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## OUR NEW ONLINE EDITION WILL BE AVAILABLE BY APRIL 3RD.

OUR ONLINE EDITION WILL JOIN *OUR VILLAGE* AND *STREET LEVEL* NEWSPAPERS AS YOUR LOCAL, GRASSROOTS, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATORS. WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST, AS WELL AS STORIES FROM YOUR CHICAGOLAND COMMUNITIES.

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**THE EDITOR**

## NILES TOWNSHIP YOUTH COALITION PRESENTS “RAISING TEENS: A RISKY BUSINESS” ON APRIL 13

Parents and guardians in Niles Township are invited to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss “Raising Teens: A Risky Business” from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13 in the Niles West High School Auditorium at 5701 Oakton, Skokie. The Niles Township Youth Coalition (NTYC) is sponsoring this meeting to inform parents about the kinds of lifestyle choices young people are making. The meeting will start off with a summary of results from the social norms survey recently completed at Niles North and Niles West High Schools. The findings will give parents of teens and pre-teens a true picture about the usage of drugs, alcohol and tobacco among young people. Most of the meeting will give parents time to ask questions of professionals from local social service agencies, schools and law enforcement. Please attend this important meeting to help your children make healthy life choices.

An Information Fair will be held in the Lobby after the meeting. Literature from local community agencies and agency representatives will be on hand.

The Niles Township Youth Coalition is composed of local community agencies that serve Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie. Its purpose is to bring together the key social service agencies that support children and families in Niles Township, to help provide a safe and secure community.

## Private Elm Tree Insurance Applications Now Available to Evanston Residents

Private elm tree insurance is again being offered to Evanston residents through the City of Evanston's Parks/Forestry Division. While the City maintains elm trees on public property, homeowners are responsible for removing diseased elms from their private property. Costs for removing diseased trees can range from \$1,000 for a medium-sized tree to more than \$4,000 for a very large tree.

The Private Elm Tree Insurance Program covers the cost of removing trees lost to Dutch Elm disease. If an insured tree is so infected that it must be removed, the City will handle all aspects and costs of the removal to ground level. Removal of the remaining stump is up to the homeowner. Costs for the private insurance range from \$60 to \$140 per tree per year, depending on a tree's size.

This is a one-year insurance program, and new applications must be submitted each year. Applications are available now at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., or on the City's Web site, [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org). Residents can also call 847-866-2912. Completed applications and payment must be received by Mon., June 1.

## Earth Hour-The First Global Vote for the Planet

On March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m., hundreds of millions of people in more than 1,500 cities in 80 countries around the world will come together once again to make a bold statement of concern about climate change by turning off their lights for one hour - Earth Hour. With their light switch as their ballot, millions of people across the country and around the world will cast a vote for action in the first global election on climate change.

Here in the U.S., it sends a message that Americans care about this issue and stand with the rest of the world in seeking to find solutions to the escalating climate crisis.

From melting glaciers to increasingly intense weather patterns, climate change is already impacting life on our planet. To alter the course of climate change, we must act now.

### Earth Hour Expands its Reach in 2009

Cities around the world have already committed to Earth Hour 2009. U.S. cities include Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Nashville, New York, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Washington D.C. They will join international cities such as Beijing, Berlin, Copenhagen, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Mexico City, Moscow, Paris, Sydney and Toronto.

Icons going dark for Earth Hour in the U.S. include: The U.N. and Empire State Building in NYC, Las Vegas Strip, National Cathedral in D.C., Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Niagara Falls, Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong's Symphony of Lights and Taipei 101, Moscow State University and Table Mountain in South Africa

Organizations endorsing Earth Hour include 4-H, Astronomical League and the National Education Association. Celebrities pledging support include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Academy Award-winning actress Cate Blanchett and actors Edward Norton, Ashley Judd, Janeane Garofalo, Jenette McCurdy and Keisha Knight Pulliam as well as recording artists Alanis Morissette, Big Kenny (Big & Rich), Kathy Mattea, Wynonna Judd, KT Tunstall, Gavin DeGraw, Rise Against, Coldplay and Jo Dee Messina.

Teaching guides, toolkits for colleges, communities and businesses, links to Earth Hour's communities on the social Web sites Facebook, MySpace and Twitter, as well as the limited edition Shepard Fairey “Vote Earth” poster are available for download at [HYPERLINK "http://www.EarthHourUS.org"](http://www.EarthHourUS.org) [www.EarthHourUS.org](http://www.EarthHourUS.org).

### A Historic Event

Earth Hour was first celebrated two years ago in Sydney, Australia, when 2.2 million people and thousands of businesses turned out their lights for one hour. In March 2008, an estimated 36 million Americans joined the effort, with more than 400 cities and 50 million people participating worldwide.

Earth Hour captured the public's imagination with lights going out at some of the world's most iconic landmarks including the Coliseum in Rome and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and symbols such as Cola-Cola's famous billboard in Times Square and the Google homepage.

One hour - Earth Hour, 2009. Turn out. Take action. Vote Earth.

Visit [earthhour.org](http://earthhour.org) to join the movement.

## The Village of Skokie Street Sweeping Program

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

The Village uses four mechanical street sweepers Monday through Friday on staggered schedules ranging from 3:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Public Works Department makes every effort to sweep single-family residential streets every five to seven days. Multi-family residential areas are swept monthly, the first full week of the month. Concrete alleys also are swept monthly depending on operational needs. Delays sometimes occur due to inclement weather, equipment repairs and holidays.

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

# REUSE + REDUCE = PRESERVATION

REUSE + REDUCE = PRESERVATION: is a free presentation sponsored by the Evanston Preservation Commission with guest speaker Mike Jackson, FAIA, Chief Architect, Preservation Services Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The historic preservation movement, as a profession and an approach to the treatment of built environment, is doing something much more important than defining how to build. Not only are preservationists advocates for historic buildings, they also are building a culture that sustains design. This could be preservationists' most important contribution to the art and science of sustainability (Illinois Historic Preservation Agency).

Evanston's Preservation Commission will host speaker Mike Jackson, who will discuss the inroads and advances being made to recognize and incorporate historic preservation as an important and critical component of green building technology and sustainable design. He will talk about why historic preservation is the "original green."

Following his presentation, Mr. Jackson will answer questions from the audience. Afterwards, the Preservation Commission will have an open discussion about the subject and other historic preservation issues the public would like to talk about.

When: Saturday, April 4, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Where: Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd, Evanston.  
Bring your own brown bag lunch. Registration is free, but space is limited!

## Stop Smoking Clinic in Evanston

The Evanston Department of Health and Human Services and Skokie Health Department will host a six-session Stop Smoking Clinic April 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 & 21. All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston. This program is provided free of charge to people who live or are employed in either Skokie or Evanston.

Participants attend six evening sessions over a two-week period and then are eligible to attend follow-up sessions for long-term reinforcement. A 24-hour live hotline service is available for all participants both during and after the clinic. Group and individual counseling is provided.

There are no shots, record keeping, hypnosis, needles, or any other quick-fix gimmicks. The method is clear and simple. Participants quit smoking completely at the first session and are supported through the worst period of physiological and psychological withdrawal. Long-term reinforcement then provides additional support to maintain abstinence.

Most people have paid fees ranging up to \$150 for this same program. Evanston and Skokie residents, as well as employees, will be provided this same quality of service at no charge, making this an unbeatable offer.

Jerry Zabin, L.C.S.W., conducts the clinic. Mr. Zabin has worked in the field of social work since 1976. As the former director of two addiction programs, he has a great deal of experience in working with chemical dependency. He has conducted Smoking Cessation Clinics over the past 20 years, helping many people to successfully stop smoking and has maintained a psychotherapy practice since 1985.

Being a nicotine addict means there is no magic cure, no easy way out. But nicotine addiction, like any other drug dependency, is treatable. This program offers the most comprehensive and sound support to beat that addiction.

For information, go to [www.evanstonssc.com](http://www.evanstonssc.com) or call the Evanston Health Department at 847-866-2949.

## Skokie Fire Department CPR

The Skokie Fire Department offers CPR classes. The next session takes place on Tuesday April 21, 2009.

Each class is held at Station 16, 7424 Niles Center Road. The class 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.

## KidneyMobile Comes to Evanston

The KidneyMobile® will come to Evanston on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Civic Center parking lot. It has hands-on displays and a short video to educate residents about kidney disease and treatments. After visiting the KidneyMobile, stop inside the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. (ground level), for FREE screenings for hypertension, diabetes, prostate cancer and kidney disease. No appointment is required. Each participant will have a private consultation at which he/she receives the results that day. For details, call 847-448-8138.

## Oakton Hosts Free Cultural Celebrations

More than 50 free performances, lectures, films, and demonstrations are offered as Oakton Celebrates Cultures Week, March 30 – April 2, at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, and 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. All programs are open to the public. Parking is always free

Scheduled events are led by Oakton's talented faculty, staff, and students. Topics include: Polish immigration, Korean and African rhythms, fun with bubbles, hip hop culture, graphic novels, and "the geography of bliss." At both campuses, Student Street will be transformed into an international marketplace sponsored by Oakton's many diverse student groups.

Cultures Week also includes Modern Languages Film Festival, a presentation of 11 award-winning international films. All screenings are free. For detailed information or to receive a complete Oakton Celebrates Cultures Week schedule, call 847-635-1672, or visit [www.oakton.edu/cultures](http://www.oakton.edu/cultures).

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# Skokie Merchant of the Year Award

At the March 16, 2009, Village Board meeting the Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission announced the names of the 2008 Merchant of the Year award winners. The Consumer Affairs Commission received ballots nominating Skokie businesses. Ballot entries were available in NewSkokie and at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

The winners for the 2008 Merchant of the year include:  
1st Place, Perfectionist Hair Salon, 4950 Oakton  
2nd Place, Sweety Pies Bakery, 7931 Lincoln  
3rd Place, Third Place (tie) Jewel, 9449 Skokie Blvd and Total Graphics, 8343 Niles Center

The winners were honored by the Mayor and Village Board at the meeting. Consumer Affairs Commissioners presented a brief introduction followed by the award presentations.

## \$PEND LOCALLY AND \$AVE!

It is possible to pinch pennies and still have a good time! One easy way to trim budget bulge is to dine, shop, and play in our own neighborhood. A visit to your favorite local boutique, bowling alley, movie theater, and restaurant saves gas money and is more affordable than a trek to a downtown counterpart. Best of all, spending locally is a vote of confidence and an investment in the future health of our neighborhoods.



## Free Choral Concert!

Seven area synagogue choirs take part in the annual Zemer Am (“Song of the People”) Choral Festival, a free choral concert to be held Sunday, March 29, 4:00 p.m. at Shaare Tikvah (5800 N Kimball Ave, Chicago, 773-539-2202). Participating choirs are from Temple Beth Israel (Skokie), Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation (Evanston), Anshe Emet (Chicago), Shir Hadash (Northbrook), Am Shalom (Glencoe), B'nai Tikvah (Deerfield), and B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim (BJBE - Glenview) Also featured will be Kol Zimrah Community Singers, a volunteer civic chorus of Jewish singers from many backgrounds serving the metropolitan Chicago area, and the Milwaukee Jewish Community Choir.

## 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](http://www.teamcoastguard.us).  
**GPS for Mariners** Wednesdays March 25, April 15, May 20, 7-9 pm One session class Bscript@aol.com 773-545-0497 \$20

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

# Applications Are Now Available for the Circuit Breaker and Illinois Cares RX Program

Skokie residents may qualify for a refund on property taxes, rent, or nursing home charges through the Circuit Breaker program. In addition, residents may qualify for help to pay for certain prescription medicines through the Illinois Cares RX Program. Residents must meet one of the following qualifications to participate in this program:

Residents must have been 65 years of age or older before January 1, 2009; or  
Residents must become 65 years of age during 2009 (for a partial grant); or  
Residents must have been 16 years of age or older before January 1, 2009 and totally disabled; or

Residents must be a widow or widower who turned 63 years of age before the deceased claimant's death; and

Residents must have lived in an Illinois residence in 2008 that was subject to property or mobile home tax; and

Residents must live in Illinois at the time the claim is filed for relief; and  
A one-person household must have an income of \$25,532 or less; a two-person household must have a combined income of \$33,877 or less; a three-person household must have a combined income of \$42,220 or less

Those enrolled in the Circuit Breaker Program are encouraged to apply for an RTA reduced-fare card at the Skokie Village Clerk’s Office which is a registered application center with the state. The office is located on the first floor of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208 or visit the Illinois Department on Aging's website [www.cbrx.il.gov/](http://www.cbrx.il.gov/) for program details and how to apply.

## Oakton Instructor Chronicles Greek History

Mike Davros, adjunct English instructor at Oakton Community College, chronicles Greek history throughout the Chicago area in a book recently released by Arcadia Publishing.

Greeks in Chicago captures the hard work and success of the Hellenic population in the nation’s third largest metropolis. The book is part of Arcadia’s “Images of America” series, which has preserved the history of hundreds of communities since its inception in 1993.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Order of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a service organization that supports Greek-American charities, causes, and communities, Davros said.

Davros is a Chicago native who earned his doctorate in American literature from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is active in many Greek-American organizations and serves as president of North Shore Chapter 94 of the Order of AHEPA.

## Celebrate National Corndog Day

Saturday, March 21 is the officially designated day to celebrate a great, truly American food – the corndog, according to [www.corndogday.com](http://www.corndogday.com)



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# GREAT OUTDOORS

## **Volunteers Needed at the Lincoln Park Conservatory, Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool, & North Pond Sanctuary Six-Week Docent Training Begins April 4**

The Lincoln Park Conservancy, Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool and North Pond Sanctuary are seeking individuals to serve as docents.

Docents, volunteers trained to educate the public, have the opportunity to foster a greater appreciation and understanding of Lincoln Park, the conservatory and Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool. The training program begins on April 4 and continues each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon (skipping April 11).

Volunteer docents are asked to spend approximately nine hours per month giving tours to the public. Area experts on horticulture, the art of interpretation, the history of Lincoln Park, and landscape design will train docents for six weeks. Actual tour slots include the following times:

- Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory is a treasured Victorian glass house dating from the 1890s with collections of tropical plants, a show house, all surrounded by two historic gardens. Discover tropical palms, ancient ferns and brilliant orchids at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. In the heart of Lincoln Park, this historical facility houses four show houses capturing the botanical splendor with plant species from all over the world. The fern room's lush greenery and the orchid room's exotic species connect visitors to nature amidst the urban jungle. The Lincoln Park Conservatory, owned and operated by the Chicago Park District, was designed by nationally renowned architect of the Victorian era Joseph Lyman Silsbee in collaboration with architect M.E. Bell.

After completing the training, docents will be able to give free interpretive tours to the public and organized groups. Applications are available through the Chicago Park District and the Lincoln Park Conservancy. For more information about docent opportunities contact Julia Bachrach at 312.742.4698, [julia.bachrach@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:julia.bachrach@chicagoparkdistrict.com) or Norman Raidl at 773.883.7275, [nhraidl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nhraidl@sbcglobal.net).

## **Urban Wildlife Coalition**

### **Spring Urban Wildlife Tips**

Spring is a wonderfully busy time for urban wildlife. Take advantage of the season and our wild neighbors by enjoying nature hikes, watching the dazzling array of birds in our area, and following these tips.

Drive carefully, especially near forest preserves, parks, and other natural areas. Especially later in the spring, inexperienced young animals may venture out into the road. Be especially cautious during the dawn and dusk hours. Keep to the speed limit; allow enough space between cars; and scan the edges of the road.

In spring, animals like squirrels, mice, raccoons, and foxes are looking for ideal nesting sites. If you prefer not to host wildlife in your home, prevention is key – so much easier than trying to rid your home of unwanted visitors later. Take an hour or two now to inventory your home for possible entry sites, and seal them before new residents move in. If wildlife has already started unpacking, a bit of patience goes a long way. Try to wait until newborns are on their own before trying to evict wildlife visitors.

Keep cats indoors. Outdoor pets are the leading cause of wildlife deaths in the spring.

Animals are establishing new nests in the spring, so avoid cutting trees and shrubs and applying pesticides and herbicides.

Think strategic gardening. Want to attract wildlife to your backyard? Consider plants and landscaping that lure birds, butterflies, and others. Hoping to deter animals from your garden? Now's the time to think about growing plants they do not enjoy and building fences around the types they do. Look to the next issue of Our Village for specific gardening tips.

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).

## **Legends of the Lake**

by Tracy Seglin

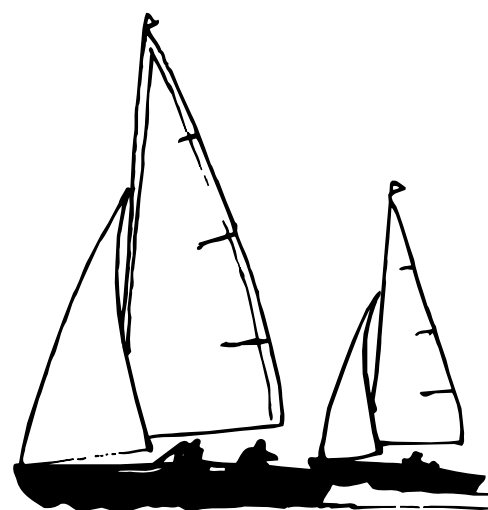
There's nothing quite like Chicago tradition – dyeing the River Green on St. Patrick's Day; celebrating the 4th of July on the 3rd at Grant Park; ordering hot dogs minus catsup; and saving a hard-earned, post-blizzard parking spot with lawn chairs..

One of our most intriguing and tenacious traditions takes place chilly spring nights as hundreds gather at the Lake...

at Belmont Harbor or near the Shedd Aquarium... huddled with buckets, nets, coolers, and fire pits. April marks the annual smelt (or do you say "shmelt") run. Chicagoans are nothing if not steadfast, and diehard smelters show up year after year, even when the smelt do not.

First imported from the Atlantic Ocean as salmon chow in 1912, smelt traveled from Crystal Lake to Lake Michigan, liked what they saw and started families – big ones. Now, between mid-March and the end of April, rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*) swim upstream to spawn, usually at night.

Over the years, smelt populations have waxed and waned dramatically. They virtually disappeared in the mid-40s, only to rebound in huge numbers in the late 50s. Lake Michigan seems to be in the midst of another smelt slump. Poor water quality is sometimes blamed, as are new predators, other invasive species, and disease. Faithful smelters just believe it's the regular ebb and flow of all things Chicago... that with patience, the smelt, like warm weather and the Cubbies, will come 'round again.



## **National Wildlife Federation**

### **Why Garden For Wildlife?**

1. It's fun! Watching wildlife in action can be fun and relaxing for everyone. Your habitat may attract beautiful songbirds, butterflies, frogs, and other interesting wildlife for viewing from your very own window.

2. Curb appeal! Replacing grass lawns with native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees will increase the beauty of your property and provide a nurturing refuge for wildlife.

3. Bring wildlife home! Restoring habitats where commercial and residential development have degraded natural ecosystems can be your way of giving back to wildlife.

4. Eco-friendly! Gardening practices that help wildlife, like reducing the use of chemicals, conserving energy and water, and composting also help to improve air, water and soil quality.

5. Community! Gardening for wildlife can help you share your love of wildlife with your neighbors and help them get involved in creating a home for wildlife.

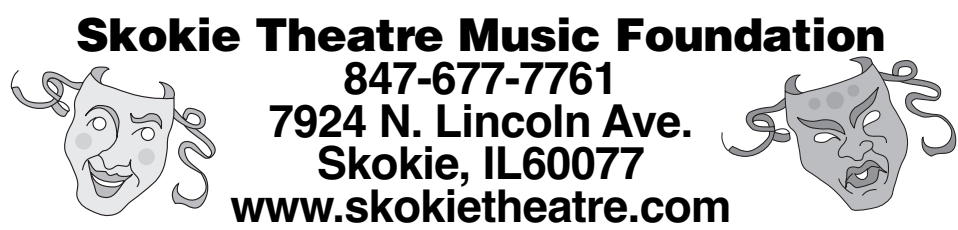
Once your habitat is certified by NWF, you can order and display an attractive Certified Wildlife Habitat sign to convey your commitment to wildlife conservation and the environment, and help you spread the word to your neighbors.



### **Live Fast, Die Young?**

It's been long accepted that the bigger you are the longer you live if you're a mammal. But, recently, scientists have uncovered an increasing number of exceptions to this rule. Find out more at <http://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlife>

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#### FOR KIDS

EXTENDED 2 Weeks! March 21, 28, and April 4, 11

Cirque Da Uno All Shows at 2pm

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 16 and under.

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

March 20, at 8pm Three Troubadours Jeff Libman, Brad Cole and Terry MacNamara Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

March 21, at 8pm and March 22 at 2pm Ava Logan's Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald & Friends Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

March 25, at 1:30pm Music of the World Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents \$10 advance and door.

March 27, 28th at 8pm Corky Siegal's Chamber Blues Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

March 29, at 2pm GERSHWIN's GREATEST HITS with Elaine Dame Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

April 1, at 1:30pm Music of the World Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents \$10 advance and door.

April 3, at 8pm Sons of the Never Wrong Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

April 4, at 8pm and April 5, at 2pm This One's For You - The Songs of Barry Manilow Starring 3Girls3. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

April 5, at 7:30pm MUSIC OF THE WORLD starring Eddy Patay Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$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

Emily 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.

## Pastel From Photo Demonstration

Artist, Jessica Fine demonstrates Technique

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Radmacher room/Skokie Library, 5215 Oakton Street

All Welcome! Refreshments!

## 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](mailto: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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Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461

## Manilow Better Than You Have Heard Him Before: 3Girls3 at Skokie Theatre

This One's For You: The Songs of Barry Manilow with 3Girls3

Saturday, April 4th, 8:00pm and Sunday April 5th, 2:00pm

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, 7924 N. Lincoln Avenue · Skokie, Illinois 60077; 847-677-7761. Tickets are \$25/\$30 at door for tickets, please purchase online at [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com)

### 3girls3 - Gail Becker, Heather Moran and Marymonica Thomas

We cannot tell you how excited we are about this new show. George Howe, the most talented man that we know, has literally hit it out of the park with this one and we guarantee that you will walk out of this show saying "wow". We hope to see you at the gorgeous Skokie Theatre...come for a fun after dinner show on Saturday night and come out with us afterwards for drinks ...or come Sunday after a great brunch and end your weekend with a bang...we are proud, excited and moved and we hope to see you for what we think is one of our greatest accomplishments. Much love from us girls...

With love, Heather, Marymonica and Gail

### Barry Manilow

American singer-songwriter, musician, arranger, producer and conductor, Barry Manilow (born June 17, 1943) is an American singer-songwriter, musician, arranger, producer and conductor, best known for such recordings as "I Write the Songs", "Mandy", "Weekend in New England" and "Copacabana". Manilow's achievements include sales of more than 76 million records worldwide. In 1978, five of his albums were on the best-selling charts simultaneously, a feat equal only by Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson and Johnny Mathis. He has recorded a string of Billboard hit singles and multi-platinum albums that have resulted in his being named Radio & Records number one Adult Contemporary artist and winning three straight American Music Awards for Favorite Pop/Rock Male Artist. Several well-known entertainers have given Manilow their "stamp of approval," including Sinatra, who was quoted in the 1970s regarding Manilow, "He's next." In 1988, Bob Dylan stopped Manilow at a party, hugged him and said, "Don't stop what you're doing, man. We're all inspired by you." Arsenio Hall cited Manilow as a favorite guest on The Arsenio Hall Show and admonished his audience to respect him for his work.

As well as producing and arranging albums for other artists, such as Bette Midler, Dionne Warwick and Rosemary Clooney, Manilow has written songs for musicals, films, and commercials. Manilow however, has come under recent criticism for the fact that he has released more covers of songs than he has actually written and recorded originally. Since February 2005, he has been the headliner at the Las Vegas Hilton, and has performed hundreds of shows since.

### George Howe (Composer/Musical Director)

George is a Jeff Citation Winner (Queen Lucia - Best New Musical 2006) and multiple After Dark Award winning composer/lyricist/cabaret artist. He has written the songs for many of Lifeline Theatre's KidSeries shows including Brave Potatoes; Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch; Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type and its sequel Giggle, Giggle, Quack. His latest musical, Sleeping Ugly, which premiered at Griffin Theatre in 2006, won him a 2006 After Dark award for Outstanding Music and Lyrics. George can be seen most nights playing piano and belting out pop, rock and showtunes at Chicago's premiere cabaret club Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret.

## 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.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.



# Evanston Public Library

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### The April Family Film “Bolt” (96 minutes, 2008 Rated PG)

Bolt is a spoiled German Shepherd who is the star of his own action TV show and is living the good life. One day he is accidentally abandoned in his trailer but he truly believes he still has the superpowers from his show. Along the way, he meets some friends who are trying to find their homes and they help him discover his true self. Join us in the Barbara Friedberg Room in the Children’s Room at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue at 2:00PM on Saturday, April 4.

**Calling teens to rock at the Evanston Public Library at the Wizard Rock Concert!** Tonks & the Aurors is a Wizard Rock (that's music about Harry Potter) Band from Ann Arbor, Michigan! The band has often been called The Bruce Springsteen of Wizard Rock, bringing thoughtful and catchy lyrics, a strong voice, and stage presence to the world of Harry Potter. But when it comes down to it, their main goal is to remind people that **READING IS RADICAL**. Wizard Rock Band, Tonks & the Aurors, will perform for teens Friday, March 27 in the Community Meeting Room, 6:30-9:00PM.

**What’s your carbon footprint?** What contributes to a carbon footprint and how do you calculate it? The Evanston Ecology Center offers a fun and informative workshop for kids in grades 3-5. The workshop includes hands-on mini-experiments and real ways to help participants reduce their impact on the planet. Register online at [www.epl.org](http://www.epl.org), by phone at 847-866-0333, or in person. The workshop is t 2:00PM on Friday, March 27 at the South Branch Library located at 949 Chicago Avenue.

**Friday Films at the Library** “Erin Brockovich” (Julia Roberts), a file clerk, discovers a cover-up involving contaminated water that has a devastating impact on a small desert community in this legal drama based on true events. Despite the community's initial reluctance to become involved, Erin earns their trust and convinces them to file a suit against the major public utility company that results in the largest settlement ever paid in a direct action suit—\$333 million dollars. (2000, 131 minutes, Rated R)  
The film will be shown at 3:00PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Evanston Public Library on Friday, March 27.

# Evanston Preseason Beach Token Sale Begins April 1

Beginning Wednesday, April 1, Evanston and Skokie residents can save money on their 2009 beach tokens during the annual preseason token sale. Beach tokens will be sold at the discounted resident price of \$22/person through June 12. Fee assistance is available to help qualified Evanston residents with the purchase of tokens. In addition, a limited number of free tokens are available to residents who meet income guidelines. For more information, call 847-866-2900.

When Evanston's five swimming beaches open for the season on Saturday, June 13, token prices will increase to the regular season rate of \$30 each for residents. Daily beach passes will be sold at beach entrances for \$8 for those age 12 and older and \$6 for children age 1-11. Children under one year of age are admitted free. Tokens can be purchased at all community centers and the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. To obtain the discount, proof of residency is required at the time of purchase.

# Arboretum Egg Hunt April 11

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a family egg hunt. The Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., hosts its annual Arboretum Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11. Choose from four "hunt" times: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Children search for eggs in the Ladd Arboretum and then exchange them for small prizes. A special area is reserved for children age 1 1/2 to 4 years. Bring a basket or a bag to hold the eggs. Activities and a craft follow the egg hunt. The cost is \$4.50/person. Preregistration is required; call 847-448-8256.

# Skokie Theatre Offers Free Tickets to Men and Women in the Armed Forces, Veterans and Families

Tickets will be distributed through organizations like the Cook County Veterans Assistance Commission, VA hospitals and veterans groups in the Chicagoland area. We welcome your help in directing us to any related organization you feel would benefit from this program. We want to offer tickets for our weekday programming and selected weekend shows. Please check our website [www.skokietheatre.org](http://www.skokietheatre.org) to learn more about our shows.

A donation in any amount will help us make this program a reality. Please direct your donations to: Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, 7924 N Lincoln, Skokie, IL. 60077

# Evanston Children’s Theatre to Stage *Thar’s Gold in Them Thar Clothes*


Ever since the town's gold mine closed, Miss Mason's orphanage has been struggling. Now Lowbrow McSteal wants to buy it--in exchange for some favors, of course. Will Miss Mason agree? The Evanston Children’s Theatre presents Karl B. Peterson's old-fashioned Western melodrama. Find out who else steps up to help out and whether or not the orphanage is saved. Performances of this family show are at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27; 3 & 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28; and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Tickets for Thar's Gold in Them Thar Clothes are \$6 through March 6 and \$8 thereafter. For more information, call 847-448-8250.

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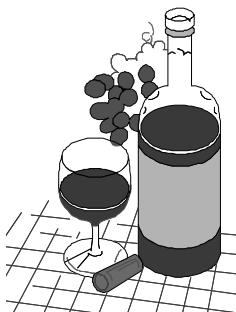
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# "A Theatre Review"

***“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”***

***Marriott Theatre***

***10 Marriott Drive***

***Lincolnshire, Illinois***

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” has once again arrived in Chicago or rather Lincolnshire. Some critics may scream the show is overdone but I love the music and the story. It is obvious or amazing that audiences love the show that it gets several revivals in the regional theatres.

The show offers a variety of music from rock to country to Calypso. Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice’s music include “Any Dream Will Do,” “Close Every Door” and “One More Angel in Heaven.” Tim Rice wrote the book that is taken from the Bible.

The show has a narrator who for this production is played by Susan Moniz under the awesome direction of Marc Robin.

The story begins in the biblical land of Canaan where Joseph played by Max Quinlan is the favorite son of Jacob played by Roger Anderson. Joseph encounters the jealousy of his brothers who object to his dreams in which he is the hero with his brothers paying him homage. They arrange to have him killed and show his father his multicolored coat splattered with blood as proof of his death. But this is not true. Joseph has been sold as a slave in Egypt and has entered Potiphar’s household where he falls foul of his mater who is jealous of his wife’s partiality for Joseph. Cast in jail, Joseph puts his interpretation of dreams to use. The Pharaoh played by Bernie Yvon is impressed with Joseph’s power and wastes no time in putting Joseph in charge and everything prophesized comes to pass. Joseph returns to Canaan when a famine hits the family, but everything works out and Joseph is reunited with his father and brothers

Robin works his magic with his cast and the dancing is all first rate. Some of the others in the cast are Roger Anderson, Bernie Yvon, Kevin Barthel, Summer Rich, Andrew Keltz, Christian Libonati, Jason Shufflet, Ericka Mac, Lyndsey Cole and Laura E. Taylor. The cast has 20 who all work hard to make this show first rate.

“Joseph” runs through May 10. For performance days, show times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$45.00.

***“Our Town”***

***Lookingglass Theatre Company at the Waterworks***

***821 N. Michigan***

***Chicago, Illinois***

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

Thornto Wilder Classic “Our Town” that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1938 on the people of Grover’s Corners is a show that will be revived time and time again by regional theatre as well it should. The Lookingglass theatre is now presenting a production of this show under the direction of two female directors Anna D. Shapiro and Jessica Thebus.

This classic masterpiece is also getting a production off Broadway in New York under the direction of Chicagoan David Cromer who is also playing the role of the stage director. Last year he directed the show in Chicago for the Hypocrites Theatre Company.

Recently when Chris Jones reviewed the show on the CBS news David Schwimmer who has the role in Lookingglass’s production of George Gibbs requested they not use footage of him as it is an ensemble piece and because he didn’t want to take away from the other cast members. Those who saw Schwimmer on “Friends” for as long as the series ran on television will flock to see his performance. While he became a major star he remains faithful to Chicago and the theatre company he helped form. Schwimmer is a sage actor and gives a gifted performance in this production.

The show has a cast of twelve actors and runs a solid two hours in its three acts.

Joey Slotnick has the role of stage manager and his folksiness fits in perfectly in a play that is set in the small town of Grover’s Corner. Laura Eason plays George’s wife Emily and the performance works like magic. With or without Schwimmer, this production is well worth seeing. David Catlin plays Dr. Gibbs and Christin Mary Dunford plays Mary Webb. Heidi Stillman is Mrs. Gibbs and Andrew White plays Mr. Webb.

The show covers daily life, marriage and death over a period of twelve years. The first act deals with the wedding of high school sweethearts and in the end we are faced with Emily’s death at age 26 in childbirth.

“Our Town” runs through April 5. Ticket prices are \$30 to \$60. For performance dates, show times and reservations call 312-227-0655

## DOG & PONY THEATRE COMPANY'S MIDWEST PREMIERE OF GOD'S EAR

God's Ear Runs March 26-April 26 at the Viaduct Theatre

Dog & Pony Theatre Company's fifth anniversary season continues with the Midwest premiere of God's Ear by Jenny Schwartz directed by Artistic Director Krissy Vanderwarker.\* Please note that God's Ear replaces the previously announced spring production of Women in the Lobby.

Performances run March 26-April 26 at the Viaduct Theatre Mainstage, 3111 N. Western Ave. Previews are Thursday-Friday, March 26-27. Performances are Thursdays - Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors. All Thursday and Sunday performances are pay-what-you-can. For tickets, call the Viaduct Theater box office at 773-296-6024 or visit [www.viaducttheater.org](http://www.viaducttheater.org).

God's Ear is a heartbreaking work that uses unconventional structure and language to explore a couple's relationship as they mourn the death of their son. The New York Times described the story as "... separate odysseys of suffering that intersect on some sort of psychic plain, Mel and Ted slide down a rabbit hole into an alternate reality, where a toddler cracks wise, the Tooth Fairy sings grimly comic little ditties and G.I. Joe offers family counseling."

Jenny Schwartz is a New York-based playwright and a graduate of Juilliard where she received a fellowship in the Lila Acheson Wallace Playwriting Program. Her play God's Ear was a finalist for the 2007 Susan Smith Blackburn Award. It was premiered by New Georges under the direction of Anne Kauffman in February 2007 and was subsequently produced by the Vineyard Theatre in spring 2008. She is currently working on her new play, Somewhere Fun, which is a commission from Soho Theatre, London & Soho Rep, NY. She is also under commission from South Coast Repertory and True Love Productions where she is writing a musical with Ethan Lipton. Schwartz is an associate artist with The Civilians and a member of New Dramatists.

Dog & Pony Artistic Director Krissy Vanderwarker\* directs God's Ear. Vanderwarker directed As Told by the Vivian Girls, Mr. Marmalade, Ape, Osama the Hero, Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake) and As Much As You Can for Dog & Pony. Regional credits include the upcoming Kinsmen, or Descendants for the O'Neill Cabaret & Performance Conference and As Much As You Can for Hendel Productions West at Celebration Theater, NY Fringe Fest. Assistant director credits include Black Diamond at Lookingglass, Purple Heart at Steppenwolf Theatre Company and Sky Girls at Northlight Theatre. She holds a BA in religion and art history from Northwestern University where she founded Sit and Spin Productions.

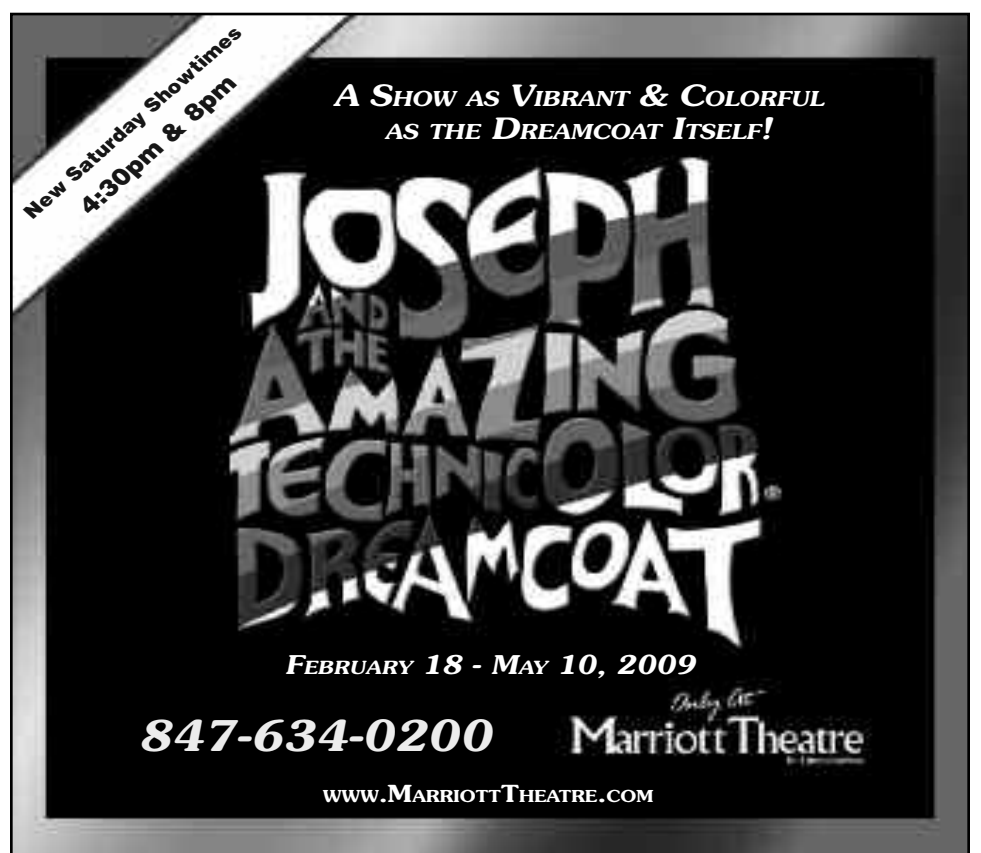
The cast for God's Ear features Gina D'Ercoli, Jeff Fisher, Luke Hatton, Faith Noelle Hurley\*, Teeny Lamothe\*, Elizabeth Levy, and Mike Trehy.

Crew includes set design by Grant Sabin\*; sound design by Stephen Ptacek\*; lighting design by Aaron Weissman; props by Linda Laake\*; and composition by Abraham Levitan of Baby Teeth.

Dog & Pony has presented nine full productions in five years. The company made its debut with Michael Frayn's Clouds at the historic Chicago Cultural Center in May 2004. In winter 2005, the company gained both popular and critical acclaim for its production of Sheila Callaghan's Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake), which received an encore performance at Theater on the Lake. In 2007, Dog & Pony was named Best Theater Troupe by Chicago Magazine.

This year, Dog & Pony was honored with two non-Equity Jeff Award nominations for its production of Mr. Marmalade. The company recently garnered three After Dark Awards for the spring 2008 world premiere of As Told By The Vivian Girls, a devised promenade play by Associate Artistic Director Devon de Mayo and Dog & Pony's ensemble that drew inspiration from renowned outsider artist Henry Darger.

*Dog & Pony Theatre Company is committed to producing vital works by new and emerging playwrights whose use of language and convention are daring and highly imaginative. As an eclectic collective of artists with backgrounds in theater, political activism and religion, Dog & Pony is particularly drawn to work with social and cultural relevance. Dog & Pony Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and a proud member of the League of Chicago Theatres. For more information, call 773-360-7933 or visit [www.dogandponychicago.org](http://www.dogandponychicago.org).*





# Tough Times Could Be Tougher



Chester M. Przybylo

In unsettling economic times, people are looking for someone to hold accountable for their difficulties. With an expected increase in lawsuits this year, it is important to protect yourself. This article discusses steps you can take to protect yourself and your family against harmful lawsuits that could put all your assets in jeopardy. A qualified estate planning attorney can help structure a plan that limits your liability and keeps you safe during these tough times.

Dark clouds are all around us. The stock market is down. Real estate values are down. Layoffs are up. But, it could be even worse!

With tough economic times, people often look to hold others accountable for their difficulties. Which is why lawsuits tend to rise as the economy sinks. In fact, a 2008 survey of corporate law departments shows increased expectations for litigation. So, what can you do to protect yourself?

First, consider placing your business or rental property in a limited liability entity. Let's say you own a corner market. If you own it directly, then someone who is injured on the premises could collect against all your assets, including assets not involved in the business. This could include things like your home and the money you've set aside for your children's education. Let's say your business has assets of \$500,000, you have a home worth \$500,000, and you have brokerage accounts with \$500,000. The entire \$1.5 million could be in jeopardy.

However, if your business were owned by a corporation or a Limited Liability Company (LLC), for example, the injured person could only collect against the \$500,000 of assets in the entity, regardless of the amount of the damages awarded to the injured party. Your home and brokerage accounts would be safe.

Second, consider liability insurance. If someone sues you, that is your first line of defense. There is separate liability coverage for your home and your auto. In addition, you may need a separate policy for a rental property or any business-related liability, like malpractice insurance for a doctor. In addition to these separate liability policies, consider an "umbrella" policy which provides coverage on top of the underlying coverage. If you had a premises liability policy for your corner market, that policy would protect you up to the policy limit, let's say \$300,000. This would pay first. Then your umbrella coverage would add its limit, let's say \$1 million, on top of that. So, you would be protected for the first \$1.3 million of court award against you. However, that would still leave some exposure to liability above the \$1.3 million, if you did not have a limited liability entity.

Third, leave assets to your children in a manner which protects them. A trust can protect your children and the assets you leave them from your children's creditors, their future ex-spouses, taxes, and even their own misjudgment. A qualified estate planning attorney can help structure a plan that limits liability for you and your family.

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# State's Attorney Offers Assistance to Cook County Consumers

The Cook County State's Attorney's office maintains a Consumer Fraud Unit for the benefit of consumers who are victimized by unscrupulous persons and businesses. The Consumer Fraud Unit prosecutes violators of Illinois consumer protection laws within Cook County

Home repair fraud, identify theft, immigration fraud, and travel scams are only a few of the areas within the jurisdiction of the Consumer Fraud Unit. As a result of the recent decline in the United States economy, the Consumer Fraud Unit has experienced an increase in complaints and inquiries about credit repair, mortgage rescue, and loan modification scams.

The Consumer Fraud Unit relies on complaints from members of the public to prosecute individuals and businesses engaged in fraudulent practices. The Consumer Fraud Unit may be able to help you recover losses, prosecute the person or business responsible for the fraud, and prevent other members of the public from falling victim to the same scheme.

## To File a Complaint

To initiate a complaint with the Consumer Fraud Unit, please call 312-603-8600 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The Consumer Fraud Unit is staffed by specialists, and often, many citizens' questions about a suspicious transaction can be answered over the telephone. In some cases, you will be asked to file a written complaint with the State's Attorney's Office, and in other situations, you may be referred to another government agency, private organization, or resource. Spanish language service is also available.

The services of the Consumer Fraud Unit are free, but personnel from the State's Attorney's Office are not permitted to provide legal advice or represent an individual in a legal dispute.

## What Happens After a Complaint is Received?

After the Consumer Fraud Unit receives your complaint, it will be screened by an Assistant State's Attorney. At this screening level, some cases are declined for prosecution, some cases are referred to other government or law enforcement agencies, and other cases are retained by the Consumer Fraud Unit for an investigation. Although a prosecution cannot be guaranteed, the Consumer Fraud Unit has the significant capability of prosecuting consumer fraud cases in criminal or civil courts.



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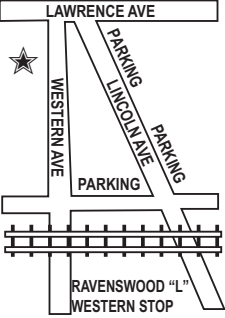
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Fee, 4-week class: \$80 non-member, \$75 OSP member, \$70 sibling.

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

## Evanston Early Voting at Civic Center, from March 16 through April 2

Illinois voters may cast their ballots before Election Day at designated locations without having to provide a reason or excuse. Casting your ballot before Election Day makes voting more convenient, especially for seniors and voters with busy schedules.

Prior to the Tuesday, April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election, early voting will take place Monday, March 16 through Thursday, April 2 at the Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Hours for early voting are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Again, voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot make it to the polls on Election Day (April 7). You need only to complete an application at an early voting site. State law requires early voters to display valid identification to an election official before receiving a ballot to vote early. Valid forms of I.D. include: a current driver's license, state-issued I.D. card or another government-issued I.D. with a photo.

For additional information, call (847) 866-2925.

## Evanston Youth Basketball Tournament, March 20-21 and March 27-28

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. For more information, call 847-448-8252.

## Spring Book Sale at Evanston Public Library, March 27-29

The Library's spring book sale is scheduled for March 27-29 in the 3rd floor Book Sale Room. On Friday, March 27, there will be a \$5 pre-view charge from 10 a.m. to noon and the sale will run until 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, March 28, the sale runs from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 29, the sale is open from noon until 5:30 p.m. with all books sold at half-price.

There are many great books at bargain prices and all proceeds benefit the Library. Be sure to check it out! The book sale is at the Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. For more information, please call 847-448-8600.

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Presidential Pooch

By Bosley

It seems that our Human’s have recently elected a new President; supposedly it is someone to run the country. Humans always need someone “in charge,” they are not like us dogs that decide things in the moment and adapt easily. We are much simpler then our beloved Humans, why don’t we run the country? Of yes, because we are smart enough to not want the pawache! Anyway, it turns out that this new Pres. Wants a pooch for the family and the country is in a tizzy over what breed or rescue he should get, so I am throwing my paw into the ring!

Its nothing unusual that a President has a dog, who do you think helps makes the important decisions? You know Humans are helpless on their own! Anyway the issue is that the little Humans have allergies, so they are trying to make an educated decision on what dog to get.

My ears really perked up at this because of all the talk about hypoallergenic dogs. News flash; THERE IS NO SUCH THING! Many believe that it’s the hair that makes them sneeze; actually it’s the dander of the pet that does it. Why don’t Human’s realize this, it’s a cruel twist of fate that man’s best friend is not always tolerated by the Human nose. Yes, some of us dog’s are easier for some people with allergies to tolerate, but that truly depends. There is NO GUARRANTEE that just because you get a certain “so called hypoallergenic breed” that you won’t be allergic.

We are told that the Presidential family is doing their homework, and that is very important! What I think anyone should do before adopting a new pup is go to the breeder’s home, spend time with the dogs and see how you react. Do the same for the shelter dogs, most will let you spend time with the pups. Really love them and put your face in their hair. How does the allergic person react? Breeders and shelters want their pups in forever homes; they want to match the right pooch with the right family. Humans should not be afraid to ask their expertise.

There is NO GURANTEE that a dog is hypoallergenic ( I know I just said that, but sometimes Humans are a bit slow.) My Human has helped rehome many dogs that where suppose to be hypoallergenic and it turned out that the Human couldn’t tolerate them. Humans please do your homework! There has also been some talk about those “designer breeds,’ as being hypoallergenic; I no you are laughing with me my furry friends; Human’s just don’t get how us dogs are made. Just because you breed one dog to something that is supposed to be hypoallergenic does NOT mean you get a hypoallergenic dog. The pure breed dogs of today took years of dedicated breeding and understanding of dogs to get us here, there was a purpose to each breed and why they wanted certain things. I don’t think any breed was ever created to be hypoallergenic; it just turn out that some of us dogs got luckier then others. The point is, that you Humans need to make an educated decision about what pet to bring home. The effect the dog has on your nose is only one consideration (they only give me some much room to write so I won’t get into anything else) so please do your homework.

My suggestion for the President is a Poodle of course! We are usually well tolerated by Humans, very smart, very classy, very pawfect! I don’t know why Poodles get such a bad rap, did you know that Poodles where originally breed to go into the water and retriever the birds that the hunter shot, Yuck! Well, that shows how sporty and intelligent we are, but I am not putting any dead thing in my mouth!

Anyway, to the lucky pooch that will run our country, I really would like a day dedicated to us Dogs. For Heavens sake, even Groundhogs have a day! Bark on!

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



Rabies: A Discussion for Kids

by Peter S. Sakas DVM

What Do I Do If I Am Bitten By An Animal?

If you are bitten by an animal, tell an adult immediately! Have the adult wash the wound well with soap and water for at least five minutes. You should then see a doctor as soon as possible for additional evaluation of the wound.

Have an adult contact your local animal control officer. If the animal that bit you is a pet (dog, cat, or ferret), the animal may be watched for signs of rabies for about 10 days. If it is a wild animal, the animal control people may need to euthanize the animal to test its brain for rabies.

Bites from bats are the main source of rabies in humans in the United States today. It is possible, but rare, that someone might be bitten by the bat and not know it. If you discover a bat in the house, especially in the room of a sleeping person or child, treat this situation as though an actual bite has occurred. This is especially true if the bat is acting strangely (unusually tame).

Contact your local or state health department for more information.

Other prevention activities: Oral vaccine program

Today, many states are vaccinating animals in the wild to prevent the spread of rabies. This is done by putting oral vaccines in a special bait. The baits are then dropped from airplanes or placed in areas where wildlife are likely to be. The wild animals then eat the food with the vaccine in it. This keeps them from getting rabies if they are bitten by a rabid animal. This method has worked well in both Europe and Canada.

The idea behind oral rabies vaccination programs is that if enough animals in an area without rabies become vaccinated against the disease, they will create a barrier. Those animals vaccinated against the disease will defend their territory against animals with rabies. This will slow or stop the rabies outbreak.

Humans And Rabies

Most of the human deaths in this country since 1980 were caused by a strain of rabies associated with bats. The number of deaths is small because people who are bitten by animals often get the anti-rabies shots.

As many as 40,000 people each year in the United States are exposed to animals that might have rabies, and these people receive the shots to prevent the disease. The number of human rabies deaths is low in the United States compared with the rest of the world. Each year, about 30,000 to 50,000 people in the world die of rabies. These deaths occur because people did not get vaccinations after being bitten by a rabid animal. Many occur in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Millions of people around the world get the anti-rabies shots after an animal bite. Dogs are the biggest source of animal bites leading to rabies shots worldwide

Rabies in Animals

In the United States, rabies in domestic animals (like dogs, cats, and cattle) has declined dramatically since the 1950s. This decrease is mainly due to rabies vaccination programs. Today, pet ferrets can also be vaccinated against the disease. However, overall rabies cases in the United States have been increasing since the 1970s. This is mainly because of outbreaks of rabies among wildlife.

If your dog or cat would happen to bite someone a bite report would need to be filled out by the police. You would then have to take your pet to the veterinarian for a process called “Rabies Observation.” Your veterinarian would examine your pet for any evidence of the external signs of rabies, as described above, which is typically looking for problems with the nervous system. A special form is then filled out which is sent to the County Rabies Control Office.

If your pet is currently vaccinated against rabies and is up-to-date then you can take your pet home for “home confinement” and are required to return in ten days for a follow-up examination. You must strictly follow the guidelines for the confinement as it is the law and someone’s health is at stake. The reason for the ten day period is because an animal that is in the furious form of rabies (mad dog that is attacking), will show symptoms of nervous system problems within ten days. Your veterinarian checks for these nervous system changes on the ten day follow-up exam. If your pet shows no symptoms, they are released from the confinement and a release form is sent to the Rabies Control Office.

If your pet is NOT up-to-date on the vaccinations because the yearly boosters (which are required by law) were not given then your pet must be impounded for the ten day period in a veterinary hospital or animal control facility with veterinary supervision. That is why you DO NOT want to let those vaccinations lapse.

Conclusion

If you are bit by a dog or wild animal let your parents know. Rabies is a dangerous disease and it can be easily treated soon after exposure. If not treated properly, serious and possibly fatal disease can develop. Always exercise caution around strange dogs, aggressive dogs and wild animals. And be certain that your pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. It protects them against rabies, but if they would happen to bite someone they will not be impounded.

Based on notes from Educational Seminar given by Dr. Sakas. Niles Animal Hospital & Bird Medical Center. 7278 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles



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Through the years many people have gotten a laugh out of some deal or other that was pulled off politically. The State pays for an overpay or overcharge, and you, the taxpayer, pay the State. It is time to stop thinking that government mismanagement and corruption is funny.

We vote the politicians into office. Until people start to question our State leadership, nothing will change.

Until the State politicians start worrying about money management and the concerns of the people, the State will continue out of control and will have a need for more taxes. Next year nothing will change unless voters take an interest.

Next year “Tax Reform” may be the reason why the State has a need for more taxes.

The Editor – Common Sense

## Evanston Summer Camp Registration Expands

Nonresidents may join residents in registering for Evanston's many youth and adult camps this summer. Registrations are accepted in person, by phone or online. The City offers more than 35 summer camps for youth and adults, including camps for children as young as age 2½. Choose from traditional full-day and half-day camps as well as the more family- and adult-oriented camps held late afternoon or early evening. To fit a variety of schedules, full- and half-day camp options and one-week and multi-week programs are offered.

The 2009 Summer Camp Guide, which describes each camp and the registration procedures in detail, is available at all community centers and the Civic Center. In addition, the full guide, including a registration form that can be downloaded, is available at the website listed above. For details, call 847-866-2900 or check online: [www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps](http://www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps).

## St. Paul Summer Day Camp Program

St. Paul Lutheran School, 5650 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago (between Higgins Ave. and Bryn Mawr Ave.) will again be offering a Summer Day Camp open to all children entering Kindergarten through Sixth grade from June 22nd through August 7th. Camp hours from Monday through Friday will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before-camp extended care hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and after-camp extended care from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. will be available as a convenience to families which need longer care services. The camp offers a flexible schedule for parents to enroll their children for only certain days and or weeks depending on their needs. Each week will be filled with carefully designed education programs, creative workshops, cooking projects, field trips, visit to library, water play, computer time, sports, outdoor activities, arts and crafts. For further information or an enrollment packet, please contact the Program Director, Mrs. Barbara Palmer, at 708-867-5044 or visit [www.stpaulwildcats.org](http://www.stpaulwildcats.org).



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# Lenten Menu Ideas

## Broiled Fish with White Wine and Olive Sauce

- 1 Whole Fish
- Butter
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1 tbsp. Lemon Juice
- 1 onion
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 tbsp. flour
- 3 tsp. water
- Few sliced stuffed olives
- Few drops of onion juice.

If a whole fish is used, have it split lengthwise for broiling. Place skin side down in a buttered shallow pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, and spread slices of 1 onion sliced thin, over the whole surface of the fish. Dot with butter and put under the broiler. When butter melts, begin basting with dry American sauterne or Chablis (1 cup). Broil, basting frequently, until fish separates easily into flakes when tested with a fork. Remove fish to hot platter. Thicken liquid in pan with 1 tablespoon of flour mixed with 3 teaspoons of warm water. Add a few sliced stuffed olives and a few drops of onion juice, and pour sauce over fish.

Taken from: “With a Jug of Wine”

**Send your favorite Lenten recipes to us so we may share them with our readers.**  
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