Community Calendar

Comments

August 13, 2009

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SPORTS
Leyden Lions get defensive in latest win

ENTERTAINMENT
Memories and cake for Circle Theatre's 25th

CURRENTS
Community Briefs: FPDCC contest deadline Aug. 27

CLUBS

West Suburban Toastmasters: 7 p.m. **Aug. 20** in the downstairs meeting room of the La Grange Park Library, 555 N. La Grange Road (between Ogden and Harding). Must be 18 and older. Toastmaster clubs are a wonderful way to learn speaking, listening, presentation, evaluation and leadership skills and an excellent item to include on your resume. Members can tell you that speaking skills are a reason they were hired to a better job or promoted to a higher position within their current company. West Suburban Toastmasters is a world-wide organization with 11,700 clubs in 92 countries serving 235,000 members. For more information visit wsuburban.freetoasthost.org.

ET CETERA

CMAP Workshop: 7-9 p.m. **Aug. 19** at Elmwood Park Village Hall, 11 W. Conti Pkwy., third floor council chambers. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's GO TO 2040 campaign has entered its "Invent the Future" public-input phase. Have your say on how you want the seven-county region to plan for the additional 2.8 million residents expected by 2040. Visit www.goto2040.org to create, share and compare your own scenarios for the future.

PCC Community Wellness Center is recruiting AmeriCorps members. The program **begins Sept. 1** and ends Aug. 20, 2010. Must be at least 18 years old, have an interest in health, fitness, wellness or social services, be a high school grad or equivalent (GED) and have a commitment to community service. Applications are available at www.americorps.org. Click on "Join Our Team." In search criteria, choose "health" and "Illinois" and look for PCC AmeriCorps Program or contact Program Manager Celine Woznica (708) 524-7685; cwoznica@pccwellness.org.

The Center for Cultural Interchange, a nonprofit organization, is currently looking for families interested in hosting a high school age exchange student or for students to study abroad. CCI welcomes staff, participants and host families from every race, nationality, creed and religion. Call (800) 634-4771; www.cci-exchange.com/host.aspx.

Youth For Understanding: Is seeking host families. Students are of high school age from various countries. They bring their own spending money and are covered by medical insurance. Families need to be able to share a loving and supportive family life as well as provide for an additional family member, including a separate bed, study area, three meals each day and be prepared to share their community with their student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes: Working parents, single parents or single people, couples (any age) with or without children, adoptive parents, empty nesters and military families. To learn more call (866) 493-8872 or visit www.yfu-usa.org.

HERE'S HELP

REFF (Recovery Education for Family) and **Serenity Saturdays**: There will be no meetings in August for both these groups as this charitable organization has lost its lease. Organizer Barbara DeHart has set up a virtual office to keep connected. The temporary mobile Resource Help Line is (708) 536-8775; e-mail addresses, reffnews4u@gmail.com and serenitysaturday@gmail.com. Web site address is reffnews4u.com.

Breast Cancer Network of Strength support group: 6:30-8 p.m. **Aug. 20** in Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, Loyola Medical Center, 2160 S. First Ave., Maywood. Call (708) 226-4357.

LEARNING

College preview day for prospective undergraduate students, 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m. **Aug. 14** at Dominican University, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest, Parmer Hall. Friday Fest www.dom.edu/ican/visit/fridayfest.html; (708) 524-6800.

GED preparation: Prepare for the GED exam by enrolling in classes beginning **Aug. 25** at Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. For more information call the Triton College Adult Basic Education Department (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3609.

LEYDEN TOWNSHIP

***Leyden Township Community** Center, 2620 N. Mannheim Road, Franklin Park, just south of Grand Avenue on the west side of Mannheim Road next to the Leyden Township Fire Station; www.leydentownship.com; (847) 451-5144. Registration required for all unless otherwise stated. Fees: In District/Out of District.*

To avoid cancellations due to low enrollment please register at least seven days prior to the date of the class. We often have to cancel a class due to a shortage of students by only one person, sure enough on the day of the class the last needed student will call to see if they can join a class and it is too late.

School Supply Drive: **August** and **September** Leyden Township Community Center will be collecting school supplies for the less fortunate children in the community. For more information on how you can help make a needy child's academic life a little brighter, call Bea Gervea (847) 451-5144.

Abs and Ends: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Fridays, **Aug. 21-Sept. 25**, ages 6-12. Fee: $20/$25 per child.

One-on-One Fitness Training for Kids: **One-hour** session, **once a week** by appointment for **six weeks**, ages 8-17. Fee: $30/$35.

Knitting/Crocheting Club: **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, noon-3:30 p.m., adults only. Free.

Basketball/new 2009, Open Gym Pass: Pick up an Open Gym Schedule for times, ages 6 and up. Fee: $15/$40 or $5 daily.

Leyden Township Community Center Fitness Center Pass: The fitness center is open 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 18 years and up (14+ with a parent present during workout). Fee: $45/$65 for six months; $75/$100 for 12 months.

Leyden Township/Veterans Park Boxing Club: 2009 passes now available for purchase. Fee: $90/$120 for six months; $165/$220 for 12 months. Club hours are 6-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday. The Club is at Gouin Park on the corner of Fullerton Avenue and Scott Street, Franklin Park.

LIBRARIES

***River Grove Public** Library, 8638 W. Grand Ave. Registration necessary for all unless otherwise noted. Call Dayna Tucker (708) 453-4484 to register; www.rivergrovelibrary.org.*

One-on-one computer classes: 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and 10-11 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sign-up is required. Preference is given to River Grove residents. More info at www.rivergrovepubliclibrary.blogspot.com.

Wireless access is now available on a first-come first serve basis. Patrons can either bring in their own laptops or use the library's. You must be at least 14 years old and have a valid photo ID. Call (708) 453-4484.

OLR MEDICAL CENTER

***Our Lady of the Resurrection** Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison, Chicago. Advance registration required for all unless otherwise noted. Call (877) 737-4636. Free parking available in the parking facility on Addison across the street from hospital.*

Free Lecture: "Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery": 4-5:30 p.m. **Aug. 25**. General Surgeon Frederick Tiesenga will discuss how this type of surgery used for hernia, gallbladder and bariatric surgeries results in less pain, quicker healing and almost no scars. Refreshments served. Free. Advance registration required. Call (877) 737-4636

Religion notes

Secular Jewish Community and School open house: 10 a.m.-noon on **Aug. 23** at Irving Elementary School, 1125 S. Cuyler Ave. in Oak Park. SJCS teaches and celebrates Jewish history, culture and values in a secular, humanistic context. It offers Sunday School from pre-kindergarten through B'nai Mitzvah, celebrates holidays together as a community and has an active Adult Education program. Newcomers can meet community members while the children participate in a fun activity with other classmates and the school's teachers. It is a growing and thriving community and welcomes all who wish to join. Call Elisa Lapine at (708) 445-4055 or visit www.secularjewish.org.

Chicago Archdiocese events: The link to the "August 2009 Daybook" from the Archdiocese of Chicago has been updated at

www.archchicago.org/news_releases/daybook.shtm. Events happening this weekend are also included.

God's Heritage Full Gospel Ministries: Mission's ministry is open every **first Saturday** of the month at 1200 S. Fifth Ave., Maywood; Come in and enjoy a hot cup of soup, or maybe you're in need of clothing or a bag of food to go. Stop by and visit. It's all free. For any questions or concerns, call the church at (708) 615-1676/1677 and ask for Evangelist Pat Profit.

Introducing the Cardinal's Network: Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, will occasionally share his thoughts, reflections and prayers electronically with all who subscribe by providing an e-mail address. To join Cardinal George's new communications initiative, visit www.archchicago.org and click on Cardinal's Network in the box on the home page. Additionally, the Archdiocese has expanded its presence on YouTube with two channels in English and Spanish, www.youtube.com/catholicchicago and www.youtube.com/chicagocatolico.

Traditional Latin Mass: 9:30 a.m. **Sundays** at St. Odilo Parish, 2244 East Ave., Berwyn. Beginning of weekly celebration of the traditional Latin Mass -- with a High Mass, known also as a Missa Cantata – or sung Mass. The Rev. Anthony Brankin, pastor, with co-celebrant the Rev. Juan Carlos Gavancho, will offer this ancient form of Catholic Mass. (708) 484-2161.

SENIORS

Spares Sunday Evening Club: 7:30-10:30 p.m. **Aug. 16** at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Band will be The Music Men. Members: $8; guests $9. Call (847) 965-5730.

River Grove Senior Citizens Club, noon, **Aug. 17** at 2601 Thatcher Ave., River Grove. For 55 or older. Meetings, cards, bingo, lunches and trips. Call Dorothea Leder (708) 453-9068.

Active Retired Citizens Club: noon-2 p.m., **Aug. 21** at Triton College, Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. A social club for 55 and older. Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3896 or 3603.

TRAILSIDE

Trailside Museum of Natural History, *738 Thatcher Ave., in River Forest, is run by Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Advance registration MUST for all unless otherwise stated. Call (708) 366-6530; www.fpdcc.com.*

Photo Exhibit Opening on Local Nature: 1-3 p.m. **Aug. 16**. By the Oak Park Photography Club, featuring more than 20 photos. The theme of the exhibit is "Local Nature." This opening reception will have members of the club present to answer questions. Refreshments will be served. The photo exhibit will be on display until the end of August, during regular Museum hours.

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT (VPD)

Veterans Park District *facilities are in Franklin Park, Melrose Park, Northlake and River Grove. Registration required. Online at veteransparkdistrict.org; In-person, Administration Office, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park, Multi Sports Complex, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park and in Northlake at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive; by phone (708) 343-5270. Fee: In district/Out of district.*

Archery Camp: 5-5:45 p.m. **Aug. 18-Sept. 22** at Latoria Park, corner of Willow and Herrick, Franklin Park. If you want to have fun learning a new sport or simply improve your hand-eye coordination, Archery Camp is guaranteed to be fun and challenging. Watch your accuracy improve every week. Fee: $30/$35.

Belly Dancing: 7-8 p.m. Intermediate Course; 8-9 p.m. Beginners, Tuesdays, **Aug. 18-Oct. 6** at 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park. Bring a hip scarf if you have one. Fee: $45/$50. Call (708) 343-5151.

Birthday Bingo (especially for seniors): 10 a.m. **Aug. 21** at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake. Continental breakfast and bingo for good prizes. If it's your birthday this month this event will be free, for others it's $2.50. Call (708) 343-5270.

After School Care Program (K-eighth): after school-6 p.m. at 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake. VPD is currently taking registrations for their 2009/2010 After School Care Program for students at Whittier, Westdale, Roy, Jane Addams, Melrose Park and Stevenson schools. Children are split-up according to age groups. Fees are due monthly. Call (708) 343-5270 or stop by Grant Park.

Preschool: ages 3-5. Register now for fall. Half days/full days offered. Prepares your child for kindergarten, builds confidence and their love for learning will grow. Financial aid assistance available. Call Marlin Sanchez (708) 731-5290.

Tennis Instructors: Veterans Park District is looking for instructors that can teach tennis. Applications will be on file at the VPD until staff is required. Contact Greg Stephens (708) 343-5270/gstephens@veteransparkdistrict.org.

Luncheons/Trips

Taste of Polonia Lunch Party: noon **Aug. 28** at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake. The menu will consist of: Polonia-braised pork tips with mushrooms, fresh polish sausage, sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, pierogi, beet salad, bread and butter, Mazurek (homemade Polish dessert) and coffee or tea. The band Frank K and company will perform for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure. Fee: $16. To purchase tickets or for more info, call (708) 343-5270.

VOLUNTEERS

Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park and The Robie House in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago are looking for fall volunteer training; **Sept. 15** for the Wright Home and **Oct. 6** for The Robie House. Volunteers enjoy membership benefits, invitations to special events, educational opportunities and great new friendships. Support an appreciation of architecture, design and the legacy of Wright while engaging in educational and aesthetic experiences with people from around the world. Call (708) 848-1976 or visit GoWright.org.

WEST SUBURBAN MEDICAL CENTER

West Suburban Medical Center, *is at 3 Erie Court, Oak Park. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Call (877) RES-INFO/(877) 737-4636 or go to wsmc.reshealth.org to register.*

Relaxation Group: 7:30-8:45 p.m. **Aug. 13** in Resurrection Health Care Professional Office Building, Lower Level IMC Conference Room, 7411 W. Lake St., River Forest. Breathing techniques, meditation and self-hypnosis. Runs consecutively in four-week increments. Fee: $100. Space limited. Call Dr. Iacono Russell (708) 763-2120.

Family Birthplace Tours: Free tour of Irvin and Margaret Houck Family Birthplace conducted 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and 3-4 p.m.**Aug. 15**. Nursery, labor/delivery and mother/baby areas.

YMCA

West Cook YMCA, *255 S. Marion St., Oak Park; (708) 383-5200. Registration necessary unless otherwise stated. Contact Wellness and Sports Director Jeremy Myers at (708) 434-0225 or jmyers@westcookymca.org or person listed. Visit opymca.org or stop by the "Y." Fee: Member/Nonmember.*

Free Senior Fridays: Age 62 and older invited to visit free on Fridays. Swim, walk/jog, use fitness center, play racquetball, much more.

Adult Men's Basketball League: Begins **Aug. 23** and runs through Oct. 18. Registration deadline is **Aug. 18**. Games take place beginning at 6:15 p.m. Sundays. Men 18 and older can sign up in teams of 10. Fee: $500 per team. League includes IHSA Officials and T-shirts.

Adult Women's Basketball League: Begins **Aug. 23** and runs through Oct. 18. Registration deadline is **Aug. 18**. Games of 4-on-4 take place beginning at 6:15 p.m. Sundays in the Small Gym. Fee: $400 per team. Don't have a team? Call Jeremy at (708) 434-0225 to be added to the YMCA's Free Agent List. League includes IHSA Officials and T-shirts.

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Child Wellness and Fitness Series: Will run from **Aug. 24-Oct. 10**. Information and tactics aimed at helping children ages 8-12 live healthier lifestyles. Fee: Free/$10 and will be molded around participants' schedules. Noreen Walton (708) 434-0235; nwalton@westcookymca.org.

***Sign-up for the** following classes for fall Session I is going on now. Classes begin **Aug. 24**, run for eight weeks. Contact Jeremy Myers (708) 434-0225; jmyers@westcookymca.org.*

Teen/Adult Swim Lessons: 1:10-1:55 p.m. Saturday and Sunday this fall. YMCAs are world pioneers in swimming instruction and water safety. For more than 100 years, local Ys have been the place Americans go to find the most trusted instructors of swimming and lifeguard training. Fee: $50/$100.

Total Body Conditioning Class: 8-9 a.m. Saturdays and 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays. This advanced exercise class offers a challenging one-hour workout which includes upper body, lower body and core strengthening exercises. Fee: $32/$64.

Jump Rope and Abs Class: The West Cook YMCA is now offering Jump Rope and Abs class from 7-7:45 a.m. Mondays and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursdays. Class offers an all-around 45-minute workout that strengthens the heart, muscles and bones, promotes leanness and improves agility, coordination, timing, rhythm and explosive power. Fee: Free/$28.

Adult Floor Hockey: 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays. Play hockey pick-up game style in the Large Gym without skates or rollerblades. Some sticks available or bring your own. Goalies wanted! Fee: Free/$55.

Bitty Basketball and Soccer: 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesdays is Bitty Soccer for kids 3-5 years old to work on the fundamentals and improve their skills while making friends and having fun. Fee: $37/$74. Bitty Basketball, also for kids 3-5, meets 9-9:45 a.m. Saturdays and uses a "games" approach to develop balance, ball control, sharing, listening skills. Fee: $37/$74.

Heartland Blood Drive: 4-7:30 p.m. **Aug. 25**. To schedule an appointment, contact Zac Moyer (708) 434-0213 or zmoyer@westcookymca.org. A photo ID is required. Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome.

Stress Management and Auricular Acupuncture workshop: 6-8 p.m. on **Aug. 26**. Learn how Chinese medicine can help alleviate stress, take a survey to help pinpoint sources of stress and receive a free auricular acupuncture treatment. Free and open to the public. Jenny Pesina (708) 434-0227; jpesina@westcookymca.org.

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