



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Are Toy Guns A Problem?



By Dr. Roy Pletsch

Conduct gives principals the ability that when looking at toys and look alike, they must consider whether the item reasonably resembles a real firearm.

It is sad that we, in the city, and other urban centers, have more than their proportionate share of violence. It is seldom heard of in more rural areas. Many of these families have hunting as a tradition and there is access to weapons. But statistically this violence does not emerge. Why? I can only guess that it is a combination of parents teaching respect for the power and danger of guns. In these areas police and school security are aware that anyone can be carrying and are trained with this knowledge.

One of the questions of gifts for our youth involves "toy guns". In my generation, almost every kid had a few toy guns. A big difference was most of our dads had come back from WWII and we emulated them, shooting at pretend enemies of the United States. We also had only three TV channels, and they were filled with cowboy shows, like The Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers, and The Cisco Kid. The list goes on forever. The gun was used to help people. Some never killed anyone over hundreds of episodes. There was a moral to the story, the bank robber was almost never sympathetic. You could even get model guns in exchange for cereal box tops.

All the toy guns in the '50's looked like toys. Then a transformation came. Competing for the dollar the toy companies started making them look more and more realistic. The result: some, not necessarily children, began using these in crimes. In more recent years, often the villain is the hero. Many kids have access to video games much more violent than we could even imagine. Now, having said this, we know violence is up and it is scary when you hear about a three year old being shot through a window. But more laws, no matter how well intentioned, are seldom the answer. We've seen the stories of the five year old kindergartner bringing a three inch plastic orange squirt gun to school and being arrested. Most of us consider this over-reaction. But some administrators are held to the Code of that School Board. Some School Boards are starting to catch on. The most recent CPS Student Code of

It's been ages since guns have been outlawed in Great Britain. Some even believe that police do not carry. In many areas this is not true. Now Great Britain is going through a problem with many people being stabbed in public. I, like many Cub Scouts in my day, carried a pocket knife. We whittled and played mumbly peg. I guess I'm trying to express that there are people everywhere looking for a way to harm other people. Some even plan their own suicide by killing others first.

I believe we must teach kids to respect life, including their own. Federal statistics indicate that single parents have a much higher rate of their child being involved in violence. We, as adults, must take our job as parent seriously, even if you do not see your children every day. More laws have not stopped violence. So don't look down your nose on the parent who buys that Red Rider BB gun. It can be fixed not to shoot bbs. In some states 14 year old kids already own shotguns. The safety starts in the home. Parents please express trust in the principal, by you to your students. As a principal I confiscated seven guns over the years because students told me of the situation and they were retrieved. Remember what is good for one family does not always work for others.

Martinez In Master's Studies

Alexandra Martinez (60608) has been applying the tools of science, education and conservation to become a leader in the conservation community. In mid-December 2019, Martinez is expected to conclude her course of study with a Master of Arts degree in Biology from Miami University through Project Dragonfly. Since joining the Advanced Inquiry Program master's in 2016, she has taken courses on the web while also participating in on-site and field studies at Chicago Zoological Society.

Free Concerts At Local Churches

A free Christmas Concert in English, Polish, and Spanish will be performed at St. Rene Goupil Church, 6949 W. 63rd st. on Friday, Dec. 27th at 7 p.m. and St. Turibius Church, 5646 S. Karlov on Sunday, Jan. 5th at 5 p.m. Performers are Jolanta Ziemba, Witold Socha, Foli Tomety, Andrea Valinevicius and Bogdan Pawlikowski.

Christmas Party For Order of the Arrow Chapter



On Dec 17th members of the Ehalluchit Chapter of the Order of the Arrow of the Takhone Lodge of the Pathway To Adventure Council B.S.A. held their Christmas party at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. Everyone was treated to pizza, soft drinks, homemade deserts and candy. Scouts played games and participated in a grab bag gift exchange. The Order of the Arrow is a Honor Society within Scouting, that promotes Brotherhood, Camping and Cheerful Service to others. Any boys ages 6 to 17 who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information.

Church Services

ST. RICHARD CHURCH
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The Feast of Saint Stephen - Thursday, Dec. 26th, 8 a.m. Regular Morning Mass in English, 6 p.m. Mass in Polish.

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 4:30 p.m. Anticipated Mass for New Year's Day.

New Year's Day - Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 8 a.m. Mass in Polish, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass in English, 12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
3658 S. Honore
Pastor Adam Gawel
(773) 376-5370

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 3658 S. Honore St., will hold a worship service in English on New Year's Eve at 7:00pm. Bible studies in Mandarin Chinese are held on Wednesday evenings in its ministry center, 3650 S. Honore. These will resume after the New Year. Contact Pastor Adam Gawel, who speaks English and Mandarin, for more information at (773) 383-2395.

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St. Stephen - Thursday, Dec. 26th - 9 a.m. English and 11 a.m. Polish.

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2) How can we get durable medical equipment to those who can least afford it? Medicare rules could stand in the way of needed equipment.

For example, it often takes months to get medicare approval. And you are only allowed one piece of equipment every 5 years. If your medical condition changes and you need different equipment, you may have to wait a long time, sometimes in pain from ill-fitting equipment.

3) How can we help the disabled lead more independent lives? Enhanced mobility places less of a burden on family members and state welfare agencies. It may allow the disabled person to seek employment and can actually help their medical conditions.

Call (773) 870-1553 about your location and what durable medical equipment you may have to donate. Examples include walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, rehab chairs, power wheelchairs, scooters, and hospital beds.

Scholarship To Lawrence Univ.

Allan Garcia a student at Lawrence University of Appleton, Wisconsin was selected to receive a CIC/UPS Scholarship provided by the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and its national partner, the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, D.C.

Dean's List At St. Norbert

Carly Thiel and Alonzo Torres have been named to the 2019 fall semester dean's list at St. Norbert College of De Pere, Wisconsin. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Cancer Patient Remembered



Pediatric patients at Saint Anthony Hospital received a special visit from the Sanchez family who delivered more than 1,000 toys this holiday season. Tom and Lucy Sanchez, relatives and friends collect and deliver toys each year in memory of their late son. Tommy was diagnosed with germ cell cancer at the age of 17 and after numerous hospital stays promised to give back to pediatric patients and bring hope to children and families during what could be difficult times. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer and was unable to see his wish come true. Since his passing in 2013, the Sanchez family vowed to fulfill his last wish and started "Tommy's Gifts" to bring joy to children in hospitals during the holidays.

Ice Hockey Clinics At Area Rinks

The Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Park District are partnering again to offer free hockey clinics for ages 5-12 at six neighborhood ice rinks on Wednesdays and Saturdays through Feb. 8th. Skates and equipment will be made available to participants for free. Participants will also receive a keepsake Chicago Blackhawks jersey.

Online registration is required. Parents are encouraged to arrive 20-30 minutes before the clinic begins to facilitate the distribution of equipment and jerseys. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.nhl.com/blackhawks/community/cpd-clinics>.

Clinics will take place at the following locations: Wed., Jan. 8th and 29th, Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th st., 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (ages 5-8), 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (ages 9-12).

Wed., Jan. 15th, Wentworth Park, 5625 S. Mobile ave., 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (ages 5-8), 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (ages 9-12). Sat., Jan. 18th, Midway Plaisance Park, 1130 Midway Plaisance North, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (ages 5-8), 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. (ages 9-12).

Wed., Jan. 22nd, Warren Park, 6601 N. Western, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (ages 5-8), 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (ages 9-12).

Sat., Feb. 1st, Riis Park, 6100 W. Fullerton, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (ages 5-8), 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. (ages 9-12). Sat., Feb. 8th,

Flower Shows At Conservatories

Holiday Flower Shows are open at Garfield Park, 300 N. Central Park, and Lincoln Park, 2391 N. Stockton drive through Sunday, Jan. 5th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Garfield Park's "Invisible Forces" will feature towering fir trees, poinsettias of maroon and gold, massive birch chandeliers and gentle music produced by the wind.

Lincoln Park's show "Ice Age" will feature imagery of glaciers, a woolly mammoth, and hundreds of white poinsettias and plants. Two trains will move throughout the wintery landscape dotted with white and blue sparkling lights. A large fir tree with lights will greet visitors in the Palm House.

Admission is free. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Beat Meeting For 911 & 921

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 912 will meet at Davis School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, Feb. 5th at 7 p.m.

Beat 911 is roughly bounded by Western ave., Central Park ave., Stevenson Expressway and Pershing rd.

Beat 921 is bounded by Western ave., Kedzie, Pershing and 43rd st.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

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Free Admission To Museums

State Representative Theresa Mah reports free Museum Days.

Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan, free admission for Illinois residents Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Chicago residents under age 18 are always free.

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook rd., Glencoe, free admission.

Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st., Illinois residents receive free admission Tuesdays from 12:30 to 9 p.m. Illinois residents under 18 are always free.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 218 W. 26th st., free admission on the first Friday of every month. Active military and children under 13 are always free.

Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods dr., Skokie, for the rest of 2019, free admission on the 10th of every month.

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st., always free.

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago ave., Illinois residents receive free admission every

Tuesday.

The Oriental Institute Museum, 1155 E. 58th st., free admission, but a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children is suggested.

The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore drive is offering free Museum Entry to Illinois residents on Jan. 6th-9th, 13th-16th, 20th-23rd, 27th-30th; Feb. 3rd-6th, 10th-13th, 18th-20th and 24th-27th. In addition to convenient, indoor parking garage, the Museum offers 14-acres of hands-on science exhibits and experiences that ignite curiosity in guests of all ages.

City Conducts Business Workshop

The City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protections offers free business workshops every Wednesday and Friday at City Hall, 8th Floor.

To register for a workshop, call (312) 744-2086.

Obituaries



ANIELA SKOLARUS, (nee Sojka), of Garfield Ridge, passed away on Dec. 21st at the age of 92. She was the wife of late Stanislaw Skolarus; mother of Stanislaw (Malgorzata) Skolarus, Tadeusz (Maria) Skolarus, Maria (Grzegorz) Wozniak, Halina (Janusz) Duda and late Wladyslaw Skolarus; grandmother of Marcin, Piotr, Anna, Katarzyna (Lukasz), Lukasz (Marta), Dominika, Weronika, Joanna, Nicole and Christopher; great-grandmother of Franciszek and Hanna; sister of Jan (late Aniela) Sojka, Tadeusz (Zofia) Sojka, Maria Fudala, late Wladyslaw (late Michalina) Sojka, late Bronislaw Gorz, late Bronislaw (late Aniela) Sojka, late Andrzej (Katarzyna) Sojka and late Stanislaw Sojka. Visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 27th from 2-8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapel, 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 28th at 11 a.m. to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for 12 p.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Forest Preserves Feature Events

The Forest Preserves of Cook County Winter 2019-2020 Programs and Events guide features sledding, ice skating and ice fishing, snowshoeing and more.

From mid-December to early March, weather permitting, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center transforms into Sagawau Nordic, a full-service cross-country ski center. The center provides rental equipment, lessons and access to groomed trails.

The Forest Preserves also provides opportunities to sled and snowboard, Caldwell Woods, Dan Ryan Woods, Swallow Cliff and Westchester Woods offer lighted sledding hills from 10 am to 7:30 pm Sunday through Thursday and from 10 am - 8:30 pm Friday and Saturday.

Snowboarders can take advantage of a designated snowboard-only hill at Dan Ryan Woods. Deer Grove, Pioneer Woods, Ted Lechowicz Woods and Schiller Woods are open to sledders from 10 am to sunset every day. Snowboarding and sledding opportunities are contingent on snow cover.

As always, the flora and fauna of the Forest Preserves are on constant display throughout winter. Stroll a trail to see tree limbs crystallized in ice, listen to the elk bugle at Busse Woods or bring binoculars to watch waterfowl skate across the preserves' frozen waterways.

For those who wish to escape the cold, unique exhibits and events can be found at six nature centers throughout the winter season.

For a full list of events and programs, visit <https://fpdcc.com/events/>.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo's will stage its 38th annual Holiday Magic, presented by ComEd and Meijer Dec. 26th -31st from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Guests can come early to enjoy the entire zoo and stay late for the festivities beginning at 4 p.m.

Zoogoers can stroll through a 600-foot-long tunnel featuring thousands of LED lights synchronized to music and a light display of hexagon-shaped trees, mirror balls, and "dancing" holiday trees on the West Mall.

There will also be the 41-foot-tall Talking Tree and a giant 20-foot-lit orb, where guests can stand inside to take memorable photos. LED animal sculptures of a bison, bear, giraffe, and reindeer adorn the north, south, and east malls, and a holiday light show will be displayed on the facade of The Swamp building. Searchlights will brighten the sky around Roosevelt Fountain that is surrounded by 60 decorated themed corporate trees. Nearly 600 trees adorned with ornaments by Chicagoland communities will line the walkways.

Other activities include professional ice carving demonstrations, live musical and dance performances in the Holly Jolly Theater, and magic shows. In the Riverside Room, guests can view "Santa's Toy Shop" model railroad display and decorate cupcakes (extra fee applies) at BZ Red Hots restaurant.

On the East Mall, guests can rent or bring their own skates and take a spin on the Chicago Wolves Skating Rink.

Animal areas open during Holiday Magic include Australia House, Big Cats, Desert's Edge, Feathers and Scales, Great Bear Wilderness, Hamill Family Play Zoo, Hamill Family Wild Encounters (parakeet aviary closed), Pachyderm Building, Regenstein Wolf Woods, Reptiles and Birds, Seven Seas Underwater Viewing Gallery, Clouded Leopard Rain Forest, The Living Coast, The Swamp, and Tropic World. Several animal Zoo Chats take place throughout each evening.

and a Dolphins in Action presentation can be seen at 6 p.m. Restaurants and gift shops will be open.

On Dec. 31st, families can ring in 2020 at the Zoo Year's Eve celebration featuring an early countdown at 8 p.m. A DJ sets the party tone with fun games, party favors, and prizes in the Holly Jolly Theater. An earlier countdown at 7:30 p.m. will take place inside Hamill Family Play Zoo, where youngsters ages 6 and under can make festive noisemakers.

Regular admission is \$21.95 for adults and \$15.95 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and older. Children 2 and under are free. Activities are free with paid admission (with the exception of in-park paid attractions, photo opportunities, and cupcake decorating). Car parking is \$14; bus parking is \$20. Discounted tickets may be purchased at any of Chicagoland Meijer locations in Illinois. For more information and a schedule of activities and entertainment, visit CZS.org/HolidayMagic or call (708) 688-8000.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, Jan. 19th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

Family Programs At Brighton Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, will conduct Family film showings on Saturday, Dec. 28th at 2 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 6th from 3 to 4:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 8th from 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 17th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 27th from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

First Thursday Story Time for ages 0-3 and their caregivers will feature stories, songs and fun activities on Thursday, Jan. 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Little Learner Story Time for ages 0-3 and caregivers is offered on Fridays, Jan. 3rd through March 13th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Coloring Classes will relive childhood joy on Mondays, Jan. 6th, 13th & 27th; Feb. 3rd, 10th & 24th; March 9th - 30th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Designs and materials will be provided.

Chess for Everyone will be offered on Tuesdays, Jan. 7th to Feb. 25th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Instruction will be available.

Family Story Time is a program of books, stories, poems, songs and simple craft activities for families with children of all ages on Tuesdays, Jan. 7th to Feb. 25th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Toddler Time is an early literacy program for children ages birth to 5 with storytelling, picture books, music and a craft on Wednesdays, Jan. 8th to 29th and Feb. 5th, 19th and 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Chicago Student Invention Convention is an opportunity for kids in grades K-8 to develop their own invention on Thursdays, Jan. 9th to 23rd from 4 to 5 p.m.

Cooking Club will explain techniques and ingredients on Thursday, Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July

9th, Aug. 13th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 8th and Nov. 12th from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Tween Book Club (3rd - 8th grade) will discuss "The Epic Fall of Arturo Zamora" by Pablo Cartaya on Friday, Jan. 10th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Graphic Novel & Manga Club for ages 14 and up will discuss "Cemetery Beach" by Warren Ellis and "After School Nightmare vol 1" by Selona Mizushiro on Thursday, Jan. 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Magpie Murders" by Anthony Horowitz is set for Friday, Jan. 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Ice Skating At Maggie Daley Park

The skating ribbon at Maggie Daley Park is now open. Admission is free. \$13 skate rental Monday to Thursday; \$15 skate rental Friday to Sunday and holidays and holiday season (Dec. 20th to Jan. 12th). Skates are available in child's size 8 through men's size 13 - with \$3 locker rental.

Hour weather permitting are Monday to Thursday 12 to 8 p.m. Zamboni times are 2:30 and 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Zamboni times are 12, 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m. Holiday hours for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Zamboni times are 12 and 2:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and President's Day hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Zamboni times are 12, 2:30, and 5 p.m.

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Free Fitness Week

Kick off the New Year in great shape by working out for free from Dec. 30th to Jan. 4, at any of the Chicago Park District's citywide fitness centers, fitness classes or pools during lap swim. Registration is required. All activities are first come, first served based on availability.

The fitness centers feature state-of-the-art equipment including: 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 for variety of ages and abilities, including aquatic aerobics, cycling, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing, and strength training.

Lap swim is also available at many citywide pools. Hours and times

vary by park. Monthly lap swim memberships range from \$25-\$40 for up to three-months.

Memberships are available to Chicago Park District fitness centers. Patrons must set up an account prior to registering either online or in-person for a monthly, three-month or annual membership. There is also a gold card membership option for \$200 that allows patrons to workout at any of the citywide fitness centers.

Membership rates to the Chicago Park District's fitness centers are affordable and generally range from \$10-\$20 for one-month and \$30-\$60 for three months. Accessible equipment for people with disabilities is available at 40 fitness centers.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 747-2001.

Family Programs At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct film screenings suitable for all ages on Saturdays, Jan. 4th to 18 at 2 p.m.

A family craft program of bubble wrap painting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Toddler Time features early literacy tips, books, fingerplay, rhymes, flannel board stories and songs on Thursdays, Jan. 9th to Feb. 20th from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Discovery Play is open, unstructured playtime for young children and their caregivers on Thursdays, Jan. 9th, 23rd to Feb. 20th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Graphic Novel Book Club will discuss Jon Scieszka's book "Astronauts Mission One: The Plant Planets" on Thursday, Jan. 9th from 4 to 5 p.m.

day, Jan. 9th from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Copies of the book are available.

The Kids Art Cart has supplies like colored pencils, pipe cleaners and yarn for children to create their own projects on Saturdays, Jan. 11th, 26th and Feb. 8th, 22nd from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The second Monday of the month writer's group will provide feedback on various styles on Jan. 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Writers should bring 3-4 pages of their work for consideration.

The Goodwill Workforce Job Club will provide resume assistance, job leads, employment referrals and interview preparation on Thursday, Jan. 16th from 12 to 2 p.m.

A book discussion of "The Black Echo" by Michael Connelly (2017) will be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults and teens may enjoy watercolor painting on Saturday, Jan. 25th from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Palermo's Restaurant, 3751 W. 63rd st. will host a book and film discussion of "World War Z" by Max Brooks on Monday, Jan. 27th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

A special story time for ages 0-6 will be held on Mondays, Jan. 27th, Feb. 24th and March 30th from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Children may attend in pajamas and enjoy music and movement.

A family craft program will create a felt bracelet with beads on Wednesday, Jan. 29th from 4 to 5 p.m.

CAPS Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District CAPS Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 7 p.m.

The area is roughly bounded by 31st st., Pershing road, Western ave. and the south branch of the Chicago River (Bubbly Creek).

Problem and crime conditions will be discussed.

McKinley Pk. Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct Drop In Games on Saturdays, through Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Noon-Year's Eve for ages 0-12 will feature games, crafts and treats on Tuesday, Dec. 31st from 11 a.m. to noon.

Film screenings will be conducted on Saturdays, Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th from 2 to 4 p.m.; Jan. 11th from 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Jan. 18th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Jan. 25th from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Nightfall Story Time for ages 0-5 and caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and a craft on Mondays, Dec. 30th, Jan. 6th, 13th & 27th; Feb. 3rd, 10th & 24th; March 9th to April 27th from 6 to 7 p.m. Pajamas are welcome.

First Thursday Story Time for ages 0-3 and caregivers will feature stories, songs and fun activities on Jan. 2nd, Feb. 6th, March 5th and April 2nd from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A computer workshop for senior citizens will explain how to use a mouse and keyboard on Thursday, Jan. 2nd from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required at (312) 747-6082.

Little Learners Story Ties for ages 0-3 and caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and rhymes on Fridays, Jan. 3rd to March 13th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Play time will follow.

Kids 4 and up will build Lego creations based on different challenges or play freely with the bricks their own ideas on Tuesdays, Jan. 7th, 21st; Feb. 4th, 18th;

March 17th, 31st and April 14th and 28th from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Families are invited to play games, complete crafts and take on building challenges on Family Night Wednesday, Jan. 8th from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

ComEd will present "Save Energy, Save Money" on Saturday, Jan. 18th from 1 to 2 p.m. Learn about programs that can qualify for including instant discounts, home assessments, rebates to help reduce energy use, financial assistance for overdue ComEd bills, and resources for going Solar.

Exploratorium with Robominds Robotics Team on Wednesdays, Jan. 22nd, Feb. 26th, March 25th and April 22nd from 4 to 5 p.m. Kids 6 and up will explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) concepts through challenges and experiments.

Horizon Science Academy's student robotics team, Robominds, will present their robot and an interactive Lego activity.

Creation Station for ages 3 and up will be provided materials on Thursdays, Jan. 16th, Feb. 20th, March 19th and April 16th from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

A Windy City Harvest Tour of The Farm on Ogden will be featured on Tuesday, Feb. 4th from 3 to 4 p.m.. The facility includes a 50,000-gallon aquaponics systems, a 7,300 square-foot greenhouse, distribution for Veggie Rx, a commercial kitchen and teaching kitchen, aggregation space, and a year-round indoor market.

For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

Polar Adventure Days At Northerly Island

Chicagoans and tourists are invited to explore Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Dr., and engage in exciting winter activities, come face-to-face with live animals and create nature inspired crafts during the 15th annual Polar Adventure Days Jan. 25th & Feb. 29th from noon to 4 p.m.

Activities are educational and fun for all ages. Participants will tour the Natural Area, either on foot or in snowshoes depending on weather, and learn about winter animals including Siberian huskies, wolves and birds of prey. Patrons can work together to create a nature inspired winter craft, while sipping on a cup of hot cocoa. Guests are invited to warm up around the bonfire as they learn the art of starting a fire

and roasting marshmallows. The first 500 visitors will be treated to hot cocoa.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/polar-adventure-days.

NLEI Offers Job Training

The National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W. Pershing rd. has a wide range of job training classes which will be starting soon.

Offerings include the Energia Project, Bilingual Medical Assistant and Medical Office Specialist.

For more information, call (773) 247-0707, ext. 200 or email education@nlei.org.

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CAPS Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District CAPS Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 7 p.m.

The area is roughly bounded by 31st st., Pershing road, Western ave. and the south branch of the Chicago River (Bubbly Creek).

Problem and crime conditions will be discussed.

Candlelight Tours Of Glessner House



Glessner House, 1800 S. Prairie ave. is offering Christmas Candlelight Tours at \$15 person.

These docent led tours will highlight Christmas customs and decorations of the late 19th century.

The house is decked out with elaborate decorations of the period including a huge live tree in the main hall covered with period ornaments, a display of toys in the schoolroom, holiday crafts

being readied in the parlor, Christmas cards being prepared in the library, and the dining table set for the eight-course feast consumed in 1895. After the tour, enjoy hot cider and cookies in the coach house.

Tours last approximately 50 minutes and begin every 15 minutes starting at 4:30 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The office will be closed Jan. 1st.

See a full listing of remaining 2019 programs at www.glessnerhouse.org or call (312) 326-1480.

Restaurant Week Opens Reservations

Reservations are now open for the 13th annual Chicago Restaurant Week Jan 24th - Feb. 9th. More than 400 restaurants participate, including 350+ in the city and nearly 50 in the suburbs.

The program kicks off with First Bites Bash on Thursday, Jan. 23rd at the Field Museum. More than 60 of Chicago's most well-known chefs and restaurants will provide preview tasting portions from their CRW menus. For a list of participating restaurants and to purchase tickets, visit firstbitesbash.com

CAPS 815 & 821 Plans Meeting

8th District CAPS Beats 815 and 821 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, Feb. 5th at 7 p.m.

815 is bounded by I-55, Pulaski, Cicero and 55th st. 821 is bounded by I-55, Pershing, Kedzie, 51st st. and Pulaski.

Residents are urged to meet with beat officers and express their concerns.



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