

St. Anthony Wins Hospital Award



The Development Support Project of Saint Anthony Hospital was among 10 programs from across the country named a Program of Excellence by the Hospital Charitable Services Awards, a national program sponsored by Jackson Healthcare. Saint Anthony promotes improved development care for children birth to 8 years of age. Training and technical assistance is provided for developmentally oriented best practices and screenings to pediatricians and family practice physicians to improve their ability to identify development delays and behavioral concerns. Support is provided to young patients and their families related to developmental and behavioral concerns to increase linkages to early intervention resources and education programs. Each winning program was presented with a \$10,000 investment toward their growth. "We are happy to receive national attention for a program that has made tremendous impact in our community and are looking forward to using the grant to expand service and outreach," stated Jim Sifuentes, vice president, Mission & Community Development. Pictured are: Richard L. Jackson, Chairman & CEO, Jackson Healthcare; Tameeka Christian, Director, Community Wellness and Diane Rice, Senior Wellness Coordinator, Saint Anthony Hospital.

Story Week Festival At Library Center

During March, the Chicago Public Library will host several notable authors for fascinating discussions as part of its monthly Authors at the Library series. The conversations will continue with several Columbia College Chicago Story Week Festival of Writers events as well. All programs, unless otherwise noted, take place at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

On Thursday, March 6th at 6 p.m. author Yiyun Li will discuss her new novel, *Kinder Than Solitude* with Elizabeth Taylor, literary editor for the Chicago Tribune. Li moves a story of three friends back and forth in time between America and China, telling a story of friends whose lives are changed by a murder one of them may have committed. Her earlier book *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* was the One Book, One Chicago selection for spring 2012.

On Tuesday, March 11th at 6 p.m. Chris Jones, chief theater critic for the Chicago Tribune will discuss his recent book, *Bigger, Brighter, Louder: 150 Years of Chicago Theater as Seen by Chicago Tribune Critics*.

On Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m., Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Ira Berkow will discuss his recent book, *Wrigley Field: An Oral and Narrative History of the Home of the Chicago Cubs*. Coinciding the 100th anniversary of Wrigley Field, the book documents the stadium's entire career through a decade-by-decade account including historical photographs, memorabilia and first-person reminiscences.

On Thursday, March 27th at 12:15 p.m., author Donna Skeels Cygan, CFP®, MBA, will discuss her book *The Joy of Financial Security*, covering topics such as increasing your net worth, wise investment strategies, minimizing taxes, preparing for retirement.

On Thursday, March 27th at 6 p.m., the program features discussions by Ruben Martinez, author of *The News Americans: Seven Families Journey to Another Country*, and Chris Abani, author of *Grace Land, The Virgin of the Secrecy* and *The Secret History of Las Vegas*.

The Chicago Public Library joins Columbia College Chicago to present the 18th Annual Story Week Festival of Writers—DiverCity: Urban Stories—with the following programs.

On Monday, March 17th at 2 p.m. a panel of distinguished guests will explore the art of the short story. Participants include: Stuart Dybek, author of *I Sailed with Magellan*, the Coast of Chicago and Childhood and Other Neighborhoods; Roxane Gay, author of *An Untamed State*; Katey Schultz, author of *Flashes of War*; Christine Sneed, author of *Little Known Facts*; and Patricia Ann McNair, author of *Temple of Air*.

On Monday, March 17th at 6 p.m., Stuart Dybek, acclaimed author of fiction novels including

I Sailed With Magellan, *The Coast of Chicago*, *Childhood and Other Neighborhoods* and other works, will read from and discuss his work with Donna Seaman, senior editor of Booklist.

On Tuesday, March 18th at 6 p.m., Cristina Garcia, National Book Award finalist and author of *King of Cuba*, *The Lady Matador's Hotel*, *A Hand-book to Luck*, *Dreaming in Cuban* and other works, will read from and discuss her work with Teresa Puente, associate professor at Columbia College Chicago Journalism Department.

On Wednesday, March 19th at 2 p.m., Donna Seaman, senior editor of Booklist, hosts a panel of publishing experts including Anitra Budd, managing editor of Coffee House Press; Eleanor Jackson, an agent with Dunow, Carlson & Lerner Literary Agency; Sheryl Johnston, literary publicist and artistic consultant Johnny Temple, publisher and editor-in-chief of Akashic Books and Nancy Zafris, author of *The Home Jar* and series editor for the Flannery O'Connor award for short fiction.

On Thursday, March 20th at 11 a.m., host Johnny Temple, publisher and editor-in-chief of Akashic Books, leads a discussion with Eric Charles May, author of *Bedrock Faith*, professor of fiction writing at Columbia College Chicago. Joining the conversation is Preston L. Allen, author of novels *Every Boy Should Have a Man*, *Jesus Boy*, and *All or Nothing* and short story collection *Churchboys and Other Sinners*.

At 1 p.m., Johnny Temple, publisher and editor-in-chief of Akashic Books, leads a discussion on how to get published.

At 2 p.m. Lisa Schlesinger, playwright, theatre artist/activist and associate professor, Columbia College Chicago Theatre Department, will host a panel of writers discussing new plays. Joining her are: Ruth Margraff, writer of six martial arts operas with composer Fred Ho for the Apollo, Guggenheim, and Brooklyn Academy of Music; Charlotte Meehan, artistic director of Sleeping Weazel, a Boston-based multimedia theatre company; Bonnie Metzgar, playwright, director, dramaturg, producer, and the 2013-14 Djerassi Fellow in Playwriting at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Kimberly Senior, freelance director who directed the 2013 Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Disgraced* by Ayad Akhtar.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

Shields Students Of Month



Mrs. Susan Saly Rodriguez (background) principal of Shields Elementary School, announces the Students of the Month for January 2014. Pictured in front row are: Kristal Reyes, Eduardo Alvarez, Angelica Ramirez and Jasmin Garcia, all kindergarten. 2nd row: Velvet Tinajero, 1st grade; Jasmin Rojas-Valentin, 2nd grade and Billy Jimenez, 1st grade. 3rd row: Damaris Hernandez-Cruz, 3rd grade; Brian Valadez, 1st grade; Rafael Perez, 2nd grade and Lisett Avalos, 3rd grade. 4th row: Luis Avila, 4th grade and Gerardo Villegas, 4th grade.

Metra Board Elects Chairman

The Metra Board of Directors elected Marin J. Oberman, a former Chicago alderman with a long career as a leader of the reform effort in politics, to be the next chairman of the board.

Oberman said he was intent on establishing Metra as well-run railroad corporation, operated with the highest degree of professionalism, honesty and transparency and insulated from political interference.

He served as an alderman from the 43rd Ward from 1975 to 1987, where he was known for pushing a reform agenda. Highlights of his career at City Hall include creating the Planned Manufacturing District concept, to protect heavy industrial

areas; being the first alderman to champion community policing; and sponsoring numerous anti-corruption measures, structural reforms of city government, gay rights and non-smoking ordinances.

From 1987 to 1988, he was chairman of the Shoreline Protection Commission, which produced a detailed report to rehabilitate Chicago's shoreline while ensuring environmental protection.

In 2013, he served as a member of the Midway Advisory Panel, a committee established to oversee the privatization of Midway Airport.

Mr. Oberman received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Yale University in 1966 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1969.

Gun Ban Signage



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In 2014, Illinois allows citizens to "conceal and carry" weapons in public space. Businesses that do not want to have armed patrons are allowed to refuse entry only if the proper signage indicates their choice.

In order to assist local businesses, 15th Ward Committeeman Raymond Lopez is distributing uniform signage for any business, organizations, or establishment.

For more information or to request a sign, call (773) 823-1539.

Bunco Social At Argo Summit Post

The First Division of the American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a Bunco and Card Social at the Argo Summit Post #735, 6050 S. Harlem on Saturday, March 1st from noon to 4 p.m.

Entrance donation is \$3.50 person with free coffee and cakes. Lunch is served at a nominal fee.

Everyone is invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and games. There will be table raffles, cash raffle and free door prizes.

All funds are used for veterans, military children, nurses scholarships and community service programs. For more information, call (815) 830-5028.

Rhine Post Aux. Sets Penny Social

The Ladies Auxiliary to Rhine Post VFW #2729 will conduct their annual Penny Social on Sunday, March 2nd at noon at the Post Hall, 5858 S. Archer. Proceeds will benefit many veterans programs. The nickel, dime and quarter tables will feature unusual items and a raffle will be held. Refreshments will be served. Parking is available on west end of the lot across from the Post.

Free Workshops For Businesses

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection conducts free workshops for business owners at City Hall, 121 N. La Salle st., room 805.

The schedule includes Feb. 21st - How to obtain a sidewalk café permit, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; Feb. 26th - How to become certified, 2 to 3 p.m.; Feb. 28th - Doing business with the City of Chicago, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. and Feb. 28th - Twitter for the technologically challenged, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Reservations are required at (312) 744-2086.

Dolphin Shows At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo guests can once again enjoy tropical temperatures and presentations at the Seven Seas's dolphin stadium.

During the three-and-a-half months the presentations were canceled, staff concentrated their efforts on the care and monitoring of two dolphin calves that were born in October.

Guests will be able to see several members of the dolphin group, including Chinook, 31; Allie, 26; Spree, 11; Noelani, 10, and Allison, 8. Tapeko, 32, and her calf, as well as a calf that continues to be handreared and monitored 24 hours a day, will remain off exhibit for a few more months.

Zoo admission is free on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays through February 28. Regular zoo admission is \$16.95 for adults and \$11.95 for children 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Admission to the dolphin presentation is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 3-11. Children 2 and under are free. Parking is \$10.

For further information, including dolphin presentation times, call (708) 688-8000.

CAPS Schedules Beat Meetings

The 9th District Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) has scheduled Beat Meetings for March.

Beats 911 and 921 will meet at Davis School, 3050 W. 39th place on Wednesday, March 5th at 6 p.m.

Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Hall, 3625 S. Hoyle on Wednesday, March 12th at 7 p.m.

EIU Announces Fall 2013 Grads

Degrees have officially been awarded to more than 820 fall 2013 graduates at Eastern Illinois University of Charleston, Illinois. Graduates are Adam Tapling, Blake Neven, Nicole Altobelli, Ryan McNulty and Thomas White of zip code 60638 and Jacob Cohen of zip code 60609.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

Gorilla Baby Needs Name



Emma - named after Emma Stokes, a gorilla researcher who "discovered" a large population of western lowland gorillas in the Republic of Congo. Nora - which means "light" or "honor".

The public can cast their vote through March 3rd at 5 p.m. The name with the most votes will be announced on Tuesday, March 4th, which is the same date the infant will be four months old.

The public is encouraged to visit the unnamed infant at Brookfield Zoo during the contest period. The zoo is free on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through February.

Civic Meeting In Vittum Park

The Vittum Park Civic League will conduct a general meeting in the fieldhouse, 5010 W 50th st. on Wednesday, March 5th at 7 p.m.

A representative from the Citizen Utility Board (CUB) will explain the smart grid electricity system which will be installed in the area. All are welcome.

Advisory Council For Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will conduct a general meeting in the Allen-Suwe Room 113 of Kelly High School, 4136 S. California on Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 6:30 p.m.

The Park District will present design options for the playground, that is scheduled to be built after the football/soccer field is completed in August.

For more information, call (773) 523-7110.

EIU Dean's List

Erin Edwards and Brittany Toolis of zip code 60609 have been named to the Eastern Illinois University's Fall 2013 Dean's List. Honorees must achieve a GPA of 3.80 to 4.00 (on a 4.00 scale) while completing a minimum of 12 graded semester hours, excluding credit/no credit grades.

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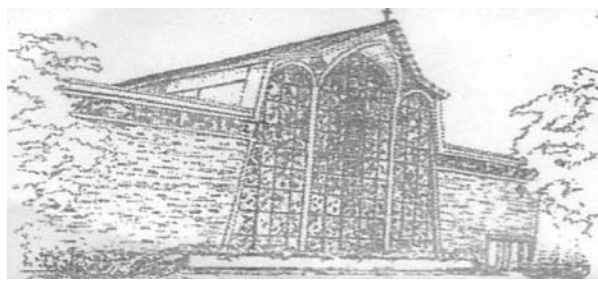
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Siu On Dean's List

Caressa Siu, has been named to the Dean's List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York for the Fall 2013 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of a minimum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C". Siu studies Architecture.

I-C Parish Marks Centennial Year



Immaculate Conception Parish, 44th and California, will observe its 100th anniversary with a special Mass for former parishioners and parish school alumni on Saturday, April 5th at 2 p.m. a reception will follow in the school gym. For reservations, contact the rectory at (773) 523-1402. For more information, visit www.imcc-chicago.org.

Karaoke Benefit For Tree House

Karaoke for a Cause will be staged at Chicago Party Animals, 1133 W. Fulton Market, on Thursday, Feb. 27th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free and well-behaved vaccinated, leashed dogs are welcome.

The party will celebrate Mardi Gras with beads, a donation bar, hearty appetizers, "spokescats" for adoption, a raffle, professional party

photos, and a shopping bazaar featuring pet themed gifts.

All proceeds will help Tree House Humande Society continue to rescue thousands of the neediest cats, as well as provide low-cost spay/neuter for cats and dogs, and will help Pets are Like Family continue their programs to help pets stay with their families and out of the shelters.

Cat Shelter Hosts Mardi Gras Party

Tree House Humane Society will sponsor a Mardi Gras celebration at Trader Todd's, 3216 N. Sheffield on Tuesday, March 4th from 6 to 8 p.m.

There will be drinks (draft domestic beer, house wines, well cocktails, and Trader Todd's Hurricane!); a vegan/veg friendly buffet; live Cuban/vega music; free Mardi Gras beads and freebies from Upton's Seitan; a chance to win great raffle prizes including a Day at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, a designer Brynn Capella handbag, cut and color certificate from the Colour Room and more.

Tickets are \$15 in advance at www.TreeHouseAnimals.org/FatCat Tuesday. Tickets at the door are \$20.

All proceeds will help Tree House continue to offer free and discounted spay-neuter surgeries.

Application For Health Care Act

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer, has certified representatives to explain The Affordable Care Act. The following documents are required: Social Security Card, proof of income (last 30 days)/copy of W2, state ID/drivers license and permanent residents card/certificate of naturalization.

For additional questions or to schedule an appointment, contact Guadalupe or Laura at (773) 523-7110.

Ashaki Celebration At Washington Pk.

The Chicago Park District will conduct its 22nd Annual Ashaki Black History Month Celebration at Washington Park Field House, 5531 S. King Drive, on Sat., Feb. 22nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The field house will be transformed into the countries of Ghana, Ethiopia, Senegal, Nigeria and Somalia. The family event for all ages will feature musical performances, cultural exhibits, vendors and culinary delights.

Admission is free.

Pinewood Derby For FHM Scouts



Scouts from Pack 3465 and troop 465 participated in the Pinewood Derby at the Five Holy Martyrs Hall. Over all winners were: G. Jaramillio, 3rd place; J. Vizcaino, 2nd place and I. Santigao, 1st place and best design.

New Speed Cameras For Southwest Side

On Feb. 7th, newly installed Automatic Speed Enforcement cameras near John Hancock High School, 5433 & 5428 S. Pulaski and 4045 & 4040 W. 55th st. and near Bogan High School, 7833 & 7826 S. Pulaski and 3851 & 3832 W. 79th St. began to issue warnings to motorists. Tickets will be issued on March 23rd.

In most locations, one camera system can enforce the speed limit for traffic traveling in both directions. In these zones, the streets are too wide to rely on one system, necessitating two cameras to accurately enforce traffic traveling in both directions.

The City will start enforcement by issuing tickets for speeders going 10 or more miles per hour over the posted speed limit. That ticket threshold will gradually be lowered.

Fines for violations are \$35 for vehicles traveling 6-10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit while in a safety zone, and \$100 for vehicles traveling 11 or more miles over the posted speed limit.

The City plans to equip Children's Safety zones around parks and schools

with ASE cameras in an effort to increase safety and reduce speeding. Any revenue generated by the program is to be invested in critical safety initiatives including after-school, anti-violence and jobs programs.

The enforcement hours will be limited from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in safety zones around schools on school days (Monday through Friday); 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 20 mph speed limit when children are present; 30 mph speed limit when no children are present 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Enforcement around parks will be limited to only those hours parks are open (typically 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., 7 days a week) with a 30 mph speed limit.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 3540 S. Hermitage, regularly offers professional development opportunities to volunteer tutors to help them continue to grow in their tutoring skills and provide new ideas and techniques. Since August, Aquinas has offered Literacy Works, Adult Learning Resources Center, and having Megan Wells from Literacy Works present on building strong tutor learning relationships.

Volunteer tutors are needed to instruct limited English proficient adult learners for 90 minutes per week at 3540 S. Hermitage. All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. Tutors must attend two-part tutor training: Friday, March 21st (6 to 9 p.m.) and Saturday, March 22nd (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) for certification. For more information, contact Lori Rogers at (773) 927-0512.

Book Discussion At H-W Library

The Chicago Public Library will present an Adult Book Discussion at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State on Thursday, Feb. 27th at 12 noon.

The featured book is The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu, an intriguing novel that follows the life of an Ethiopian exile living with the harsh realities of racial and class conflicts in the United States.

For more information, contact the Talking Book Center at (312) 747-4001.

Brighton Library Schedules Events

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, will conduct Pre-school Story Time on Wednesdays, through March 12th at 10:30 a.m., except March 5th. The 45 minute program features picture books, stories, songs and finger plays for children ages 3 to 5 and their parents or caregivers. Each program will include a simple paper craft or coloring activity. Although best suited for children ages 3 to 5, young siblings are welcome to attend.

Family Story Time will be offered on Tuesdays, through March 11th at 6:30 p.m. All ages will enjoy picture books, stories, songs, poems and a simple paper craft to take home.

Residents may drop in to the library on Saturdays, Feb. 22nd, March 8th and March 22nd between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to create an artwork or play board games.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

Lourdes '74 Class Plans Reunion

The Lourdes High School Class of 1974 is planning their 40-Year Reunion at William Tell Banquets, 6201 S. Joliet Rd., Countryside on Saturday, April 12th.

Tickets at \$50 includes a sit down dinner, cash bar, DJ, photo memories and fellowship. Reservations are required by March 15th with Diane Pajak Galik at (773) 445-9795, or message her on Facebook.

LSC Election At Davis School

The Local School Council of Nathan S. Davis Elementary School, 3014 W. 39th place is accepting candidate applications for the 2014-16 terms through Feb. 26th at 3 p.m.

Apply with Mrs. Maria Lobato in the Annex Building. The elections will be conducted during report card pick-up day on Monday, April 7th from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

B-K Baseball Seeks Volunteers

Brighton Kelly Baseball is looking for volunteers to participate as managers, coaches and umpires for the 2014 baseball season.

For more information, contact Coach Rick Barera at (773) 485-1077.

Park District Seeks Filmmakers

The Chicago Park District is accepting submissions of films for Chicago On Screen through Friday, Feb. 28th. Chicago On Screen is the Chicago Park District's new initiative to enhance offerings of the annual Movies in the Parks series by featuring a selection of locally produced independent features, documentaries and shorts that focus on Chicago.

A selection panel will choose between 6-10 features and shorts to be presented as part of the summer series. If schedules allow, selected films will be presented in the neighborhoods in which they were filmed or have specific significance. In addition, selected filmmakers will be awarded up to \$500.

Films must be the original work of the person submitting and must have been produced in the past three years. They must have a demon-

strable and significant connection to Chicago or its neighborhoods and communities.

The 2014 encore season will feature 1,000 events - up from 750 in 2013 - bringing entertainment and cultural experiences to Chicago's neighborhoods.

For more information, call (312) 742-PLAY or visit www.chicagopark-district.com.

Lung Assn. Sets Stair Climb

The American Lung Association will conduct its 2014 Fight For Air Climb at the Presidential Towers on Sunday, March 9th.

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Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that comes from the radioactive decay of naturally occurring uranium in the soil. It can enter homes and buildings through small cracks in the foundation, sump pumps or soil in crawlspaces. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall in the U.S.

The agency is also joining with the American Lung Association in Illinois, Respiratory Health Association, Southern Illinois Radon Awareness Task Force and Ecology Action Center to host the annual statewide Radon Poster Contest and the High School Radon Video Contest.

The radon poster contest is open to students ages 9-14. Entries are due by March 1st. Prizes include \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. In addition, the top three posters will compete in the National Radon Poster Contest for additional prizes.

High School students can compete for prizes by producing creative 60-second YouTube videos about radon and entering them in the statewide contest. Videos can be created by an individual student, group of students or classroom. Prizes include \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, \$500 for third place and \$250 for seven honorable mention videos. In addition, the schools of the top three winners will receive \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third places.

All videos, entry forms and release forms must be submitted by March 5th at 5 p.m. For more information, call (800) 325-1245.

Book Discussions At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, conducts an Adult Book Discussion Club on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The book selections include: Feb. 26th - Cruellest Journey by Kira Salak; March 26th - The Paris Wife by Paula McLain; April 23rd - Cod by Mark Kurlansky; May 28th - The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling and June 25th - Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Ice Skating At Lincoln Pk. Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo is offering ice skating at the Farm-in-the-Zoo on Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 8 p.m. through March 2nd.

The cost is \$5 person and \$5 for skate rental. For more information, call (312) 742-2056.

Senior Valentine Party



State Senator Martin Sandoval (D-11) was the guest of honor at the 'Senior Valentine Day Party' held at the Chicago Department of Aging, Southwest Regional Center, 6117 S. Kedzie. He arrived with a large vanilla sheet cake, reading "Happy Valentine's Day."

Polar Adventure At Northerly Isle

The Chicago Park District will present the ninth annual Polar Adventure Days from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22nd at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive on the Museum Campus. The program is admission free.

Families will have the opportunity to explore Northerly Island and view live animals, engage in winter activities and create nature-inspired crafts. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather as events take place both outdoors and inside the visitor center.

The following features and activities will be available: various live animals, dog sledding demonstration, live entertainment, arts and crafts tables will display nature-inspired creations. A Toddler Zone will feature outdoor "ice fishing." Free snowshoe rental if there is enough snow and free hot cocoa to the first 500 participants.

Limited parking is available for \$3, cash only. Directions by car to Northerly Island: take Lake Shore Drive north or

south to the 18th Street/Museum Campus exit. Follow Museum Campus Drive toward Adler Planetarium. Turn right on Linn White Drive. Go past the Charter One Pavilion (on left) and the Burnham Harbor Yacht Club (on right). The visitor center and free parking are on the left.

Northerly Island is also accessible by public transportation: take the #146 bus, exit at Linn White Drive and walk south to the visitor center. For more information, call (312) 742-7529.

PNA South Srs. Plan Meeting

Paul C. Odobina, vice president of the Polish National Alliance announces that the South Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting at the Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer on Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 10 a.m. Seniors will have the opportunity to make payments for the Four Winds Casino trip on March 18th and hear about upcoming events.

All seniors ages 55 and over (PNA members and non-members) are encouraged to attend for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is ample parking available in the lot of the Mayfield. For additional information about the PNA and their activities, call (773) 286-0500, ext. 316.

Registration For B-K Baseball

Registration for the 2014 season at Brighton Kelly Baseball will be held at Kelly High School, 42nd and California, door #5 on Saturdays, through March 1st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present, with three proofs of residence, and a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Fees will cover 20+ games, complete uniform, trophies, two tickets per player to minor league game and more. Sibling discounts will be available.

For more information on fees, contact Denise Robles at (630) 750-6128 or Rick Barrera at (773) 485-1077.

Dept. Of Insurance Recommends Review

Illinois Department of Insurance Director Andrew Boron suggests starting the new year by reviewing your insurance coverage.

"Policyholders should review their homeowners or renters, health and auto insurance policies to make sure everything is up to date and properly covered for their situation."

Individuals and families who do not have health coverage may shop at Get Covered Illinois.gov or call (866) 311-1119.

Consumers with questions or concerns about their health, auto, life and homeowners insurance may call the Department's Consumer Assistance Division at (866) 445-5364.

Free Programs At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer holds Book Discussion Club meetings every 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Meditation classes meet on Saturday, Feb. 22nd at 3 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Tax Preparation At Shields School

The Center for Economic Progress in collaboration with the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, will be providing free tax preparation at Shields Middle School, 2611 W. 48th st. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., through April 15th and Saturday at 10 a.m., February only.

Taxes will be prepared on a first come, first serve basis to people who meet the income guidelines: Families (more than one person in home) with income less than \$50,000 and individuals with income less than \$25,000.

For more information on required documents, call (312) 252-0280.

Enrollment For Health Care

Healthcare Alternative Systems will enroll residents in healthcare under the Affordable Care Act at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If attendance is strong, more time will be added. Appointments are available by calling (773) 634-5009.

Financial Aid For College

The YOUmedia teen program at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st., will conduct a college financial aid workshop for high school seniors on Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor Ice Rinks In Area Parks

The Chicago Park District's outdoor ice skating rinks are open through Sunday, Feb. 23 at most outdoor rinks, weather permitting.

A new rink has been added at Wentworth Park, 5625 S. Mobile Ave. The ice rink at Daley Bicentennial Plaza is closed due to Maggie Daley Park construction. There are no longer ice rinks at West Lawn Park or at Wrigley Field.

Most ice rinks will feature programming including pick-up hockey games.

Open Skate is offered 7 days a week. Skate rentals for all ages: \$6. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children and students with ID. Adult admission with skate rental: \$7. Friday evening family skate, 6:30 - 9 p.m., special price: \$10 (includes skate rental)

Scholarships For Italian Students

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation announces that graduating high school seniors who are full or partially of Italian ancestry are invited to compete for \$1,000 college scholarships.

Applicants will be selected upon the basis of financial need; scholastic achievements, activities in high school showing character and leadership; personal essay and faculty recommendations.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation in writing at 9447 W. 144th place, Orland Park, IL 60462. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or via email at osiail@aol.com. Applications must be returned by July 1st.

Paczki Day Sale At PNA Office

The Polish American Association will conduct its Annual Paczki Day Fundraiser at 6276 S. Archer on Fat Thursday, Feb. 27th for \$3 each.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will provide services to PNA clients.

For more information, call (773) 767-7773.

Library Program On Tax Law

The Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Bar Association is presenting Law at the Library, a free monthly lecture series focusing on today's legal issues at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

Participants may talk with a licensed and experienced legal professional, ask general questions, and check out materials on a variety of legal topics at no charge.

The February seminar focuses on Changes in Tax Law on Monday, Feb. 24th at 12:15 p.m. Discussion includes the legal aspects regarding key tax changes in 2014 including health care, higher education and home improvements. A question and

answer session follow.

Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

Candy Fundraiser For Misericordia

Misericordia Heart of Mercy will conduct its Jelly Belly Candy Days on April 25th & 26th. A fundraising goal of \$14 million has been set for 2014 to cover the gap of caring for over 600 children and adults in addition to funds provided by the State.

Volunteers who wish to participate may contact Tessa at (773) 273-2768.

Endorsement



Sgt. James Ade, President of Chicago Police Sgts. Association, announced that the Association has endorsed Lauren Brougham Glennon, Democratic candidate for Judge in the 3rd Judicial Sub-Circuit. The daughter of a Chicago Police Sergeant and wife of a Chicago Fireman, Lauren donates her spare time to Ignite The Spirit Charity of Chicago Fire Department and Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.

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