Happy & Safe Halloween

Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, a nonprofit literacy organization in McKinley Park, knows the value that volunteer tutors bring to our organization. Without the support of volunteers, Aquinas could not provide the essential services it offers. Volunteers are needed to instruct limited Eng­lish-proficient adults for 90 minutes per week at our center, 1751 S. Halsted St. All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. If you are interested in be­coming a volunteer tutor, please contact Rosalatin at 773-977-6022 or email at rosa@aquinasliteracycenter.org.

St. Jerome Girls Night Out Featuring Nino Folino

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Stay Safe this Halloween with NFPA’s Fire Safety Tips

Halloween is creeping up on us. The rush is on to find the perfect pumpkin, the spookiest costume, and the best candy for trick-or-treaters. However, along with all this excitement comes potential fire hazards related to seasonal decor and costumes. Fortunately, fire risks can be avoided by following the National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) Halloween safety precautions.

“Halloween brings out creativity in people of all ages,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “The festivities, however, can be dampened if the proper precautions are not put in place ahead of time and while out canvassing the neighborhood for treats.”

From 2011-2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 840 home structure fires per year that began with decorations. These fires caused an average of 2 civilian deaths, 36 civilian injuries, and $11.4 million in direct property damage, per year. Fires can start when candles are too close to decorations or when long, flowing costumes come into contact with candles.

To safely enjoy the Halloween holiday, NFPA has created a Halloween safety video that emphasizes preparedness and the importance of flame-resistant costumes and decorations. NFPA also offers parents and teachers tipsheets, kids’ activities, a pumpkin-carving template, and a simple Halloween fire safety tip graphic is also great for sharing on social media so that people can enjoy a spooky and safe Halloween.

To ensure that your loved ones and home are free of fire this Halloween season, follow these safety guidelines:

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Costumes: Choose the right costume. Try to stay away from long or flowing fabric, and remain vigilant of excess costume pieces.

Decorations: Avoid flammable decorations including dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper that are highly flammable. Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Exits: Remember to keep all decorations away from doors so that they are not blocking any exits or escape routes.

Smoke Alarms: Make sure all of your smoke alarms are working and up to date.

Visibility: Provide flashlights to children or have children carry glow sticks as part of their costumes. Make sure, if a child is wearing a mask, that the eyes holes are large enough so she can see out of them.

11th Ward Community Hiring Opportunity

Join Commissioner John P. Daley and Alderman Patrick D. Thompson to apply to work on the construction of the Sheridan Math and Science Academy Arts Building. The event will take place Monday, October 30th from 9:00AM-2PM in the Sculpture Garden of the Bridgeport Art Center at 1200 W. 31st Street. Please use the main entrance on 31st Street. There will be parking available along Racine on the north side of the building. Do not park in the parking lot across the street; that lot is not affiliated with the Bridgeport Art Center.

If you have any questions, please call 773-234-6677.

Rhine VFW Post 2729

A big thank you to Alderman Edward Burke who secured transportation for Rhine VFW Post 2729 and Auxiliary on October 23rd. They went to the Manteno Veterans Nursing home for their annual Bingo Party. Refreshments and gifts were served to the Veterans along with 70th birthday wishes to Commander Johnson.

On Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Rhine VFW Post 2729 Auxiliary will honor all those comrades at the Lincoln Memorial at 5358 S. Archer Ave. Parking is available on the West end of lot across from the Post. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call 773-234-9022.

Monday, November 13th Rhine VFW Post 2729 is honoring students returning from Gloria Ndi School to attend Veterans Day service at 11:00 a.m. Previously, Rhine Veterans Day for the school this presentation. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 773-234-9022.

To place your ad, call: 773-927-0025

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The property is subject to general real estate assessments and the legal fees required by The Judicial Sales Corporation, the successor trustee to LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as nominee for RBC Mortgage Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7-day status report of pending sales.

Where a sale of real estate is made to any party other than a mortgagee, the party shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Judicial Sales Corporation. The party shall remain in possession for 30 days after confirmation of the sale.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g­1), you are advised that the attorney attempting to collect a debt is a debt collector and the legal fees required by The Judicial Sales Corporation entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real property.

For information call Ms. Nicole Fox at (312) 605­3500.
Halloween is Here

By Charlie (Chevron) Lee-Max & Edith 4/18

Are you prepared for Halloween? If not, get better for going. It’s not too late to get some trick or treat bags and go out with some friends.

One of children’s favorite holidays is Halloween. All throughout the year, they plan and prepare for this day.

This year it comes on Tuesday, October the thirty first, when they can go trick or treat and enjoy the day.

But be sure you go out with ‘em if they are very young, or if you are with them by themselves, you had to be nice to your tongue.

We cannot be too safe at night, that’s why goblins are out. And the safer we could make it will remove all doubt.

If the treats have been opened, just throw them out. ‘Cause you don’t want anything to break up their day.

Halloween Traditions

Many Halloween traditions may have originated with the ancient Celts and their priests, the druids. Other civilizations adopted and changed the ancient rituals, such as bobbing for apples or donning Maislin. Maiseen: a garment of the druids of Ulster.

Our Halloween celebrations are the remnants of the pre-Christian Celtic celebrations,” said Fred Suppe, a Ball State history professor and expert in Celtic folklore.

The Celts can be traced back to 800 B.C. to what is now southern Germany and include the ancestors of the Scottish, Irish, Manx, Welsh, Cornish and Breton. Particular motifs of modern-day Halloween such as the date and time it is celebrated, trick-or-treating, the jack-o’lanterns and bobbing for apples are related to Celtic traditions.

When Christianity was introduced to the Celts, church leaders tried to persuade them to abandon their pagan celebrations and adopt their own. Because these traditions were culturally ingrained, the church provided alternative holy days such as All Saints’ Day on Nov. 1.

“The evening before All Saints’ Day became ‘All Hallow’s Eve,’ with the word ‘Hallow’ meaning holy or saint and the ‘-en’ meaning the night before,” Suppe says. “Halloween’s Eve evolved into Hallowe’en.”

Another origin for trick-or-treating comes from Scotland, where young men in their late teens donned disguises after the harvest.

“The Celts called them ‘guisers,’ which is where we get the word ‘grouch,’” he said. “The guisers would march around a house and demand hospitality, which evolved into small children asking for treats.”
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Most faces expressing the wish that this were instead the journey returns home!

Ray Springer

Property Tax Relief for Homeowners

Greater Benefits to Seniors and Many Other Homeowners.

The Exemptions Program helps achieve the common goal of reducing regressivity in the property tax system. The benefits of this program are especially important to senior citizens, who are already taxed at a higher rate than non-seniors. The Senior Freeze Exemption makes it possible for seniors to keep their homes, regardless of their income levels. The exemption is available to homeowners who are 65 years of age or older and have lived in their home for at least five years. To qualify, homeowners must meet certain income and property value requirements.

In addition to the Senior Freeze Exemption, there are many other property tax exemptions available to homeowners. These include the Homestead Exemption, which reduces the assessed value of a homeowner’s property, and the Challenge of Property Tax Exemption, which allows homeowners to contest the assessed value of their property.

These exemptions are designed to make it easier for homeowners to keep their homes, regardless of their income levels. They are an important part of the property tax system and help to ensure that the system is fair and equitable for all homeowners.