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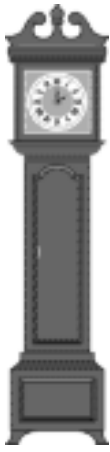
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGTIME BEGINS

March 8, 2:00 a.m.

Skokie Offers New Online Payment Option

The Village of Skokie Finance Department launched a new, convenient online payment program on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Payment for water bills, parking tickets and miscellaneous invoices may be made on-line using American Express, Debit, Discover, MasterCard and Visa cards. The Village does not charge a fee for this service.

Previously, the only electronic payment option was available for water bills, through the State of Illinois Treasurer's Office. A convenience fee was charged for this program by the Treasurer's Office.

The Village will still offer Automatic Bank Payment for water bills. This program lets residents pay water bills directly through a checking account. The Village does not charge a fee for this service.

To make a payment or learn more about online payments and Automatic Bank Payment, please visit www.skokie.org.

Grand Opening of Evanston Fire Station 5

The men and women of the Evanston Fire Department warmly welcome you to join civic and community leaders, including Mayor Morton, Alderman Moran and Fire Chief Alan Berkowsky at the grand opening of the Evanston's newest Fire Station and the Public Art Dedication:

Friday, Feb. 27th, 2009, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Ribbon-Cutting at 3:15 PM
New Fire Station 5, 2830 Central Street, Evanston, IL. 60201

We are pleased to announce this new facility, which is now in service and protecting the City of Evanston.

Following Friday's brief dedication ceremony, there will be a chance to tour and enjoy refreshments at Evanston's newest Fire Station.

All members of the community are warmly welcomed to this family-themed public event.

Please let us share a brief history of former Fire Station 5.

Built more than 50 years ago, Old Fire Station 5 on Central Street housed multiple firefighters and equipment over the years. The physical space as well as electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems was no longer efficient and reliable. The space itself proved unable to support a modern and diverse workforce. Lastly, only two of the Department's fire engines were able to "fit" into the low profile apparatus doors.

Fire Station #5 was a total renovation of a 1950's era one-story fire station building consisting of the demolition and removal of the existing structure and subsequent reconstruction of a new 14,260 square foot facility on the same site. The fully sprinklered, updated station design provides three new apparatus bays including one drive-thru bay. There is a two-story living area with dorms, kitchen, a work-out area, office space and a basement for utilities. The new station is compatible with modern requirements and today's technology and is the City's first LEEDs (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building which is a green building rating system. As a result of the LEEDs certification, the City of Evanston received a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Grant Program.

The architect for the building was Muller and Muller Architects, Chicago, Illinois. CATH Associates Inc. (an Evanston firm) acted as the owner representative, working closely with the City of Evanston's Facilities Manager and the Fire Department staff during the construction of this facility. The general contractor for the project was Central Lakes Construction out of Prospect Heights.

Groundbreaking for New Fire Station 5 took place in 2007. Built at a cost of \$4.7 million and almost 2 ½ times the size of the facility it replaces, the new station opened for service on January 12, 2009.

Fire Station 5 is staffed around the clock with 3 firefighter/paramedics. The staffed advanced life support engine company supports the City's responses to more than 9,000 calls for service annually.

The men and women of the Evanston Fire Department look forward to seeing you at the Grand Opening.

Fat Tuesday Crazy Hat Night Mardi Gras Party

with

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and His
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Featuring

Vocalist

Jeannie Lambert

Tuesday, February 24th — 8:00 P.M.

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and
L.L. Prinzessin
Sylvia

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Come and join the Oakton's VITA program if you are looking for a meaningful volunteer activity.

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7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Rm. B110, on March 26 & 31,
6:15-10 pm and on Apr. 25, 1:30-3:30 pm.

Please call 847-635-1426 for more details or e-mail
www.oakton.edu/cont_ed/vita.html.

EVANSTON HAPPENINGS

Lyric Opera Lectures: The Abduction from the Seraglio, Feb. 24 & Mar. 7

Sue McCandless of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio* on Tuesday, February 24, at 12 p.m., at the North Branch Library, 2026 Central St.

Gary Pett of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps shares his views on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio* on Saturday, March 7, at 2 p.m., in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 1703 Orrington.

Belmonte's beloved Konstanze and her comely maid, Blonde, are kidnapped by pirates and held prisoners in a Pasha's palace. But Belmonte is positive he can rescue the ladies from the seraglio (aka harem) if he can just outsmart Osmin, the famously formidable overseer. Attend this lecture to learn if Konstanze and Belmonte are reunited.

Science Sunday: Archaeology, February 24

Children ages 4-7 are invited to discover the world of archaeology on Sunday, February 24, at 2 p.m. in the Children's Room at the Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. They will paint giant rocks with old-fashioned pigment paint. Registration is required. Call 847-448-8610 for details.

Evanston Polar Plunge Benefits Special Olympics Illinois, February 28

Don your flannel-lined swim trunks or swimsuit and participate in the Evanston Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 28 at Northwestern University's North Beach. The Law Enforcement Torch Run "polar plunge" is the largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

Sign up by contacting Officers Bernhardt or Carmichael at the Evanston Police Department, 847-866-5000 or register online at www.soill.org. Individuals must raise at least \$75 in donations from friends, family and co-workers to participate in the Polar Plunge. Event day registration is at 11 a.m. and swimmers take to the water at 1 p.m. A post-plunge party will be held at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Book Reading: Everyday Survival, February 28

Local author Laurence Gonzales will read from and discuss his newest book, *Everyday Survival: Why Smart People Do Stupid Things*, Saturday, February 28, at 2 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. He shows how modern society has made us lazy and susceptible to previously unknown threats. "Curiosity, awareness, attention," Gonzales writes. "Those are the tools of our everyday survival...we all must be scientists at heart or be victims of forces that we don't understand."

City Clerk's Office Open for Voter Registration, February 28

To facilitate voter registration, the City Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on two Saturdays: February 28 and March 7, 2009. Voter registration closes Tuesday, March 10 at 5 p.m. for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election.

Voters must re-register if they have changed their name or have moved from Chicago or from outside suburban Cook County. Two forms of identification are required to register, one of which must show name and current address. A bank statement, utility bill, apartment lease, driver's license or personal check may serve as proper identification.

Persons who are at least 18 years old, a U.S citizen (if naturalized, know court location and date) and a resident of their precinct for at least 30 days may register to vote.

School's Out @ Your Library, March 2

Steve Belliveau performs his show, *Getting Excited about Science*, for children on Monday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. Call 847-448-8610 for more information.

Reeltime Film: Pete Seeger-The Power of Song, February 25

The next film in Reeltime's winter series, *Pete Seeger: The Power of Song* (2007, 89 min.), was made by Jim Brown and will be shown Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

With music that gets your foot tapping and never-before-seen archival footage, this is a moving tribute to the legendary Pete Seeger, one of America's most important singer/songwriters. The film is a life-affirming portrait of an artist who understood both the power of music and of people as instruments for social change.

Friday Film: A Family Thing, February 27

A Family Thing (1996, 109 min, rated PG), another film that explores race relations in America, will be shown Friday, February 27, at 3 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

When an Arkansas man (Robert Duvall) learns that he has an African American half-brother (James Earl Jones), he travels to Chicago to meet him. With the help of their Aunt T (Irma P. Hall), the men work through long-held grudges and prejudices.

Environmental Stewardship Awards Announced

Each year the Evanston Environment Board recognizes individuals and companies that have been leaders in environmental stewardship within the community. For 2008, the board honored two individuals and three organizations. Those receiving stewardship awards are Greenwise Organic Lawn Care, owned by Marc Wise and Lindsey Stame; Dave Grumman, founder of the Evanston-based energy consulting business Grumman/Butkus Associates; Lemoi Hardware, which collaborated with Evanston on its "No Mower Pollution" event; Nichole Lovett, owner of Harmony Haus, which uses only Green Seal-certified products; and Mark Vend Company, which created several environmentally-friendly programs for the City of Evanston and is owned by Daniel and Mark Stein.

Nominations for the award are sought every spring. For more information about the board or the award, visit www.cityofevanston.org/environmentboard.

Free Community Jazz Concert on March 7

The Jazz Quintet from Arlen Music Consultants performs a free community concert starting at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. All ages are welcome to listen to the ensemble's music, which ranges from swing and jazz to instrumental versions of contemporary favorites. For more information, call 847-448-8250.

Register by March 9 for Youth Basketball Tournament

March Madness comes to Evanston with two weekends of basketball competition for students in Grades 4-8. Boys and girls can show off their prowess at the annual March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21 and 27-28, at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., Evanston. Once again this year, the tournament has been expanded to two weekends so that more teams can compete.

This exciting double-elimination tournament is a great way for youth to test their skills and enjoy some fast-paced competition. Based on grade and gender, teams will be assigned a time block to play on Friday evening or during the day on Saturday. Each team will play at least two games. The tournament fee is \$58 per team of up to four players and includes a T-shirt for each player. Team registration forms and payment must be received by Monday, March 9, at the Chandler-Newberger Center. Registration forms can be picked up at the Center or downloaded at www.cityofevanston.org/chandler. For more information, call 847-448-8252.

Liberty Bank Awarded for Exceptional Performance by BauerFinancial

BauerFinancial has, once again, awarded Liberty Bank for Savings a 5-Star Superior Rating. This marks the 82nd consecutive quarter in which the bank has demonstrated the epitome of financial safety and security. Therefore, the bank has achieved the institution’s Exceptional Performance Award.

The Sustained Superiority Status that the award designates puts Liberty Bank in the top 10 percent of all the nation’s banks. Liberty’s capital adequacy, asset quality and stability continue to draw the recognition of BauerFinancial.

BauerFinancial, Inc. analyzes and reports on the financial condition of the nation’s banking industry. Each bank is required to file a detailed financial report with federal regulators four times a year. BauerFinancial then obtains this public data and subjects it to analysis. It is then compared with historical data for consistency. Upon completion of the analysis, a star-rating is assigned based on a scale of zero to five stars. Institutions do not pay or lobby for ratings, and all are subject to them.

Liberty Bank for Savings has been providing safe and secure banking service since 1898. The community bank, with offices on the northwest side of Chicago, in Park Ridge and Lincolnwood, celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2008.

For more information, call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458 or visit www.libertybank.com.

St. Peter Catholic School News

Catholic Schools Week, January 25-30, 2009 was a huge success. Special thanks go out to Miss Martin and Mrs. Huebsch for donating so many hours organizing the Book Fair which brought in over \$4,000. Thirty percent of the profits remain with St. Peter. Different activities were carried out every day of the week, including collecting food for the less fortunate in the parish and sending get well cards to the sick and homebound. Mr. Fish and the Student Council deserve a big round of applause for planning the week's activities.

The tuition tax forms were recently sent home in the students' folders. If you have any questions, please call our Business Manager, Andrea Steinert, at 847-673-1498.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day/Casino Night party on March 14. Please return the green sign-up sheet that was sent home in the children's folders or call 847-673-0918 for more information. Everyone's assistance is needed to make this a great event. Fair Share hours can be used.

Evanston Seniors Need Your Help

Do you enjoy shoveling snow? Are you willing to help seniors or persons with disabilities that are stranded in their homes after it snows?

The Evanston Commission on Aging would like to put you in touch with individuals who need their sidewalk or driveway shoveled. Please call 847-866-2919 or email: mbaraona@cityofevanston.org.

New Property Tax Bills Are Due March 3, Pappas Says

A due date of March 3, 2009, is on tax bills being mailed to Cook County property owners, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

The bills are for the first installment of tax year 2008 on some 1.8 million homes and other parcels of real estate in Cook County, the nation’s second-largest county.

- Pappas said payment can be made:
- Electronically, from a checking or savings account at cookcountytreasurer.com.
 - In person, at more than 330 Chase Banks, including 68 at Dominick’s stores.
 - In person, by direct debit at 220 participating community banks.
 - By return mail, postmarked no later than March 3, 2009.

For on-line payment, owners should have their 14-digit Property Index Number available. For other forms of payment, owners should write the PIN on all checks, returning the payment coupon by mail and having the bill with the payment coupon when making payment at banks.

Owners can call 312.443.5100, enter the PIN and get the bill amount in English, Polish or Spanish.

Republican Club of Evanston

What really happened at Rod Blagojevich’s impeachment trial? Should Senator Roland Burris resign? Evanston residents have the opportunity to hear answers to these questions from State Representative Jim Durkin, the highest ranking Republican on the Illinois House Impeachment Committee, on Sunday, February 22 at the Annual Evanston Lincoln Luncheon at the Hotel Orrington.

The luncheon, which begins at 12:30 p.m., is hosted by the Republican Club of Evanston and the Evanston Republican Organization. Tickets are \$75. For more information, call 847 328-5663.

Durkin, who serves as Illinois State Representative for the 82nd district, is presently in the national news spotlight for calling for the resignation of Senator Roland Burris on “Your World with Neil Cavuto” on Monday, February 16. During and following the impeachment trial, Durkin appeared on FOX News, CNN, PBS, the BBC, all the national and local evening network newscasts, and was quoted in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today.

In January 1995, Durkin became an Illinois State Representative in the 44th district. In 2002, Durkin was the Republican nominee for United States Senate but was unsuccessful in his bid to defeat U.S. Senator Dick Durbin. In 2006, Jim was appointed to fill a vacancy in the 82nd House District and has since successfully run for re-election.

In 2000 and 2008, Durkin was State Chairman for U.S. Senator John McCain’s presidential campaigns and served as Chairman for the Illinois Delegation at the 2008 Republican National Convention in Minneapolis.

The Republican Club of Evanston is a 175-member non-profit organization that serves as an outreach arm supporting the Evanston GOP and the Republican Party. Its mission is to recruit members, to inform them on political and civic issues and to energize them to support Republican party candidates for office. Contact republicanclubofevanston@gmail.com.

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GREAT OUTDOORS

National Wildlife Federation Grey Wolves Removed from Endangered Species Act

On January 14, the Department of the Interior announced that it was removing Montana and Idaho gray wolves from the Endangered Species list while the Wyoming gray wolves would remain on the list.

The National Wildlife Federation opposes this decision, because while humans may acknowledge state lines, the Northern Rocky Mountain population of gray wolves does not. Wolves in Montana and Idaho need the same treatment as wolves in Wyoming.

Help a Wildlife-Friendly Stimulus Package Become Law

Currently, the Senate is considering whether to cut important funding for wildlife from their version of the economic stimulus bill.

Your actions helped ensure that the U.S. House passed green economic recovery legislation last week, but now we need to make sure the U.S. Senate passes equally strong legislation.

Take Action : Send a message to your Senators
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BOATING SAFETY CLASSES

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will present the following classes in the coming months in the Chicago area: Boating Skills and Seamanship, a 7 – 9 lesson class intended for primarily beginning and experienced power boaters, GPS for Mariners, a 2 hour course intended as a basic introduction to navigating with GPS (Global Positioning System), and Weekend Navigator, a comprehensive course of 12 hours (6 sessions) intended for both the novice and experienced powerboat and sailboat operator.

The following classes are offered at REI Sports, 1466 N. Halstead. For more information and online registration see www.teamcoastguard.us.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Sundays February 22 to April 4, 2-5 pm
7 weeks Bscript@aol.com 773-545-0497 \$60

GPS for Mariners Wednesdays March 25, April 15, May 20, 7-9 pm One session class Bscript@aol.com 773-545-0497 \$20

The following class will be offered at North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski (at Ardmore) in the Administration building. For online registration or more information, visit www.teamcoastguard.com.

Weekend Navigator Mondays March 2 to April 6, 6-8 pm 6 weeks
Bscript@aol.com 773-545-0497 \$75

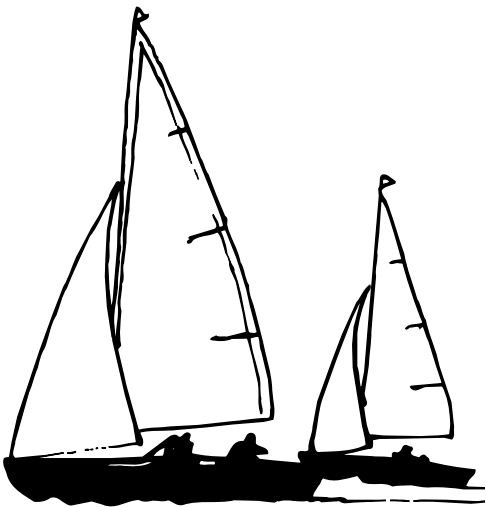
If you do not see classes in your area, please visit the Ninth District web site at www.9thwestern.com, and go to the Boating Education pages.

Legends of the Lake

by Tracy Seglin

The sky is crisp blue. It is 19 degrees with a bracing 10- mile-per-hour wind whipping from the west. The beach sand is slushy and the lake is crusted with ice. Perfect day for ... a swim?!

Milwaukeeans Gustav Marx, Frank Sutter, and Jim Brazell may not have been the first to brave the frigid waters of a mid-winter Lake Michigan, but in 1916, newspaper reporters captured the moment and the “polar bears” became famous. So much for Midwestern sensibility.



The tradition lives on. Today, daredevils with cold hands and warm hearts, strip down to their skivvies, and chill for charity.

Polar plunges have become successful fundraisers for philanthropic organizations. More than 40 Special Olympics Polar Plunges take place around the country each year, raising \$10 million. Here in Chicago, the ninth annual icebreaker happens March 1 at North Avenue Beach.

Want to try some winter wading? Dipping tips:

Lake Michigan rarely freezes completely. In fact, generally, ice only covers half the lake’s surface.

Early March lake temperatures at North Avenue Beach should be in the thermal low- to mid-30s (August averages are in the mid-70s)

The human body cools 25 times faster in cold water than in air.

Taking the plunge? Wear water shoes or sneakers for rocks, ice, and the frozen beach. Avoid changing into clothes with buttons or zippers – frozen fingers don’t work so well.

Urban Wildlife Coalition Spring Home Critter-Proofing Tips

As spring approaches, many urban animals like raccoons, rats, and squirrels are house shopping, trying to find a cozy place to raise a family. A wild animal in your home can be distressing, even for the most ardent animal lovers. Take preventive measures now to avoid more difficult removal later.

Top-to-Bottom Inventory and Troubleshooting – allow several hours in the daytime for this assessment

Gather binoculars and a flashlight. Bring a camera if you’d like to document problem areas for professional service.

Attic

Is anyone home? See if animals are currently living there. (track marks, droppings, holes, nesting materials).

Turn off lights – daylight shining through will indicate gaps or holes that should be filled.

Never seal a hole if you suspect an animal may be in your home. You’ll block its escape route and trap it indoors.

Chimney

Shine flashlight up the chimney looking for animal indicators, especially on the damper and smoke shelf.

Certain no animals are present? Install a rugged, animal-proof chimney cap.

Foundation

Check for possible entrances, with special attention to places where different building materials meet: window wells, exhaust vents, siding cracks, etc. Small openings can be filled with caulk, foam, or copper mesh. Larger openings should be repaired before the cold weather sets in.

Again, take precautions. Make sure your home is animal-free before sealing any gaps.

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.urban-wildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.




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FILM

February 27 · 8 pm Nosferatu Tickets are \$10 at the door

June 27-28 Gary Null Health Documantery Film Festival Time magazine called him "The New Mr. Natural." My Generation magazine dubbed him one of the top health gurus in the United States. For over three decades, Gary Null has been one of the foremost advocates of alternative medicine and natural healing. After each one of these award winning films, Gary Null will answer your questions and sign autographs. www.garynull.com

6/27/09 1pm - Vaccine Nation

6/27/09 4pm - Drugging of our Children

6/27/09 7pm - Aid's Inc.

6/28/09 10am - Gulf War Syndrome

6/28/09 12:30pm - Prescription for Disaster

6/28/09 3pm - Autism, Made in the USA

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

February 28, March 7,14,21,28: Cirque Da Uno

Magic, juggling, unicycle, balancing, puppetry, ventriloquism, audience participation, physical comedy....all by one guy!!! Jeffery the Great brings his talents, as well as his great sense, of humor to the Skokie Theatre in a world premiere. A show that is sure to amaze and amuse the whole family!!

POP/JAZZ/FOLK

February 25, Rhapsody In Blue - Adam Marks, 1:30pm - \$15/\$20

February 28, Anne & Mark Burnell present COME RAIN or COME SHINE: the Harold Arlen Songbook, 8pm - \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

March 1, Shellie Beeman - Timeless Journey Through the Classics, 2pm - \$20/\$25

March 6 - 7, Love in the Key of Ouch! A life of showbiz, a world of breakups Starring Skip Griparis, 8pm - \$20/\$25

March 8, 2pm ROSIE! A Tribute to Rosemary Clooney Heather Moran recreates the music of Rosemary Clooney Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door

March 8 · 8 pm THE CHICAGO COSSACKS THE CHICAGO COS-SACKS will present a program of Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian and Gypsy traditional dances and songs performed on traditional instruments: domra (Russian mandolin), bayan (Russian button accordion), balalaika. The entertainment includes the English translation of the lyrics and overview and history of Russian folk instruments. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

SKOKIE ART GUILD

2009 Members' Spring Exhibit “NATURE'S PALETTE”

Saturday, March 7 through Saturday, May 2

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday, March 13, 7-9 PM

Emely Oakes Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie

Celebrate nature with an evening of original Art and the Artists.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Skokie Art Guild's 48th Annual Art Fair. July 11/12, 2009. Fine Art. Prizes and Awards. \$150.00 Booth Fee. 75 Exhibitors. Held on the beautiful Village Green, downtown Skokie, IL., 5211 W. Oakton. APPLY NOW! Contact: skokieart@aol.com Tel. 847-677-8163

Skokie Art Guild Artists’

Individual Exhibits Showing Feb. thru April.

Hope Salmanoff - Oil Paintings

Bank of Lincolnwood, 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood

Claire L. Hirsch - Sculptures

Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie

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Skokie Art Guild Members \$12: non-members \$20. For information call: Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461

Call for Artists for Evanston Festivals

The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 18-19, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 1-2. 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. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, April 6.

Always held the first 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 received by Friday, March 6.

Artist applications for both festivals are now available online at www.city-ofevanston.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.

Surrealism Marks Oakton Classes

Surrealism is an engaging topic of study offered in February by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College.

René Magritte: Artist, Surrealist, Enchanter (ART H15-71) previews the Art Institute of Chicago’s upcoming exhibit about the witty Belgian surrealist. Course meets 1 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Oakton’s Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Course fee is \$20.

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

Active Transportation Alliance

Call for Entries for Art Exhibition

The National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago is looking for an artist to do a piece on deaths caused by bike accidents in Chicago as part of its Dia de los Muertos exhibition. The 23rd annual Dia de los Muertos exhibition will be held from Sept. 25 to Dec. 13, 2009. The working theme of the exhibition is Camino a casa, Coming Home on the Day of the Dead. The ofrenda must be based on the Mexicano tradition, but can be contemporary in its nature.

Entries must be received by Feb. 27, 2009, at 5 p.m. For more guidelines and information, contact: Gabriel Villa, 2-D US artists; Jose Luis Gutierrez, 3-D US artists; Vanessa Sanchez, 3-D Chicago artists.

Open Studio Projects

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Tuesday Mornings

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Wednesday Mornings

Mar 4 - April 22; 6 weeks (no class 4/8; 4/15)

Apr 29 - Jun 10; 6 weeks (no class 5/13)

Wednesday Afternoons

Mar 4 - April 22 ; 6 weeks (no class 4/8; 4/15)

Apr 29 - Jun 10 6 weeks (no class 5/13)

Fee, 4-week class: \$80 non-member, \$75 OSP member, \$70 sibling.

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

Village of Skokie Fire Department CPR Classes

The Skokie Fire Department offers CPR classes on Tuesday, February 17 and March 17, 2009.

Each class is held at Station 16, 7424 Niles Center Road, runs from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and covers infant, child, and adult CPR. Residents pay a \$15 refundable fee. Non-residents pay a \$20, non-refundable fee. This class is not certified for health-care professionals.

Save a life, register for a class today! Call 847/982-5340 to register.

Village of Skokie Home Delivered Meals Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division offers a Home Delivered Meals program and is in need of delivery drivers.

You can help Skokie residents to remain independent in their own homes by volunteering a small amount of time to deliver meals.

To become a volunteer, an application must be completed and a copy of your driver's license with proof of auto insurance is needed. A brief training and answers to any questions you may have can be done during the same visit. Please contact the Human Service Division at 847/933-8208 for further information.

St. Peter Catholic School News

Recipes are still needed for the St. Peter Parish Cookbook. Please submit your recipe to the school office as soon as possible. Each family is asked to provide at least one recipe. Call 847-673-0918 for more information.

Thanks are in order to Oberweis Dairy for allowing St. Peter to receive up to 30% of everything our parishioners and friends buy on certain days. Ms. Guthrie, a member of the Parent Teacher Organization, has arranged for several dates which will enable St. Peter to benefit from this fundraiser. An Oberweis coupon must be presented at the time of purchase. Coupons were sent home in the Friday Folder, but please contact the school if you need more.

2009 Skokie Community Video Awards: Call for Entries

The Skokie Cable Television Advisory Commission invites you to submit your locally produced, non-professional video program for inclusion in the 2009 Community Cable Video Awards competition. All videos produced at the Skokie Comcast Public Access studio or any other Skokie educational or governmental studios during 2008 and 2009 are eligible to participate. Participants may submit more than one entry. Applications are available online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.skokie.org"](http://www.skokie.org) www.skokie.org and in the January/February issue of NewSkokie. Please submit entries by March 16, 2009.

The Cable Television Advisory Commission was created to advise the Village Board on matters pertaining to cable television, promoting local access programming, effective use of education and government access channels and the recent addition of the municipal wireless system. The commission meets the last Tuesday night of each month.

For additional information, contact the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257.

Register by March 9 for Youth Basketball Tournament

March Madness comes to Evanston with two weekends of basketball competition for students in Grades 4-8. Boys and girls can show off their prowess at the annual March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21 and 27-28, at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., Evanston. Once again this year, the tournament has been expanded to two weekends so that more teams can compete.

This exciting double-elimination tournament is a great way for youth to test their skills and enjoy some fast-paced competition. Based on grade and gender, teams will be assigned a time block to play on Friday evening or during the day on Saturday. Each team will play at least two games. The tournament fee is \$58 per team of up to four players and includes a T-shirt for each player. Team registration forms and payment must be received by Monday, March 9, at the Chandler-Newberger Center. Registration forms can be picked up at the Center or downloaded from www.cityofevanston.org/chandler. For more information, call 847-448-8252.



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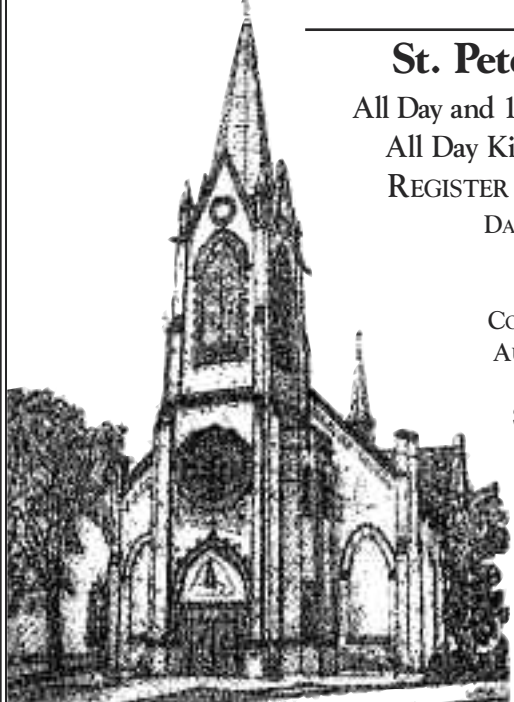
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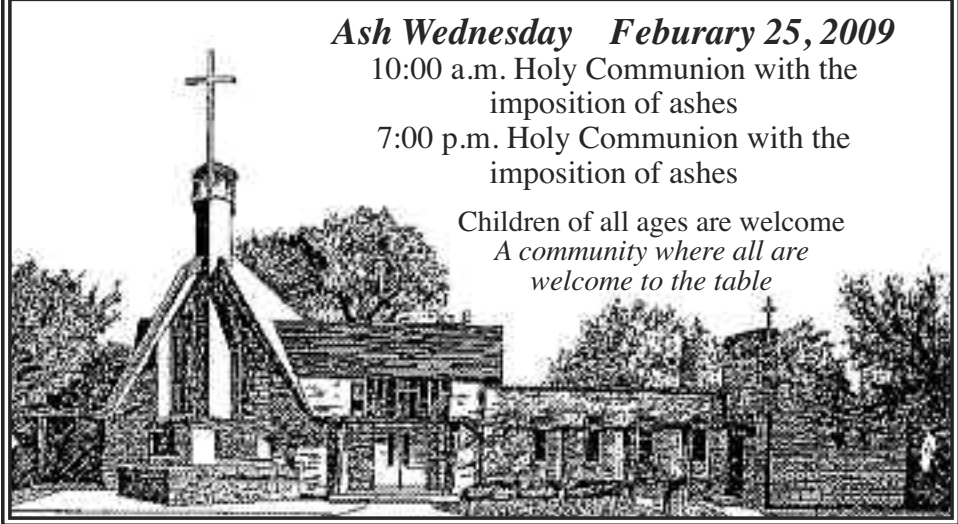
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Reeltime Film: Pete Seeger-The Power of Song

Wednesday, February 25, Community Meeting Room, Main Library
Pete Seeger: The Power of Song by Jim Brown (2007, 89 min.)

With music that will get your foot tapping and never-before-seen archival footage, this is a moving tribute to the legendary Pete Seeger, one of America's most important singer/songwriters. A life-affirming portrait of an artist who understands both the power of music and people as instruments for social change.

Obama Inauguration Quilt Blocks on Display

Celebrate the inauguration of President Barack Obama by viewing the quilt blocks on display through February at the Evanston Public Library! Quilts are located on 1st, 2nd and third floors. Or go to the library home page www.epl.org and look for the Obama Inauguration Quilt Blocks for a link to the library's flickr account! Quilters from Evanston and the surrounding area submitted quilts for the exhibit.

Friday Film

Friday, February 27, 3 PM, Community Meeting Room, Main Library
A Family Thing (1995, 109 min, rated PG)
When an Arkansas man (Robert Duvall) learns that he has an African American half-brother (James Earl Jones), he travels to Chicago to meet him. With the help of their Aunt T, the men work through long-held grudges and prejudices.

The Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents Come Rain or Come Shine: The Harold Arlen Songbook

Chicago and suburbs: (February 2008) One of the greatest American songwriters is celebrated in this tribute concert, "Come Rain or Come Shine", Saturday, February 28, at 8:00pm, although many do not know him by name. Composer Harold Arlen wrote many of our treasured American standards including "Over the Rainbow," "Stormy Weather," and "The Man That Got Away." Saluting Arlen at the newly renovated Skokie Theatre, is jazz vocalist Anne Burnell, music director/pianist Mark Burnell, and arranger Bob Ojeda, a Count Basie veteran of 16 years.

The Skokie Theatre is located at 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. Tickets are \$20 advance/\$25 door, phone (847)677-7761, or www.skokietheatre.org

In 2005, Burnell released a tribute CD to commemorate Harold Arlen's 100th birthday, "Blues in the Night", which reached Top ten status on CMJ Jazz charts across the country, New York, Chicago, San Diego, Denver, and Miami, and also in Australia, Canada and The Netherlands. "Blues in the Night" gathers 12 of Arlen's blues oriented works, and features arrangements by Bob Ojeda.

Bob Ojeda played with many of the great big bands, Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Lionel Hampton, and top jazz musicians such as Roland Hanna, Hank Jones, Frank Rosolino, and Carl Fontana. Bob has arranged and composed for Buddy Rich, Sarah Vaughan, Lena Horn, George Benson, Dianne Schuur, and in the 80's, he began arranging and performing with The Count Basie Orchestra.

Ms. Burnell, (formerly Anne Pringle), has appeared at numerous festivals and clubs for 15 years, including the Chicago Humanities Festival, Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, Taste of Chicago, WDCB's Jazz Salon at Mayslake, with Chicago Cabaret Professionals at Park West, and Drury Lane Theatre, Andy's, Pop's for Champagne, Davenport's Cabaret, 200 East Supper Club, the national anthem for both the Chicago Cubs & White Sox with her pianist/husband Mark Burnell. The Burnell duo was named "One of Chicago's Top Ten" in 2002 & 2003 by New York's Cabaret Hotline with successful engagements in New York, Amsterdam, and Paris.

Oakton Pastels Exhibition Softens Harsh Winter

Works by prominent pastel artists will be on display Thursday, Feb. 5 through Friday, March 27 at the Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Presented by the Chicago Pastel Painters, Pastels Chicago is a juried exhibition featuring 100 works representing a diversity of visual styles and subjects. Curator Doug Dawson, a native of Oak Park and master pastel painter, has been honored by a variety of art organizations and recently was inducted into the Pastel Society of America Hall of Fame.

The public is invited to a free reception with refreshments, 5 – 8 p.m., Thursday, March 5. [Note: The March 5 date is correct. Reception will take place during the run of the exhibition.] Dawson will reveal his "best of show" awards during the reception.

The Koehnline Museum of Art is open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday. For details call 847-635-2633 or visit www.oakton.edu/museum.

Enroll in March Emeritus Classes at Oakton

Enroll now in classes starting in March offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College. All featured courses meet at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose (PSY C49-71) is designed to help students better understand the power of the mind through concepts described in Eckhart Tolle's book of the same name. Eight-week course meets 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday, starting March 2. Course fee is \$150.

Tai Chi (PED E30-72) teaches peaceful exercise techniques and is best practiced in loose clothing and stocking feet, or comfortable flat shoes. Six-week course meets 1:15 – 2:15 p.m., Monday, starting March 2. Course fee is \$72.

Six Plays (EGL E98-71) examines six of the hottest plays to hit the stages of Chicago and New York. The aesthetic and sociopolitical values of each work will be debated. Six-week course meets 1 – 3 p.m., Thursday, starting March 5. Course fee is \$80.

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

Register for Oakton Emeritus 'Passport' Series

Register now for Passport to the World, a series of foreign relations lectures offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College. Join local experts for an analysis of international events and issues. This series focuses on change in the world since the inauguration of Barack Obama.

A 10-week session meets 1 – 2:30 p.m., Thursday, starting March 5, at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Another 10-week session meets 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Friday, starting March 6, at Oakton's Skokie campus. Seating is limited.

The series begins with A Woman's Place: Middle East and Asia, a look at the changing roles of women in the Middle East and Asia. Other lectures include: Impact of Poverty and Hunger in Africa (March 12/13); Economic Reforms in Bolivia (March 19/20); Major Landmines for the New U.S. President (March 26/27); Women in Resistance (April 2/3); Pakistan's Priorities (April 16/17); The Russia Puzzle (April 23/24); Myths of Power (April 30/May 1); Europe: A Commentary (May 7/8); and The State of Our World (May 14/15).

The series-only fee is \$60 for in-district residents age 60 and over, and \$75 for out-of-district residents and those under age 60. Half-price tuition does not apply.

Oakton's Emeritus Program offers credit and noncredit courses, lectures, seminars, and tours, while providing a chance to share learning experiences with peers age 50 and over.

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Your Team is on Your Side



Chester M. Przybylo

Estate Planning is like a team sport. Your team should be made of qualified professionals, which you have selected. This article examines your team members and describes the role they should play in achieving your goals. Working with your team, you will be able to build a game plan to get you to the finish line.

Estate Planning is like a team sport. In these turbulent economic times, sometimes it may seem like you are going it all alone. However, you'll find that bringing together a team of qualified professionals will bring you peace of mind as you work towards your goals.

Before doing anything else, you must first select the members of your team to help you achieve your goals. This team consists of the following professionals, depending on your goals:

A Qualified Estate Planning Attorney. An estate planning attorney who focuses their practice in the area of estate planning is critical to helping guide you through the intricacies of the area. Whether you are just starting out in life or you are in your golden years, an estate planning attorney can help you make sure your assets are left to your heirs in the manner you desire.

A Financial Planner. A good financial planner is important to make sure you are on track to achieve your retirement and other financial goals.

An Accountant. A good accountant can help you navigate income tax issues and, if you have a business, can make sure the business adheres to accounting standards.

An Insurance Agent. An insurance agent can help you select the right coverage for your needs to shift risks you cannot afford to bear yourself. Life insurance can be particularly useful in estate planning.

Your estate planning attorney can work with you to identify your goals. Once you have identified those goals, your estate planning attorney, working with the rest of your team, can build a game plan to get you to the finish line.

The hardest part is defeating inertia and picking up the phone. Once you take the first step, your estate planning attorney will help guide you through the process and may be able to make recommendations on selecting the rest of your team, if you haven't yet done so.

Now is a great time to get started. The combination of low asset values and low interest rates makes for unprecedented opportunities in your estate planning. Your team is waiting for you to call the first play.

Chester M. Przybylo is a member of the 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.

Senior Tax Tips

Mistakes on your tax return can be costly, both in time and money. Review this list of the 12 most common mistakes before filing your return and double check to make sure you avoid them.

Math Mistakes – Double check all the figures on your return; have someone else check it over; and use a calculator.

Incorrect or Illegible Address – Incorrect address can delay processing of your return, or cause IRS correspondence to go to the wrong address

Incorrect Filing Status or Checking Multiple Filing Status Boxes – You could lose out on valuable deductions if you make a mistake here.

Not Using the Correct Tax Table or the Correct Column in the table – Double Check yourself

Incorrect or Missing Social Security Number

Incorrect Number in Direct Deposit bank account number – this can cause your money to float between financial institutions and be a nightmare to straighten out.

Incomplete or Missing Documentation – Attach all the appropriate forms (W-2s, 1099s, etc.) Failure to do so may prompt the IRS to make its own adjustments

Not Enclosing a Check – If you owe money, make sure to include the check with the return and put your social security number on the check!

Failure to Take Tax Credits and Deductions – Check with a tax professional to make sure you’re getting all the credits and deductions you’re entitled to. Every year, the IRS collects millions of dollars in overpaid taxes due to this mistake.

Failure to Make copies of your return and your supporting documents. If you end up doing battle with IRS, these will be critical.

Unreported Income – The IRS will go after you for this quicker than anything. Don’t risk it.

Failure to Sign and Date – Believe it or not, this is one of the most common mistakes. From the IRS’s perspective, if you haven’t signed your return, you haven’t filed.

Aryeh Goldbloom, President
AGT Tax Advisory Group

The AGT Tax Advisory Group offers a \$49 tax service exclusively for seniors age 55+. Call us with your questions. 847-933-9222

FBI: Don’t be Fooled by Work-at-Home Scams

The FBI and the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) continue to receive numerous complaints from individuals who have fallen victim to work-at-home scams and remind consumers to be vigilant when seeking employment online.

These work-at-home schemes are designed by criminals to gain the trust of job seekers in order to take advantage of working relationships to further illegal activity. Most victims do not even realize they are engaging in criminal behavior until it is too late.

In many of the reported scams, victims are often hired to “process payments,” “transfer funds,” or “reship products.” However, these scams exploit unwitting employees by having them cash fraudulent checks, transfer illegally obtained funds for the criminals, or receive stolen merchandise and ship it to the criminals.

Other scams entice victims to sign up to be a “mystery shopper,” receiving fraudulent checks with instructions to cash the checks and wire the funds to “test” a company’s services. Victims are told they will be compensated with a portion of the merchandise or funds.

Job scams also often provide criminals the opportunity to commit identity theft when victims provide their personal information, sometimes even bank account information, to their potential “employer.” The criminal/employer can then use the victim’s information to open credit cards, post online auctions, register websites, etc., in the victim’s name to commit additional crimes.

“Don’t get duped by these criminals offering easy money. Remain skeptical of unsolicited job offers that sound too good to be true and report any scams you might encounter,” said Richard Kolko, FBI National Press Office.

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Bears of Hope participated in PACE’s “Community Day”

I’m working on the Bears new website and when it’s ready to go live, there is a link to your website and the bears articles you graciously printed in Street Level. Right now the Bears website only has a blurb about what we do and a picture gallery.

This past weekend, Bears of Hope participated in PACE’s “Community Day.” The PACE students are ages 18-30 years of age with multiple learning disabilities. This is a special program at National Louis University, Skokie campus. It transitions the students to live independently and learn skills in order to work in the business world. The community day program’s purpose was to help the students understand what doing good deeds for others means. There were several things students could choose to do. We were the project for sick and needy children and elderly adults. Bears volunteers and myself guided the students in tracing bear patterns on fabric and stuffing our bears properly. I’ll write a press release for Street Level with pictures and you should get it by the end of this month.

FYI: The PACE program director put her name down on the Bears of Hope posting I put on www.usaservice.org requesting volunteers to make bears. I contacted her and arrangements were made—that’s how Bears of Hope became involved in the PACE Community Day program. I wasn’t aware of the PACE program until we made contact. Incidentally, nine other people signed up to volunteer on the bears posting. I asked for ten volunteers and was amazed to have ten signed up in a day and a half. I’m having an information meeting with them Feb. 28 to demonstrate how the bears are made and find out if they are really interested in volunteering to help make bears.

Jo-Anne Hirschfield Memorial Poetry Contest – Submissions due February 28

The Board of Directors of the Evanston Public Library is pleased to announce the annual poetry competition funded by an endowment to the Library in memory of Jo-Anne Hirshfield. The 31st Annual Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards competition is open to all students, kindergarten through the eighth grade, attending an Evanston elementary or middle school or residing in Evanston. Additionally, all high school students and adults in the Chicago area may enter. This year's guest judge will be Janet S. Wong.

Awards will be made in four categories: 1) kindergarten through fifth grade, 2) sixth through eighth grade, 3) high school students and 4) adults. Prizes for the three winning entries in each category will be: First Prize: \$100; Second Prize: \$50 and Third Prize: \$25.

Contest rules may be obtained at www.epl.org, at all Evanston Library facilities, and by calling 847-448-8650. The deadline (drop off or postmark) for entries is Friday, February 28. All poems should be sent to: Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards, c/o Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

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Additionally, all Illinois homeowners and landlords must have carbon monoxide detectors in buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities. All residential units are required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.

For more information about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340.



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FINALLY

By Bosley

After months and months of anticipation and waiting; and dealing with my confused Human; I finally was able to see our new finished place of business. Wow, is it big there is lots of room for us to play! I will confess to you my friends that I was a little intimidated. New places can be sometimes scary and overwhelming. I was a little hesitant at first because the place is big, and I don't know what my Human has in mind. You never know what to expect with those Humans, so I was a little apprehensive!

My Human finally seems much happier now that she is back to work! Don't get me wrong, as far as Human's go she is still nuts, but in a much different way then before. I think like me, she missed our furry friends and was pawisitively eager to see everyone! Now that she has, thank pawness, she is doing a lot better and so am I.

She has been explaining to everyone that the new space will offer some new stuff for us pups! Something called Doggie Day Care made my ears perk, at first I thought it was something bad. Turns out it is basically like a camp where us pups get together and play! Well that sounds like a good idea to me, with my Human's craziness of late my fellow housemates and I have not been getting the social activities we normally do. So, what is better the going to work with my Human, and seeing my friends to play!

I know that new places can be scary, but sometimes it turns out, you will have more fun then you ever expected! So, come out and see the new place. My Human has mentioned hosting an open house when the weather gets a little warmer (hopefully soon)! So, keep your paw tuned to my articles for updates. It is really good to get to see everyone again!

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



Rabies: A Discussion for Kids

by Peter S. Sakas DVM

What is Rabies?

Rabies is a disease that affects wild animals, domestic animals (like pets and livestock), and humans. It is caused by a virus. Only mammals (warm-blooded animals with fur) can get rabies.

The word "rabies" comes from a Latin word that means "to rage." Rabies got its name because animals with rabies sometimes act as if they are angry. Rabies attacks the brain and spinal cord. It kills you if not prevented. The best way to prevent rabies is to make sure your pets get their rabies shots and to avoid contact with wild or stray animals.

History of Rabies

People have known about rabies for a long time, as animal cases were reported in early Babylonian, Greek, and Roman records. Rabies was likely brought to the Americas when settlers first came from Europe, bringing rabid animals with them.

A 9-year-old boy was the first person to have received an effective shot for rabies. In 1885, Louis Pasteur thought that if he injected a weak form of virus from one rabid animal into another, the second animal might be able to fight off the disease. He tried this hypothesis out on the boy, he survived and lived a long life. That was how people starting giving shots for rabies.

After this success, other rabies vaccines were made. In the 1950s, people who had been bitten by a rabid animal got 23 shots along the abdomen. Today, the shots are more effective and less painful. They consist of a series of 6 shots given in the arm over a 1 month period. One shot is given around the bite and the rest are given in the arm.

How Do You Get Rabies?

You get rabies from the saliva of a rabid animal, usually from a bite. The rabies virus is spread through saliva. It is not spread through contact with urine, feces, or blood of an infected animal. You cannot get rabies by petting an animal. You may get rabies from a scratch if the animal, such as a cat, was licking its paw before it scratched you. (Remember that the rabies virus is found in the saliva of an animal).

What Does The Virus Do?

The targets of the rabies virus are nerve cells. The rabies virus infects the body usually through a bite from a rabid animal. Once inside the body, the virus travels along the peripheral nerves (the nerves that run throughout the body). Its main target is the central nervous system, which is made up of the brain and spinal cord.

Viruses cause disease by attacking the cells of the host They enter the host cell. Once inside, the virus makes more viruses. The host cell may die. The virus leaves the host cell and moves on to other host cells where the process starts again.

What Kinds Of Animals Get Rabies?

Only warm-blooded animals can get rabies. You cannot get rabies from birds, even though they are warm-blooded. Snakes and fish cannot have rabies because they are cold-blooded. In the United States, rabies is much more common in wild animals than in pets like cats or dogs. This is because most people who take good care of their pets make sure that their pets get the rabies vaccinations.

In the United States today, about 93 of every 100 reported cases of rabies are in wild animals. Most of the cases are found in raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes. Raccoons are the most common wild animal with rabies today. Cats had the largest number of reported rabies cases in pets.

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The Anti-Cruelty Society Events
110th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, March 7, 2009 starting at noon, at The Anti-Cruelty Society, 510 N. LaSalle
Stop by for give-aways and other goodies or to visit your favorite furry friend, free of charge. Denise Zak, pet intuitive, will be available for pet readings and there will be food and fun activities going on all day long beginning at noon in celebration of our 110 years of service.


The Chicagoland Family Pet Expo

March 20, 21 & 22, 2009, Friday - 11am to 6pm, Saturday - 9am to 6pm, Sunday - 9am to 5pm at the Arlington Park Racecourse, 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60006
The Anti-Cruelty Society will be one of the many booths present and will have sale items from our boutique as well as give-aways for participants. About the expo: The Chicagoland Family Pet Expo is a pet lovers paradise. You can shop for your favorite pet at more than 300 exhibit booths of pet-related products & services. Enjoy entertaining shows and competitions, plus get "up close and personal" with hundreds of pets of all kinds.

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B'nai B'rith Bowling Association

The 68th Annual International B'nai B'rith bowling association sectional tournament will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada over the weekend of March 28-29,. 2009. The host hotel will be Toronto Marriott Airport Hotel that will lodge the bowlers, their families and friends will serve as the tournament headquarters.

The bowlers will be given a set down dinner on Saturday prior to bowling and a Sunday breakfast before bowling their final three games. A Hospitality Room will be open over the weekend where bowlers can have snacks, soft drinks, relax and socialize. Entry fee is \$100 per bowler or \$400 per team. Combined prize money is \$6,400 based upon entries. This even t is the highlight event of the 2008-2009 bowling season.

For more information: Tournament co-chairmen Ian Regenstreif, 950-886-0736; Sonny Salzberg, 416-760-7011. Tournament Director: Mitchell Lefton, 248-851-0553.

KeyLime Cove (Teen Trip)

KeyLime Cove is an exciting tropical inspired indoor waterpark resort in Gurnee, Illinois. Come on in and let the funshine of paradise surround you all year! KeyLime Cove is Chicago’s largest, family friendly, water resort with excitement for all ages. Come splash the day away at the Lost Paradise Waterpark. Food and beverages are not included, but are available at one of the waterpark’s concession stands. Enjoy your day off of school at this indoor waterpark! Please register by February 23rd. (Min 15 / Max 50)

Ages: Grades 6 - 8
Date:Friday, February 27, 9:00am – 4:30pm
Location: Bus leaves from the Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL
Fee: Resident: \$75 Non-Resident: \$101 Pre-Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

Lazer Tag @ Lazer Zone (Teen Trip)

There is no school on Monday, March 2nd. What are you doing? Come with us for an afternoon of laser tag. This trip includes two games of laser tag at Lazer Zone in Glenview and pizza at the Community Center afterwards. What are you waiting for? Please register by February 23rd. (Min 15 / Max 35)

Ages: Grades 6 - 8
Date:Monday, March 2, 11:15am – 4:00pm
Location: Bus leaves from the Lincolnwood Community Center 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL
Fee: Resident: \$60 Non-Resident: \$81 Pre-Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

Lincolnwood Social Club (55+) Movie & Lunch, now showing “Grease”

Grease — A goody-two-shoes girl falls for a bad boy in this musical about identity, transformation, and growing up. The music is unforgettable and the costumes are as fun as you get. You'll be singing the songs for days after, and perhaps buy yourself a poodle skirt. Sub sandwiches will be served to those who register for the lunch.
Date: Friday, March 20, 11:30am – Lunch Noon – Movie
Location: Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL
Fee: \$10 Club Member * Movie & Lunch / \$4 Movie Only \$13 Non-Members * Movie & Lunch / \$6 Movie Only Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

Zumba

Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements. Zumba integrates the basic principles of aerobic interval training to maximize caloric output and total body toning. It;s fun, easy to-do exercise in disguise! (Min 10 / Max 30)
Ages: 21+
Date: Session II * Tuesday(s) March 3 – April 7, 10:00 – 11:00am
Location: Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL
Fee: Resident: \$42 per session Non-Resident: \$56 per session Pre-Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

Village Cooking Corner

Salmon Patties

I can red or pink Salmon cleaned and deboned
Put in bowl and mash.
Add 1 small onion, chopped fine.

Beat in one egg, about 1T ketchup (more if you like the tomato taste)
Add bread crumbs so that it will hold together in patties. Coat with bread crumbs and fry in hot oil, only until lightly browned on both sides. You may add a little Worcestershire sauce if you like.

From the Kitchens of Rose Suter

Oriental Spinach Soup

1T Soy Sauce
1/8 tsp. Ginger
Spinach
Scallions
Chicken Noodle Soup (1 can)

Chop Spinach. Add chicken noodle soup. 1 can of water, soy sauce and ginger and heat. Top with thinly sliced scallions.

From the Kitchens of Rose Suter

Lincolnwood Social Club (55+) Mix N’ Mingle

Come to our monthly gathering and catch up with all your friends! This will be a cozy atmosphere and just a time to relax and socialize. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Date:Friday, March 6, Noon – 1:30pm
Location: Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL
Fee: \$2 Club Member \$3 Non-Members Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

Glamour Tables Cheat Your Way To A Great Party

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Ages: Active Adults
Date:Friday, March 6, 10:00 – 11:00am
Location: Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL
Fee: Resident: \$21 Non-Resident: \$27 Pre-Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

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