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# **Evanston's 2009 Starlight Concert Series Trumpets Local Talent**

With 16 free concerts in 4 parks, Evanston's 2009 outdoor Starlight Concert Series offers a kaleidoscope of music that spans the summer. The free concerts are on select Tuesday and Thursday evenings, June 18-Aug. 25, with the music beginning at 7:30 p.m. for every concert. This year many of the guest artists have Evanston connections, including David Young, Ezra Furman, David Drazin and members of South Boulevard. The concert series kicks off with an evening of pan-ethnic party music by Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound on Thursday, June 18, at James Park. Other headliners throughout the summer series include? and the Mysterians, Bob Stroger, Lucy Smith and Ezra Furman and the Harpoons.

Refer to page 2 for upcoming dates.

# June 1 Is Deadline for Private Elm Tree Insurance

The deadline is Monday, June 1, for applications for the City of Evanston's Private Elm Tree Insurance Program. Completed applications and premiums should be submitted to: Parks/Forestry Division, City of Evanston, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. While Evanston maintains elm trees on public property, homeowners are responsible for removing diseased elms from their private property. Under the Private Elm Tree Insurance Program, the City will handle all aspects and costs of an infected tree's removal to ground level. Removal of the remaining stump is up to the homeowner.

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





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# Free Reading/ESL/GED Classes for Adults

Do you need help with your speaking or reading and writing skills in English? Classes are offered in Evanston, Skokie and nearby locations. Call 847-635-1426 for a list of ESL, Literacy, or GED classes in Spanish or English offered by Oakton Community College.



#### **Need for VITA Volunteer Tutors**

Come and be trained as a VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) tutor. Learn how to help adults improve their speaking or reading and writing skills in English. A three-part training will be held at Oakton in Skokie, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Rm. B110, on June 2 & 4, 6:15-10 pm and on June 25, 6:15-8:15 pm. Please call 847-635-1426 or go to www.oakton.edu/cont ed/vita.html for more details.

# **Evanston Street Cleaning Continues**

In March, Evanston residents received a brochure in the mail titled "At Your Disposal," which included street cleaning schedules. For streets with parking on both sides, the City is divided into four districts; with one side of street cleaned on even or odd numbered weekdays.

Additionally, there are two sweeping schedules for streets with onesided parking. It is important to keep the list of sweeping dates because tickets will be issued ONLY on those dates. It is okay to park on the dates NOT LISTED on the schedule. If you did not receive the brochure or did not keep it, the schedules are posted on the City's Web site: www.cityofevanston.org/departments/publicworks/streets.

Street cleaning will continue through November 30, 2009. Do not park between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on street cleaning days.

## **Interim City Manager Rolanda B. Russell Appoints Eric David Palmer as the City's New Community Information Coordinator**

Interim City Manager Rolanda B. Russell has announced the hiring of Eric David Palmer as the City's new Community Information Coordinator. Palmer's employment with the City will begin Monday, April 27, 2009.

As the Community Information Coordinator, Palmer will take on the responsibilities previously handled by Donna Stuckert including coordination of the City's public information activities such as the development of the City's resident newsletter Highlights, providing timely press releases to media and correspondences to residents, updating content on the City website and radio station, and developing a Citywide communication strategic plan to improve City communications and outreach to residents.

Palmer has over 9 years of communications experience which includes working as Communication and Research Analyst for the Illinois State Senate Democratic Caucus, as a Communications and Field Organizer for the Illinois Senate Democratic Fund, and serving as the Public Affairs Coordinator for the Illinois Planned Parenthood Council in Springfield, IL. Palmer is fluent in Spanish and French and has Bachelor of Arts degree in the Spanish and French languages from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois. He has studied both Spanish and French languages, literature, history and culture in Mexico City, Mexico and Quebec, Canada.

Interim City Manager Russell would like to thank Deputy Clerk Mayre Press, Parks Forestry & Recreation Public Information Specialist Martha Logan, Executive Assistant Kate Todd and Assistant to the City Manager Joe McRae for taking on the additional public information responsibilities on an interim basis. This position has been vacant since November of 2008.

## STREET LEVEL

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Walk and Roll to School Day **Grant Applications Now Open** 

Schools are invited to apply for funding to promote Walk and Roll to School Day Oct. 7. Walk and Roll to School is part of International Walk to School Day and celebrates children getting to school in safe and active ways.

Each October, millions of children, parents, teachers and community leaders across the globe walk, bicycle, skate, scooter or roll to school to celebrate Walk to School Day. It is an energizing event, reminding parents and children alike of the simple joy of walking and rolling to school.

In the United States today, 18 percent of kids walk or bike to school, versus 49 percent in 1969, according to the most recent CDC data (2001).

Grant packages include \$500 in cash and a variety of promotional materials and refreshment items. Only individual schools can apply. All public and private schools in Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, Kane, Kendall and McHenry counties are eligible.

Walk and Roll to School Day Mini-Grant guidelines and application form is available online at www.activetrans.org/walkandroll. Questions? Contact the Mini-Grant Coordinator at 312.427.3325 x236 or minigrants@activetrans.org.

Previous grant winners have staged Walk and Roll to School events, including rallies and breakfasts. Some have used the grant for incentives that encourage students to walk, bike and roll to school year-round.

View the 2008 Walk and Bike to School report online at: www.activetrans.org/international-walk-school-day

Walk and Roll to School Day Mini-Grant program sponsors are AAA Chicago, Active Transportation Alliance, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Clif, FedEx, Safe Kids, Stakeholder's Collaboration (Respiratory Health Association) and Village Cycling Center. Partners are the Cook County Department of Public Health, Illinois Principals Association, League of Illinois Bicyclists and Walk Across Illinois.

# **2009** Evanston Starlight Concerts

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Thursday, June 18 - Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound - James Park Pan-ethnic party music

Tuesday, June 23 - South Boulevard - Harbert Park Covering blues, soul and rock greats

*Thursday, June 25 - ?* and the Mysterians - James Park Garage rock legends perform 1960s hits

Tuesday, June 30 - Milt Trenier - Twiggs Park One of the famous Trenier

Thursday, July 9 - Allá - James Park Post-psychedelia

Tuesday, July 14 - Lucy Smith - Harbert Park Jazz vocalist

Thursday, July 16 - Waco Brothers - James Park The Clash meets Johnny

Tuesday, July 21 - Bob Stroger - Dawes Park Legendary bassist performs old-time blues

Thursday, July 23 - The Eternals - James Park Regional groove styles

Tuesday, July 28 - Lovell Sisters - Dawes Park Youthful bluegrass trio

Thursday, July 30 - Bird Names - James Park A band of friends on a quest

Tuesday, Aug. 4 - Entourage - Dawes Park Trumpeter David Young leads a

dance band

Thursday, Aug. 6 - Era Furman and the Harpoons - Twiggs Park Influenced by Bob Dylan and Jonathon Richman

Tuesday, Aug. 11 - Fred Anderson Trio - Dawes Park Harmonic freedom and linear melodies

Tuesday, Aug. 18 - JT and the Clouds - Dawes Park Midwest rock with Memphis soul

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - Silent Movie Night - Dawes Park David Drazin plays original scores

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#### **SKOKIE CALL FOR ARTISTS**

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## Skokie Art Guild Artists' Individual Exhibits Showing May 15 thru July 31.

Marina Nemsetva - Oil Paintings Bank of Lincolnwood 4433 W. Touhy Ave. Lincolnwood

Paula Smiles - Drawings
Devonshire Cultural Center
4400 Greenwood St.
Skokie

### Art from Fabric, Images and Text

Jessica Fine demonstrates Technique Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radmacher room/Skokie Library 5215 Oakton Street All Welcome! Refreshments! A SKOKIE ART GUILD Program

#### FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

THURSDAYS -7:00 PM - 9:45 PM, SATURDAYS 10:00 AM- 1:00PM Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie Live Models/No Instructor. Fees per session: Skokie Art Guild Members \$12: non-members \$20. For information call: Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461

# **Evanston Township H.S. Hosts Oakton Alliance Courses**

Enroll in continuing education courses at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College.

**Selling Your Home in This Market** (REL E17-31) offers the perspectives of a real estate broker and an accountant on how to prepare your home for sale. One-week class meets 7 – 9 p.m., Thursday, May 28. Course fee is \$28.

**Fresco Techniques** (ART F05-31) shows how to mix water with pigment to paint on a thin, wet layer of fresh lime mortar or plaster. Fourweek course meets 7 - 9 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 2. Course fee is \$159

**American Divas** (MUS B25-31) spotlights Lena Horne, Beverly Sills, and other famous female vocal superstars from the U.S. Twoweek course meets 7 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 2. Course fee is \$43.

**Italian I** (ITL B01-31) teaches basic Italian vocabulary and grammar. Eight-week course meets 6 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 2. Course fee is \$154.

**Windows Applications** (Windows XP) (DPR A23-37) shows how to manage your files and customize your desktop. Basic Word applications also will be covered. Five-week course meets 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 2. Course fee is \$150.

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, including registration and fee information, visit www.oakton.edu/all, or call 847-982-9888, press 3.

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# PRESBYTERIAN HOMES BRINGS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR OLDER ADULTS TO WEST ROGERS PARK

Presbyterian Homes, a nonsectarian provider of retirement living in Evanston, IL, will offer 33 units of affordable housing for older adults in a newly renovated, four-story brick apartment building at 1950 W. Devon Ave (Devon & Ridge). The West Rogers Park building is the latest addition to the organization's Neighborhood Homes program. Occupancy is scheduled for July 2009.

Residents must be 65 years old with income not to exceed \$42,200 a year for a single individual or \$48,250 for two persons (in 2008). Rents are determined on a sliding scale based on 28 percent of adjusted income. Older adults who are interested in residency should contact Donna Musgrave, director of the Neighborhood Homes, at 773-477-4160, regarding applications.

The building offers studio, one and two-bedroom units of up to 885 sq. ft. Other features include reserved parking, sprinklers, smoke detectors and telephone security intercom systems. The units are air-conditioned, have baseboard hot-water heat and are pre-wired for cable television. Each unit has a new full-size kitchen and bath and in-unit laundry hook-ups.

Residents must be independent and able to do their own shopping, cooking and cleaning. The Neighborhood Homes director and a social worker will assist residents in locating social service agencies when needed.

The Neighborhood Homes program has two other apartment buildings in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. The program helps older adults with limited financial means to remain in their neighborhoods where gentrification has reduced the availability of affordable housing. The Geneva Foundation, the charitable arm of Presbyterian Homes, funds the Neighborhood Homes. Donations to the foundation provided the means to purchase and renovate the building.

Resident Meta Toerber of the Neighborhood Homes' Lake View Place at 416 W. Barry in Chicago says, "Lake View Place is a gift from heaven. We have weekly computer classes, low-impact exercise classes, and bus service to the grocery store. There is a 24-hour maintenance man and we have a wonderful sense of community, but you still have your privacy. For me, the personal interest Presbyterian Homes takes in you is worth a billion dollars."

Ned Russells, another Lake View Place resident added, "Presbyterian Homes has made my life totally different. I've been here 14 years, and they have enabled me to live with dignity in a building that is safe and well-maintained and in the community where I have lived a great many years."

#### **About Presbyterian Homes**

Founded in 1904, Presbyterian Homes is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization with a national reputation for creating extraordinary retirement communities. Presbyterian Homes serves older adults through its residential and healthcare programs on campuses in Evanston, Lake Forest, Arlington Heights and Chicago. The organization is accredited by the CARF/CCAC, the nation's only accrediting body for retirement communities.

Presbyterian Homes' mission also provides a significant charitable component. Last year, its Geneva Foundation spent more than \$7 million in benevolent programs, serving more than 300 older adults with limited financial means. Among these programs is the Neighborhood Homes Without Walls program in Lake County, providing subsidized living or rental assistance to individuals with limited financial resources.

# **Enroll in Oakton Emeritus Classes Starting in June**

Enroll in a variety of courses offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College starting in June. Featured courses meet at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

**The New Yorker** (HUM E93-91) focuses on selections from the sophisticated magazine established in 1925. A subscription is required. Six-week course meets 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Monday, starting June 1. Course fee is \$75.

**Yoga** (PED B21-91) introduces yoga postures with fitness movements. Class also focuses on breathing and relaxation. Students are asked to bring a yoga mat to class. Six-week course meets 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 2. Course fee is \$72.

It's **De-Porter** (MUS S48-91) highlights the life of composer Cole Porter through video clips and recordings of his memorable songs. Each session covers a different decade in Porter's life. Four-week course meets 10 – 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, starting June 3. Course fee is \$60.

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.

## **EVANSTON HAPPENINGS**

## Come to a Free Tennis Block Party May 30

All ages are invited to a free Tennis Block Party 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 30, at James Park. This new event, presented by USTA and the City of Evanston's Recreation Division, will kick off Evanston's summer tennis season. The block party includes free tennis instruction for all skill levels and ages, games, prizes, an inflatable obstacle course and more.

Although the Tennis Block Party is free, preregistration is required. To register, call 847-448-8252. For more information, call 847-448-8682. James Park is on Oakton Street, just west of Dodge Ave. in Evanston.

## 2009 Aging Well Film Festival

Aging Well and Reeltime will be presenting the award-winning film "The Cats of Mirikitani." Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston.

Blending beauty and humor with tragedy and loss, this is a documentary which begins with an elderly homeless artist in New York City. Eighty-year-old Jimmy Mirikitani survived the trauma of WWII internment camps, Hiroshima, and homelessness by creating art. But when 9/11 threatens his life on the New York City streets and a local filmmaker brings him to her home, the two embark on a journey to confront Jimmy's painful past. An intimate exploration of the lingering wounds of war and the healing powers of friendship and art, this documentary won the Audience Award at its premiere in the 2006 Tribeca Film Festival. A discussion will follow the film.

No registration is necessary, but seating is limited. http://www.reeltime evanston.org/ or http://www.cityofevanston.org/agingwell

## Health Screenings, May 22

Evanston's Health & Human Services Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health will co-sponsor health screenings on Fridays May 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff from Agape Global Outreach will provide the free screenings that include blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and cardio-vascular. The May 8 screenings will be offered at the Howard Outpost, 633 Howard St. with some appointments available. Very limited appointments remain for the screenings on May 22 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call 847-866-2959.

## **Evanston Festivals Call for Artistis**

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.



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## Portraits and Projections, opens May 12 at Evanston Art Gallery

An exhibition of photographs, Portraits and Projections, by artist Ursula Sokolowska, opens Tuesday, May 12, at Evanston's Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery. An artist reception, free and open to the public, will be held Sunday, May 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the gallery.

A native of Poland, Sokolowska studied photography at Columbia College and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her works can be found in many private and public collections, including the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary Photography.

The exhibit will remain on display through July 1. The Noyes Art Gallery is at 927 Noyes St., Evanston; admission is always free. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. The building is accessible and group tours are available. For information, call 847-448-8260.

## The Film "Evanston's Living History" Will be Presented Wednesday, May 27

This film documents the history and accomplishments of Evanston's African American residents and includes interviews with Mayor Lorraine Morton, Alderman Delores Holmes, Allen "Bo" Price, William Logan, Rose Jourdain and others.

A panel discussion will follow with the film's director and Evanston residents featured in the film. This event will take place at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, located at 1611 Chicago Ave, Evanston, on May 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. No registration is necessary, but seating is limited.

## Bike Auction, Evanston Police Department May 30

Searching for an alternate means of transportation? Let the Evanston Police Department help you. There will be a bike auction Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Evanston Police Dept. at 1454 Elmwood Ave. & Lake St. near the NE corner of the building.

Attendees will be able to bid on a vast array of bikes that have become part of the City's unclaimed property. Bike donations are also accepted anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the Police Lobby Desk. Proceeds from the bike auction will support the police pension fund.

First bikes for auction are 2 Connondales, 1 Gary Fisher, a racing bike worth over \$2,500, tricycles and many more. Preview at 9 a.m. Only cash and checks accepted for payment (photo ID required for checks.) For further information, call 847-866-5029.

# **Evanston Public Library**

# 1703 Orrington Ave. 847-448-8610

Join us in the Loft for **open access gaming:** Wii, PlayStation, XBOX 360, Guitar Hero. Must be in middle or high school. Open gaming is scheduled on Friday afternoons, May 15 and 22 from 3:30-5:30 in the Loft at the Main Library.

**Saturday afternoon movie,** May 16, 2 pm, in the Loft. Driving Lessons is the fun-packed feature. Ben (Rupert Grint, aka Ron Weasley of the Harry Potter films), eager to escape his crazy home filled with down-and-out borders, lands a job tending to self-proclaimed "Dame" Evie Walton. That's when the fun really begins. Rated PG-13. 98 minutes. Teens only!

Evanston Public Library offers a basic drop-in **Internet class.** The session is designed for people who have used the Internet before, are comfortable with the basics of using a mouse and keyboard, and wish to have practice time on the Internet. Use this time to set-up an Email account or review Internet class exercises. An instructor will be present to answer questions and provide assistance, but no formal instruction will be given. If you are not comfortable with the basics of the Internet, please sign up for our Introduction to the Internet class first. No registration necessary. Drop in for Internet instruction on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00PM in the computer lab on the third floor of the Main Library.

**Friday Films** at the Library Friday, May 15, 3 pm, Community Meeting Room, Main Library

Pride and Prejudice (1940, 118 min, unrated) "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife." And so spirited, fortuneless Elizabeth Bennet and handsome, rich Mr Darcy engage in a subtle battle of the sexes until they both win.

#### **Skokie Theatre Music Foundation**



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Come to the Cabaret starring Heather Moran May 20 at 1:30 pm

Megitza Quartet May 21 at 8pm

Jim Post's Mark Twain & The Laughing River May 22, 23 at 8 pm & 24th at 2 pm

Folksongs of Illinois FREE ADMISSION

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly. starring Bucky Halker and Don Steirnberg May 27 at 1:30 pm

Jim Post's Mark Twain & The Laughing River May 29, 30 at 8 & 31st at 2 pm

Evanston High School Jazz Ensemble May 31 at 7pm

THAT'S AMORE - salutes America's great Italian Crooners with Jack Muiccio June 3 at 1:30pm

Mike Toomey's "TV & ME"June 5, 6 at 8pm

Carla Gordon's Tribute to Sophie Tucker June 7 at 2:00 pm

Midwest Jazz Collective June 7 at 7:00 pm

Music of the World June 10 at 1:30 pm

THE DANA LEGG STAGE BAND June 11 at 8pm

Mike Toomey's "TV & ME" June 12, 13 at 8pm

SAMASAMA PROJECT: Independence Day 111 June 14 at 2 pm

Beckie Menzie Has NO Standards June 14 at 7:00 pm

Come to the Cabaret June 17 at 1:30 pm

Eastern BlokJune 18 at 8pm

Mike Toomey's "TV & ME" June 19, 20 at 8pm

A Sentimental Journey: the music of Doris Day June 21 at 2:00 pm

The chairman and his board starring Peter Oprisko - The Music of Sinatra and friends June 24 at 1:30 pm

Blood on the Tracks June 26 at 8 pm

"Where the Boys Are!" - around the world with Connie Francis Featuring KEELY NICOLE June 28 at 2 pm

# Once on This Island Opens June 13 at Evanston's Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre

What is the true price of love? Caribbean traditions, mystical gods, tropical heat, well-established class lines and a hurricane collide in the haunting legend of love, Once on This Island opening June 13 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre in Evanston. Written by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, Once on This Island combines powerful vocals, heart-racing emotions and awe-inspired physicality to produce a gripping musical love story set on a Caribbean island. Directing the show for Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, which is proudly celebrating its 30th season, is Runako Jahi, with musical direction by June Smith and choreography by Vaune Blalock.

Performances of Once on This Island are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, June 13-July 26, at the theatre in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Individual tickets are \$15, \$10 for students with IDs, and \$7 for seniors age 55 and older. Group discounts are available. For details, call 847-448-8260.

An African-American theatre company, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre produces theatre and cultural events that address the African-American experience or reflect the culture of people of African descent. The theatre rounds out its 30th season by presenting Nilaja Sun's No Child Aug. 1-23.

# SKOKIE THEATRE KICKS OFF SERIES OF CHARITY TRIBUTES WITH SALUTE TO WOUNDED VETERANS

The Skokie Theatre will honor wounded and disabled veterans with a free concert and lunch Wednesday, May 20, in the first of a series of performances designed to thank deserving individuals for their service to the community and the nation.

"Come to the Cabaret," a show featuring vocalist Heather Moran, will be performed at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. The show is open to the public and tickets are \$10 each.

Twenty-five veterans from Edward J. Hines Veterans Hospital, Hines, Ill., will be guests of the theater and will also have lunch at a nearby Skokie restaurant.

Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin (D-Evanston) of the 13th District will present Silver Star Banners to six other veterans in attendence who were wounded while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during hostilities in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq.

Silver Star Banners are supplied by the Silver Star Families of America, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to supporting wounded veterans of wars past and present, and to honoring their service.

The event is being coordinated by Richard Morbidoni, superintendent of veterans affairs for Cook County, and lunch for the honored veterans is being paid for by the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County.

According to Al Curtis, associate director of the Skokie Theatre, this tribute is the first in a series of charitable events to honor and thank certain individuals for community service. The Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the arts and enriching the community's culture, also is interested in showing appreciation for those who helped make the community and the nation great.

The Foundation will be accepting donations to sponsor similar events in upcoming weeks to honor other deserving groups, Curtis said.

For more information, or to order tickets, call the Skokie Theatre at 847-677-7761 or visit the website at www.skokietheatre.com.

### St. Peter Catholic School News

St. Peter had a great science fair recently. Due to a generous contribution by one of our parishioners in support of this effort, this activity is now called the Avis and Hugh J. McDonald Science Fair. St. Peter greatly appeciates the donation and the fine work by Miss Nora, Miss Struhar, and Mrs. Zale for guiding our students to achieve success in this endeavor.

The St. Peter girls' varsity volleyball team took first place in Division A and the boys' varsity volleyball team took first place for the year and in the Division AA playoffs. Congratulations to our teams and special thanks to Mr. Miniscalco, Jonathan Hester, and Peter Haben for their fine coaching.

Two successful sports banquets were recently held to recognize all of our student-athletes for their efforts during this current school year. An enormous round of applause is due Mr. Miniscalco, all our coaches, the Booster club, and the families of our students. What a great example of "Sound Mind in Sound Body."





# Remembering Memorial Day

By Sophia Venetos

Ten-year-old Jenna George has no idea why Americans celebrate Memorial Day. She admits she does not know what the holiday signifies and has never learned its meaning in school. Her sister Sophia, 8, is just as clueless about this quintessential American holiday. The sisters could not even fathom a guess as to the holiday's meaning.

sister Sophia, 8, is just as clueless about this quintessential American holiday. The sisters could not even fathom a guess as to the holiday's meaning. But both know they have the day off of school, something they made sure not to complain about.

Whether this is a growing trend, or just the case of these two children who attend school in Skokie, is unclear. But what is apparent, is that traditional observance of Memorial Day continues to falter year after year, and various long-standing customs are no longer being practiced.

Perhaps more disturbing is that the meaning of Memorial Day is becoming lost among younger generations. Memorial Day is quickly becoming just another day off of work and a marker for the beginning of summer.

But as Americans continue to fight overseas, defending our freedom and sacrificing their lives to protect it, Memorial Day is just as relevant and important now as ever.

So, this Memorial Day take some time to learn the true meaning behind the holiday, and share it with your family.

Even if you don't commemorate the day in the traditional sense, bear in mind that Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed as such on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The holiday was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Civil War soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

However, the South did not observe Decoration Day, preferring to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I. In 1882, the holiday's name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored.

In 1966, under the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson, the federal government declared Waterloo, N.Y. to be the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo was chosen because it had first celebrated the holiday in 1866, and residents made the day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flags and flowers. However, it is difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the federal holiday.

Memorial Day is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May, and was declared as such in 1971, to ensure a three-day weekend.

Memorial Day can still be celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery, in which a ceremony occurs and a small American flag is placed on each grave. It is also customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In 2000, the National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed to help re-inform and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day. The resolution asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

Although moments of silence are customary on Memorial Day, conversely, parades have also remained as a common occurrence to celebrate the holiday. Below you will find several Chicago area-parades that you and your family can attend to honor Memorial Day.

#### **Saturday, May 23, 2009**

*Chicago Memorial Day Parade* begins at noon. It starts at State St. from Lake St. to Van Buren.

#### Monday, May 25, 2009

AMERICAN LEGION EDISON PARK POST # 541 OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday May 25Th, at 9:30AM we will conduct a solemn ceremony at Monument Park Located at Avondale and Oliphant Avenue. This day has been set aside to honor those that died while a member of our military defending our great country. All are invited to attend.

After the ceremony we will go to Onahan School located st 6634 W. Raven to participate in the Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade. American Legion Edison Park Post # 541 has been selected as the Honor Guard to lead the parade.

*Memorial Day at Bohemian National Cemetery*, 5255 N. Pulaski, Chicago, IL 60630 at 9:00 A.M.

To honor all who served in America's Armed Forces The program will include a Sokol Spirit color guard, an inspirational address in English, the recitation of a Czech poem and patriotic songs by the Half and Half Singers to honor the veterans in attendance. Women attending will receive carna-

tions, compliments of Friends of BNC. Czech refreshments included. Free and open to the public. Join us!

Des Plaines Memorial Day Events

8:00 a.m. - Brief ceremony at All Saints Cemetery

8:30 a.m. - Brief ceremony at Ridgewood Cemetery

9:15 a.m. - Parade line up at Maine West High School parking lot entrance at Howard Street

10:00 a.m. - Start Memorial Day Parade and proceed down Howard Street to Lee Street and proceed to the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. approximately, immediately following the parade; regular Memorial Day program will start at the Memorial. Program will last until about 12:15 p.m.

Wreath Laying presentation: During the program at the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, organizations are invited to place a memorial wreath at the memorial during the ceremony to honor all those who gave their lives in the military, in the defense of freedom. Those wishing to place a wreath can contact Steven Schaefer at 847-452-6991 and they will need to check in at the podium by 10:00 am on Memorial Day.

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festivities Parade - Along Pratt Avenue – 10:00am

Ceremony – Madeline's Garden – 10:45am; Community Picnic for Village Residents – Proesel Park Shelter – 11:45am Please Note: All times are approximations, and may vary. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all. Help Lincolnwood celebrate Memorial Day. FREE

Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. from Onahan School, 6634 W. Raven and will proceed to Taft High School, located at 6545 W. Hurlbut. The procession will also include classic and antique cars.

This year's Parade Marshal is Paul R. Moreno, State Cmdr., Polish Legion of American Veterans. To sign up please call Jim: 773-497-5852 or Corrine: 773-774-4951.

Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. from the South Park assembly area on Talcott Road. The parade will move north on Cumberland Avenue, to Prairie Street, to Main Street, to the reviewing stand on the steps of City Hall. A commemorative ceremony will take place at the restored American Legion Veterans Monument in Hodges Park immediately following the parade. Afterward, the veterans will depart for the Town of Maine Cemetery, Talcott and Dee roads, where another ceremony will take place at the Civil War Veterans Monument.

*River Forest Memorial Day Parade* begins at 11:30 a.m. at Division Street and Ashland Avenue, River Forest.



# SHERIFF REMINDS RESIDENTS TO BE CAUTIOUS WHEN VISITING CEMETERIES

As the warmer weather and Mothers' Day approaches, Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart reminds residents to be alert when visiting the grave site of a loved one.

In the past few weeks, Sheriff's Police have investigated reports of thefts from vehicles at a local cemetery. These crimes occurred while the victims were away from their vehicles paying their respects.

"At no time has violence or the threat of violence been used in any of the reported incidents," Dart said. "Anyone visiting a cemetery needs to take a few common sense precautions to avoid being the victim of a theft."

Dart recommends that cemetery visitors follow these guidelines:

Lock all car doors and do not leave any valuables in plain view inside your vehicle

Lock purses, bags and any other valuables in the trunk while visiting a grave site

Do not make yourself a target by carrying your purse or bag to the grave site

If possible, avoid visiting the cemetery alone

Note your surroundings before exiting your vehicle. Report any suspicious vehicles or activity to the cemetery attendant or police

For further information, contact the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department at (708) 865-4700.

# "A Theatre Review"

"Art"

Steppenwolf Theatre Company Upstairs Theatre
1650 N. Halsted
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

This year "Art" won the Tony Award for Best Play and "The Lion King" won for best musical at the Radio City Music Hall. I was fortunate to be in attendance.

While the producers never sent a touring company to Chicago, the show had a long run at the Royal George Theatre. First with Michael Gross from "Family Ties" heading the cast and later replacing him was Kevin Dobson from the television show "Kojak."

The show deals with three middle age Frenchmen: Serge played by John Procaccino, Marc who is played by Francis Guinan and Yvon played by K. Todd Freeman. Serge is divorced, Marc is married, and Yvon is scheduled to be married.

"Art" is the work of Yasmina Reza and the show is translated by Christopher Hampton.

The show's director Rick Snyder is also an actor who has found a strong cast for the show. Later in the run Guinan will take over the role of Serge and Ian Barford and Joe Dempsey will handle the other roles.

It's a show you'll either like or hate and it definitely is a play for men especially if you're a feminist. The show has its humor but it does have a darker edge. There is tension between the three men and you'll find humor in their bitterness and confrontation.

Serge purchases a virtually all-white abstract modern painting for a costly amount of money. Marc has a negative reaction to the art work and this threatens their15 year friendship. We see Yvon wants no part of the conflict as he is having his own personal problems with his upcoming marriage as hi smother and the bride's family are at odds with each other.

This play deals with friendship, loyalty, betrayal, culture and what is and what isn't taste.

"Art" runs 90 minutes with three strong performances. Art runs through June 7. For performance dates, show times and reservations call 312-335-1650. Ticket prices are \$20 to \$70.

# **Skokie Theatre Offers Free Tickets to 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 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

"The History Boys"
Timeline Theatre Company
615 W. Wellington Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Timeline Theatre Company is a small equity theatre that is housed on Wellington Ave. next to a Protestant Church.

P.J. Powers, the theatre's artistic director really scored a major coup in obtaining the rights to Alan Bennett's "The History Boys."

The show has received a total of 30 major awards that include the Tony and Oliver awards for the best new play. The show first opened in London in 2004 and finally ended up in New York in 2006. It was also made into a feature movie. The show is closing out Timeline's 2008-2009 season under the outstanding direction of Nick Bowling.

The play features a cast of 12 and runs three hours. Many British plays run three hours and Rock'N'Roll at Goodman also has that time going for it.

Donald Bearly has the role of Hector the English Teacher who regularly swats his students in the classroom and fiddles around with the more attractive of his students after school.

The play deals with history and how it should be taught. You'll hear quotations from Auden, Larkin, Hardy and Shakespeare and in one scene in the classroom it is conducted entirely in French.

The adults are Donald Brearly, Terry Hamilton as the school head-master, the newly hired Coach Irwin is being played by Andrew Carter and Ann Wakefield is Mrs. Lintott, the only female teacher in school. The boys are Joel Gross as Dakin, Rob Fenton as Lockwood, Will Allan as Scripps, Behazad Dabu as Akthar, Govind Kumar as Crowtheur, Brad Bukauskas as Timms, Michael Peters as Rudge and Alex Weisman as Posner

The show is set in 1980 in the northern part of England and you'll find that while it offers humor it is a provocative show. The who offers music and the musical director is Doug Peck. One student comes from a family of a Holocaustchild and who has a love for Dakin, another is a playwright. Bennett the playwright who is 71 years young would be proud of this production of his masterpiece.

"The History Boys" runs through Jun 21 and could possibly get an extension. for performance dates, show times and reservations call 773-281-8463. Ticket prices are \$25 and \$35.

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# THE NIGHT MINISTRY **HOSTS 10TH ANNUAL** "LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT"

The Night Ministry is pleased to announce its 10th Annual Lighting Up The Night Benefit Dinner, Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel, located at 909 North Michigan Avenue in Chicago. A Cocktail Reception begins at 5:30 pm in the adjoining Buckingham and Windsor Rooms, with the Lighting Up The Night Program to begin at 6:30pm. Returning to emcee Lighting Up The Night is veteran news anchor Robert Jordan from WGN-TV. The event will be sponsored by Aon Corporation, Boeing Company, ComEd, and Peoples Gas. Mayor Richard M. Daley serves as the Honorary Chairman of the event, along with Co-Chairs Karen and Dick Pigott. The Lighting Up The Night Dinner Committee includes Paula & Gordon Addington, Cheryl & Jeffrey Anderson, Naomi Borwell, Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Buntrock, Anne & Bill Goldstein, Shelley Ochab & Chester Gougis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Judelson, Jennifer & Bruce Lee, Audrey & Ted Spiegel, Helen and Dick Thomas, Phyllis & Al Thomas, Peg Thomson, Laurie McCollum & Carl Warschausky.

Each year, The Night Ministry recognizes organizations and individuals as our Lamp Lighter Awardees, for going above and beyond the call of duty to help us make sure no one falls through the cracks. Ellen and Paul Gignilliat will receive the Outstanding Individual Citizens award for their dedication to The Night Ministry over the last 18 years. The legendary Fourth Presbyterian Church will be presented with the Outstanding Community Citizen award for the congregation's long standing commitment to service projects that benefit The Night Ministry. The employees of The Westin Michigan Avenue will receive the Outstanding Community Volunteers award for their continued effort to organize fundraising drives, which greatly benefit The Night Ministry.

For more information about the 10th Annual Lighting Up The Night Benefit Dinner, please contact Carey Smith at Carey@thenightministry.org or 773.506.6025.

The Night Ministry connects with Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults, providing basic supplies, self-care supplies, free healthcare, housing and supportive services for youth, referrals to other resources, and more. We offer services at the moment of need on the street, a mobile health bus, and our shelter and supportive services programs for homeless youth. www.thenightministry.org



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Remove from Grill and enjoy great ribs.

# **Liberty Bank for Savings to Offer** Free Estate Planning Seminar

The second in a two-part series, an informative Advanced Estate Planning seminar will be held on Thursday, May 28, 6 p.m. at Liberty's Lincolnwood branch, 6666 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. There is no charge. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847-674-1300 or visiting Liberty's Resource Center on their Web site at www.libertybank.com.

For this advanced-level class, attorneys Theodore Froum and Steve Bonneau, from the law firm of Charles E. Dobrusin & Associates Ltd, will be the presenters. They will discuss estate planning techniques, the use of lifetime gifts and family loans and ways to maximize the benefits of your IRA in this advanced-level installment of the class.

Liberty Bank for Savings has been providing safe and secure banking service since 1898. The community bank, with offices on the northwest side of Chicago, in Park Ridge and Lincolnwood, celebrates its 111th anniversary in 2009. For more information call 773-489-4471 or visit www.libertybank.com.

# **Lincolnwood Social Club (55+)** Join the Lincolnwood Social Club

Are you tired of staying home? Would you like to do fun and exciting things? Do you want to make a few new friends? Then why not join the Lincolnwood Social Club 55+. You do not have to be a resident of Lincolnwood to join. We go to exciting places every week in addition to the numerous special events held at our Community Center. Give us a call and find out what we are all about, our number is (847) 677-9740. This is one phone call you won't be sorry that you made.

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# Chester M. Przybylo Appointed to Board of Governors



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The American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys is pleased to announce that Chester M. Przybylo, Attorney at Law, has been appointed to the Academy's national Board of Governors.

In his new capacity, Mr. Przybylo will serve as an advisor and help guide the direction of the 110-member organization. He joins six other attorneys from around the country on the prestigious board.

A member of the Academy since 1993, Mr. Przybylo limits his practice in Chicago, Illinois, to estate planning. He regularly presents free public seminars

on living trusts and reducing estate taxes. Contact him at: 5339 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60630, phone (773) 631-2525.

"The Academy recognizes Mr. Przybylo's outstanding professionalism and dedication to the field of estate planning," explains Robert Armstrong, founder of the Academy. "As a member of the Board of Governors, he will be able to share his knowledge and expertise with the members of the Academy to improve the practice of estate planning across the nation."

The American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys is a national membership organization dedicated to keeping its attorney members upto-date on the latest estate planning techniques and laws. It also helps attorneys provide expert legal advice and service to their clients.

# Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Your Party Place – Lincolnwood Community Center Available for Rent

The Lincolnwood Community Center is part of the Parks and Recreation Department of the Village of Lincolnwood. We serve the community's recreational needs by offering various programs in our facility. However, when we're not serving the recreational needs of the community, we would like to make our Community Center available for rent to, businesses, individuals and families of Lincolnwood as well as those living nearby.

It is important for us to serve the public's recreational needs, but it's also important to assist families in attaining an affordable space to hold all types of functions, from birthday parties, bat/bar mitzvah parties, family reunions/celebrations, annual holiday parties, wedding engagements, retirement parties, to classroom enrichment programs and more.

We can fulfill almost every need of the community with our list of amenities including: round or rectangular tables, banquet chairs, kitchen, TV, podium with microphone, coffeepot, tablecloths and more. If you have a specific need that was not mentioned in our amenities list, talk to our staff to see if other arrangements can be made.

Availability is based upon seasonal Parks & Recreation Department programs and previously scheduled rentals. Stop by our facility, located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue in Lincolnwood, for a tour of the building, to inquire about availability, or to pick up a renter information packet detailing prices, policies and procedures. Or you can contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740 for more information.

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# **The Perfection of Part-Time**

By Tammy Cook

Words like "downturn", "recession" and "struggling economy" have been center stage for the last several months, causing Chicago businesses and companies across the country to act more like deer in the headlights than the innovators and entrepreneurs that they truly are.

Historically speaking, recessions only last a maximum of 18 months. Whip out your calculator and do the math; the economic sun should begin to shine over Lake Michigan again this summer.

But very few businesses are prepared for the imminent upswing, after having experienced months of hiring freezes and layoffs. When the time comes, many companies are going to find themselves understaffed and ill-equipped to move forward into the new burgeoning economy.

e country on the prestigious board. So what can businesses do now to gear up their production and serv-A member of the Academy since 1993, ices while still keeping their expenditures in check?

10 til 2 is the cutting edge staffing company that specializes in providing businesses, from small start-ups to well-established industries, with part-time, college-educated career people. Our clients get topnotch talent, maintain control over human resources expenses and merely pay for the hours they need covered. No costly benefits. No uncommitted temps. Just highly skilled professionals ready to hit the ground running.

The 10 til 2 "part-time employment model" is an easily accessible HR solution for companies that refuse to sit passively awaiting better times. Not surprisingly, it is also a solid business tool in more prosperous economies. The reason is simple. 10 til 2 and its proprietary database of educated professionals allow companies access to top job candidates poised to move their businesses forward while eliminating the need for dollar-heavy employee benefits and out-of-control salaries.

If you would like to learn more about the perfection of part-time and how 10 til 2 can help your business through to the sunny side of the economy, visit www.tentiltwo.com or contact me at tcook@tentiltwo.com

Tammy Cook is the owner of 10 til 2 – The Part-time Placement Service – Chicago North Shore. Look for her upcoming article on emerging labor trends and the reason why so many top professionals are opting for part-time employment.

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# GREAT OUTDOORS

# Local Farmers' Markets LINCOLNWOOD:

Beginning Thursday, June 4, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating Lincolnwood's 3rd Annual Farmers Market. The market will run every Thursday through August 20th, between the hours of 8 am -1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Avenue. This location was chosen because of its visibility from Pratt Avenue, accessibility of parking, and neighborhood location.

The goal of the Lincolnwood Farmers Market is to offer an event that brings residents and the business community together, while offering the opportunity for individuals living and working in Lincolnwood to buy fresh produce and natural products. Our vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, bread, pastries, cheese, flowers, honey, and more.

Thursdays, June 4 – August 20, 8:00am – 1:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL FREE – Open to the Public For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

#### **EVANSTON:**

Date: Saturdays, May 16 - Nov. 7, 2009 Time: 7:30am to 1pm

Place: Intersection of University Place and Oak Avenue

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer. For over 30 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors of fruit, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese and bakery items.

Now We're Cookin' and Home Grown Artists are going to be at the Market certain Saturdays throughout the summer. Stay tuned for dates.

Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage.

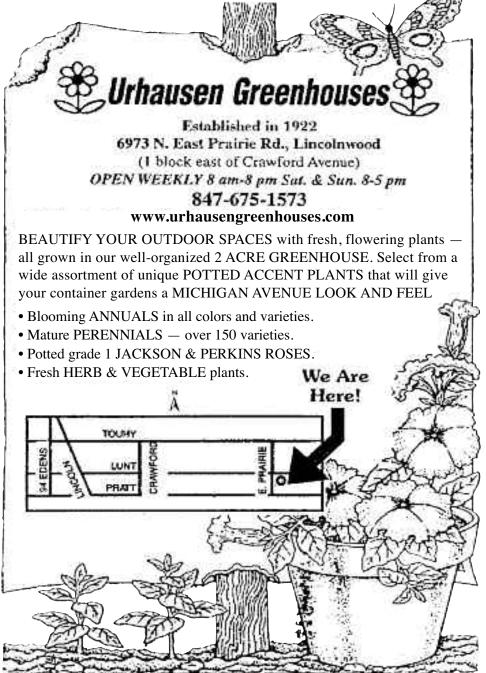
Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets are available through the Commission on Aging. Click here for details.

#### **Special Events at the Market:**

Saturday, May 16 9:00am-1:00pm Staff from the Recreation Division, Ecology Center and Cultural Arts Division will be on hand. For the kids: free face painting, tennis and basketball play and a small petting zoo. Adults will enjoy wood carving and ceramic class demonstrations and the public art model on display. For your convenience, you can buy your beach tokens on site at the preseason rate.

Saturday, May 30 Public Works Department





# Diamond Frost is a Gardener's Best Friend

by Nick Urhausen

An exciting new plant has been introduced which is unlike any you've ever seen or grown. This plant was recently the U.K.'s Plant of the Year, and it has won numerous awards and honors at trials all over the United States. The name of this new unique plant is Diamond Frost, and it is a member of the Euphorbia family. This plant is an annual which will survive as long as temperatures stay above 30 degrees F.

Diamond Frost boasts nonstop clouds of airy white blooms. This plant is very easy to grow due to its exceptional heat and drought tolerance. It simply never goes out of bloom. Diamond Frost is versatile, as it can grow anywhere from a full sun to a part shade location. The plant should be watered when the soil is dry and periodically fertilized with any well balanced fertilizer.

The uses for Diamond Frost are as abundant as its blooms. The plant can be grown in planters, hanging baskets, or the ground. In all uses, it can be planted alone for a dramatic, elegant display of white flowers, or combined with other plants and used as an accent plant. The tiny white blooms will brighten up any mixed planting. Diamond Frost has a mounding upright habit, and will grow into a robust 12"wide by 16" tall plant.

Everyone should try at least one Diamond Frost plant in their plantings this year. Whether you are an expert or a casual gardener, you will be pleased with the results. It is likely that Diamond Frost will become a staple of your plantings, and you will be growing this plant for many seasons to come.

Urhausen Greenhouses is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Their phone number 847-675-1573. www.urhausengreenhouses.com

# Preseason Beach Token Sale Continues Through June 12

Evanston and Skokie residents can save on 2009 beach tokens during the annual preseason token sale 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.

# **Urban Wildlife Coalition**

#### **Fawn Facts**

Those of us fortunate to live near our region's last urban forests may happen upon white-tailed deer. Most fawns are born between the middle of May and the end of June. Here are a few "fawn facts" to help you get to know them even better.

The gestation period for white-tailed deer is approximately seven months. Does usually give birth to one to three fawns at a time.

Fawns can stand just 20 minutes after birth, can walk haltingly in an hour, and can outrun a human in just five days!

A doe may nurse her fawn three to four times a day. Deer milk is very rich, with a fat content of around 12% (compared to 4% in whole milk from cows we humans drink).

For safety, a doe will hide her fawns separately from one another. Mother deer may venture as far as a half-mile away (still within hearing distance) of her offspring. If you find a fawn on its own, do not assume it is abandoned. Often, mother is nearby keeping tabs on her young.

The white spots on a fawn's fur helps camouflage it from predators. They lose their spots at around nine months of age.

Yearlings are fawns that are a year old; at that point, they may mate and have fawns of their own.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

# **Best Friends/Companion Pets**

## You're Invited to Our Open House

By Bosley

As you know, moving, at best, is difficult. I'm just trying to stay out of my human's way.

Now that we are moved into our new digs at 6460 N. Milwaukee Avenue on Chicago's Northwest Side, we'll all settle down to business and I'll be back on the job for the next issue of the newspapers.

Canine Corral is really a great place to work and with the addition of our new boarding area, it should be even more fun for me.

Stop by our Open House on Sunday, May 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your animal companions with you so that we can all meet, faceto-face and paw-to-paw!

See you then, Bosley

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



# **Anti-Cruelty Society**

Saturday, June 13th, Noon - 4:00pm

Wooftop Festival and Adopt-A-Thon – (rain or shine)! This dog days of summer fun fest features a KISSFM Adopt-A-Thon, food, refreshments, dog and human games, raffles, Denise Zak, Pet Psychic, Doggie Massages and much more. The event takes place on the upper levels of The Society's parking garage with a great view of the City's skyline, 169 W. Grand Ave, Chicago. \$20 Adults, \$5 for Children includes food and fun. For more information visit our website at www.anticruelty.org or call Emily Ledergerber (312)644-8338 ext. 319.

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# Evanston Dog Beach Opens May 1 Evanston's dog beach, located north of the Church Street boat launch fa-

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

# **Recognizing Illness in Pet Birds**

Continued from last issue

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Watery droppings should be carefully evaluated to determine if they are due to gastrointestinal disturbance or increased urine production (polyuria). A somewhat formed fecal portion with an extremely watery urine portion or excessive urate portion may indicate a kidney problem or metabolic problem such as diabetes.

A more liquid consistency in the fecal portion of the droppings is suggestive of an intestinal tract infection. Occasionally, birds with an intestinal disturbance may have a grayish coating on the fecal portion due to excessive mucous. When a bird has pancreatic disease it has characteristic "popcorn" droppings which are bulky and off white to gray in color. Undigested seed or grit in the droppings are abnormal and could indicate a gizzard malfunction.

Blood in the fecal portion of the droppings is usually from the cloaca or oviduct. Severe inflammation in the cloaca, ulcerations or tumors may be responsible. Blood may also be seen in female birds encountering difficulty passing eggs. In Amazon parrots and macaws, blood in the droppings could be due to cloacal papillomas, which are of viral origin. Other signs of this condition include straining to defecate and the presence of granulation tissue (appears almost like a strawberry) around the vent and in the cloaca.

The urate portion (urine crystals) should be off white in color. If the urates are yellow or neon green it may serve to indicate hepatitis. The neon green urates may be suggestive of psittacosis. Blood in the urine or urates (to be distinguished from blood in the fecal portion) are indicative of a kidney disturbance or toxicoses, particularly heavy metal poisoning such as lead.

#### **Unusual Growths/Enlargements**

Birds can develop abscesses, feather cysts and tumors, so any unusual swellings should be properly evaluated. Fat deposits may develop on the chest and/or abdomen and should be considered abnormal. Other abdominal enlargements could indicate the presence of a tumor or an egg. Many times these growths are not detected until they are quite large. Early detection may be accomplished by noting irregular displacement of the feathers. Keep a close watch on your bird as the earlier these problems are treated the greater the success rate.

#### Conclusion

Develop a sense for what is normal with your bird, deviations from the norm could indicate disease. The more you handle and interact with your bird the greater will be your understanding of the bird as well as your ability to detect potential problems. If you observe any of these signs or have questions about the condition of your bird, do not hesitate to notify your veterinarian for aid. A sick bird that is treated promptly and properly has a much better chance of recovery. Yearly physical examinations including blood testing and fecal analysis are strongly recommended for all birds. New birds should be examined shortly after purchase so that their state of health can be properly evaluated. Early detection is the key.

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