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## Local Youths Place First in Junior National Skating Championships

Angelina Giordano and Christopher Davis are the 2010 United States Juvenile Ice Dance Champions. They placed first out of 12 teams at the Junior National Championships which were held December 15-19 in Cleveland, Ohio. Angelina and Christopher both learned to skate at the Robert Crown Center in Evanston during practice ice sessions. The team is coached by staff Skating Professional Christopher Hyland.

Manol Atanasov is the 2010 Bulgarian Junior National Champion. He won the Bulgarian junior national title this past weekend on January 10. Manol has been skating at Robert Crown since 2006. He was the Nutcracker Prince in our annual production of “The Nutcracker on Ice” in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Manol is coached by staff Skating Professional Nick Belovol.



Christopher Davis and Angelina Giordano “United States Juvenile Ice Dance Champions” from the U.S. Junior National Figure Skating Championships in Strongsville, Ohio.

## CHICAGOLAND RESIDENTS: MAKE 2010 A YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

When making your list of New Year’s resolutions for 2010, how about including a fun one? Chicagoans can show off their neighborhood pride and give back to their community by volunteering for the Chicago Greeter program, a free, informal tour service in which locals introduce visitors to more than 40 special interest topics and 25 neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

As volunteers, Chicago Greeters give two-to-four hour “insider introductions” to their favorite parts of Chicago—topics can range from hidden gem restaurants in the Loop to public murals in Pilsen. Visitors are matched with Greeters based on the individual’s interests, availability and language. Greeters are encouraged to personalize visits with their own experiences and specialties, taking guests across the city, demonstrating its walkability and the user-friendliness of its public transportation system.

The Chicago Office of Tourism is actively recruiting new Chicago-area volunteers to join the program in 2010. All potential Greeters are welcome to apply through the Chicago Greeter website, at [www.chicagogreeter.com/apply](http://www.chicagogreeter.com/apply).

New Greeter interviews and training will be conducted through spring 2010. Greeters are most needed in the following areas:

- Knowledge of Bronzeville and African American history in Chicago
- German, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and other foreign language skills
- Familiarity with south side neighborhoods such as Bridgeport, Hyde Park and Beverly
- Familiarity with north side neighborhoods such as Albany Park and North Center

Ideal Greeters are friendly, enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the city. Becoming a Chicago Greeter requires no additional experience—just a passion for Chicago. Basic training is provided by the program. Visits are generally scheduled between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Chicago Greeter program requests a commitment of at least six visits per year.

Since April 2002, Chicago Greeter has been a resource for visitors as well as locals entertaining visiting family and friends. Chicago Greeter currently has 190 volunteers, representing dozens of languages. There have been over 8,000 Greeter visits to date, servicing visitors from 80 different countries. Chicago Greeter visits originate at the Chicago Cultural Center’s Visitor Information Center, 77 East Randolph Street.

Visitors and Chicagoans planning to entertain out-of-town guests can receive Chicago brochures, reserve hotel accommodations and receive trip-planning assistance by calling toll-free 1.877.CHICAGO (1.877.244.2246), or visiting [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org). Brochures and information on Chicago’s events and activities are also available at the Visitor Information Centers. The centers are located at Chicago Water Works, 163 East Pearson Street at Michigan Avenue and the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 East Randolph Street. The TTY toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1.866.710.0294.

## Village of Skokie Home Delivered Meals Program Seeks Volunteers

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division offers a Home Delivered Meals program and is in need of additional volunteer drivers to deliver meals to Skokie residents. Volunteer drivers may be an “on-call” or a regular deliverer.

Meal delivery takes place Monday through Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers do need to have their own insured vehicle and must be over 18 years of age or partner with someone who is. The ideal volunteer is a friendly and reliable person and must pass a background check. This is a great opportunity for families, corporate volunteers or friends to volunteer together.

Please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208 for further information about volunteering as a home delivered meal driver.



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# Evanston Receives \$18 Million in Neighborhood Stabilization Funds

Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl announces that the City has received over \$18 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Funds (NSP2) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will be used in a public/private partnership to help redevelop or create new construction to address the urgent issue of blighted and foreclosed properties. View grant application here...

“This funding is terrific news for Evanston and will help keep this community diverse; these monies from the Federal Stimulus Package will do exactly that,” explained Mayor Tisdahl. “By allowing us to buy boarded up, foreclosed properties and converting them to affordable housing for both ownership and rental, it will help maintain diversity in this community and at the end of the day our diversity is the greatest thing about Evanston.”

The award of \$18,150,000 in NSP2 funds will be used in targeted areas across two census tracts (west Evanston and south Evanston) that have been identified as areas of need because of high foreclosures and vacancies.

The City has proposed to purchase numerous properties that have either been foreclosed or are considered blighted. In turn, in conjunction with its private partner, Brinshore Development LLC, the properties would either be rehabilitated or demolished to create numerous affordable units for rental and resale. These activities will benefit households whose income is at or below 120% of the area median income, with 25 percent of the funds being used for households at or below 50 percent of area median income. The use of these NSP2 funds will help create housing market revitalization and employment in the targeted areas.

Brinshore, the City’s partner in this venture, is one of the Midwest’s largest and most successful housing development firms in the affordable housing market. They have completed more than 40 developments that, with several more under construction or development, comprise over 4,300 apartments and homes valued at more than \$1 billion. Their staff has a wealth of experience in using complex funding mechanisms including Low Income Housing Tax Credits and HUD funds, such as NSP and HOPE VI, to make its rental and homeownership opportunities affordable to families across the income spectrum. They have built a diverse portfolio, including developments targeted at families with low to moderate incomes, senior communities, and mixed income developments with a large percentage of market rate units.

The areas targeted for the NSP2 funds are in: 1). west Evanston in Census Tract area 8082, which is roughly east of Green Bay Rd., south of McCormick Blvd., and north of Church St.; and 2). South Evanston in Census Tract area 8102, which is roughly north of Howard St., east of Asbury Ave., south of Oakton St., and west of Chicago Ave. This funding will go hand-in-hand with a variety of existing plans and initiatives already going on in these areas such as the implementation of the West Evanston Master Plan.

“The award of this grant will also allow us to stimulate economic development in these two areas. Neighborhood revitalization is a key aspect of what we are attempting to do in this community particularly in the distressed areas of west and south Evanston,” explained Community Development Director Lehman Walker. “The opportunities there, to be addressed as part of the grant, will enable us to solve some of the problems that have been long standing in these geographical areas.”

According to the Federal Government, this round of NSP grants is being awarded competitively to applicants who developed the most innovative ideas to rebuild local communities, while demonstrating that they have the capacity to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. The \$2 billion in NSP2 grants being awarded today will build on the work being done now to help state and local governments and non-profit developers collaborate to acquire land and property; to demolish or rehabilitate abandoned properties.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program was created to redevelop hard-hit communities, create jobs, and grow local economies. NSP funds provide communities with the resources to purchase and rehabilitate vacant homes and convert them to affordable housing.

“I applaud the greatly appreciated efforts of our senior Senator Dick Durbin along with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky in bringing these much needed stabilization funds to our great community,” stated Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl. “I would also like to thank Senator Roland Burris for his letter of support for our application and the City staff for putting together an incredibly good project which detailed exactly how the money would be spent so that the Federal Government had a lot of confidence that we would spend the money well, and we will spend the money well.”

# Evanston Ecology Center Great Backyard Bird Count

Your backyard is filled with nature’s splendor! Join the Ecology Center from Feb. 13-16 in a joint project of the Cornell Ornithology and Audubon Society in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Inspire the bird watcher in you while helping the environment at the same time. Drop by the center between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday February 12th or Saturday February 13th, at 2024 McCormick for a brief training on what to look for and how to record your information.

For more details, call 847-448-8256.

**Correction:** The time frame for families to pick up packets and receive training for the Backyard Bird Count is incorrectly listed in the Rec Calendar. There are actually only two available days, these being Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th. The times remain the same.

# Evanston Receives Extension on \$350,000 in ComEd Energy Saving Funds for Businesses

The City of Evanston’s Office of Sustainability announced today that area businesses have received an extension to sign up for ComEd’s Smart Ideas for Your Business (SIYB) program. The new deadline has been extended from January 31 to February 28, 2010. The City of Evanston highly encourages businesses to take advantage of this program as soon as possible.

As a participant in the ComEd Community Energy Challenge (CEC), \$350,000 in SIYB program incentives was set aside for Evanston businesses exclusively. If the reserved funding is not spent, the funds will be returned and reallocated to projects on ComEd’s waiting list. The reserved dollars for the 2009 program year ensure that Evanston businesses will be able to participate in this beneficial program to “go green and save green.”

Now in its second year, the ComEd Smart Ideas for Your Business program offers prescriptive and custom incentives to facilitate the implementation of cost effective energy efficiency improvements for non-residential (commercial and industrial) customers.

If a business has a project that meets the ComEd Smart Ideas for Your Business criteria and would like to apply for Evanston’s reserved program allotment through the CEC, contact Carolyn Collopy, Sustainable Programs Coordinator for the City of Evanston, at sustainability@cityofevanston.org or 847/448-8069.

# City of Evanston Blood Drive at Morton Civic Center

The City of Evanston will be holding a Blood Drive Monday, February 8, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, PARASOL ROOM (Located on the 4th Floor), 2100 Ridge Ave.

There is no substitute for human blood. In Illinois, the blood supply system is entirely dependent on volunteer donors. Over 4,000 pints are used by hospital patients in this area every week! Some things to keep in mind: 60% of the population is medically eligible to give blood, yet only 5% of the national population donates blood; if all blood donors gave two to four times a year, it would help prevent blood shortages; 4.5 million Americans would die each year without life saving blood transfusions; every three seconds someone needs blood; and only about three gallons of blood support the entire nation’s blood needs for one minute.

Save three lives. Please schedule an appointment today.

Call Mayda Figueroa with the City’s Health Department for an appointment at 847/866-2949 or e-mail mfigueroa@cityofevanston.org.

**You are eligible to donate blood if you...**

- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Are in good physical health.
- Are at least 17 years old (there is no upper age limit).
- Have not given blood in the past eight weeks (56 days).

**You are not eligible to donate blood if you...**

- Have had hepatitis (not including childhood exposure).
- Are pregnant.
- Have ever tested positive for HIV, have engaged in high risk behavior, or have had intimate contact with anyone at risk for AIDS.

- Have Babesiosis or Chagas Disease.

**You may be temporarily ineligible to donate if you...**

- Have the flu, a sore throat or fever.
- Are taking antibiotics for an infection.
- Received a tattoo, had your ears or another body part pierced, or experienced an accidental “needle stick” injury in the past 12 months.
- Have had heart problems.
- Received a blood transfusion in the past 12 months.
- Have been recently vaccinated (time of deferral varies). Flu shots do not disqualify you from donating.

- Have had a history of cancer (other than skin cancer).

- Lived in or traveled to a malaria area.

- Have recently had a sexually transmitted disease or mononucleosis.

**Before donating...**

- Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods, such as spinach, red meat, fish, poultry, beans, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.
- Get a good night’s sleep.
- Drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids before the donation.
- Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries or ice cream before donating. Tests for infections done on all donated blood can be affected by fats that appear in your blood for several hours after eating fatty foods.

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# Call for Artists for Evanston Summer Festivals

The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 17—18, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 7—8. Set against the scenic backdrop of Evanston’s lakefront, both festivals are held in Dawes Park, Church St. and Sheridan Road.

The Ethnic Arts Festival is a juried festival open to all ethnic, folk and fine artists whose work expresses the heritage of a national, regional, tribal or language group. Exhibitor fees are \$240 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. Applications for the Ethnic Arts Festival must be postmarked by Friday, April 9.

Always held the first full weekend in August, the Lakeshore Arts Festival continues to earn its reputation as one of the North Shore’s premiere fine arts summer festivals. Also a juried event, it is open to all fine visual artists and crafters. Exhibitor fees are \$310 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. Applications for the Lakeshore Arts Festival must be postmarked by Friday, March 5.

Artist applications for both festivals are now available online at [www.cityofevanston.org/arts](http://www.cityofevanston.org/arts). For more details, call 847-448-8260. The Ethnic Arts Festival and Lakeshore Arts Festival are produced by the City of Evanston’s Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Evanston Special Event Permit Application Deadline is Feb. 1

Groups and organizations that wish to hold special events in the City of Evanston will need to obtain a Special Event Permit and Policy Instructions packet. A non-refundable \$100 application fee must be submitted along with the initial Event Permit Application for all non-City sponsored events. At a minimum, the first page of the application must be submitted to the Parks/Forestry and Recreation Department by Monday, February 1, 2010 to allow sufficient time for City staff to evaluate your request. Your event is subject to final approval of the City’s Special Events Committee and, in some cases, the City Council.

A link to the application is at the bottom of the City of Evanston’s calendar at [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org), or you may type “special event application” in the Search box on the home page. For more information, please call 847-866-2914.

## Nicor Gas to Hold Town Hall Meeting at Morton Civic Center - Northeast Evanston System Upgrade to be Discussed

Nicor Gas will be presenting information and answering residents’ questions regarding a natural gas delivery system upgrade project that recently began in Evanston and will be ongoing throughout 2010.

The area affected by this construction project is the northeast quadrant of Evanston, bordered by Emerson Street to the south and approximately Ridge Avenue to the west.

All interested parties are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center (2nd Floor) located at 2100 Ridge Ave.

The presentation and question and answer session will be facilitated by Jim Tansor, Senior Regional Community Relations Director for Nicor Gas. City of Evanston staff will be on hand. For further information, contact Richard Caragol of Nicor at 630/388-2686.

## CJE SENIORLIFE CO-HOSTING FREE PANEL DISCUSSION ON OBTAINING HEALTH INSURANCE WHEN YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED

With unemployment across the State of Illinois hovering near 10 percent, one of the biggest concerns of individuals and families is maintaining their health insurance coverage. Being unemployed, however, doesn’t necessarily mean the end of the line for your health insurance. There are options available.

Through Project Connect, a panel of experts from CJE SeniorLife, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) and Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) will host a free program, “Obtaining Health Insurance When You are Unemployed” on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m., at the Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. Attendees will learn about health insurance options, including COBRA, state benefits and buying insurance coverage, as well as how credit rating impacts individual’s ability to purchase health insurance. Information about other community resources will also be available.

Those interested in attending must RSVP to Tracey Lipsig Kite with JCFS at 847/745-5411 or [LEN@jcfs.org](mailto:LEN@jcfs.org).

CJE, JVS and JCFS, all affiliates of Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, have seen a large surge in financially struggling clients in Chicago communities as a result of the contracting economy. To respond most efficiently to community needs, these three social service agencies have joined forces through Project Connect. Together these agencies are helping clients navigate the wide array of support services they may need to combat and survive these difficult economic times. Project Connect is being piloted in Chicago and in Skokie with generous grants from the Polk Bros. Foundation and the Jewish Federation’s J-HELP initiative.

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. Over the past 38 years, CJE’s wide range of services has grown to include assisted living, counseling and care management, long-term skilled nursing, Alzheimer’s care, home health, wellness programs and much more. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit [www.cje.net](http://www.cje.net).

## State Requires Calculation Increase in First Installment for New Property Tax Bills

### Due Date is March 2, 2010, for New Property Tax Bills

The state of Illinois has mandated a change in how First Installment property tax bills for tax year 2009 are calculated, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Bills for about 1.7 million parcels of real estate across Cook County have been mailed, and payment is due March 2, 2010, Pappas said. Late payment receives a penalty of 1.5 percent per month.

Pappas said that the new bills are the first affected by a law passed by the Illinois Legislature ordering that the First Installment be calculated at 55 percent of the previous year’s property tax obligation. The calculation rate had been 50 percent for previous First Installment bills.

The remaining property tax obligation for tax year 2009 will be calculated in the Second Installment bill later this year. Pappas said that due date cannot be determined until other agencies review some 400,000 assessment appeals.

If that appeals process is delayed, the Second Installment due date could be as late as December, 2010, or January, 2011, according to projections during county budget hearings in the fall.

Property owners can visit [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) and enter their Property Index Number to see how much their current bills are, whether they have received proper exemptions, and whether they are due a refund.

Payment info also is available at 312.443.5100 in English, Polish and Spanish.

Pappas said payment can be made:

- Electronically, at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com).
- At any of more than 370 Chase Bank locations.
- From personal accounts at some 220 participating community banks.

## 2010 US Census

According to the 2000 Census, 15% of all Americans consider themselves German or 42.8 million people.

The 2010 Census is upon us - you can participate by :

1. Taking the time to participate in the census (and tell them you are German!)
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# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## The Thirty-Second Annual Evanston Public Library Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards

Bobbi Katz is a poet, writer, and activist, and her poetry is widely anthologized. Her collection of poems about American history, *We the People*, was named an ALA Booklist Top Ten Poetry Pick. Katz fell in love with the sound of words as a young child growing up in New York's Hudson Valley. Jazz fueled her appetite for rhythm and the musical quality of language. In addition to her writing career, Katz has pursued many paths including social worker, fashion and book editor, and radio talk show host of *Art in Action*. An accomplished poet, Katz has conducted many poetry workshops for children, teachers, and librarians. Her most recent work is *The Monsterologist: A Memoir in Rhyme*. [www.bobbikatz.com](http://www.bobbikatz.com)

The Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards is a competition open to all adult and high school age Chicago area poets. There is also an elementary and middle school category open to Evanston elementary and middle school students. The awards are funded by an endowment to the library in memory of Jo-Anne Hirshfield, who found pleasure and delight in poetry.

The Thirty-second Annual Evanston Public Library Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards will be presented in the Evanston Public Library Community Meeting Room on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will feature the winning poems and a poetry reading by this year's competition judge, Bobbi Katz.

Contest rules may be obtained at all Evanston Library facilities, by calling (847) 448-8650, or by e-mail at [poetryawards@epl.org](mailto:poetryawards@epl.org). The deadline (drop off, email date, or postmark) for entries is Friday, March 5, 2010. All poems must be sent to: [poetryawards@epl.org](mailto:poetryawards@epl.org). OR Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards, c/o Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

## Evanston Parks and Recreation

It's time to be contemplating summer camp! Mail-in registrations for residents are still being taken. To keep the process fair for all, registrations must be sent via first-class U.S. mail and priority is based solely on the date of the postmark. Phone-in, walk-in, and online registrations start at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 at the Civic Center or any of the community centers. Summer camp guides are available at any of the centers as well as online at [www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps](http://www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps). For information, call (847) 866-2900.

Theater has never been so cool! MasterFreeze Theater presents, "Snow-What and the Seven Flakes," a new rendering of an old Brothers Grimm classic. Join the crowds gathering at two identical presentations at either 4-5 p.m. or 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Tickets are \$6 per person. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8256.

Don't let the kids huddle by the TV all winter! The Ecology Center encourages your kids or the kid in you to get outdoors this winter. From 2 p.m.—3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14 all ages can learn about the Backyard Bird Count. This event will be held rain or shine, so dress for the weather! The cost is \$5 per person. For more information and to register, please call 847-448-8256.

Teen fitness room special. Teens age 13-17 are being offered a reduced rate on the use of the Fitness Room at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center. Prices vary, so for details, call 847-448-8254.

Why should your kids have all the fun, join in on their playtime! Parent Tot Playtime offers two morning sessions, ages 12-24 months meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, and 18-30 months meet at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays, starting the week of Feb. 17 at the Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main St. The four-weeks of fun costs \$38/residents and \$42/nonresidents. For more information, call 847-448-8258.

## FILL THE WALLS AND THE HEARTS OF THOSE IN NEED AT NILES NORTH'S EMPTY WALLS SILENT ART AUCTION

Niles North High School is holding its Bi-Annual Empty Walls Silent Art Auction this year on Saturday, February 13. Empty Walls is an all-day event in which artists from the community, staff, teachers and talented art students will team up and create art the entire day of February 13. That evening, artists donate their works at a silent auction with the proceeds going to this year's School Chest beneficiary, Expanding Lives. Expanding Lives helps women from Niger in West Africa empower themselves and their community through education. This is a special opportunity to acquire beautiful one-of-a-kind works of art while at the same time making a difference in the lives of girls who live in the poorest country in the world.

The Empty Walls Silent Art Auction will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 13 in the Niles North High School Student Commons at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Bidding will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. with auction winners announced at 7:15 p.m. Artwork represented at the auction includes paintings, photography, drawings, watercolors, jewelry, fiber arts/clothing and ceramics.

If you are local business that would like to make a donation, please contact Empty Walls Director Lori Real at (847) 626-2113 or [lorrea@niles219.org](mailto:lorrea@niles219.org).

Visit the Empty Walls Silent Auction Home Page at: <http://www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/north/departments/fine-arts/empty-walls>

## Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Daddy/Daughter Dance

We have a magical night planned that includes dinner, dancing and fun! Please join us for our annual Daddy Daughter Dance at Monastero's Ristorante where we will start the evening off with a buffet dinner including kid-friendly items such as chicken tenders, french fries and pizza squares. Of course we will also have plenty of healthy options too including salad, mixed vegetables and pasta. Dancing and DJ-led games will start immediately following dinner. New for this year is the addition of a hugely popular photo booth, ready to capture all of your 2010 Daddy Daughter Dance memories of the evening! Come dressed in your finest party-wear and dance, dance, dance the night away! Please register by January 22. (Min 25 Couples / Max 120 Couples)

Friday \* February 5 6:00 – 9:00pm Ages: Grades K – 6th, Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon Ave., Lincolnwood Resident: \$55 per couple \* \$15 each additional daughter Non-Resident: \$69 per couple \* \$20 each additional daughter

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

## Niles West Holds Turnabout Dance on February 13

The Niles West High School Sophomore Cabinet is sponsoring a Turnabout Dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, February 13 in the Student Cafeteria at 5701 Oakton, Skokie. The semiformal dance will feature black lights and guests should wear light-colored clothing in order to stand out and glow in the dark. Admission is \$12 per person and \$20 per couple. Students must preregister at the Niles West Student Activities Page (<http://register.niles-hs.k12.il.us/danceregistration/>). Music will be provided by BOOM Entertainment.

## NILES NORTH SEEKING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Niles North High School is accepting nominations from the community and staff for its annual Distinguished Alumnus Award, which is presented each year to a former student during the Awards of Distinction ceremony.

Nominees must be a graduate of Niles North High School and should have distinguished themselves through their achievements in their field or contributions to society. The nominees' accomplishments should reflect credit on their association with Niles North High School. Support for such nominations shall come from personal opinions and documented evidence. Those wishing to nominate a former Niles North graduate should email Iris Kerbis Cantor ([irican@niles-hs.k12.il.us](mailto:irican@niles-hs.k12.il.us)) to request a nomination form.

The 45th Awards of Distinction ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 18.

The deadline for receiving nomination forms is April 5, 2010. For further information contact Iris Kerbis Cantor at (847) 626-2354.

## NILES WEST STUDENTS HONORED AT PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST

Niles West Principal Kaine Osburn welcomed students and their parents at the Principal's Award Recognition Breakfast held January 13. The following Niles West students have improved their academic standing, demonstrated their love of learning, shown compassion for others, and/or demonstrated an exemplary attitude of consistently exhibited positive behavior: Suhail Ansari, Amy Chow, Nicole Delort, Allie Guiang, Megumi Hoshi, Peter Khio, Carisse Lamascese, Sergio Loubriel, Brendan Melnick, Michael Nissan, Karolina Ostapkiwicz, Naomi Prale, Dmitry Ramirez, Prachi Shah, Fiona Stephens and Dimitrios Tripkos. Faculty members who nominated the honorees were: Matt Wiemer, Barb Wismer, Lisa Dunham, Jessica Ogulnik, Lisa Renee Hindel, Mitch Stern, Bill Koch, Ben Brzezinski, Lynne Rauser, Joe Neumayer, Michael Conroy, Gevik Anbarchian, Ami LeFevre, Andy Sinclair and Chris Vivone.

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# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## The MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland

Are you a new mother? Looking for support and friendship? Are the kids driving you crazy and you need to get out of the house? Then the MOMS Club is the answer. MOMS (Moms offering Moms support) Club of Northern Chicagoland is a local chapter of the International MOMS Club, a non-profit support group designed for the at-home-Mother and their children. MOMS Club has over 2,000 chapters and more than 100,000 members worldwide. The Northern Chicagoland chapter incorporates all of Northwest Chicago (including Edgebrook, Sauganash, Jefferson Park, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Oriole Park, etc), Skokie, Niles, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Glenview, Norridge and Harwood Heights.

The goal of MOMS Club is to provide a supportive environment for the at-home mother. Often staying home is quite a change for a mother with young children, especially if coming from a professional career. It can be a very isolating experience. MOMS club helps connect and build friendships for mothers and their children with other mothers and children who are in a similar stage in life.

MOMS Club is a very active organization. Every week there are 3-4 activities that moms can choose to attend with their children. Such activities include playgroups, park dates, museum and zoo trips, seasonal holiday parties, service projects, etc. Also, every month the club has a member meeting where childcare is provided so members can listen to a guest speaker (such as chef demonstrating cooking tips for picky eaters) or take part in an activity (such as a relaxation expert providing free massages). Additionally, there is a monthly Moms Night Out where moms meet (without their children) for an evening of fun and friendship (usually at a local restaurant).

The MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland will be holding its Winter Open House for current members and any moms interested in joining on Friday, January 22nd, 9:00am-11:00am at the Park Ridge Library. Bring your kids, meet current members. This is a perfect way to see if MOMS Club is for you! For more information, visit our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago> or email [chicagomomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:chicagomomsclub@gmail.com).

## St. Peter Catholic School News

The Archdiocese of Chicago will bestow its “Distinguished Service Award” on St. Peter teacher, Mrs. Zale. Nominated by school administrators, only 25 recipients were chosen out of 5,300 educators in 255 Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties. The award recognizes exceptional dedication, leadership, and service of 10 or more years in Catholic education. Mrs. Zale will be honored by the Archdiocese at a special dinner in February.

The St. Peter Men’s Club will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner on February 6. All are invited to this savory and fun event in support of St. Peter School. For more information, call 1-847-673-0918.

## Northwestern Students to Help Sign-up Evanston Businesses for \$350,000 in Reserved ComEd Energy Efficiency Program Funds

The City of Evanston’s Office of Sustainability has recruited over a dozen Northwestern University students to pound the pavement during the month of January, visiting area businesses and encouraging them to go green and save green by signing up for ComEd’s Smart Ideas for Your Business (SIYB) program.

As a participant in the ComEd Community Energy Challenge (CEC), \$350,000 in SIYB program incentives was set aside for Evanston businesses exclusively. This funding is still available, but time is running out. If the reserved funding isn’t spent by January 31st, the funds will be returned and reallocated to projects on ComEd’s waiting list. The reserved dollars for the 2009 program year ensure that Evanston businesses will be able to participate in this beneficial program to “go green and save green.”

“Since July, we’ve worked with the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, hosted informational events, and issued news alerts to notify businesses of this limited funding opportunity, but with over 1,000 small businesses in Evanston, we knew we needed to do more to reach this audience,” explained Carolyn Collopy, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Evanston. “The Northwestern interns have been a great asset to this effort. They are enthusiastic about helping businesses identify opportunities to save energy and reduce their operational costs. This has been a great partnership and their successful outreach can only serve to better Evanston.”

Students received a brief training on simple energy efficiency measures common to small businesses. With this training, they are able to help businesses identify basic electric efficiency measures that qualify for ComEd’s program and provide assistance with the program application. The interns are all volunteers, generously donating their time to assist Evanston businesses in reducing their electricity expenses.

Now in its second year, the ComEd Smart Ideas for Your Business program offers prescriptive and custom incentives to facilitate the implementation of cost effective energy efficiency improvements for non-residential (commercial and industrial) customers.

If a business has a project that meets the ComEd Smart Ideas for Your Business criteria and would like to apply for Evanston’s reserved program allotment through the CEC, contact Carolyn Collopy, Sustainable Programs Coordinator for the City of Evanston, at [sustainability@cityofevanston.org](mailto:sustainability@cityofevanston.org) or 847/448-8069.

## Evanston Increases Penalties for Speeding in School Safety Zones

The Evanston City Council unanimously passed an ordinance this week that would increase the fine for speeding in a school speed zone from \$150 to \$500. The ordinance was proposed by Alderman Donald Wilson (4th Ward) and will take effect February 26, 2010.

“My hope is that we will be able to reduce the number of violations in our school zones,” explained Alderman Wilson. “The goal is not to collect more money, but rather to raise awareness and get drivers to slow down and improve their attention when driving in Evanston.”

The new ordinance sets the minimum fine at \$500, plus a \$50 penalty paid to the school district. Prior to this ordinance, such violations had been handled under state law (625 ILCS 5/11-605), which provides for a minimum fine of \$150 with an additional \$50 penalty paid to the school district and court costs.

The new ordinance, like the state statute, requires drivers to slow to 20 mph between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. in posted school zones on school days when children are present outside the school building.

The new ordinance means that the Evanston Police Department issues tickets under the new ordinance rather than state law. The cases would then initially be heard in the City’s Administrative Hearings Division rather than in the Skokie Municipal District 2 courthouse.

“Community safety is a priority and these types of ordinances like this one and the upcoming cell phone usage while driving ordinance reflect this priority,” added Wilson.

The purpose of a school speed zone is to reduce the speeds of vehicular traffic so that a driver has more time to recognize and react to a schoolchild within the travel way, allowing enough distance to slow, evade and/or stop prior to an incident. The zones also allow schoolchildren, especially young schoolchildren, to more accurately anticipate vehicular movements in order to safely cross the roadway.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, a vehicle-pedestrian crash will be much less severe at a reduced speed as evidenced by the following statistics:

## Award-Winning Oakton Jazz Band Seeks Members

The award-winning Oakton Jazz Band seeks musicians of all skill levels. Pianists as well as brass, woodwind, and percussion players are needed. Interested students may audition by appointment.

The Oakton Jazz Band is directed by Robert Evans, an accomplished performer, clinician, and conductor who previously worked with the LaSalle-Peru High School and Homewood-Flossmoor High School bands. Rehearsals are 8 – 9:50 p.m., Monday evenings.

For additional information, contact Robert Evans at 847-635-1937.

## Audition for Student Playwright Festival

Open auditions for the student playwriting festival Play On are scheduled 6 – 9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, and Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Oakton Community College’s Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. No appointment is necessary.

Play On showcases one-act plays penned by Illinois community college students and jury selected for production. Directors are casting men and women of all ages and ethnicities. Prepared monologues and cold readings will be heard.

Play On will be staged March 13 – 14, at Oakton’s Des Plaines campus. For more information, contact Kate Tillotson at 847-635-1976 or [katet@oakton.edu](mailto:katet@oakton.edu).

## Early Childhood Center Open House

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the Early Childhood Education Centers at Oakton Community College are invited to attend free open house events 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at either campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, or 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Find out more about Oakton’s Early Childhood program, which is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Skokie campus offers part-day and full-day programs for 3- to 5-year-olds, while the Des Plaines campus offers full-day programs for 2- to 5-year-olds. Oakton staff will be on hand to provide tours and answer questions.

For more information, contact Yvonne Kostic at 847-635-1441 (Skokie), or Nora Rucker at 847-635-1840 (Des Plaines).

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The event is Saturday February 27, 2010 at 9:00 pm. Doors open at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$35, which include one glass of champagne.

## KINDERFASCHING

KinderFasching, a winter celebration of the 5th season of the year - Carnival season!

Come in costume - we'll have free face painting, a parade lead by the Prince & Princess, balloon artists, treats, performances by the Paloma band and the Amazonen Dance Corps.

It's a great way to spend a snowy afternoon and let the kids have a ball.

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## Lost German Chicago Exhibit

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Come remember the institutons and establishments no longer with the Chicago community. The inspiration piece for the exhibit is 30 feet of wood-carvings from the East Dining Room of the Germania Club, closed since 1987. The carvings were resucedby the Oscar Mayer family from a private home in Logan Square in 1963 and have never been publicly displayed. They depict Wagner's operas in supreme German woodworking style.

Exhibit Free and Open to the Public. Open through Sept 2011.

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February 6 · 8:00pm Isn't It Romantic? Love Songs & Poetry

February 7 · 2:00pm Rob Dorn in "I Got Gershwin"

February 10 at 1:30pm Rob Dorn's "I GOT GERSHWIN"

February 12 · 8:00pm Vaudeville presents "Shtick with Us: A Vaudeville Burlesque"

February 13 · 8:00pm Heather Moran

February 14 · 2:00pm Laura Freeman and Bradford Newquist in So In Love...with Broadway

February 14 · 7:00pm Tony Andriacchi

February 17 at 1:30pm Marcus Gentry's TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE

February 19 · 8:00pm The Edge Comedy Club - The Ha-Ha-Hotties

February 20 · 8:00pm Three Cat Media presents "Endless Eighties"

February 24 at 1:30pm Jack Miuccio presents FOREVER FRANK (Sinatra)

February 27 · 8:00pm Sons of the Never Wrong

February 28 · 2:00pm Ron Hawking

February 28 · 7:00pm A Simple Life: A Short Film and Discussion

## Evanston's Noyes Art Gallery Exhibit

A new art exhibit at Evanston's Noyes Art Gallery. The Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery, 927 Noyes St., as part of Black History Month, presents: "A Call to Action: An Artistic Dialogue Among Ten Artists." The exhibit runs through March 9. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is always free. For more information or group tours, call 847-448-8260.

## SONIC Opens Franklin Park Drive-In

Chicago area residents have another reason to stay in – stay in their cars that is. SONIC®, America's Drive-In®, a restaurant where you order your meal and eat right from the comfort of your own vehicle, opened its first drive-in in Franklin Park, Ill.

"We are thrilled to open this drive-in in Franklin Park," said Seth Wolken, franchisee of the Franklin Park SONIC Drive-In. "We have been serving metro Chicago since 2008 and look forward to continuing the unique Carhop service SONIC Drive-Ins are known for in this community."

The Franklin Park SONIC Drive-In is located at 10440 Grand Avenue, and officially opens at 6:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 18, to serve customers. With the full menu available all day, customers can enjoy a Breakfast Burrito to start their morning or as a late night snack. The new SONIC will feature 24 drive-in stalls, 48 patio seats, and a drive-thru. The Franklin Park SONIC Drive-In's regular hours of operation will be from 6:00 a.m. to midnight daily with extended hours for the drive-thru.

SONIC has a total of nine drive-ins in the metro Chicago area including locations in Franklin Park, Bartlett, Aurora, Montgomery, Country Club Hills, Lockport, Crest Hill, Lake Zurich and Algonquin.

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SONIC, America's Drive-In (NASDAQ/NM: SONC) started as a hamburger and root beer stand in 1953 in Shawnee, Okla., called Top Hat Drive-In, and then changed its name to SONIC in 1959. The first drive-in to adopt the SONIC name is still serving customers in Stillwater, Okla. As the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants, SONIC has more than 3,500 drive-ins coast to coast. More than a million customers eat at SONIC every day; and with more drink combinations than any other quick-service restaurant – more than 168,000 – SONIC is Your Ultimate Drink Stop®. For more information about Sonic Corp. and its subsidiaries, visit SONIC at www.sonicdrivein.com. Through a new program, Limeades for Learning®, SONIC and its franchise partners have donated more than \$638,000 dollars to public school classrooms in local communities across the country. Visit www.limeadesforlearning.com to learn more about SONIC's commitment to education.



# “A Theater Review”

## CHASE PARK THEATER’S YOUNG ACTORS PERFORM “CINDERELLA” FEB. 6-7 & 10

Stir your childhood memories while introducing your children to one of the world’s most enduring and timeless folk tales of Cinderella. The Chase Park Theatre’s Young Actors program will stage a production of Cinderella on Feb. 6 & 7; 2p.m. and Feb. 10; 6:30 p.m. at Chase Park Theatre, 4701 N. Ashland Ave., 312.742.7518.

Under Karen Fort, the director of Chase Park Theater, audiences will experience a delightful adventure of fantasy with their children. The audience is encourage to sing-a-long to the familiar songs from both the Broadway show and the Disney movie. Following the show children are invited up onto the stage and will be given a backstage tour!

Cinderella (Bailey Boyle) is treated like a servant by Stepmother Grizella (Kristy Arrington) and stepsisters Anastasia (Madi Torum) Rosella (Amy Esposito), Fredericka (Nicole Culver) and Theodora (Emayli Holmes). When her friends the mice, Jackie, (Sariah Vavricek) Gus, (Justin Burns) and Meester (Dane Holmes) tell her to stand up for herself, she just obeys and endures. Children in the audience help her sing her songs. When the Turtledove (Nicole Esposito) and Blackbird (Madison Peon) help the mice tailor her old dress for the ball, her stepsisters tear it apart. But the Fairy godmother (Samuela Nematchoua) and her little friends help her go to the ball where she and the Prince (Jatin Kapur) fall in love. But at midnight the spell ends and the prince must search to find the girl whose foot fits the glass slipper. They find each other and live happily ever after. The production is professionally costumed by Diane Hamm, with lights, sets, music and with a golden carriage made from a shopping cart!

Tickets are \$4-\$7, children, seniors, and students \$4, and may be reserved by calling the box office at 312-742-4701 or purchased at Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland, prior to the show. For more information on programs or special events at Chase Park stop by and visit with park staff or checkout the Chicago Park District’s website @ [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call 312-742-PLAY or 312-747-2001 (TTY).

## TOM MATTA BIG BAND HEAD- LINES “AN EVENING OF JAZZ” AT NILES WEST ON FEB. 3

The Niles West Music Parents Association presents a special concert event Wednesday, February 3, 2010 in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium at Niles West High School. “An Evening of Jazz” will feature the Tom Matta Big Band, a Chicago-based group comprised of a veritable “who’s who” in Chicago’s thriving jazz scene. The concert includes pop and jazz groups from Niles West to open the show. The evening will be an exciting showcase of student and professional talent including classic, contemporary, and original jazz compositions with a broad range of appeal. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the music programs at Niles West.

The Tom Matta Big Band is dedicated to the performance of music written for and by members of the band. Thomas Matta (bass trombone) is an Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies at DePaul University. His body of work as a musician spans an impressive spectrum of genres, styles, and disciplines. He has toured extensively in North America, Europe, and Asia, and has performed and recorded with a diverse array of talents including the Frank Mantooth Jazz Orchestra, the Rob Parton JazzTech Big Band, the Chicago Jazz Orchestra, the Chicago Jazz Ensemble, Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, and many others. His compositions and arrangements have been performed and recorded by premier orchestras, big bands and chamber ensembles worldwide.

The artists performing with the Tom Matta Big Band comprise a sensational lineup of top rated musicians in local and national jazz circles. Among them are Rob Parton (trumpet), Associate Professor of Jazz Studies at Roosevelt University and a highly regarded studio/theater musician, performer, educator, and band leader; John Wojciechowski (alto sax), a jazz educator who has appeared all over the country as a guest artist and clinician; Mark Colby (tenor sax), a first call studio musician and jazz faculty member at DePaul University and Elmhurst college; Bob Lark (trumpet), head of the jazz studies department at DePaul University; Tom Garling (trombone), highly sought after around the world as a recording artist, composer, arranger, and teacher; and Bob Rummage (drums), an instructor at DePaul University and experienced performance and studio musician and clinician. The band members have performed with an imposing list of entertainers including Buddy Rich, Doc Severinsen, Tony Bennett, Mel Torme, The Beach Boys, Peabo Bryson, Celine Dion, The Woody Herman Orchestra, The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Jaco Pastorius, Maynard Ferguson, Bob James, Dizzy Gillespie, Chick Corea, Pat Metheny, to name but a few.

The Fine Arts Director of Niles Township High School District 219, Mary Jo Papich, will be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Ms. Papich, known for her avid support and leadership in jazz education, is co-founder and president of the Jazz Education Network, an organization dedicated to building the jazz arts community by advancing education, promoting performance, and developing new audiences. “The talent assembled here is phenomenal,” states Ms. Papich. “If you’re not too familiar with jazz, this show is a great introduction, you’ll enjoy it. If you love jazz, it’s not to be missed. It’s going to be a great evening.”

Niles West High School is located at 5701 West Oakton Avenue, Skokie. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. For information, call 847-626-2990 or email [nweveningofjazz@gmail.com](mailto:nweveningofjazz@gmail.com).

## “Funny Girl” Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace Theatre Drury Lane Road Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre is now presenting “Funny Girl,” the life of Fanny Brice.

One thing about this production that I don’t understand is why it took three directors to stage it?

The show has been conceived by Gary Griffin and William Osetek. Osetek is a talented director who could have handled the production by himself being the theatre’s artistic director. Griffin is tops at what he does but when you have so many fires on the stove it can hurt a show. Besides being a co-director of “Funny Girl” he has directed “Private Lives” for Chicago Shakespeare and “The Merry Widow” for Lyric Opera and he is an Associate Producer of Drury Lane Oakbrook. Also listed as Associate Director is David New, a talented actor in his own right.

The show offers three newcomers to Chicago and they are Sara Sheperd, Paul Anthony Stewart and Jameson Cooper, along with a stellar cast of Chicago actors.

For me the show didn’t come up to the high standards I’ve been seeing at the Oakbrook venue. And that is no fault of the cast. I blame that on the three directors and in the capable hands of Osetek the show might have come up to higher expectations.

Standouts were Sheperd, Cooper, Iris Lieberman, Catherine Smitko, Marc Grapey, Adam Pelty, David New and the dancing feet that Matt Raftery has staged for his ensemble that include Tammy Mader, Ariane Dolan, Nicole Hren, Michael Accardo, Holly Stauder to make up the twenty six in the cast. I would rate it two and a half stars but to be honest the acting, singing and dancing of those mentioned it gets a slim but higher rating.

New as Mr. Renaldi, has a small role and I found no chemistry with Paul Anthony Stewart as Nick Arnstein. I didn’t feel his singing was strong but his acting I didn’t have much of a problem with. The show has music by Jule Styne and Bob Merrill with a book by Isobel Lennart.

The show offers some strong songs with “Don’t Rain on My Parade,” “People,” “If a Girl Isn’t Pretty” and “I’m the Greatest Star.”

Jason Cooper as Eddie Ryan is a bright new talent to the Chicago Theatre scene. Marc Grapey is a perfect Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., as is Iris Lieberman as Mrs. Strakosh, Adam Pelty as Tom Keeney and Catherine Smitko as Mrs. Brice.

If you remember Fanny Brice as Baby Snooks of radio fame and want to know more about her start on the stage and her personal life you’ll come away enjoying this show. “Funny Girl” runs through March 7th. For show times and performance days as well as reservations call 630-530-0111. Tickets range from \$29 to \$38. There is free parking and the Martinique Restaurant offers excellent dinners. I know as I’ve eaten there many times.

**-Three Star-**



# The Complications of Caregiving

By Jeremy Barewin

Informed sources say that a growing number of us are taking care of someone who is aging, ill or both. CNN reports that “one out of every four American families cares for someone over the age of 50.” Whether you are a spouse caring for a husband or wife or an adult child caring for your mother or father, it is quite common to struggle with the many challenges presented by caregiving. When it comes to managing an illness as painful and unpredictable as dementia, feelings and frustration can run particularly high.

A couple real-life situations paint a common picture of the challenges faced by family caregivers:

Don had been tenderly caring for his dementia-stricken wife Sue for four years. She seemed to get worse no matter how attentively he provided for her. As time passed, he became angry, and was confounded with doubt and uncertainties about what to do. “We had so many plans for our retirement, all out the window,” he said. “All I can do is watch while she slips away. What am I supposed to do for her, and for me? I’m only 68-years-old, and have so much living to do.”

Ilene, a happily married mother of two in her late 40s is the main caregiver for her mother, who in the early stages of dementia, is having increasing memory loss. She wonders how to best explain the situation to her children who are unable to comprehend their grandmother’s plight. “She has always been a wonderful mother and is a caring and generous grandparent,” Ilene explained. “But recently she forgot the kids’ birthdays and isn’t able to engage them in conversation like before. As a family, how do we care for her and show her the respect that she deserves? How do my husband and I help our kids relate to her now?”

The demands of living with a loved one with dementia are considerable. Caregiving can be a rewarding, yet draining, deeply lonely experience. In most cases, one cannot talk things over with their loved one anymore to make the situation better. Healthcare professionals have come to understand that support for caregivers is every bit as important as patient care.

Dementia is a progressive condition, which gradually takes away the essence of the person it afflicts. It is common, normal in fact, for caregivers in the family to grieve this type of loss, passing through the stages of mourning (denial, anger, guilt, sadness and acceptance, as identified by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D.) just as when a loved one dies. Concern should set in if the process gets “stuck,” meaning that the caregiver becomes incapacitated by their negative, angry feel-

ings and resentment, unable to put emotions into perspective. Should this happen, outside help may be needed.

What can a caregiver do to maintain this balance? Joan Richman Ente, AM, LCSW, a geriatric care manager with CJE SeniorLife in Chicago, offers some guidance to address the many caregiving needs and emotions that often arise over the course of time.

Don’t fight your feelings; face them for what they are. Allow yourself to feel sad, angry, conflicted or guilty as you move through the grieving process. Know that it is normal to feel love and anger at the same time. Only by “feeling the feelings” can you begin to heal and gain better perspective.

Accept the limits and circumstances that are beyond your control. Determine what level of caregiving is realistic for you to provide and make sensible decisions about securing outside assistance. Respite care services are available from many senior health care agencies in your area. These services provide caregivers with temporary or intermittent care, allowing for relief from the daily responsibilities of caring for a loved one.

Give yourself permission to go on living and to tend to your own healthy aging. Take care of yourself and sustain yourself by seeking out activities, comforts and routine that you enjoy. Exercise can be particularly important. Stay active physically to remain in balance emotionally.

Make connections and ask for support from others. Friends, other family members, and professionals in the field of aging are all potential sources of problem-solving help and comfort. Try to connect to others in

similar circumstances, through in-person or online support groups to ward off isolation and loneliness and to become better educated about dementia and caregiving.

In all likelihood, we will all be caregivers for a loved one at some point in our life. The unpredictability of dementia and how it will affect an individual makes caregiving tasks that much more difficult. Accepting the wave of emotions that come with the caregiving role and finding the needed support can help make a difficult situation that much easier.

Many helpful family caregiving tips and resources are available on the Web at [www.caregivinghelp.org](http://www.caregivinghelp.org).

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# Preserving Your Independence



**Chester M. Przybylo**

As we get older, it often seems that time accelerates. Where does all the time go? Aging is a normal part of life. Unfortunately, as we age later in life we are no longer as able-bodied as when we were younger. What would happen if your health took a turn for the worst? This article discusses planning for the future using a Medicaid Income Only Trust. This type of trust can help preserve your financial independence, but there are certain guidelines that must be followed. Plan to protect your independence, see a qualified estate planning and elder law attorney today and discuss your options.

As we get older, it often seems that time accelerates. It seems the children were in diapers just yesterday. But, how they’ve left home and they have kids of their own. Where does the time go?

Aging is a normal part of life. The infant becomes a toddler. Later the teenager becomes an adult (thankfully). Unfortunately, as we age later in life we are no longer as able-bodied as when we were teenagers. Gradually, we all get more aches and pains. But, what would happen if something serious were to occur? Let’s take a look at Betty’s situation.

Betty is 66 and has worked hard all her life. Betty and her husband, George, retired a few years ago. George died after only a year in retirement. Betty and George had a wonderful life together and raised two children, Alice and Mark. Not a day goes by that Betty does not miss George terribly. However, she has decided to live life fully and has had an active, fulfilling life. She travels and she spends a lot of time with friends and family-especially her adorable grandchildren. She was visiting Alice and the grandchildren in the Northeast when she had difficulty walking and talking. She was having a stroke. She was rushed to the hospital. After a week in the hospital, her condition stabilized and the doctors sent her to a nursing home for recuperation, which they expected to take three years.

Not only does Betty have a lot of hard work ahead of her, much of her life savings will be wiped out by the nursing home bills. Betty thought she had it covered with Medicare. But Medicare only covers the first 100 days of a nursing home stay. And there is a big daily co-payment after the first twenty days. After 100 days, she has to pay it all. Betty wants to be close to Alice and the grandkids during her recuperation. Unfortunately, the average nursing home in that area costs well over \$8,000 per month. The total stay will be over \$280,000, even after Medicare pays its portion. Over a quarter of a million dollars! This will wipe out most of Betty’s lifetime of savings and cause her to become financially dependent on her children. Instead of being able to help with her grandchildren’s future, she’ll be a financial burden on her children.

There must be a better way! Well, there is. Betty could have planned ahead by gifting her money into a Medicaid Income Only Trust. The income of the trust would have been available to Betty, but the assets themselves would not be considered available to pay the nursing home expenses and would not have to be used up. As a result, Betty would have qualified for Medicaid. While she needed the nursing home assistance, the income she received from the trust would go toward her “share of cost” for the nursing home. But, the principal of the trust would remain intact and could go to Betty’s children or grandchildren at her death. Unfortunately, this strategy does not work if you wait until the last minute. Medicaid has a five-year look-back for gifting. Any gifts made within that five-year period are totaled and divided by the average monthly nursing home cost to determine the “penalty period.” Betty would be ineligible for Medicaid during the penalty period.

If Betty had planned ahead, she could have preserved her independence, avoided being a financial burden on her children, and helped with her grandchildren’s future. And, she would have had the exact same care! Avoid Betty’s fate. Eat healthily and exercise, but also plan to protect your independence and your family’s future. A qualified estate planning and elder law attorney can help you plan to preserve your financial independence.

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.*

# Social Security: LOWER INCOME MIGHT MEAN LOWER MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM

By Andrew Salata Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

If you have Medicare coverage and you pay a higher Part B premium due to your higher income, here’s some news that may be comforting during these troubling economic times.

If you have experienced a significant reduction in your overall income, Social Security might be able to reduce the amount of your Medicare Part B premium as well.

The significant reduction in income can be as a result of a number of changes: marriage, divorce or annulment, death of a spouse, work reduction, work stoppage, reduction of income due to a loss of income-producing property, and loss or reduction of certain forms of pension income.

If any one of these events has happened to you, just provide Social Security evidence of the event and tell us how it has reduced your income. Evidence could be a death certificate, letter from your employer about your loss of work, or something of that nature. If you filed a federal income tax return for the year in question, we’ll need to see your signed copy of the tax return. If your income will not change until the following year, you can give us an estimate of what you think your income will be.

Once you show us evidence of the event and provide proof or an estimate of your reduced income, Social Security will update the records and, if appropriate, adjust your Medicare Part B premium. You can request a new decision and ask that we use more accurate tax return information if:

You amended your tax return for the year we used to determine your premium and it changes the income we count;

You provide proof from IRS of an error in the tax return information we used to make our decision; or

Your tax filing status for the year we used to determine your premium was “married filing separately” and you did not live with your spouse at any time during that year.

If you wish to report a significant reduction in your income so we can adjust your Medicare Part B premium, visit the Social Security website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/mediinfo.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mediinfo.htm), or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit your local Social Security office.

To learn more about Medicare Part B coverage, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

## Basketball for 40+ Women

Polish your basketball fundamentals. Beginners are welcome in a class designed especially for women over the age of 40. The next session starts at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., in Evanston and runs through March 25. The cost \$66/R and \$74/NR. Drop-in fees are available. For details, call 847-448-8252.

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Bosley Bad Bones

Happy New Year My furry friends! I hope that everyone has recovered from the craziness of the Howlidays! Was Santa Paws good to everyone? If not, maybe you should work on begin a better pooch this year; just a friendly suggestion!

Barking about being better, I have a bone to pick with my Human. Last year my pack and I were on our best behavior, we truly put up with a lot from he!. With her new business venture she put us last. Being the understanding pooch that I am, I know why; she tells us how she is making a better life for us; but enough already!

I was participating in agility classes and love it. I miss the class and my furry friends! I have been good and pawtient so we should go back, right? So, I have a plan in mind! Since being good isn't working, here comes Bosley Bad Bones! I am going to show her; so I have devised a plan! What drives my human mad is stealing food from the counters. She has worked hard teaching us that the counters are off limits. So, this will show her! I will wait and steal something good!

Wait a minute! She is packing the agility bag! What is going on I wonder? Then she tells, "Well, guys next week we are finally going back to class!" Woof! Woof! I am so excited and now I don't have to be bad! However, I will keep that idea just in case because you never know when your Human needs a lesson!

Bosley Bad Bones (my alter ego)

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



Evanston Community Animal Control Notice

Please be advised that a feral cat colony has been identified at a specific address located in the 1900 block of Grant St. The Evanston Animal Control Bureau will be conducting an on-going animal control abatement process, focusing on the feral cat population at this address. The propensity does exist for area domestic cats to wander onto this property.

In efforts to further safeguard the area's domestic cat population, the City of Evanston will be canvassing the target area(s) and distributing flyers advising neighbors of this on- going capture and abatement process. It should be noted that all capture efforts will be confined to the target property in question unless public safety issues dictate additional action.

It is suggested that the owners of domestic cats in this area be extra vigilant and know the whereabouts of their animals and place collars on their cats detailing the appropriate owner information. Micro-chipping also presents an excellent way for animals to be identified and returned to their owner.

For further information or concerns, contact Evanston Police Department's Animal Control Bureau at 847/866-5080 (or 5081).



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org) or call (312) 644-8338.



**Alex the Dog** Hi, I'm Alex. I am a friendly, 1-year-old boy looking for the perfect home! I absolutely love attention and will even try to sit in your lap or "hug" you – All 53 pounds of me! I like other dogs, and would prefer to live in an all adult home with a family who has another dog or who has had a dog in the past. I'd really like to go to dog training classes, so I can bond with my new forever family, so I can learn new things and work on becoming more confident in everyday life. I'm a really sweet guy who already knows how to sit! Come meet me today at the Adoption Center. Just ask for me, Alex, Tab Band #691179.

The Story of Florence

A few months ago a car was traveling through the alley next to The Anti-Cruelty Society. As the car was trying to maneuver the alley, the caring person saw what looked like a bag near the building and thought something didn't look right.

After a closer look, he realized the bag was moving. He quickly contacted one of our staff who retrieved the bag. You can't possibly guess what or who was inside that bag! It was a precious grey and white tabby cat. It was cold outdoors and we don't know how long she had been there but thankfully no one harmed her.



We named her Florence. Florence was very frightened and needed some time to adjust, so she stayed in the office of our one our shelter managers who gave her lots of space and lots of love. Several weeks later, Florence was given a physical exam and placed in Charlotte's Cat Corner (our cage less cat adoption room) and made available for adoption. Florence got along fine with the other cats in the room, and waited patiently for her new forever family to walk in the door. Finally, after several weeks it happened. A wonderful family that had adopted 2 kitties from us previously, came in and met Florence and she won their hearts. They have a large home where Florence will be able to roam around and adjust to her new life and family. We couldn't be happier for Florence and her new family.

The Anti-Cruelty Society's After School Program

This year, we started a new after school program,"Exploring the Link". The goal of this program is to help students gain insight into how violence and cruelty affects their community, their selves, and animals.

- Daily opportunities in this program include:
- Interacting with dogs, cats, and each other at The Anti-Cruelty Society
  - Learning about training methods, socialization, and the various functions that the shelter and clinic at The Anti-Cruelty Society serve
  - Exploring animal welfare issues with hands on activities to broaden their understanding while giving them a sense of purpose and achievement
  - Creating presentations on the effects of violence in society and they will be encouraged to give these presentations in their schools; especially to younger classes (enabling the teens to become mentors and role models in their own communities)
  - Producing (or add to) their own resume

We are now accepting applications from high school students for this fun and exciting after school program. CTA passes will be provided for students to travel to and from the shelter and this is a great way to earn service learning hours.

The After School Program will start February 2, 2010 and will meet at The Anti-Cruelty Society (169 W. Grand Ave.) every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30p.m. - 7p.m., February 2 - April 13, 2010. (there will be no class February 11th, March 30th, or April 1st)

Applications can be obtained by contacting Helen Jones-Mayer at [hjones-mayer@anticruelty.org](mailto:hjones-mayer@anticruelty.org) or 312-644-8338 extension 333.

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# Urban Wildlife Coalition: Feeding the Birds

Q: Our family fills the birdfeeder all winter because we want to help our feathered friends. But, we noticed that while the sparrows, cardinals, and what I think are chickadees (and squirrels!) are all enjoying the buffet, I almost never see robins. Any suggestions? Elaine L.

A. Some robins migrate to warmer climes to escape our brutal Chicagoland winters. But some do stay. Worms and insects are the cuisine of choice for robins, but these “treats” become less plentiful during the winter months. You are absolutely right; robins generally do not favor seeds as much as other birds do. They do like berries though. Try poking berries (frozen will do just fine) onto branches where robins may already be accustomed to finding fruit. Or, even better, plant a winter fruit-bearing tree or shrub such as American high bush cranberry, black chokecherry, sumac, or apple. Crabapples are a good choice, too, but some hybrids bear fruit that birds cannot eat. A note about seed mixes for your other feathered friends: prepared mixes may not be the value they seem because they include filler seeds not favored by Midwestern birds. If you only want to purchase one type of seed, black-oil sunflower seeds are probably your best choice. With easy-to-crack-shells and a high fat content (especially important in the winter), these are especially good for attracting cardinals, sparrows, chickadees, and others.

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).

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

Acting Class. Mondays beginning Feb. 1, 2 p.m. Games, skits, bit parts and more “acting out” for students in 3rd-5th grade, directed by Debbi Brodsky.. Possible show in April. Register with Lincolnwood Library’s Youth Services Department, 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows.

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.

Chess Club. Sundays, 3-4:30 p.m. Students in grades 1-6 are invited to learn chess, improve skills, and play against friends.

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

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 the 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.

# African Sausage Tree Fruiting 20 Pound Fruits at Lincoln Park Conservatory

A tree called the sausage tree, also known as *Kigelia africana*, which originates from the southeastern region of Africa, is currently fruiting at the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive. Located in the Palm House near the main entrance of the Conservatory, this tree’s unique fruits can weigh upwards of 20 pounds each, measuring as large as 2.5 feet in length and look like giant sausages hanging from long stalks.

“The Lincoln Park Conservatory’s plant collection features unique species of plants like the sausage tree so that visitors of all ages can discover a world outside of Chicago,” said Mary Eysenbach, Chicago Park District Director of Conservatories. “Virtually all continents from around the world are represented at either Lincoln Park or Garfield Park conservatories.”

Found on riverbanks, along streams, on floodplains, and open woodland, from KwaZulu-Natal to Tanzania, the sausage tree boasts flowers that are long, open, large, wrinkled, maroon or dark-red, trumpet-shaped that are velvety on the inside and virtually overflow with nectar. The tree’s short, squat trunk has light brown, sometimes flaky bark and supports a dense rounded to spreading crown of leathery, slightly glossy foliage. The huge, grey-brown fruits fruit from December to June.

In Malawi, roasted fruits from this tree are used to flavor beer and aid fermentation. The tough wood from this tree is used for shelving and fruit boxes and dugout canoes are made from the tree in Botswana and Zimbabwe. The roots yield a bright yellow dye. Traditional remedies prepared from crushed, dried or fresh fruits are used to deal with ulcers, sores and syphilis. The fruit has an antibacterial activity. Today, beauty products and skin ointments are prepared from the fruit extracts. The fresh fruit from this tree cannot be eaten because it is a strong purgative and causes blisters in the mouth and on the skin. Green fruits are said to be poisonous. In time of scarcity, seeds are roasted and eaten.

Experience nature inside the warmth of the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive, open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

## National Burn Awareness Week

National Burn Awareness Week is the first full week of February. Each year, approximately 114,000 children under age 14 are treated for fire and burn injuries and 500 children die to unintentional fire and burn-related injuries.

Scald burns that are caused by hot liquid or steam are the most common cause of burn injuries to children. Hot tap water accounts for nearly one in four of all scald burns among children.

The Skokie Fire Department wants to remind parents and caregivers to:

- \* Set your hot water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Check bath water before placing your child in it. When using tap water, turn the cold water on first then add hot water and adjust the temperature.

- \* Be careful while drinking hot liquids around children. At 140 degrees Fahrenheit it only takes less than five seconds for a child to receive a third degree burn.

- \* Establish a three-foot “kid-free zone” around your stove area. Mark the floor with tape if needed.

- \* Keep all electrical cords out of reach, especially those that are connected to coffee pots and other appliances.

- \* Teach and practice “Stop, Drop & Roll”. If clothing catches fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground, roll over and over until the fire is out.

- \* Always supervise young children.

- \* Remember to test smoke detectors and replace batteries every six months. If your detector is over 10-years old it is time to replace it.

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If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-928-5340.

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For more information, contact Lion Walt Holden: 847-679-7457 or [mylionsclub@aol.com](mailto:mylionsclub@aol.com). Whether you plan to attend or not, please share this invitation with any friends who might be interested.

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