of fishing. Free equipment and bait are provided, and staff from the Evanston Ecology Center are on hand to offer their expert advice. This fishing program is held from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday through October 31. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fishing licenses are not needed for anglers under age 16. For more details, call 847/448-8256.

## Evanston Dog Beach Open

Evanston's dog beach, located north of the Church Street boat launch facility, opened for the 2009 season on Friday, May 1, and will remain open through Oct. 31. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. All dogs using the beach must have a pass. The fee for a 2009 dog beach pass is \$50 per dog owned by an Evanston resident and \$100 per dog owned by a nonresident. Applications for dog beach passes as well as dog beach rules and regulations are available at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., or on the City's Web site at [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org). Before obtaining a dog beach pass, owners must show written proof that their dogs are current on their vaccinations and have been examined within the past year for any communicable diseases. In addition, dogs must be currently licensed in Evanston or the city where the dog lives. For more information, call 847-866-2900.

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# "A Theatre Review"

## *"The Marvelous Wonderettes"*

***Northlight Theatre at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois***  
*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" has found a home for its Chicago premier at the Northlight Theatre. "Wonderettes" is the venue for suburban audiences and subscribers who remember the songs of the 50's. You can't come out of the theatre not feeling good and even remembering and singing some of the songs.

The show had its first viewing in Los Angeles in 2007 and is playing to sold out houses off-Broadway in New York where it opened in 2008.

The show is a small scale musical that has been written and directed by Roger Bean that requires a cast of four female singers who are Cat Davis as Suzy Simpson, Dina DiCostanzo as Cindy Lou Huffington, Laura E. Taylor as Missy Miller and Tempe Thomas as Betty Jean Reynolds.

The girls sing such songs as "Alleghany Moon," "Dream Lover," "Goodnight Sweetheart, Goodnight," "Leader of the Pack," "Secret Love," "Sugartime," "Son of a Preacher Man" along with 26 other songs in this two hour show.

All the girls are wonderful singers and have excellent voices. As the music was made famous by some of the following artists in the 50's Patti Page, Doris Day, Bobby Darin, to name few.

The show starts out at the class of 1958 prom and the second act deals with a reunion 10 years later. The entertainment for the prom doesn't show up so the girls decide to entertain as the marvelous Wonderettes.

The dialog I found to be a bit hokey as the girls trade gossip about high school hi-jinks and their teenage romances as they vie for the title of Prom Queen, which the audience votes on. The second act was an improvement.

Another musical "The Taffetta's" which just recently closed at Pheasant Run was a much better musical in the same vein as Wonderettes but it's the book that causes problems and not th performers with Wonderettes.

It is a fun filled evening or afternoon of entertainment. "The Wonderful Wonderettes runs through November 1. For performance days, show times and reservations call 574-673-6300. Ticket prices are \$39 to \$54.

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October 17 · 8 pm I Was There When The Blues Was Hot Fernando Jones' I Was There When The Blues Was Red Hot is filled with the art of jive talk, real life situations, and original music. This interactive theatrical masterpiece is a raw and honest look inside the lives of 8 friends set in the basement of a Chicago South side club on 47th Street called T's. This world famous "hole in the wall" serves as a social center, forum, and home base for all run by T, a no nonsense proprietor.

October 18 · 7 pm Jimmy Damon: From Beale Street to State Street  
Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

October 21 · 1:30 pm Chris Walz and Bucky Halker: Nothing But the Blues

October 23-24 · 8 pm AC ROCK

October 25 · 2 pm LUNAE DUO performing "AN AFTERNOON IN VIENNA

October 28 · 1:30 pm The 50's Songbook with Marcus Gentry

October 30 · 8 pm CHICAGO'S GOT TALENT

October 31 · 8:00 pm AN AMERICAN TRILOGY: THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF BOB DYLAN, PETE SEEGER AND WOODY GUTHRIE presented by an American original, the great BUCKY HALKER

November 1 · 2:00 pm Three Cat Media presents Twentieth Century Hit Parade

November 1 · 7:00 pm Here's Johnny: A Tribute to Johnny Mercer

## **REELTIME PRESENTS COMPASSIONATE LOOK AT POLIO'S CONTINUED REACH: "THE FINAL INCH" and "MARTHA IN LATTIMORE"**

This free event takes place on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm at the Evanston Public Library.

Nearly 50 years after the polio vaccine was developed, the polio virus still attacks in the poorest corners of the planet. Reeltime, Evanston's free film and discussion series, marks its 10th anniversary season by presenting two inspiring documentaries about the impact of polio: the Academy Award-nominated "The Final Inch" by Irene Taylor Brodsky and Mary M. Dalton's "Martha in Lattimore."

Nominated for an Academy Award, "The Final Inch" (2008, 38 min.) by Irene Taylor Brodsky is a timely documentary that takes us to the heart of global public health concerns: in the world's most vulnerable places, the crippling polio virus is poised to re-emerge and re-infect regions where it was stamped out decades ago. The first line of defense against such a re-occurrence is a vast army of health workers who go door-to-door in some of India's poorest neighborhoods, ensuring every child is vaccinated. Their mission: to eradicate polio from the planet forever. "The Final Inch" is an inspiring homage to these heroic foot soldiers as they go about this massive yet

profoundly personal undertaking.

"The Final Inch" will be followed by Mary M. Dalton's loving portrait "Martha in Lattimore" (2005, 45 min). The first thing you notice when meeting Martha Mason is the bright yellow iron lung that encases her body. This life-saving machine has helped her breathe since 1948, when she contracted polio at age 11. Martha, who passed away earlier this year, lived in an iron lung longer than anyone else in the world. Blessed by a curious mind, strong sense of humor and loving community and attendants, Martha became a published author and the spirited center of Lattimore, her North Carolina hometown.

A post-screening discussion will be facilitated by Kris Tsau, Polio Advocacy Specialist, Rotary International. Co-presented with Rotary International.

EVENT INFORMATION: FINAL INCH and MARTHA IN LATTIMORE, Wed, October 21, 7:30pm FREE ADMISSION

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# "A Theatre Review"

**“Animal Crackers”**  
**Goodman Theatre**  
**170 N. Dearborn St.**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

Goodman Theatre is celebrating its 85th anniversary as a regional theatre company and they have chosen as their opener for the 2009-2010 season “Animal Crackers” and they have a major hit on their hands. It’s too bad that it’s only running until October 25 and can’t be transferred to another theatre. It’s an old fashioned musical by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind that has been adapted and directed by Henry Wishcamper and choreographed by John Carrafa with first rate musical director Doug Peck leading a six piece orchestra.

What a cast – What a show! It takes a seven person cast who can sing, dance, can do acrobatics, tumble and even play piano, guitar and ukulele and this show has it all. It runs two hour and 45 minutes and maybe it could stand a little trimming but I didn’t mind the running time of the show. There wasn’t a bad performance in this classic that goes back to the 1920’s. It became a movie success in the mid 30’s starring the Marx Brothers.

Joey Slotnick has the Groucho Marx role of Captain Jeffrey T. Spaulding. Jonathon Brody is Chico who is Emanuel Ravelli and Molly Brennan has the Harpo role of the professor. Ms. Brennan is also a professional clown. If you don’t have a sense of humor or enjoy slapstick comedy, I suggest you pass on this show. In troubled economic times, this is wonderful medicine.

The music by Bert Kalmer and Harry ruby include such numbers as “Three Little Words,” “Hooray for Captain Spaulding,” “Everyone Says I Love You” and “Watching the Clouds Roll By” to name a few. MGM made a movie on the life of Kalmer and Ruby that starred Red Skelton and Fred Astaire that was named “Three Little Words.”

The show offers a strong cast that is Stanley Wayne Mathis as Roscoe Chandler and Hives. Ora Jones is Mrs. Rittenhouse, the role made famous by Margaret Dumont. Mara Davi is Arabella Rittenhouse and Mrs. Whitehead. Tony Yazbeck is Wally Winston and M. Doucet, Jessie Mueller is Grace Carpenter and Mary Stewart, and Ed Kross is John Parker and Horatio Jamison.

The musical has to do with the switching of an oil painting. The show with all its shtick humor has a romantic subplot that involves Tony Yazbeck and Mara Davi and Ed Kross and Jessie Mueller who can sing, dance and act. The girls are looking for rich husbands and Harpo chases the characters all over the place. Jessie Mueller keeps running to avoid him. The quick changes of characters are well done. It’s worth your time to see it and forget your troubles.

“Animal Crackers” runs through October 25. It would be nice if they could transfer the show so they would have room for their holiday revival of “A Christmas Carol.” for performance schedule and reservations call 312-443-3800. Tickets range from \$25 to \$76.

-Four Stars-

**“Married Alive”**  
**Nobel Fools Theatricals at the Pheasant Run Resort**  
**4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, Illinois**

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

“Married Alive,” which is a love and marriage musical, had its first outing at the Marriott Theatre is now being done by he Noble Fool Theatricals. John Gawlik, the artistic director, should have a hit. The show that has a book and lyrics by Sean Grennan and music by Leah Okimoto is perfect for the Pheasant Run stage.

While the program doesn’t list any of the songs, the show requires a stellar cast of four and works perfectly with only an orchestra of two; Valerie Maze and Kevin Disch.

The show is being directed and choreographed by Rachel Rockwell and she has cast four first rate performers in the lead roles. The cast includes Anne Gunn as Dine, Justin Berkobien as Paul, Justin is known as Buddy Holly as he played that role at the Oakbrook and Water Tower Drury Lane Theatre as well as the boy next door in “Meet Me in St. Louis.” Megan Long has the role of Erin for his show and who in the show is married to Paul. Both Berkobien and Long are bright young talents who are groomed for Chicago stardom.

Matthew R. Jones has the role of Ron and he and Anne Gunn are a perfect match in their roles. It’s also great to see Kristi J. Martens who is a sage manager back as she was associated for years at the Drury Lane Evergreen Park which I believe now is a K-Mart.

We often wonder why Anne Gunn isn’t used more on the stage as she sings and acts to perfections.

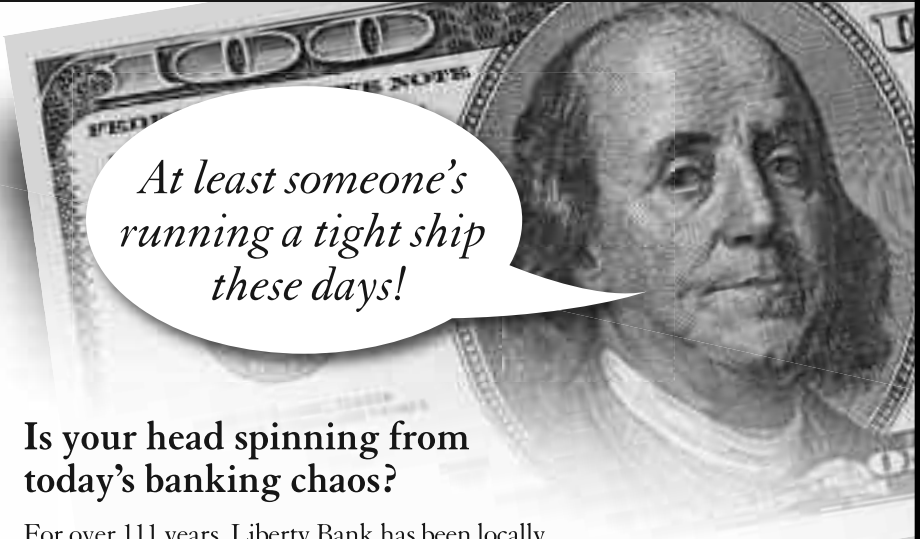
The show deals and celebrates the marital bless of love birds Erin and Paul, not to mention the trials and tribulations as well as the seasoned couple who go through the ups and downs of modern marriage. the show deals with new babies, empty nests to job stress and wedded bliss.

If you’re young, old or middle aged and love to laugh this is the perfect vehicle for you. It may not be Broadway material but it’s perfect for small regional theatre. Whether the title is “Married Alive,” “From Niagara to Viagra,” or “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change!” this should be the perfect of tea for audiences.

“Married Alive” runs through October 31. For show performance dates and reservations call 630-584-6342. Tickets are \$28 and #39. Dinner show packages range from \$49 to \$59. There is free parking as well as valley.

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Howl-o-ween

Hello my furry friends! Don't you just love this time of year? My human calls it dog weather. It's the time when it's cool enough to play outside without getting overheated, and after this humid summer I am thankful (Well, that is if it ever cools off.) Plus, it means the howliday season is fast approaching.

Howloween is the beginning and is one of the scariest and oddest of those holidays. Humans dress up like ghosts and goblins to try and scare one another. Well, often times they scare my fellow pet friends and me too! So, remember to keep us pets in a safe enclosed place during this time. We don't want anyone running out of gates or doors and getting hurt. As if the humans dressing up is not enough, there is a growing trend for us pet's to get in on the fun! My own Human enjoys decorating me with designs and colors. I personally think it's a little much, but on the other paw I get loads of extra attention from people who can't believe their eyes. Many stores now carry pet costumes for all size pets. I would recommend getting us pets used to the costume before Howloween. Many of my pet friends get nervous in these outfits. Please also make sure us pets are able to see and move easily in the costume, and I also recommend something reflective so we can be better seen at night. Thankfully Howloween is only one night, so my friends wag you're tail, bear it, and just remember all the attention you will receive!

Lastly, a warning about the treats you young humans receive. Chocolate can be very toxic to us pets, so keep it well out of our reach. The other candies and goodies you humans receive is also not good for us. You don't want to eat our treats, and we shouldn't eat yours. Which reminds me; please have some tasty pet treats available for us as well. We want to enjoy Howloween too, especially if you force us into a costume!

Please have a fun and safe Howl-O-Ween and don't eat too many treats!

Until next time,  
Boo-Boo Boosley

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



Halloween Hazards for Your Pets

Part 2

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

Artificial Sweeteners

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Holiday Food

Avoid the temptation to feed your pets leftovers from your holiday meals. Your pet should be kept on its normal diet. Any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals that have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. Many of these foods are rich; especially those that are high in fat, and can often cause severe gastrointestinal disturbances in pets which could prove fatal. Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) is a very common disease of dogs and is frequently caused by the eating of table scraps. The pancreas plays a role in digestion of food but when an animal eats a rich or fatty meal, the pancreas is 'overstimulated' and the organ over-secretes enzymes leading to inflammation of the pancreas and surrounding tissues. Signs of pancreatitis include vomiting and abdominal pain, sometimes quite severe. The condition is very uncomfortable for the pet and sometimes can be fatal. If you notice these type of symptoms seek veterinary care.

Although some people may think it is humorous, never offer or allow your pets to access alcoholic beverages. Due to Halloween parties there may be alcoholic drinks carelessly left in areas where pets may be able to reach them. Place these unattended drinks in a safe location where pets cannot reach them. If enough alcohol is ingested, the animal could become very ill and weak. In severe cases they may go into a coma, possibly resulting in death due to respiratory failure.

Halloween Decorations

Animals are attracted to unusual or shiny objects which may be found around the house during Halloween used for decorations or wrapping. Dogs and cats cannot see in color so it is the shiny, shimmering or unusual appearance that attracts them. Birds can see in color, so color may definitely be a source of attraction to them. Keep aluminum foil and cellophane candy wrappers away from pets. Pets may swallow such material, leading to gastrointestinal irritation, causing vomiting or may even pass into the intestinal tract producing an intestinal blockage. Cats are quite often attracted to ribbons, bows, strings and other decorations which they may chew, swallow and develop intestinal blockage. In addition, twinkling lights or other interesting electrical decorations may prove attractive to your pets. They may chew on the cords which may lead to severe electrical shocks.

Keep the decorations out of the reach of your pets to avoid potential danger. If you notice that your pet is very interested in the decorations and may be chewing on them, be certain to relocate the objects in a safe place where you pet cannot get to them.

Plants

During Halloween decorative plants, such as pumpkins or decorative foods, such as corn and gourds are placed around the home to provide a festive holiday setting. These plants and foods though considered to be relatively non-toxic, can potentially cause gastrointestinal upset and may even result in intestinal blockage if large pieces are ingested.

Potpourri/Scented Candles

Liquid potpourri, commonly used to add pleasant scent to the home during certain holidays, can be hazardous to pets. Potentially severe damage to the mouth, skin and eyes could result from exposure to both heated and cool liquid product. Birds are especially sensitive to fumes or airborne toxins and caution must be exercised whenever you are using materials that produce fumes or odors. Use them in areas with good ventilation and keep your birds away from them. If you notice your bird is in respiratory distress move your bird into an area away from the fumes, get good clean air flow in the area and seek veterinary assistance. Airborne toxins can be fatal to birds.

If you suspect your pet may have become exposed to a potentially toxic product or substance, contact your local veterinarian, a veterinary emergency clinic (if it is after hours for your regular veterinarian) or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center immediately for assistance.

Referenced from an informational flyer provided by the Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL  
Niles Animal Hospital & Bird Medical Center. 7278 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles

# HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY

## Sunday, October 18th

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## Fall Book Sale at EPL

Friday-Sunday, October 23-25, Book Sale Room, Third Floor, Main Library Named "Best Used Book Sale" by the Chicago Reader, the next BIG EPL book sale will be held October 23rd through 25th in the third floor book sale room. Hours are Friday, October 23rd from 10 am to 5:30 pm (\$5 cost to get in from 10 am to noon), Saturday, October 24th from 10 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday, October 25th from noon to 5:30 pm (all books half price).

There are many great books at bargain prices and all proceeds benefit the Library. Be sure to check it out! The Book Sale Room is on the 3rd floor at the Main Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue in downtown Evanston. For more information call 847-448-8600.

## TEEN READ WEEK

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as Evanston Public Library celebrates Teen Read Week, October 18 - 24, 2009. They join thousands of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Read Beyond Reality @ your library." Teen Read Week is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest-growing division of the American Library Association.

"Today's teens seem to have less and less free time, and there are increasingly more activities for them to take part in during what little leisure time they have," said Mary Johns, Director of Evanston Public Library. "That is why it's important to encourage teens to set aside some time to read."

Being around adults who are avid readers can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation's Report Card, which indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of seventeen-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

Studies show a regular reading habit increases reading proficiency and Johns agrees. "One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect reading," says Johns.

Teen Read Week is held annually during the third week of October. Evanston Public Library provides a variety of resources to support teen reading in its teen-only space The Loft, including study rooms, video games, free Internet access, books, audiobooks and much more. Additionally, the library offers free college planning drop-in sessions for high school students every Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. through the end of December.

## WILD MUSHROOMS

### Credit Cards

Credit card issuing companies have, as most know, made many errors. Rather than standing up and correcting their problems, the companies have tried a new way to control the situation: by letting their customers pay for the company's errors. Example: A couple of months ago, I offered to pay a restaurant bill after an important meeting. The waiter returned and informed me that my credit card had been declined. Subsequently I paid with another credit card. The credit card I initially tried to use which had been issued by WAMU, was purchased by Chase who picked up the paper on the credit card account.

On the front of my WAMU credit card it shows that I have been a member since 1994. I was never over the limit and never late in my payments. When I inquired at the bank, at which we carry a small checking account, they had no answer for the occurrence. It took over 40 minutes on the phone and contact with four different departments to gather any response.

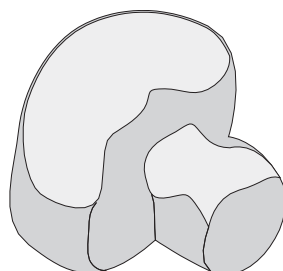
I was cut off with no prior notification. What if I had been checking out of a hotel in Paris? How would I have been able to deal with the situation?

My guest at our meeting was important to me and I did not want him to be embarrassed. My credit limit, in the 5 figures, was raised twice by the bank because of excellent credit. The reason the bank eventually gave for canceling my charging privileges was 'too many cards.' The people at the bank, in general conversation, have been advising people to hold their credit cards as a hedge against lack of lending by the banks. This is one of the reasons we were building up our credit options.

So in the end, the bank decides how and when to control what we do. All our credit cards were used for business purposes. We are shutting all credit cards down as of the end of November, even though none are over limit or late. We feel we don't need their kind of help. Banks are in control now. Things change and so also will they. Someday, we, the customers, no matter how small, might be worth having.

Have a similar problem or question? We want to hear from you at [mushroom@ourvillagechicago.com](mailto:mushroom@ourvillagechicago.com). We hope that Wild Mushrooms will be a regular feature in this paper, an opportunity for readers to voice legitimate concerns about injustices they experience as consumers and as citizens.

From D. Namlig



## Village Cooking Corner

### Pumpkin Bread

(A Blue Ribbon winner)

2 1/4 c sugar	3 c sifted flour
1 c sunflower oil	1 Tbsp. baking powder
4 eggs	2 tsp. baking soda
1 16-oz. can pumpkin	1 tsp. each salt, cinnamon, nutmeg
2/3 c raisins	1/2 tsp. cloves
2/3 c chopped walnuts	

Heat oven to 35 degrees. Mix sugar, sunflower oil, eggs, and pumpkin together well. Stir in walnuts and raisins. Set aside. In another bowl, mix dry ingredients together. Combine all ingredients and stir until well and evenly mixed. Pour into 2 well greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 65 to 70 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Yield: 2 loaves

Preparation: 20 minutes Baking: 65 to 70 minutes

Lesley Ammons, From "The Cedarburg Cookbook"

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**Ethnic Fest.** Nov. 1, 1-4 p.m. Lincolnwood Library hosts its seventh annual Ethnic Fest for community members to enjoy food, activities and entertainment from cultures around the world. This year's event will feature performances by the Tum Balalaika Klezmer Band, the Tully Irish Dancers, Chicago Spelmanslag, Chicago, Cossacks, Natraj Dance, and steel drum percussionist Kent Arnsbarger as well as a variety of interactive activities including Mehndi hand painting and Chinese calligraphy.

**Halloween Magic Show.** Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Bring the whole family for fantastic magic and fun with Gary Fabjance. Free tickets are available at the Circulation desk.

**Monday Movies.** Selected Mondays at 3:30 p.m. for children and teens. Oct. 26: "Coraline," based on Neil Gaiman's bestselling book; Nov. 2: "Ice Age 3: Age of the Dinosaurs."

**Morning Matinees,** for early birds who want to see recently released films Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 22: "Sunshine Cleaning"; Oct. 29: "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"; Nov. 5: "Knowing."

**Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. Oct. 23: "Wendy and Lucy"; Oct. 30: "Dark Matter"; Nov. 6: "Defiance."

**Constituent Advocate.** Nov. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kris Sadur, from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office, is available to answer questions about community issues and concerns.

**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.

**English as a Second Language Class.** Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426

**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.

**The Friends of Lincolnwood Library** meet the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

**The Adult Stamp Club** meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

**The Mac Users Club** meets the second Thursday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

## Bucktown

### A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship Dinner

Sunday, November 8, 2009

The White Eagle Banquet & Restaurant, 6845 N. Milwaukee Ave.,  
Niles, Illinois \$38.00 per person

Cocktails - 3:00 pm Dinner - 4:00 pm Friendship - until 7:00 pm

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*More details of the Joy-FULL Celebration to follow*

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A. Wrong. A will is an expensive, one-way ticket to the probate court.

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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 dis inheriting your own grandchildren.

Q. What is the fastest, easiest way to learn about good estate planning?

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