

## St. Bruno Society Hosts Party



The St. Bruno St. Vincent DePaul Society hosted its annual Christmas Party for the students at the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education at Roosevelt & Damen on Dec. 17th. Elves Stephanie Baron and Tony Houston, the team from Baron's Burials, brought their restored Christmas sleigh for Santa (Joe Baron) to ride in and bring presents.

## Giraffe Birth At Brookfield Zoo



Arnieta, a 5-year-old reticulated giraffe at Brookfield Zoo, gave birth to a male calf on Nov. 12th. They can be seen indoors in the zoo's Habitat Africa! The Savannah exhibit.

His birth marks three generations of giraffes at Brookfield Zoo, as Franny is Arnieta's mom. The sire, Hasani, 4, who arrived at Brookfield Zoo in 2010, is on a breeding loan from Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, Kansas.

Following a 14-1/2 month gestation period, mother giraffes give birth while standing, thus resulting in an approximately five-foot drop delivery for the calf. Within an hour after birth, the calf born at Brookfield Zoo was standing. When fully grown, he could reach 18 feet.

## Merlin's Completes Clothing Drive

Children and families served by Children's Home + Aid recently received warm winter clothing from the 22nd annual Snug Hugs for Kids drive.

The clothing was donated by residents, knitters, crocheters, and Girl and Boy Scout troops to their Merlin 200,000 mile shops.

## Dance Program At H-W Library

Innervation Dance Cooperative's touring and outreach company, IDC Speaks will present selections from the ballets, *Gods, Monsters and Heroes* and *Everyman* at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. on Wednesday, Jan. 9th at 12:15 p.m.

Both ballets showcase ancient literary works set to popular and rock music. *Gods, Monsters and Heroes* features stories from Greek mythology. *Everyman* follows the story of the medieval morality play of the same title.

The Crochet & Knit-A-Thon gathered more than 5,000 handcrafted items and The Kids Helping Kids program encouraged girl and boy scouts troops to gather donations in pursuit of a collectible badge.

On Dec. 12th, approximately 25 Merlin courtesy vans and a large delivery truck formed a caravan at the Merlin shop in Hanover Park and traveled to the Children's Home + Aid Mitzi Friedheim Englewood Family Center in Chicago to deliver the clothes.

Clothing was also delivered to nine additional Children's Home + Aid Centers and affiliates.

## Amusement Parks Of the Past

Chicago historian, photographer and Internet host Edward Kwiatkowski, host of the popular internet transportation photo site Eddie's Railfan Page will present a musical photo slideshow and video presentation, spotlighting seasonal family owned amusement parks at the Clearing Branch Library, 6423 W. 63rd pl. on Saturday, Jan. 19th at 1 p.m.

The family oriented presentation will feature Riverview Park in Chicago, Adventure Land in Addison, Playland Park in Justice and Dispensa's Kiddie Kingdom in Oak Brook Terrace.

## All-Canada Show At Pheasant Run

The 30th Annual All-Canada Show will be staged at the Pheasant Run Mega Center, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles on Thursday, Jan. 10th from 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday from 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will enjoy free seminars, free maps and travel guides, a free magazine with features and tips on Canadian adventures, free Cabela's hunting simulator and on opening night, a free Dardevle 30th anniversary collector lure.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for ages 13-16 and seniors. For discount offers, visit AllCanadaShow.com or call (800) 325-6290.

From the southwest side of Chicago, take I-55 west to 294, north to North Ave. (64) and west to St. Charles.

## St. Rita Stock Club Wins Competition



The St. Rita Stock Club won first place in the Chicago fall 2012 stock market competition. The winning team members Victor Luna, Quentin Gray, Erik Landstrom, Collin Rook, Stanton Zaczek, Ian Leyden and Miguel Stein will be recognized during an awards reception at the Chicago Board Options Exchange on Jan. 16th. The 2012 competition ran from mid September through Dec. 14th. Each team starts with \$100,000 to invest in publicly traded companies or mutual funds through a computer simulation. The St. Rita team finished with \$110,445 which is a return of 10.4% during this period and equals an approximate annual return of 42%. Its top performing stock was Facebook which increased 35 percent. The stock club and moderator Mike Gallagher discussed investing basics from Peter Lynch who ran the Fidelity Magellan mutual fund and Warren Buffet who runs Berkshire Hathaway.

## Social Host Law Now In Effect

This New Year, the important role adults play in keeping alcohol out of the hands of children will be further defined, when new sanctions take effect on those allowing underage drinking in their home.

The new legislation closes a loophole of legal accountability on those who knowingly allow alcohol consumption by minors.

"By protecting our youth, we protect our future," says Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, who signed Public Act 97-1049 into law on Aug. 22nd, 2012. "Adults know it is unacceptable to allow underage drinking in their home."

By putting a social host law on the books, we are sending a strong message that they will be held responsible when allowing this harmful activity.

Violators of the social host law, which takes effect will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$500 when they knowingly authorize or permit underage drinking in their home.

If this activity results in great bodily harm or death to any person, the individual is subject to a Class 4 felony. However, a person will not be in violation if they have taken all reasonable steps to prevent this activity.

No charges will be filed if assistance is required from law enforcement after discovery of the illegal activity.

## ISAC Announces State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announced its recognition of nearly 19,000 high school students as "Illinois State Scholars 2013".

Scholars rank in the top ten percent of 749 schools. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores and/or class rank at the end of the junior year.

While the recognition does not include a monetary award, recipients are encouraged to cite the honor on applications for college admission and scholarships in addition to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid after Jan. 1st to determine eligibility for federal and state aid, including Illinois' \$371 million need-based Monetary Award Program.

De La Salle Institute East: Simon Cotton; Michael Fuchs, Alejandro Herrera, Ulises Montoya and Jarrett Robinson.

De La Salle Institute West: Briana Martinez and Anna Nowaczyk.

John F. Kennedy High School: Nyamsaikhan Batzaya; Parasdeep Bhattal; Sydney Cook;

Jakub Czaja; Andrezej Czopek; Anna Kaplon; Jordan Lamas; Ashley Mack; Courtney Pukala; Patricia Rafacz; Kristine Richardson and Megan Wood.

Saint Rita High School: Daniel Dwyer; John Gardner; Bradley Glazier; Kevin Goosherst; Patrick Henry; Christopher Kapa; William Keefer; Austin Kingsley; Clifford Klimas; Erik Landstrom; Thomas McDermott; Daniel O'Keefe; Troy Payton; Shea Pender; Dennis Rutter and Christopher Sieradzki.

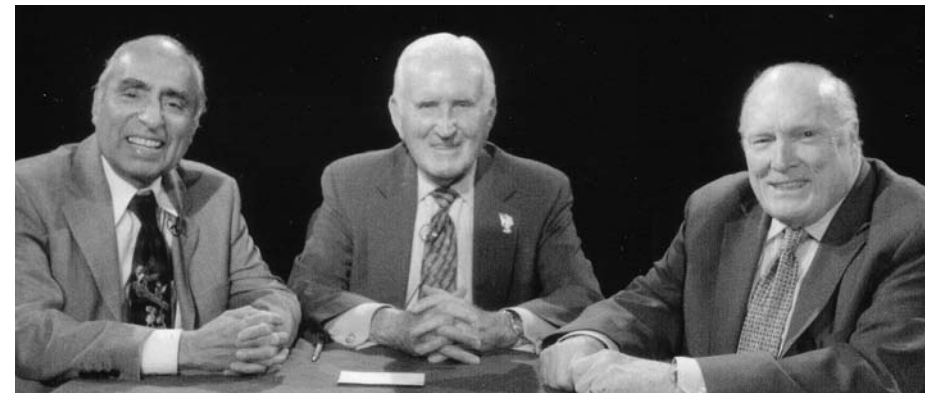
Thomas Kelly High School: Angelica Adan; Thomas Chan; Daicy Cordova; Amor Diaz; Hector George; Lilihua Gordillo; Zhihua Li; Israel Munoz; David Rios; Weiheng Ruan; Yao Zi Ruan and Jun Yang.

Benito Juarez High School: Marco Aguillon; Jose Ballesteros; Rodrigo Fuentes; Franklin Joaquin; Cristina Lopez; Hugo Lopez; Jacqueline Olguin and Yesenia Villanueva.

Curie Metropolitan High School: Andres Aguilar; Cynthia Almazan; Ana Arriaga; Samantha Cardoza; Anthony Chen; Linshan Chen; Alejandra Garcia; Francisco Garcia; Brenda Hernandez; Zi Huang; Yali Liang; Robert Quesenberry; Alejandro Ruiz; Lizbeth Sanchez; Miguel Soto; Devonna Thompson; Allen Tse; Wendy Vergara; Fernando Villanueva; Gloria Villanueva; Antonio Yuan and Chenyi Zheng.

Uno Charter School - Garcia Campus: Yesenia Alanis; Evelyn Andrade; Jennifer Cervantes; Rodrigo Cruz; Edgar Gomez; Stuart Inahuazo and George Valladares.

## Community In Focus TV Show



Ed McElroy (center) host of "Community In Focus" TV show recently interviewed Neil Hartigan (right) past Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and Commissioner Frank Avila (left) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. The show will be broadcast on Friday, Jan. 4th at 5 p.m. and at noon on Sunday, Jan. 6th on Senior Network Can TV, Channel 19.

## Art Contest On Youth Drinking

Underage drinking prevention and education have always been a priority at the Liquor Commission, as best exemplified by its Don't Be Sorry public awareness campaign. Coming this Spring, these efforts will see a renewed focus through the unveiling of a new statewide art contest designed by the teens.

"While our Don't Be Sorry program has been a great success, we are constantly looking for ways to improve its delivery," says ILCC Education Manager Ted Penesis.

"Participants will submit designs for a new program to educate adults, teens and liquor retailers on the consequences of underage drinking." A panel of judges will review submissions and choose the winning design.

For contest guidelines, instructions and submission procedures visit [www.DontBeSorry.org](http://www.DontBeSorry.org). All copy and artwork must be submitted by Feb. 15th, 2013.

## Light Fest At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, Fullerton and Cannon drive will transform into a winter wonderland, with more than two million lights during the 17th annual ZooLights Presented by ComEd and Charter One every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 23rd and Dec. 26th to Jan. 6th from 5 to 9 p.m. The first 1,000 visitors each night receive a free pair of 3D glasses for a magical light display experience. There will be photos with Santa, holiday crafts, ice carving, festive dining and zoo animals.

## Library Exhibit On Candy Makers

A new Chicago Public Library exhibit titled *Sweet Home Chicago: The History of America's Candy Capital*, will be on display through March 3rd, in the Special Collections Exhibit Hall on the 9th floor of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

The exhibit includes numerous artifacts, photographs and other documentary items that tell

the story of Chicago's iconic candy makers.

At one time, Chicago produced about one-third of the candy in the U.S. and employed about 25,000 workers to create Snickers, Milky Way, Lemon Heads, Butterfingers and Cracker Jack. Chicago was an ideal location due to its reputation as a transportation hub and its climate.

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

## Guest Speaker



M.B. BARRETT

Michael B. Barrett, an attorney for over 20 years, will address the Stickney Township Seniors at the Office on Aging North Clinic, 6721 W. 40th St., Stickney on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 10 a.m.

His practice mainly concerns Personal Injury, Workers Compensation, Wrongful Death and Probate.

Married and the father of two children, both of which are avid hockey players, he is president of the Illinois Hockey Officials' Association. His wife of over 20 years is also a practicing attorney.

Barrett received his Bachelor of Business Administration and Finance, making the Dean's List at the University of Iowa. He earned his Juris Doctor Degree at Loyola University of Law, where he was on the Dean's List and recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award.

## Geek Crafts For Teenagers

The Teen Volume Program at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., will feature Geek Craft on Fridays, Jan. 11th - 25th at 4 p.m.

Participants will learn how to make real life Minecraft out of plastic and thread, Dr. Who shoes, Star Wars terrariums and Nintendo DS cases.

## Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting at UNO School, 47th & Kildare on Wednesday, Jan. 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Judge Daniel Malone will officiate the installation of new officers. All community residents are invited to attend. Cake and coffee will be served.

## Disposal For Christmas Trees

The Chicago park District will provide chipping of live Christmas trees at Marquette Park, 67th & Kedzie; McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing and Wentworth Park, 5701 S. Narragansett from Jan. 5th - 18th.

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## Scholarship Fund At Kelly High

Thomas Kelly High School, 41st & California, has created a new initiative entitled The Saint Thomas O'Kelly Scholarship Fund to raise \$25,000 for new and existing scholarships.

Proceeds will be distributed to deserving students via the Dexter Duck Scholarship, Dream Act Scholarship, and several departmental and sports scholarships.

Individuals and businesses who are interested in making a donation may contact Ms. Jenny Nolan at [jnolan1@cps.edu](mailto:jnolan1@cps.edu) or at (773) 535-4900. Tax ID numbers will be provided.

## Epiphany Concert At St. Paul

The public is cordially invited to attend an Epiphany Concert presented by the Southwest Lutheran Chorus at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th st. on Sunday, Jan. 6th at 3 p.m.

A freewill offering will be received. Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

For more information, contact Ruth Sievers, director at (708) 952-9902 or Jeanne Simovic, president at (708) 422-0721.

## Mongoose Births At Brookfield Zoo



The Chicago Zoological Society announces the birth of two litters of dwarf mongoose pups at Brookfield Zoo on Sept. 12th and Nov. 24th. They are on exhibit in the Habitat Africa! The Savannah exhibit. These are the first litters for the mom, Tavi, 3. The sire of the offspring is Gimbi, 13. The pairing was based on a recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's Dwarf Mongoose Special Survival Plan. Currently, 12 accredited zoos in North American exhibit the species.

## Auto Classes At West Lawn Park

West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st., will offer Auto Repair Classes beginning the week of January 7th.

The schedule includes Automotive Technology and Systems on Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The activity is geared toward drivers who want to have a better understanding of what modern technology offers in cars. The fee is \$37.

Auto Repairs - Basics on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 - 9:45 p.m. Participants will learn the basic skills to perform routine maintenance on a car. A variety of topics are covered such as brakes, sparkplug replacement, and oil and filter change. This activity is for a person who has little or no auto mechanic skills. The fee is \$57.

Auto Repair - Fuel Injection & On-Board Computers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Designed for individuals who know something

about cars and want to expand their knowledge. This activity focuses on fuel injection and on-board computers. The fee is \$57.

Automotive - Drivability Programs on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will gain in-depth knowledge about drivability problems in this course, what are typical problems, what causes them and how they are repaired. The fee is \$30.

Open Auto Shop on Tuesday - Thursdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 7 to 9:45 p.m. This is a free activity for registered students.

All students will have the opportunity to bring in their car. Seniors age 60 and over receive a 50% discount on all activities.

For more information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803 weekdays after 1 p.m.

## Discussion Of Mayor Washington

The late Mayor Harold Washington was elected 30 years ago this spring. A distinguished panel of authors and guests will discuss his life and times at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st., Cindy Pritzker Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 6 p.m.

Panelists include Peter Nolan, a former NBC5 reporter whose book *Campaign! The 1983 Election That Rocked Chicago*; Timuel D. Black, Jr., author of *Bridges of Memory*; Salim Muwakkil, senior editor at *In These Times*, a host on WVON-1690 AM and the author of the text in *Harold! Photographs from the Harold Washington years*; and Robert Starks, founder of the Harold Washington Institute for Research and Policy Studies at Northeastern Illinois University.

## Advisory Council McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting at the fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing road on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 7 p.m.

Fundraising for a new children's playground will be discussed. All area residents are cordially invited to attend and get involved.

## Fitness Centers At Area Parks

Kick off the New Year in great shape by working out for free from Jan. 7th - 13th at any of the Chicago Park District's 71 fitness centers. The promotion includes free admission to all fitness classes and lap swim. All activities are first come, first served based on availability.

The fitness centers feature computerized treadmills, cross trainers, upright and recumbent bicycles, free weights and benches, cable cross-overs, multi-station weight machines and core-focused weight equipment.

A wide array of fitness classes are available or a range of ages and abilities, including aquatic aerobics, cycling, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and strength training.

Lap swim is also available at many citywide pools.

Membership rates generally range from \$30-\$60 for three months.

Nearby locations include: Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn, (773) 284-7029; Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields, (773) 287-7658; Gage Park, 2411 W. 55th st., (312) 747-6147; McGuane Park, 2901 S. Poplar, (312) 747-6497; Scottsdale Park, 4637 W. 83rd st., (773) 284-1826; Valley Forge Park, 7001 W. 59th st., (773) 229-0812 and West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st., (773) 284-2803.

## Medical Grants For Children

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation is seeking grant applications from families in need of financial assistance to help pay for their child's health care treatments, services or equipment not covered, nor not fully covered, by their commercial health insurance plan.

Qualifying families can receive up to \$5,000 to help pay for medical services and equipment such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, counseling service, surgeries, prescriptions, wheelchairs, orthotics, eyeglasses and hearing aids.

To be eligible for a grant, children must be 16 years of age or younger. Families must meet economic guidelines, reside in the United States and have a commercial health insurance plan. Grants are available for medical expenses families have incurred 60 days prior to the date of application as well as for ongoing and future medical needs.

Parents or legal guardians may apply at [www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org), and there is no application deadline. Organizations or private donors can make tax-deductible donations to the foundation at this website.

## American Legion Invites Members

Central Park Post 1028, The American Legion meets at Rudy and Ann's Lounge, 5788 S. Archer at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. Veterans benefits and affairs are discussed and up to date organizational information is presented. Complimentary pizza, beer and soda is enjoyed after meetings. Dues are \$25 year and new memberships are welcome.

For more information, contact John Castanedo at (773) 582-7284. The Post is conducting a Patriotism Awareness Program to preserve American traditions and ensure the future of the American Legion.

## Burke Attends Ridge Luncheon



The Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce, conducted a holiday luncheon at Guide's Sports Bar on Dec. 4th. 14th Ward Alderman Ed Burke (right) now has portions of the Garfield Ridge community in his newly configured ward. Also shown is Ed Kozak, Chamber 2nd vice president.

## Energy Grants For Winter

Peoples Gas and the Citizens Utility Board have partnered to remind customers who are struggling financially that help is available through the "Share the Warmth" program which provides matching grants for up to \$200.

Administered by CUB, the program is funded through donations from Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas utilities, their employees and customers and a grant from the City

of Chicago. Since 2000, more than \$10 million in heating assistance grants were provided to more than 50,000 families.

Residents whose income is at or below 200% of the poverty level are urged to apply. Customers, who have already received LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) grants, may also be eligible.

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<b>Salsa Valentina</b> Red, Black 32 Oz. <b>139</b>	<b>Galletas Surtido Rico Gamesa</b> 15 Oz. <b>2 for 399</b>	<b>Tostadas Chawras Amarillos</b> Package <b>179</b>	<b>Kellogg's 19 Oz. Frosted Flakes</b> 18 Oz. <b>299</b>
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**Obituaries**



**FLORIAN BARAN** of McKinley Park passed away on Dec. 27th at the age of 86. Survived by his loving wife Carole (nee Wendt) Baran; also survived by his brother John Baran; survived by many nephews and nieces namely Barans, Bendas, Chesloes, Ciszaks, Ciaciuchs, Dohertys, Foleys, many Gieruts, Leachs, Lechowicz, Mesarchik, Morajdas, Putlaks, Rzeszutkos, Wallis and Whites; many great nephews and nieces with many more great great nephews and nieces; brother in law of David & Loretta Wendy and family, Richard & Joy Wendt and family, Ms. Janet O'Dell and Kirk O'Dell and Jim & Preston Rizzo. He served in the U.S. Army; was a Bailiff to #2 Chicago

Judges and the Sheriff of Cook County, was co-owner of Castaway Travel Service. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 3rd at Pomeierski Funeral Home, 1059 W. 32nd st. from 3-9 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter and Paul Church on Friday at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

**CHRISTINE CYL** (nee Buczek) of Archer Heights passed away on Dec. 27th at the age of 84. She was the wife of late Ted; mother of Helen Augustine and late Steven; grandmother of Joseph and Lauren Augustine, sister of late Stanley (late Casimira), late John (Jean), late Matthew (Irene), late Joseph (Judy) and late Casey (Wanda) Buczek. Funeral services were held Dec. 31st at the St. Bruno Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**ROSA M. HERNANDEZ** of Garfield Ridge passed away on Dec. 24th at the age of 42. The daughter of Francisco & Consuelo Hernandez (nee Vera). Ms. Hernandez was manager at the TCF Bank Rockwell Street Branch. Funeral services

were held Dec. 27th at Our Lady of the Snow Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**ESTHER J. NOWAK** (nee Goss); wife of late Joseph, mother of Joanne (Stanley) Zawadzki, Lola Nowak, Theresa (Patrick) Halls and Kathleen Mankiewicz; grandmother of 8, great grandmother of 7. Funeral services were held Dec. 29th at S.S. Peter & Paul Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**GENOWEFA PARZYCH** (nee Rzepka) wife of late Zygmunt, Sr.; mother of Bruno (Lottie), late Joseph Henry, Sr., Stanley, Chester, Theresa, Marian (Al) Elateq and Zygmunt, Jr.; grandmother of Kasia, Richard, Regina, David, Kevin, Joseph, Jr., and Omar; great-grandmother of 4; sister of Yanina, Kacimierz, Maria, Sophie, Jon and Halina. Funeral services were held Jan. 2nd at Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director; 4901 S. Archer. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

**Polar Adventure At Northerly Isle**

The Chicago Park District will present the eighth annual Polar Adventure Day at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Drive, Museum Campus on Saturdays, Jan. 19th and Feb. 16th from 12 to 4 p.m.

Families will have the opportunity to explore Northerly Island and come face-to-face with live animals, engage in winter activities and create nature-inspired crafts.

Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather as events take place outdoors and inside the visitor center.

The following features and activities will be available: various live animals will be on site such as wolves and birds of prey; dog sledding demonstrations with huskies of Free Spirits Siberian Rescue; live entertainment from the Old Town School of Folk Music; arts and craft tables for making nature inspired creations; free snowshoe rental for exploration of the island and free hot cocoa to the first 400 participants.

For more information, call (312) 742-7529. Limited parking is available for \$3, cash only. Directions by car: take lake shore drive north or south to the 18th streets/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. By public transportation: take the #146 bus, exit at Linn White Drive and walk south to the visitor center.

**Auto Classes For Seniors**

The Chicago Park District will conduct automotive classes for seniors citizens age 60 and older at West Lawn Park Auto Garage, 4232 W. 66th st. on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 11th. Registration fee is \$15.

Registered seniors may bring in their cars for a check up for the brakes, charging system, cooling system, air-conditioning, heater, tires, belts and computer system.

For further information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803, weekdays after 1 p.m.

**Bunco Social For Lung Diseases**

The South Suburban Salon #480 invites everyone to attend a Bunco Social at the Mt. Greenwood Park fieldhouse, 3721 W. 111th on Saturday, Jan. 12th at noon.

Donation at door is \$3 with free coffee and cake. Lunch will be available at a nominal fee.

There will be raffle table of prizes and a cash raffle. Proceeds will be used for children's facilities that Treat Cystic fibrosis, tuberculosis and other lung diseases.

For more information, call (773) 376-2711.

**Pancake Breakfast Photos Available**



Families who participated in the Pancake Breakfast at Columbia Explorers Academy on Dec. 8th, may pick up their pictures at the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council Office, 1751 W. 47th st 2nd floor. Ask for Miguel or Cynthia at (773) 523-4416.

**MWRD Commissioner Takes Oath of Office**



Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Maura Slattery Boyle gave the oath of office to Commissioner Patrick Daley Thompson for his first six year term at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

**Thanksgiving Project**



The children of Kid'z Colony Daycare, 6287 S. Archer, made pilgrim hats for their Thanksgiving feast. Winter registration is now open for children 13 months to 10 years. For more information, call (773) 767-8522.

**Metra Sponsors Safety Contest**

Metra announces the 7th Annual Safety Poster Contest with the theme: "Take Care, Be Aware: Look, Listen and Live." Winners will be selected from each grade, K-12, and awarded the following prizes: first place, iPad; second place: \$250 gift card and third place: \$100 gift card.

Winning designs will be distributed to more than 2,000 schools in northeastern Illinois, featured in Metra's Safety Calendar, on the contest website, in station displays and on monthly tickets.

Metra will also recognize the school that submits the most entries in the 2012-13 contest by awarding it a new computer compatible with its current system. Every school's entries will be totaled after the contest deadline on March 15th, 2013 and a computer will be presented to the winning school.

The 5th annual Safety Essay Contest requires participants to tell in 300 words or less why it is important to "Take Care, Be Aware" when near trains and railroad tracks. First place winners will also receive an iPad.

**Free Counseling For Housing Loan**

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council 4477 S. Archer has HUD-approved counselors that can help with foreclosure prevention and intervention.

Free Housing counseling is provided to help at-risk homeowners get a mortgage modification or other options that help conserve their home. Call (773) 523-7110 for more information or to set up an appointment.

**Winter Events At A-H Library**

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled Children & Family Programs. Preschool Story Time will be held Thursdays, Jan. 24th and 31st and Feb. 7th, 14th & 28th from 11 a.m. - noon.

Family Game Night will be played on Mondays, Jan. 28th & Feb. 25th from 5-6 p.m.

Crafty Reads is set for Wednesdays, Jan. 16th & Feb. 20th from 4-5 p.m.

Art Smart will be conducted on Mondays, Jan. 7th & Feb. 4th from 5-6 p.m.

Adult Programs feature Book Discussion Club in English every second Wednesday of a month at 6:30 p.m. and Polish Book Club on every third Wednesday of a month at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Urge Flu Shots For Everyone**

The Illinois Department of Public Health, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot.

Every flu season is different and infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older.

Children ages 6 months through 8 years need two doses of influenza vaccine (at least four weeks apart) during their first flu season.

**Ice Skate Rinks At Area Parks**

The Chicago Park District's outdoor ice skating rinks are open through Sunday, Feb. 24th.

Hours and skate rental prices vary.

All other rinks offer free admission.

McFetridge Sports Center, California Park, 3834 N. California, phone (773) 478-2609 operates an indoor rink. Open skate hours are all ages: Wednesday and Friday, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Adults: Wednesday, 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. Teens and adults: Friday, 9:15 to 10:45 p.m.

\$3 skate rental; admission is \$4 for children 12 and younger; \$5 for teens and adults ages 13 and older and \$2 for seniors 60 and older. Food

concessions are available. McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing Road, (312) 747-5992 has open skate hours Wednesday to Sunday, 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$6 skate rental, admission free.

Midway Plaisance Park, 1130 Midway Plaisance North (east 59th Streets at Woodlawn) (312) 745-2470 has open skate hours: Sunday - Friday, 12 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. \$6 skate rental, admission free. Food concessions are available.

Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th st., (312) 747-3690 has open skate hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$6 skate rental, admission free.

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