July 4th Background

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.
Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers July Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in July.

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, July 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Friday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital’s main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, July 13, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Timothy R. Davis, herbalist and traditional Chinese medicine practitioner, will discuss herbalism and its dangerous contraindications. Advance registration is not required.

A free lecture, titled ‘Do You Suffer From Pelvic Pain?’, will be held Wednesday, July 18, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This lecture is for anyone who suffers from pelvic pain. Michael Rock, M.D., chairman of anesthesia and pain management, will discuss the causes of pelvic pain, symptoms, treatment options and services offered at the new Pelvic Pain Clinic. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free health fair will be held Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will feature a variety of health screenings, ‘talk to the experts’ booths, health literature, raffles, giveaways and refreshments. Face painting and balloon creations for children will be included. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group will meet Wednesday, July 25, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center C. This free support group provides mutual support and education. Cardiology staff will conduct sessions and answer questions related to pacemakers and internal cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Registration is not required.

A diabetes screening will be held Thursday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. No fasting is required for this blood draw that will test for HbA1C, glycohemoglobin. The screening is for anyone who wants to know their blood sugar average during the past two-to-three months. Test results will be mailed. There is a $10 fee payable at the screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free parking is available in the hospital’s parking facility on Addison Street.

Better Business Bureau Advice: Guard Against Added Cell Phone Charges When Vacationing

With today’s technology, cell phone users can surf the web, receive emails and watch movies on smartphones. When traveling abroad, many users fail to recognize their data plan is constantly in use, even when they think their phone isn’t. The Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois (BBB) encourages those going abroad to take steps in preventing unnecessary charges.

In the past 12 months, the BBB received almost 747 complaints against the cell phone industry, many of those were from customers who were unaware their phone or other mobile device was still in use as they traveled outside their coverage area.

‘Vacationers often rack up more expenses than initially planned when traveling,’ said Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. “It’s important to make sure you aren’t paying extra for a cell phone not being used.”

‘Roaming’ is the term that describes a wireless phone’s ability to make and receive calls outside the designated coverage area under your service plan. Before traveling abroad or out of your coverage area, consumers should be proactive and contact their provider for specific details regarding their individual plan.

The BBB advises consumers to do the following with their cell phone and cell phone provider in preparation for a trip abroad:

Turn off your phone. If you don’t need your phone and don’t plan to use it while traveling abroad, turn it off. Another option is to rent or buy an international cell phone. Many rental plans offer services that work in several countries and may provide free incoming calls.

Contact your cell phone provider. Cell phone users generally know not to make calls or send text messages while out of their coverage area or abroad. For the occasional traveler it may be worth looking into an international add-on plan. Your cell phone carrier can provide specific tips that cater to the roaming needs of your individual cell phone and data plan.

Invest in a prepaid SIM card. For frequent, chatty travelers or long-term travelers consider investing in a prepaid SIM card. With access to a local phone number, vacationers will be able to make phone calls at the country’s local rate. Check with your BBB. Travelers should always check with your BBB before choosing an international service provider at www.bbb.org.

For more information on finding businesses and consumer tips you can trust, visit www.bbb.org or www.facebook.com/bbbchicago.

Be Careful During Summer Heat

Summer is here, and with this season comes the heat. The Skokie Health Department recommends the following during periods of forecasted heat even when a heat advisory has not been issued:

• Use a buddy system to check in on family, neighbors, and friends;
• Plan activities for the coolest times of the day (early morning and late afternoon);
• Drink plenty of fluids;
• Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing outdoors;
• NEVER leave children or pets in a parked car; and
• Protect your pets. Make sure your pet always has cool, clean water and a shaded area to rest if left outside.

The following public locations are available for cooling in Skokie:
• Illinois Department of Human Services at 8020 St. Louis, Skokie, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Skokie Public Library at 5215 Oakton St. Skokie, 847/673-7774. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.
• Skokie Park District, The Skatium at 9300 Weber Park Place (at the rear of the building), Skokie, 847/674-1500 ext. 2900. Sunday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and at Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252, or visit www.skokie.org.

"RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" FREE TO THE PUBLIC FROM THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

The 2012 edition of the "Resource Guide for Persons with Disabilities," published by The Young Lawyers Section (YLS) of The Chicago Bar Association (CBA), is now available for download at www.chicagobar.org under the "For the Public" link. It can also be ordered in paper form by calling 312-554-2013. It is available at no cost.

The 134-page spiral bound, soft cover book provides contacts and information on public agencies and non-profits that work with the disabled. Resources for help with abuse and neglect, issues of aging, medical issues and more are listed. Edited by members of the YLS, the publication intends to acquaint Chicago area residents with the tools available for coping with the many issues facing those with disabilities.
SBIF Grants Available for Devon/Western Businesses!
The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 50th Ward Alderman Debra Silverstein and the City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development are pleased to announce the availability of additional Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) Grants for the Devon/Western TIF District.

The (SBIF) program uses Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues to help owners of commercial and industrial properties and/or tenants repair or remodel their facilities.

Program participants can receive reimbursing grants to cover up to 75% the cost of remodeling work.

The grant does NOT have to be repaid.

Expenses Eligible For a SBIF Grant Include:
- New windows, floors or roof
- Sign removal and replacement
- Tuck pointing
- New heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- Improvements to accommodate disabled patrons or workers
- Purchase of adjacent property for building expansion or parking
- Find out how your business can participate!

How the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce Can Help
The Chamber has assisted many local business owners in obtaining SBIF fund for renovation projects. We are happy to assist in filling out applications, obtaining letters of support and finding local financing options. Contact us today to set up an appointment!

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce Amie L. Zander, Executive Director / 773/743-6022 / westridgechamber@sbcglobal.net / www.westridgechamber.org

“INTRODUCTION TO R/C AIRCRAFT” WILL BE TIMELY TALK FOR JULY 18 AT NORWOOD CROSSING

If soaring like an eagle is too adventurous, perhaps the hobby of flying remote control aircraft may be of interest. To learn more about this unique and fun-filled hobby, be sure to attend the Timely Talk, “Introduction to R/C Aircraft,” presented by Greg Bosak, owner of Chicagoland Toys and Hobbies in Norwood Park.

The free program will be held at 2:00 p.m., on July 18, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Narragansett Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available behind the building (entrance off Avondale Avenue).

Bosak will explain how you can enter the hobby, gain greater skills at flying your own model aircraft or expand your existing model aircraft hangar, make pre-flight checks, match the size of the aircraft with your personal skills, and point out other fields that may need to be considered before purchasing or flying a model plane. He will also exhibit flying remote helicopters. A question and answer session will follow the talk, refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held.

Please RSVP by calling (773) 577-5323 or visit info@norwoodcrossing.org.
JOIN US FOR A CHICAGO’S GREEK FEST WEEKEND
AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 2012
by Anastasia E. Weaver

We are all fully aware that the economy has played havoc with our income and expenses. Wherever we turn there appears to be a hike in unemployment, a hike in the cost of living, and no immediate solution, housing costs keep spiraling and savings accounts dwindling. On the bright side, we have been blessed with wonderful Chicago weather conditions - lots of sunny skies and warm but breezy days. The Festival committee at St. Demetrios has been planning the annual Chicago’s Greek Fest for the past year. Planning for the festival has not been the easiest of times to be planning a trip to the sunny shores of Greece - they seem to have their own depressing economic turmoil. Our goal is to create a weekend with some of the greatest Greek cuisine, first-class star studded musical entertainment and activities for the entire family to enjoy including the same warm hospitality that would greet you on your arrival on the sunny shores of Greece. Pricing will remain stable at Chicago’s GREEK FEST. All right, it may not be exactly like the sunny shores of Greece and its beautiful islands with cool breezes coming off the shores of the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. It is certainly not Omonia Square or Syntagma Square in Athens. We can promise you a fun filled weekend at St. Demetrios Church’s annual GREEK FEST nestled on a quiet residential street in Chicago’s Lincoln Square on August 17, 18, and 19. If our weather conditions should suddenly change and a few rain drops come our way, we will not permit that to spoil our fun. We will make sure that the fun still continues in our air conditioned facility. When you are ready for dinner, whatever the hour you choose, you can visit our Food Tent for a wonderful assortment of authentically prepared Greek dishes, which we create with the freshest and finest ingredients we can obtain. You may want to enjoy our famous GREGIAN CHICKEN with rice pilaf. Perhaps you will select our popular SOUVLAKI - succulent pork tenderloin shish kabob, or our delicious KOFTE - meatballs marinated and our GYROUS - delicious and it is carved fresh - it is not packaged. Why not try our GREEK FRIES - sprinkled with Feta. You cannot stop eating them. Perhaps it is PASTIT-SIO that will hit the spot - layers of macaroni and ground beef. We also have TYROPITA - home made Greek style cheese pie and our famous SPANAKO-PITA - spinach and feta pie. Traditional Greek style SOUTHERN CUISINE is abundant with fresh vegetables - try our GREEK SALAD if you wish. You can enjoy this wonderful meal under the Big Tent or in air-conditioned comfort in the Miller Center. It is your choice, depending on our Chicago weather conditions as well.
Visit our PASTRY TENT where you will find the best Greek Pastries made with recipes prized by our families over the years. The choices are innumerable. You can also take a box home to enjoy the next day while you reminisce about the wonderful weekend you have had with all. Also do not forget our now famous Loukoumades (puff pastry) made from scratch, sprinkled with honey and cinnamon and served warm continuously through the three days. While we are known for our great Greek cuisine, we do not stop at food alone because we love to dance and sing so we planned a weekend of musical entertainment and activities for the entire family to enjoy including the same warm hospitality that would greet you on your arrival on the sunny shores of Greece. Pricing will remain stable at Chicago’s GREEK FEST.

RESURRECTION CLASS OF 2012

The Resurrection Class of 2012 included seventeen Illinois State Scholars and the 195 graduates were awarded over $7.6 million in college scholarships. At the May 23, 2012 graduation ceremony at the Copernicus Center three students were selected to address their classmates. The graduates included young women who have distinguished themselves in academics, service, athletics and artistic achievements. Two high achieving students Donna Gawron ’12 and Briana Torres 12 presented “Student Reflections” at the graduation ceremony. The Commencement speaker, chosen from the Class of 2012 graduates, was Bianca Baltazar ’12.

Donna Gawron, President of the Resurrection Student Council, was the first student speaker. She read from the Dr. Suess book, “Oh, the Places You’ll Go” and urged her classmates to hold on to their imaginations as they face the next phase of their lives. She also challenged the Class of 2012 to live out the words in the song “Go Make a Difference” which is a song frequently sung at Resurrection liturgies.

Donna Gawron was a Res Scholar and an Illinois State Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and Tri-M, the Music Honor Society. She was President of the Resurrection Science Club and a member of the Resurrection Chamber Orchestra. She also performs in a Polish violin and dance ensemble. Donna Gawron will be attending Loyola University in Chicago where she plans to study biology as a pre-med student. Briana Torres, the second student speaker, has been an active member of Key Club, Italian Club and National Honor Society during her time at Resurrection. “I personally have come to appreciate that each one of us graduates are one of a kind and that each of us can do something to make a positive impact in this world,” she said. Briana Torres is a Res Scholar and Illinois State Scholar and will continue her education at Boston University, where she plans to study international relations and In-

Senior Bianca Baltazar was selected as the Commencement speaker. She is a member of the Resurrection Dance Team, has been involved in various clubs here at Resurrection, has volunteered at Resurrection Medical Center and served the sophomore class Secretary. “With the foundation Resurrection College Prep High School has given us, we are prepared to face our future. High school has been a time of learning and maturing; now it is our time to triumph.” Bianca Baltazar will be attending Manhattanville College where she has major in Broadcast Journalism while pursuing Political Science as a minor.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Res-

Wine Fest Delivers Never-Ending Glass of Wine

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its fifth annual Wine Fest on Saturday, August 8, 2012, 4 to 7 p.m., at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Doors open for VIP patrons at 3:15 p.m. Ticket prices are $50 before September 2 and $55 after, or $70 for VIP tickets, which includes high-end wines and an extra 45 minutes of tasting. The Wine Fest is held every year at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago’s oldest home.

The event allows ticket holders to experience various wine and food at a unique outdoor venue. Vas Foremost Liquors will be on tap to coordinate a “never-ending glass” of wine filled by a wide ranging selection of flavors from around the world. The Wine Fest will offer gourmet cuisine provided by Honest Foods. Guests can taste more than 60 wines from several distributors, with representatives on hand to answer any questions. Inside the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, guests can bid in a silent auction featuring breathtaking vacations, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, and wine merchandise. Raffle tickets will also give guests the chance to win an Instant Wine Cellar.

The Wine Fest is one of the largest fund-raisers for the Norwood Park Historical Society. Guests must be 21 to attend. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 773-631-4633, e-mail: info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org or online at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago’s oldest home. We work with the community to preserve its rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visits are available on Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.
Purchase Your Taste of Chicago Concerts Tickets and Celebrity Chef du Jour Tickets Now On www.tastefofchicago.us!
The City of Chicago is partnering with Groupon Chicago as the exclusive seller of tickets to the seats at the Petrillo Music Shell for Taste evening concerts and to the all-new Celebrity Chef du Jour. Tickets are on sale now through the Taste website, www.tastefofchicago.us.

Purchase seating tickets for the evening concerts for only $25 and the dining experience for $40.

Bill Passes House to Create Illinois State Police Cadet Funding
On the very last day of this spring’s grueling legislative session, State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) saw his House Bill 196 pass the House 80-0 to create funding for Illinois State Police training.

“The number of Illinois State Police we are losing due to retirement this year is extremely high,” Rep. McAuliffe said. “We need to create this additional funding in order to train the new Illinois State Police Cadets to make up for this large gap.”

The bill would allow the circuit court or clerk to charge a fee of up to $15 when pleading guilty to an offense that would require a court appearance. This would only affect people who must appear in court and have no bearing on those who plead guilty and mail in their fees. Currently, the court charges a fee between $1-$2.

The bill is now sent to the Governor for consideration.

Village of Skokie Partners with Illinois Science + Technology Park, Oakton Community College on Nanotechnology Jobs Training Initiative
The Nanotechnology Employment, Education and Economic Development Initiative (NE3I), a consortium that includes the Village of Skokie, the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP), Oakton Community College (OCC), NSERVE (a consortium of nine local high schools) and Nanolink, Inc., an IS+TP tenant, recently received a $250,000 grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

At its June 18, 2012 meeting, the Skokie Village Board authorized matching this grant with $250,000 in funds from the Village’s Downtown Science + Technology Park Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to further the NE3I goal of making nanotechnology accessible for local high school and community college students.

“The NE3I partner organizations share a common goal of training 125 to 300 local students each year to address a growing and documented need for nanotechnology technicians at the IS+TP and other northern Illinois locations,” said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. “In addition to the generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust and the Village’s fund match through the IS+TP TIF, the consortium continues to work with state and federal agencies to secure additional funding for this important jobs training initiative.

The NE3I will be housed at the IS+TP in Downtown Skokie, and the Village of Skokie and all partners will have representation on the program’s advisory board. The nanotechnology training curriculum will be developed by the OCC Departments of Math and Technologies and Science and Health Careers, and will incorporate existing curriculum developed by NanoInk, Inc.

The NE3I is a partnership of the Village of Skokie, the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP), Oakton Community College (OCC), NSERVE (a consortium of nine local high schools) and Nanolink, Inc. It is intended to provide a nanotechnology training program for area high school and community college students.

The NE3I program includes the following key features:

- The program will be housed at the IS+TP in Downtown Skokie.
- The program will be developed with input from local high school and community college students.
- The program will be available through OCC in spring 2013.
- The program will be funded by a combination of state and federal grants, as well as private donations.
- The program will be overseen by a partnership of OCC and IS+TP.

Celebrate Norwood Park’s 138th Birthday With A Party on July 8
The Norwood Park Historical Society will celebrate Norwood Park’s 138th birthday on July 8, 2012, with activities for adults and children.

On Chicago’s far Northwest Side, celebrate Norwood Park’s 138th birthday party on July 8, 2012, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Norwood Park Historical Society will celebrate the 138th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Norwood Park with a day full of events for adults and children. This event is free to the public and all are welcome. Donations to support the Norwood Park Historical Society are appreciated.

The event will feature a special guest speaker, the history of Norwood Park, and a variety of other fun activities for all ages.

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**GOATS...IN THE CITY?**

Goats Browse at the Garfield Park Conservatory This Summer

**WHO:** Two adult goats along with four baby goats (pair of twins) can be seen browsing the City Garden at Garfield Park Conservatory this summer.

**WHERE:** Garfield Park Conservatory’s City Garden located behind the Conservatory (west of the facility), 300 N. Central Park Ave.

**WHEN:** For one week each month during Conservatory hours which are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays until 8 p.m.

July 7 – 13

August 4 – 10

September 8 – 14

October 6 – 12

Please call ahead to ensure goats are not out sick!

**MORE:** We are asking patrons to touch or feed the goats please.

These goats belong to a Westside Chicago resident who is experimenting with how small farm animals benefit the urban landscape and life in the city. People and goats have lived side-by-side for over 10,000 years, and today's city dwellers are starting to realize the benefits.

A browser eats leaves, green stems, and bark, while a grazer eats mostly grasses. Think of them both as natural mowers. They can clear a vacant lot of weeds in no time!

Browsers and grazers have been part of Garfield Park’s history. William Le Baron Jenney, the architect who designed Garfield Park in the 1870’s, imagined a country space in the city where farm animals roamed pastoral meadows. At long last, goats are browsing in Garfield Park!

**Drum Corps International to Perform in Muscatine**

7:30 Sunday, July 1, 2012

What: Percussion on the Pearl – A Drum Corps International extravaganza Where: 2705 Cedar St., Muscatine, Iowa (Muscatine High School Football Stadium)

When: 7:30 Sunday, July 1, 2012

Why: To experience the DCI phenomenon

How: Buy tickets at dci.org/tickets

Tickets: Range from $10-$20

Promo: http://bcove.me/2pdqd88c

They are athletes, artists and performers and guaranteed to present a spellbinding performance. Drum Corps International, known as the Major League of Marching Music, will perform in Muscatine, Iowa, at 7:30 on Sunday, July 1. Drum Corps is sometimes described as marching band but there’s no real comparison. Each drum corps performance is an intense, highly competitive, choreographed musical. Drum Corps is composed of students age 13 to 22 playing brass, percussion and color guard - no woodwinds.

“It will be the first time Muscatine will host a major Drum Corps International event,” said Muscatine High School Director of Bands Jeff Reid, who is organizing the event. “It will be an outstanding competition among eight great drum corps from around the country.”

The eight performers are: Bluecoats - Canton, OH; Blue Stars - La Crosse, WI; Madison Scouts - Madison, WI; Glassmen - Toledo, OH; Troopers - Casper, WY; Colt Cadets - Dubuque, IA; Legends - Kalamaaro, MI; and the Raceine Scouts - Racine, WI.

Active participants in U.S. Drum Corps hail from more than 15 countries, and the annual DCI tour consists of more than 100 events throughout North America. Each summer more than 400,000 fans attend live events, and more than 8000 students audit for 3500 marching spots.

Tickets range in price from $10 to $20 and can be purchased online at dci.org/tickets.

Ticket Prices increase $5 on event day at the gate!
POLISH FRATERNALS SPONSORS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT AT TOYOTA PARK WITH THE CHICAGO FIRE
National Polish Alliance Vice President (PNA) Paul C. Odrobina invites Chicago Fire Soccer fans to join us along with the Vice Presidents of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons of America and Polish Women’s Alliance for our first Polish American Night with the Chicago Fire at Toyota Park on Saturday, August 18, 2012 starting at 7:30 p.m. The Chicago Fire vs. the New England Revolution. Price of Premiere Tickets are only $20.00 (regularly $40.00).

Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723 ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632, ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women’s Alliance (1-888-522-1898 ext. 1208) or at the Chicago Fire Sales Office Contact, Ed Kaczynski (708) 496-6784. Please note that tickets are subject to availability and due to high demand, we encourage to order tickets as soon as possible. A flyer with complete details could be found on the PNA’s website www.pna-znp.org

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19 Aug 8pm
The Comedy Team of MOIZI & SCHWAB (Comedy Hirten) bring their side splitting impressions to Chicago.

The 13th annual Mufti Chamber Golf Outing is coming up at the beautiful White Pines Golf Club and Banquets.

How can you and your business get involved? Golf! Come alone or with a foursome! This is a great way to network and meet potential customers. Remember, businesses from several neighborhoods participate.

For more information on Chicago Shakespeare in the Parks, visit www.chicagoshakes.org.
Local Arts and Entertainment

Observance of Independence Day Facts
In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, Ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled “The Psalm of Joy.”

In 1791, the first recorded use of the name “Independence Day” occurred.

In 1820, the first Fourth of July celebration was held in Eastport, Maine.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.

In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

Mitchell Museum Offers Crafts for Kids in July
The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston will offer special activities for youngsters June 6-8, the first days of summer break for students in Evanston/Skokie School District 65.

Kids can engage in do-it-yourself craft projects making simple versions of traditional Native American items including woven rugs, Northwest Coast masks, Plains shields, and Seminole patchwork. The crafts are recommended for children ages 5 and older. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Native American stories will be read each afternoon at 2 p.m. in the museum’s teaching lodge.

The “school’s out” activities are included with the price of museum admission. Regular museum hours will be in effect.

Kids Craft Morning Programs
The museum will also offer its “Kids Craft Morning” programs on Saturdays and Sundays in June and July.

Mitchell staffers and volunteers lead the informal, one-hour sessions where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects using everyday craft materials.

Kids will make Woodlands porcupine quill boxes out of colored toothpicks and cardboard, Northwest Coast button blankets of plastic buttons glued onto cloth; Lakota Star quilts of cloth and heavy paper; Seminole patchwork of fabric pieces glued onto cloth; and a Cherokee syllabary, a booklet using written symbols to represent syllables of the Cherokee language.

Workshop dates, times, and themes are as follows:
- July 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Seminole patchwork
- July 7, 11 a.m.-noon, beaded key chains
- July 8, 12:30-1:30 p.m., beaded key chains
- July 14, 11 a.m.-noon, Cherokee syllabary
- July 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Cherokee syllabary
- July 21, 11 a.m.-noon, Lakota star quilts
- July 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Lakota star quilts
- July 28, 11 a.m.-noon, Northwest Coast button blankets
- July 29, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Northwest Coast button blankets

The museum also makes available coloring projects and other simple craft activities on request at the workshops.

Offered year-round, the museum’s Kids Craft workshops are designed to introduce children to Native cultures of the U.S. and Canada, which are the focus of the Mitchell Museum’s collections and exhibits.

Workshop participants have the opportunity to view authentic examples of Native crafts from the Mitchell’s collection and illustrations of Native designs as models for their projects.

Kids Craft Morning activities are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary.

Admission to Kids Craft Morning workshops is included with museum admission, which is $5 for adults, $3 for children (ages 1-17), students (with ID), teachers (with ID), and seniors (age 65+). Admission is free for Mitchell Museum members and tribal members.

The Mitchell Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays.

The independent, nonprofit Mitchell Museum is at 3001 Central St., Evanston. For information, phone (847) 475-1030. On the Net: http://www.mitchellmuseum.org.

Visit our website at
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The final evening of Chicago SummerDance on September 16 is scheduled to take place in Millennium Park on the AT&T Plaza in front of Cloud Gate. Further details on the grand finale September 16 event will be announced at a later date. Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Chicago SummerDance brings people of all ages and skill levels together on the 4,900-square-foot, open-air dance floor made of 100% recycled materials each summer. The series offers free, introductory one-hour dance lessons taught by professional instructors followed by two hours of live music and dancing.

Updates and announcements will be available on Facebook at facebook.com/ChicagoSummerDance and on Twitter @SummerDance2012. Weather announcements will be available on the SummerDance Hotline at 312.742.4007. For more information, visit ChicagoSummerDance.org.

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FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL RETURNS TO MILLENIUM PARK

The Family Fun Festival returns to Millennium Park this summer, making the Park the place to be for kids of all ages. Every day, from July 2 through September 2 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., family performances and hands-on activities will take place in the Family Fun Tent, located on the Park’s Chase Promenade North. The Family Fun Festival is sponsored by Target and presented by the City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

“Lit Target, we are committed to serving local communities where we do business,” said Laysha Ward, President, Community Relations, Target. “That’s why we are proud to partner with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to present the Family Fun Festival as we work to strengthen communities and enrich the lives of our guests and team members.”

Activities in the Family Fun Tent every day include Wiggleworms® at 10 a.m., when instructors from the Old Town School of Folk Music lead young children in a fun-filled sing-along that has kids singing and dancing to popular children’s favorites from the Wiggleworms program. A reading circle follows at 11 a.m. and concerts by some of the most notable names in local and regional entertainment will take place at 1 p.m.

Throughout the day, the Family Fun Tent’s Activity Zone will include hands-on craft projects and garden, science and environmental activities led by some of the region’s popular museums and cultural institutions, including Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Architecture Foundation, Chicago History Museum, Chicago Park District, Chicago Wilderness, Chicago Youth Circus, CirqueÉtire, Lurie Garden, Museum of Science and Industry, Swedish American Museum and William Moss and Friends. The Family Fun performer line-up and the Activity Zone schedule can be found at www.millenniumpark.org. For more information about the Family Fun Festival and all of the programming in Millennium Park this summer, visit millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @Millennium_Park.

Weekly Activity Zone Partners
July 2-6 - Wild in the City with activities led by Chicago Wilderness
July 9-15 - Pop Goes the Easel with activities led by Art Institute of Chicago
July 16-22 - Past, Present and Future: Your Chicago with activities led by Chicago History Museum
July 23-29 - Under the Big Top with activities led by CirqueÉtire and Chicago Youth Circus
July 30-August 5 - Architecture Week: Building Chicago with activities led by Chicago Architecture Foundation
August 6-12 - TBD
August 13-19 - Science and Exploration with activities led by Museum of Science and Industry
August 20-26 - Cultural Exchange: Explore Swedish Traditions with activities led by Swedish American Museum
August 27-September 2 - Garden in the City with activities led by Lurie Garden (August 27-31) and Get Out & Grow with activities led by William Moss and Friends (September 1-2)

Free Outdoor Dance Festival Returns with Diverse Music and Dance Offerings
July 19 – September 16, Special Kick-Off at Taste of Chicago, July 11 - 15
The largest annual outdoor dancing series in the United States, Chicago SummerDance returns for its 16th year of jumping, jiving and bringing joy to Chicago’s residents and visitors. SummerDance will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 4 to 7 p.m., weather permitting, from July 19 through September 16.

Highlights include performances by acclaimed Cuban composer and vocalist Angel de’ Cuba (July 28); Bollywood, Bhangra, Reggae and Funk band Funkadesi (August 9); African Soukous and Highlife band The Occidental Brothers Dance Band International (Sept. 7); and Chicago Samba (Sept. 8). The full schedule is enclosed.

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Fireworks are Always Dangerous Especially, During this Unusually Dry Weather

Summer is a great time to have family picnics, spend hot days poolside, and to share happy moments with friends and family and not the time you want to spend in the hospital from a fireworks injury or caring for a family member with burns.

Sadly, fireworks send thousands of people to the hospital each year, and nearly all of those injuries could have been prevented by leaving fireworks in the hands of professionals.

Fireworks are illegal without a permit in Illinois. The State Fire Marshal’s Office urges everyone to attend professional pyrotechnic displays where the whole family can enjoy them at a safe distance.

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Even seemingly harmless fireworks devices can be dangerous. Matches burn at 350 degrees and Sparklers reach temperatures of up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and remain hot enough to cause serious burns even after extinguishment.

So, lets make July 4th and the entire year fireworks safe. Observe all fireworks safety rules, and leave fireworks use to the professionals.

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Last year more than 100,000 people enjoyed the Chicago SummerDance series, making it the most established and popular dance series of its kind in the United States.

Chicago SummerDance Dance Floor
The open-air dance floor for Chicago SummerDance was designed by Chicago artist Dan Peterman out of recycled plastic. Titled Chicago Ground Cover, the floor was first installed in 1997 at the original Chicago SummerDance site in Grant Park along Michigan Avenue at Washington Street (now Millennium Park). Originally 2,500 square feet, it was first expanded to 3,500 square feet in 1999, and was then expanded to 4,600 square feet. In 2011, it was renovated and further expanded to 4,900 square-feet to accommodate the increasing number of SummerDance visitors.
Gerber/Hart Library & Archives Elects New President, Board Member

Gerber/Hart Library announces that Brad Tucker has been elected President of the Board of Directors to fulfill the remainder of Karen Sendziak’s term. Karen Sendziak has been elected Treasurer, and John Orwat, PhD has been elected Secretary of the Board. Orwat will finish the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Brad Tucker served as President of Gerber/Hart from 1997 – 1999 and oversaw Gerber/Hart’s move from its previous location on Paulina Street to the facility on Granville Avenue. Tucker said, “Moving Gerber/Hart to Granville Avenue marked the beginning of a new era for Gerber/Hart in 1999. Moving to 6500 N. Clark St. will mark the beginning of another new chapter in Gerber/Hart’s 31 year history and I am honored to be able to be a part of it.”

Tucker stated that re-opening Gerber/Hart to the public will be his number one priority and is counting on volunteers to help unpack, re-shelve and reset the Library in its new home as soon as construction is completed.

With the help of Karen Sendziak, Gerber/Hart recently received a large donation of furniture, which will fit beautifully in the new library. The new space is being custom built for Gerber/Hart and its needs. We will have much more space to house and process archives, a separate area for booksales, bright sunny reading areas, a meeting room and an exhibition hall that will allow local artists to display their works to the public. Once complete, the library will be handicap accessible and ADA compliant,” Tucker said.

Going forward Tucker says he will primarily focus on board development, new fundraising initiatives, community outreach and implementing new management strategies. He expects to develop oversight bodies for the library, archives and programming of Gerber/Hart. “It’s an honor to be able to assume this position,” Tucker said, “but during my first three years as president I never learned how to check out a book for a patron. I won’t pretend I’m a librarian or archivist. I will leave that work to the professionals and our well-trained volunteers. I see my role as helping to develop the future of Gerber/Hart; developing future leaders, insuring its financial viability and making sure Gerber/Hart is providing services and sharing our resources with the community.”

Former president Karen Sendziak has now assumed the position of Treasurer. Sendziak is also Gerber/Hart’s longest and most steadfast volunteer. For almost 25 years she has served as Historian, Archivist, volunteer coordinator, board member, President, programming director, exhibit curator and a host of other positions at Gerber/Hart. “Without Karen Sendziak, I’m not certain Gerber/Hart would be around today,” Tucker said.

John Orwat, PhD will assume the role of Secretary on the Board of Directors. John is an Assistant Professor at Loyola University. He has done significant research in the areas of substance abuse treatment among adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Don Landers will remain on the board as a member at large.

Gavin Rehfelt has been appointed Gerber/Hart’s Exhibition Coordinator. Rehfelt received his Masters of Arts Management from Columbia College, has interned at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, and has served as an Exhibition coordinator for the Chicago Mosaic School. He looks forward to creating exhibits with compelling visuals that contribute to conversations concerning the history and experiences of LGBTQ individuals.

Gerber/Hart Library and Archives was founded in 1981 to be a depository for the records of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) individuals and organizations, and for other resources bearing upon their lives and experiences in American society. Gerber/Hart Library and Archives has since grown into being the Midwest’s largest LGBT circulating library with over 14,000 volumes, 800 periodical titles, and 100 archival collections.

For more information about Gerber/Hart Library and Archives go to www.GerberHart.org or call 773-381-8030.

COOL AUTHOR & SUMMER READS FOR ADULTS PROGRAMS AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IN JULY

While the July heat scorches the city, the Chicago Public Library features cool author and You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults events at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. and other branch libraries. For more information visit chicagopubliclibrary.org, or call (312) 747-4050.

JANINE MACLACHLAN Monday, July 9 at 6 p.m. Reception Hall, Lower Level

Food writer and author Janine MacLachlan discusses and signs her new book, Farmers’ Markets of the Heartland, an accounting of her tour of seasonal markets and farm stands throughout the Midwest. Along the way, MacLachlan meets the growers, producers and artisans who bring fresh, nourishing food to local communities. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

DAVID MARNANIS Wednesday, July 11 at 6 p.m. Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

David Marnanis, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and associate editor at The Washington Post, discusses and signs his new book Barack Obama: The Story, a deeply reported generational biography teeming with fresh insights and revealing information. Marnanis’ masterful narrative is drawn from hundreds of interviews, including President Obama’s in the Oval Office, as well as numerous letters, journals, diaries and other documents.

LAURA BRUZAS Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. Clearing Branch, 6423 W. 63rd Pl., (312) 747-5657 Rogers Park Branch, 6907 N. Clark St., (312) 744-0156 North Austin Branch, 5724 W. North Ave., (312) 746-4233

In this workshop titled Eat Well for Less, the “green kitchen economist” Laura Bruzas from Healthy Dining Chicago, http://www.healthydining.org/, discusses simple, healthy lifestyle options for consumers. Bruzas offers expert tips and dietitian-approved strategies to shopping smart, conserving energy in the kitchen and stocking the pantry with nutritious and tasty meals. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

COLSON WHITEHEAD Wednesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

Bestselling author Colson Whitehead discusses and signs his post-apocalyptic horror novel Zone One, about a global pandemic that has devastated the planet and humanity, leaving the living and the living dead in its wake. Zone One is both spine chilling and playfully cerebral as it subverts the genre’s conventions and deconstructs the zombie myth for the 21st Century.

JAMES MASTRIANNI, M.D., PH.D. Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. Sulzer Regional Library (312) 744-7616

In this workshop titled Health Matters: Is Your Brain Trying to Tell You Something, Dr. James Mastrianni, associate professor of neurology and director of the University of Chicago Medicine’s Memory Center, leads a discussion on memory loss and dementia. Mastrianni discusses the importance of early diagnosis and ways to help keep memory sharp. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

TERRI GREGORY Monday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. Sulzer Regional Library (312) 744-7616

Artist Terri Gregory, MAAT, discusses the use of art as a visitation for people suffering from Alzheimer’s, dementia, or have difficulty connecting socially. In this workshop titled Connecting to Those with Memory Loss, Gregory shows that art and creativity can facilitate a social bond, stimulate memories, enhance emotional well-being, and act as a bridge for interpersonal communication in ways that cannot be done through verbal conversation. This program is presented as a You Are What You Read: Summer Reads for Adults event.

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call (312) 747-4050.
RAHM’S READER: YOU ARE WHAT YOU READ SUMMER PROGRAM HEATS UP WITH COOL PROGRAMS IN JULY

The Chicago Public Library kicked off its annual Summer Reading Program on June 11, celebrating health and wellness as part of Rahm’s Readers: You Are What You Read. In just the first two weeks, a total of 6,213 children have already read 24,281 books. Moving into the hot month of July, the Library will have loads of cool programs about health, nutrition and wellness to keep kids reading and having fun as the summer heats up. Chicago children (and families) will have a great time attending the following upbeat and interactive citywide programs in July. Please visit chicagolibrary.org for dates and locations:

- **Healthy Beats**: A Family Program for Active Kids & Parents with Laura Doherty
- **Histories for Kids, Inc.:** The Chicago Super Chef Express with Terry Lynch
- **Deep Divers and high Jumpers:** Small and Tall Tales of Animal Athletes with Bob Kanegis
- **A Recipe for Success:** The Magic of Reading with Bob Kann
- **Don’t Just Sit There … Get Healthy! with Rick Kelley
- **Nutrimania! A Tasty Game Show for Kids with Mad Science of Chicago
- **Artist Workshop: A Feast for the Eye with Steve Musgrave
- **Get Hip to Health! with The Science Alliance
- **Music, Movement and Healthy Reading with ScribbleMonster
- **Read, Sing and Keep Healthy! with Carol Weston
- **Design. Build. Test. With the James Dyson Foundation

Rahm Reader: You Are What You Read is presented in partnership with the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Public Health, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital, La Rábida Children’s Hospital, Corner Children’s Hospital, CLOCC: Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago’s Children, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics: Reach Out and Read and the BY the Hand Club for Kids. Programs are generously supported by the Chicago Public Library Foundation and a host of sponsors including Cubs Care, Dr. Scholl Foundation, Kraft Foods Foundation, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation, Macy’s Foundation, Helen M. Harrison Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, R. R. Donnelley, ComEd, RPM Advertising, Citidel Foundation, wttw11/98.7 wfmt, Chicago Blackhawks Charities and the Chicago Sun-Times.

**Money Smart programs**

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For more information, please visit the website at chicagolibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

**FREE MONEY SMART PROGRAMS CONTINUE IN JULY**

The Chicago Public Library continues its free series of financial literacy programs designed to help people become more “money smart.” Presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and its partners, Money Smart programs help participants understand the business of money, gain control of their financial future and learn practical money skills for life. Money Smart programs are held year round at library locations throughout the city. Additionally, all Chicago Public Library locations offer books and online resources which allow participants to learn more about organizing their personal finances and financial planning. For a complete listing of Money Smart programs, please visit chicagolibrary.org.

Seven Costly Misconceptions about Mortgage Loan Modifications

Learn about the mortgage loan modification process and how lender policies may affect the loan’s monthly payment, interest rate, mortgage terms and outstanding loan principal. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Fonfriza Law Group LLC.

**Monday, July 23 at 12 p.m.**

Harold Washington Library Center Video Theater, lower level

400 S. State St., (312) 747-4300

**Introduction to Investing**

Basic investment concepts and portfolio design ideas will be discussed for the beginning investor to avoid common mistakes and make sound decisions to secure a better financial future. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Warren Arnold, CFA, CFP, ChFC.

**Tuesday, July 24 at 12 p.m.**

Harold Washington Library Center Video Theater, lower level

400 S. State St., (312) 747-4300

All Money Smart programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The Chicago Public Library does not endorse, promote or guarantee the products and/or services of the presenters. Products and/or services are not sold at these presentations. For more information about Money Smart programs, please call (312) 747-8184.

For more information, please visit the website at chicagolibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

The library is closed on Wednesday, July 4.

**Book Discussion**

**July 9, 11 a.m.** The adult book discussion features “State of Wonder” by Ann Patchett. **Cinematic Classics** shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. July 5: “Yankee Doodle Dandy”; July 12: “Inherit the Wind.” July 19: “The African Queen.” **Food Drive**. June 6-July 27. Please place nonperishable food items in the box across from the Circulation Desk to support our summer reading theme “Reading Is So Delicious.” Donated food will benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry and the approximately 3,000 individuals who use the pantry every month.

**Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. July 6: “We Need to Talk About Kevin”; July 13: “Year’s Eve”; July 20: “The Artist.”


**Beginning with Books.** Wednesdays, June 13-July 25. Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for Playtime program following. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Breakfast All Day.** July 12, 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. 6th grade and up. Breakfast food is so good, you can eat it anytime! Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Breakfast for Dinner.** July 10, 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Grades K-5. Breakfast food is so good, you can eat it anytime! Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Family Storytime.** July 11 and July 25, 6:30 p.m. The July 11 theme is “Breakfast Before Bed” and the July 25 theme is “Cakes, Cookies, & Pie, Oh My!” Families with young children are invited to join us for an evening of stories, activities and celebrations. Especially for children ages 3-8. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Monday Matinee.** Alternating Mondays, 10 a.m., Grant Room. G-rated films. July 9: “Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.”

**Knitting for All Ages.** Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

**Playtime.** Wednesdays, June 13-July 25. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

**Stories and More.** Tuesdays, June 12- July 24. This fun, interactive story-time is tailored for children ages 3-5 and emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, colors and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, online stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each session provides a language-rich experience. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**English as a Second Language Class.** Tuesdays, June 26-August 28, 6-8:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

**Literacy Class.** Saturdays, June 30-August 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading and writing skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

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

**Knitting for Adults.** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

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

**Humanities Treasures.** Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

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**Dining for Wellness.** Wednesdays, June 13-July 25. Stories, songs and celebrations. Especially for children ages 3-8. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Edible Art.** July 17, 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Grades K-5. Use food to make a masterpiece! Let your creativity and your tastebuds run wild. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Gather ‘Round the Campfire.** July 19, 6:30 p.m. 6th grade and up. A guest storyteller will captivate us with spooky stories as we nosh on s’mores. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.
How Does a “Heat Wave” Affect Your Plants?
by: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses
Once again this year our Chicago weather has changed from the cool of Spring to the heat of Summer almost overnight. This sudden and rapid change from cold to hot impacts the growth of your flowering annuals in ways of which you may not be aware. The average gardener often does not understand the role that temperature plays in the performance of tender plants. What we will focus on today is the impact which temperature has on blooming.

For all plants there is an ideal temperature range consisting of a night time low and a day time high which is optimal for producing blooms and flowers. Having a heat wave the night time low is usually not cool enough, and the day time high is often exceeded. When this occurs, most plants tend to slow down, just like people do, when it is hot. Some plants will either go out of bloom completely or decrease the number of blooms significantly. This is the survival mechanism of the plant kicking in. The plant will shut down blooming to concentrate on just staying alive. Dianthus and snapdragons are some examples of plants that often times go out of bloom when the real heat hits. This does not mean that the plant is dead. Continue to water, and when the weather cools the blooms and flowers will magically reappear. In other plants the number of blooms will not decrease, however the size of the blooms will shrink. New Guinea Impatiens and nonstop Begonias will often follow this pattern. Again, keep up the watering and continue feeding the plants every two weeks, and all will be fine when the weather cools down. During a heat wave all a gardener can really do is just wait for the cooler more moderate weather to return.

Village of Skokie Pet Licenses Available
Pet licenses are available at Village Hall. With a veterinarian’s statement of spay/neuter, the pet license fee is $12. A current rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase whether purchasing in-person or by mail. Pet licenses cannot be renewed online at this time.

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses can be purchased at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847/933-8423.

It’s That Time of Year

West Nile Virus Alert from Lincolnwood
The Village of Lincolnwood received notice from the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District that they have identified the first West Nile Virus positive mosquito pool in Lincolnwood this year. This notification prompts the Village to remind our residents about West Nile virus and precautions that can minimize your exposure to the virus. It is important to protect yourself by following the three R’s – reduce your exposure to mosquitoes, repell them by wearing insect repellant, and remove areas in your yard where mosquitoes typically breed.

West Nile Virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Approximately 80 percent of people infected with West Nile Virus never show symptoms, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite from an infected mosquito. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis, meningitis and death are possible.

So far this year, there have not been any human cases of West Nile Virus reported in Illinois. Last year, there were 34 reported cases with three confirmed deaths.

To receive more information about Village of Lincolnwood news and events, send an e-mail with the subject line “subscribe” to subscribe@lwd.org.

Arbor Day Foundation
What Tree is That?
The Arbor Day Foundation has a booklet that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The booklet, What Tree Is That?, is available for a $5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinct characteristics of many tree species.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this booklet to help people identify trees in Illinois and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. What Tree Is That? uses a simple, step-by-step approach to identify the species of each tree. The booklet explains what to look for in the shape of the leaves and differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, specifics on the fruits and flowers and the details of buds and bark.

What Tree Is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org. The Arbor Day Foundation offers this unique, one-of-a-kind online tool so people can identify trees using the internet.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name and address and $5 for each guide to What Tree Is That?, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at arborday.org.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in July
America’s forestland is a prized natural resource, and anyone can help plant much-needed trees in these vital areas by joining the Arbor Day Foundation. Through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins the Foundation in July by planting 10 trees in forests that have been devastated by wildfire, insects and disease. The cost for joining the Arbor Day Foundation is a $10 donation.

Our national forests need protection because they provide habitat for wildlife, keep the air clean and help ensure safe drinking water for more than 180 million Americans.

“Keeping our forests healthy is vital to the health of people and the entire planet,” said John Rosem, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “By planting trees in our national forests, we will preserve precious natural resources and the benefits they provide for generations to come.”

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our national forests, send a $10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or visit arborday.org/july.

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.theanctcruelty.org or call (312) 644-6338.

Dear Friend of Animals,
As an animal lover, we know you are like us and can’t bear to see animals suffer. They count on us. They cannot speak for themselves. We must help them.

With your help, we save lives every day. The Anti-Cruelty Society’s three Rehabilitation & Treatment Centers save more than 1,000 lives each year. Animals who wouldn’t have a second chance without us. These animals need significant care to recover. We give them everything they need, then we find them a new family who will love them forever. Your help makes this possible. Thank you.

Will you give animals in need a hand by making a gift today? On behalf of the animals here who will be served by your generosity, we thank you. Your support is truly needed and appreciated!

Sincerely,
Robyn Barbiers, D.V.M., President

Illinois Comptroller Adoption Event / Chef Tasting
July 12, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Come join Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka at The Anti-Cruelty Society as she promotes the importance of adopting animals. Sample food prepared by local chefs in our courtyard and a whole lot of love from our animals that are up for adoption.

West Nile Virus
To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our national forests, send a $10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or visit arborday.org/july.
Outdoors & Pets

SHAKE UP THIS SUMMER WITH FREE WORKOUTS IN MILLENNIUM PARK ON THE GREAT LAWN AND JAY PRITZKER PAVILION

Weekly Workouts Began in June

WHO: Chicagoans and visitors alike…

WHAT: Will join Millennium Park and McDonald’s® for the 2012 summer kick-off of energizing free workouts.

WHEN: continuing every Saturday through September 1

7 a.m. Tai Chi with Stirling Tai Chi
8 a.m. Yoga with the Chicago Park District
9 a.m. Pilates with Frog Temple
10 a.m. Zumba with TEAMFIT

Music during yoga and Pilates by Perrin Stamatis

WHERE: Great Lawn at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park

Workouts are 45 minutes long with classes in Tai Chi at 7 a.m., Yoga at 8 a.m., Pilates at 9 a.m. and Zumba, a Latin inspired calorie-burning fitness dance party, beginning at 10 a.m.

Again this year, there will be live music played over Millennium Park’s state-of-the-art sound system for the yoga and Pilates classes. Workouts are free and open to people with all levels of experience.

Workouts are supported by McDonald’s®, who committed $5 million to Millennium Park to provide free fitness activities, as well as the McDonald’s Cycle Center in 2006, and are presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

For information about Workouts and all of the programming in Millennium Park, visit millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

Jefferson Park Sunday Market

Mark you calendars for the season’s first Jefferson Park Sunday Market – Jefferson Park’s very own farmer market held at the Copernicus Center at 5253 N. Center Ave. The market is Sunday June 24th at 10am-2pm.

The bar will be open from 11:30-1:30. Returning vendors include: Delightful Pastries - Organic pastries, C & D Family Farms(meats, eggs etc.), River Valley Farms - Mushrooms, sauces, pasta, The Scrupulous Pantry - Artisan specialties (cranberry ketchup!), condiments, oils and vinegars, That Pickle Guy (Kosher pickles, pickled specialties, giardiniera, mufallata topping)

New vendors include: Stamper Cheese Company (Cow- and goat- milk cheese), Café Woof Le Purr (pet treats+), Fannie Schmoes Bakery, Capo Cofee, Geneva Lakes Produce

Our opening market will also feature -- Plant Swap: bring your extra plants, seeds and even tools to exchange, or donate Rachel Decorvo, Horticulturalist for the City of Chicago, will be on hand as an education resource

Nate Sarnat & Kevin Miller of Harmonious Funk will be playing June 24th starting at 11am

Meatloaf-A-Go-Go Food Truck will also be on hand, for lunchtime snacks. More info may be found at www.jjga.net/fm or on Facebook under Jefferson Park Sunday Market.

Skokie Farmers’ Market

Visit the “Best on the North Shore “ Skokie Farmers’ Market now opening two weeks earlier on Sunday, June 10. The Market will be open every through Sunday, October 28, 2012. Hours are 7-30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The Market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A wide selection of fresh grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers’ Market. Also available are fresh baked goods, cheeses, fresh mushrooms, cut flowers and much more. New highlights planned for the upcoming year include a new plant and vegetable grower, cooking demonstrations and additional musical entertainment.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission hosts the Skokie Farmers’ Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers’ Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Manager, at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org.

Lincolnwood Summer Market and Music Series Kicked off June 21

Mark your calendars for Thursdays this summer between June 21-July 26 for Lincolnwood’s Summer Market and Music Series at Proesel Park! The market opens at 5pm with a wide variety of vendors including produce, specialty pastries, gourmet ice cream, handmade jewelry and unique arts and crafts. Consider making this a meal destination by enjoying the made-to-order rostering corn, paninis, and bangers hot off the grill. Several area non-profit groups will round out the market portion of this brand new series.

Bingo takes place each week from 5:45-6:30pm. $5 allows you to try your hand at five games with a chance to win a VIP one-night stay at Hampton Inn and Suites, our official bingo sponsor. Face painters will delight our youngest guests from 5-7pm making this a true family affair.

If music is what you are after, this concert lineup is sure to please. Mr. Meyers kicks off the season on June 21 getting everyone in the mood for summer with their Caribbean vibe. The Flat Cats perform big band swing on June 28 with the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra celebrating everything American on July 5. Shy Violet will get everyone up and dancing with pop hits from the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s. Out of Control will rock the house July 19. Our season finale on July 26 features Maxwell Street Klezmer Band showcasing music of Jewish Eastern Europe.

Concerts will be held from 7-8:30pm. All activities will take place in Proesel Park near the entrance to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. Bring your lawn chairs or favorite blanket and make this a new summer tradition. For more information, please contact Genelle Iocca at gilocca@lwd.org or (847) 745-4726. You may also visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.
Why Women Hold the Keys to Successful Estate Planning

Some people still assume that, when it comes to financial and legal matters, women are not key players. However, this is entirely inaccurate. Women are most likely to be highly involved and greatly affected by estate planning.

In recent generations, women have taken on a larger role in the financial arena. The number of women in the workplace has tripled in the last fifty years. Meanwhile, the real median income of women has increased by sixty-three percent, while the income of men has declined by six percent in the same period.

A recent study by the New England Journal of Medicine suggests that the odds of needing long-term care at some point in life is roughly fifty percent. More than forty percent will spend more than six months in long-term care. Guess who are likely to be the caretakers? Women. Women are three times more likely to care for their mate's illness or injury. Guess who are likely to be widows? Women. Widows outlive widowers by five years on average. It is essential for women to ensure that, at a minimum, they and their spouse have done basic estate planning. This includes four documents: General Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Durable Power of Attorney, Will, and Revocable Trust.

When a husband is missing or becomes incapacitated what happens to his assets? How do you refer to the house if his wife is unable or unqualified to sign necessary documents? Without planning, a wife must go to court and have his husband declared incompetent. This is an arduous process that is emotionally draining for all involved. However, this can be avoided with proper planning. A General Durable Power of Attorney allows the “Principal” to designate an “Agent” who will make financial decisions for him when he is unable to do so. With this document, a wife can sign for her husband in the event of his incapacity.

Similar problems arise regarding health care issues when a person becomes incapacitated. Who decides the appropriate treatment and the efficacy of procedures if the patient cannot? Like the General Durable Power of Attorney, a Health Care Durable Power of Attorney designates an “Agent” who makes health care decisions for the principal if he is unable to make them for himself. As women typically cope with their mate’s illness, it is they who usually serve as the agent. Without this document, she may face difficulty in getting health care providers to follow her instructions.

Like incapacity, at death a person cannot express his or her wishes regarding various decisions. Who should inherit the family business? Who should care for minor children? A Will provides these answers and has several functions. First, and most importantly, the only manner to designate a guardian for minor children in most states is in a Will. Without a Will, you have no input in the decision, and the court will decide. Unfortunately, no matter how timely and loving your intentions, your Minor children may be placed in a public institution. Second, the Will distributes any assets held in your name. Without a Will, the state decides who inherits the assets, in accordance with a set list for “intestate succession.” Unfortunately, this set list provides the same distribution to your wonderful sister with seven children as to your brother who has not spoken with you in eight years. The Will can provide that assets go to a person, charity, or a Trust, to be distributed as you wish by your work

Even with a Will, any assets owned by you at your death must go through “probate” in order to be distributed to those designated by you. The process of transferring title from the person who died to the person who is designated to receive the property is “probate.” Probate can be expensive, time consuming, and emotionally draining for those left behind. A Revocable Living Trust is set up now, during your lifetime, and holds legal title to your assets. Because the trust owns the assets and the trust did not die, the assets do not need to go through probate. The trust can keep the children from squandering the assets, ensuring the assets are available to others. The Trust can be very flexible and directs how and when the assets will be used. For example, a trust can provide that the children will receive $10,000 a year for college, but can only receive the trust if they earn a college degree.

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CJE SENIORLIFE’S CULTURE BUS™ PROGRAM SELECTED AS ONE OF BEST PRACTICES IN COUNTRY FOR SENIORS

The non-profit leadership organization Partners for Livable Communities, funded by the MetLife Foundation, showcased CJE SeniorLife’s Culture Bus™ as one of the top practices in the nation in their latest publication, Stories for Change: Leadership Examples of Expanding the Arts to New Audiences. Partners for Livable Communities worked with the MetLife Foundation to create a compendium of nearly 50 arts and cultural best practices from organizations across the country that demonstrate leadership and innovation in developing programs that meet the needs of older adults and/or immigrants.

Partners for Livable Communities identifies organizations that are helping communities become more aging friendly, and hand-picked CJE SeniorLife’s Culture Bus program based on its strong reputation in the Chicago community and beyond. “It came as a delightful surprise to be called by Partners for Livable Communities to be invited to share more about our Culture Bus Program. Based on its national reputation, they felt it was worthy of inclusion as a best practice for its innovation and leadership qualities. It was an honor to be included in this compendium, listed alongside so many other inspiring, innovative, needed programs that make life better for our beloved seniors,” said Judy Holstein, Director of Adult Day Services. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit www.cje.net.

Tai Chi for Older Adults and People with Arthritis

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will hold a free Tai Chi demonstration class on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 6:30 - 7:00 PM. Tai Chi consists of fluid, gentle movements that are slow in tempo. It improves strength, flexibility, balance, well-being and overall fitness. This form is especially ideal to free up stiff joints and muscles. Participants have reported better balance, significant pain relief, increased sense of well-being, and improved physical ability. This class is taught by Arthritis Foundation Certified Instructor Renee Gatis. Summer classes are offered on Wednesday's from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue) from June 20th -August 15th. Please pre-register online at www.lincolnwood.org or by visiting the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, please call (847) 677-9740.

The Lincolnwood Social Club

Day trips, drop-in programs, guest speakers and seasonal mixers are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Lincolnwood Social Club members. Area seniors, age 55 years and better, are encouraged to join the program and start taking advantage of some of the upcoming programmering including theater outings to see The Pirates of Penzance (May 16), Dream Girls (October 10) and Singin’ in the Rain (November 28). Other day trips include the Glenn Miller Orchestra (May 22), History Lunch Tour on the Spirit of Chicago (June 20) and Lake Geneva Lake Tour and Lunch at The Abbey (July 18). Registration fees include round trip transportation and lunch for most outings.

Drop-in programs are offered on a weekly basis at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Weekly activities include bridge, mah jong and senior exercise. Classes are offered either free of charge or at a discount for Social Club members. In addition to day trips and drop-in programs, members enjoy monthly activities including movie viewings with catered lunch, area restaurant outings as well as outings to city locales (transportation included) and monthly social mixers highlighting member birthdays. For membership information and a complete list of activities, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or access at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

at 5801 N Natoma Chicago meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. We play pinochle and bingo, have parties on special occasions. Meetings start at 10:30 with coffee and a sweet roll. Call Joan at 773-774-7075.

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Bohemian National Cemetery Annual Picnic
Bohemian National Cemetery will hold its annual picnic, featuring Czech food and music.
Date:  July 8 Time: Noon – 4:00 PM
Location:  Bohemian National Cemetery, 3255 N. Pulaski in Chicago
Cost: Free.
For additional information, contact Marge Sladek Stueckemann at 847-362-9036 or mdstueck@aol.com.

Fabulous Five Heritage Festival Fundraiser
The Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois is holding a celebration of the culture and history of the five countries that composed the former Czechoslovakia to fund the new technology installation at the CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library.
Date:  July 15 Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location:  Klas Restaurant, 5734 W. Cermak Road in Cicero
Cost:  $50, Advance RSVP is required.
For further information or to RSVP, call 708-442-9753 or email CSAGSI21@comcast.net.

CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library
Expanded Hours
The CSAGSI Paul M. Nemecek Library has expanded its summer hours. In June, July, and August, the library will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Lincolnwood’s Channel Runne Park Gets
New Name and Amenities
The Village’s Board of Trustees recently approved an Ordinance to change the name of Channel Runne Park to Lincolnwood Centennial Park. This new name will commemorate the Village’s 100th anniversary of its incorporation, which was celebrated in 2011. The former Channel Runne Park is the elongated piece of land along McCormick Avenue between Touhy and McCormick Avenues, and is the second largest in the Lincolnwood Park System.

The current phase of construction at the park, referred to as Phase II, will include the development of a natural outdoor amphitheater, a stage that doubles as a fishing platform with canoe/kayak access, a handicapped accessible path to the channel, a nine-hole disc golf course and a parking lot. This phase is 50% funded by a grant from the State of Illinois.

The Village has also entered into a partnership with the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS) to further enhance the park with the planting of approximately 100 trees over the next three years. The planting of the trees will commemorate the mutual 100th anniversary of the Village of Lincolnwood and HIAS, both celebrated in 2011.

The first phase of park development was completed in 2007 with the realignment and renovation of the bike paths. Phase I was 50% funded by a State of Illinois grant. The final phase of development will include a restroom/shelter facility, a nature path and a lookout over the channel. A grant application has been submitted to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program to fund 80% of this phase.

For further information, call the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at 847-677-9740 or to view the Park Master Plan, go to the Village of Lincolnwood website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Wednesdays on the Green
Enjoy Wednesdays on the Green in Downtown Skokie this summer! Free, fun, family oriented events are held every Wednesday night, which began June 6 and runs through August 29, at 7 p.m., at the Village Green, 5155 Oakton Street.

On their featured Wednesday night, participating Downtown Skokie restaurateurs offer a 20% discount (dine-in/carry out) from 4 p.m. to closing when patrons present Wednesdays on the Green postcard. Cards are available at Village Hall, 5107 West 22nd Place in Cicero Illinois. There is no fee to use the library.

Village of Skokie Partners with Illinois Science + Technology Park, Oakton Community College on Nanotechnology Jobs Training Initiative
The Nanotechnology Employment, Education and Economic Development Initiative (NE3I), a consortium that includes the Village of Skokie, the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP), Oakton Community College (OCC), NSERVE (a consortium of nine local high schools) and Nanolink, Inc., an IS+TP tenant, recently received a $250,000 grant from The Chicago Community Trust. At its June 18, 2012 meeting, the Skokie Village Board authorized matching this grant with $250,000 in funds from the Village’s Downtown Science + Technology Park Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to further the NE3I goal of making nanotechnology accessible for local high school and community college students.

“The NE3I partner organizations share a common goal of training 125 to 300 local students each year to address a growing and documented need for nanotechnicians at the IS+TP and other northern Illinois locations,” said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. “In addition to the generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust and the Village’s fund match through the IS+TP TIF, the consortium continues to work with state and federal agencies to secure additional funding for this important jobs training initiative.”

“The NE3I will be housed at the IS+TP in Downtown Skokie, and the Village of Skokie and all partners will have representation on the program’s advisory board. The nanotechnology training curriculum will be developed by the OCC Department of Math and Technology and Science and Social Studies, and will incorporate existing curriculum developed by Nanolink, Inc. “NE3I represents a unique public/private partnership. I am grateful to Oakton Community College and Forest City Enterprises, the firm that owns the IS+TP, for their leadership and cooperation. I am especially grateful to The Chicago Community Trust for supporting the initiative, and am pleased that the Village of Skokie has the resources to contribute to this important jobs training initiative. With a locally trained, professional nanotechnology workforce, it is expected that additional nanotechnology firms will establish a presence at the IS+TP and regionally throughout northern Illinois,” said Van Dusen.

The curriculum is expected to be available to area students through OCC in spring 2013.

RESURRECTION ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR
Applications Available
Applications are available for crafters who are interested in participating in the Resurrection College Prep High School Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10, 2012. The annual event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Each year, more than 2,000 patrons visit the fair to enjoy the wide variety of handcrafted wares and unique gifts available at the event. The application is available on the Resurrection website at www.reslhs.org or by contacting Carol Marchetti (773.775.6616 Ext 112 or cmarchetti@reslhs.org)
Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reslhs.org.
Dear Cook County Taxpayer:

As you read this, your 2nd installment property tax bill for tax year 2011 is in the mail. You should receive it in a day or two.

Read your bill. It will show you the 12 to 20 taxing agencies which claim part of your payment, and how much each agency gets.

Here's how to read your bill. Visit cookcountytreasurer.com or cookcountypropertyinfo.com and:

- Click “View Taxing Districts Financial Statements”
- Enter your 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN)
- Click the icon beside each agency name to display its financial information

That information includes budget and debt figures for your municipality, school district, police and fire districts, library district and other units of government, along with the rate of salary increases and the levy (tax) for each taxing agency – with a percentage figure of levy growth over 10 years.

The data available through cookcountytreasurer.com or cookcountypropertyinfo.com contains the following information for 526 taxing agencies across Cook County:

- Local government budgeted revenues
- Local government outstanding debt and pension debt
- Local government 10-year levy (taxing) history
- Percentage of levy (taxing) change over 10 years
- Rate of return on investments
- Rate of salary increases

We give you this information online and on your bill because you have a right to see the numbers that make up what you pay. Our latest calculations show the governments of Cook County owe at least $140 billion for pensions and other costs, money which will come out of our payments and our future.

A note: 24 agencies have not fully reported their data, as required by the Debt Disclosure Ordinance which was passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. We are working with these agencies to comply with the DDO before they are compelled to do so.

Meanwhile, read your bill when you receive it.

Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Board President

Maria Pappas
Cook County Treasurer