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33rd Annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot

This annual event will take place on Sunday, November 22nd, and attracts approximately 1,850 participants. The Turkey Trot consists of a 5K & 10K run, a 5K walk, and a Drumstick Dash for children ages 10 and under. Runners and walkers race through the streets of Lincolnwood beginning and ending at the Village's largest park, Proesel Park. All participants receive a goodie bag filled with refreshments and other items as well as a long-sleeved T-shirt. Turkey trophies are awarded to the top three male and female finishers in each age division. Turkeys are given to the overall male and female finishers in each race. The walk is non-competitive. This is a CARA (Chicago Area Runners Association) certified race and a portion of any proceeds will be donated to the; Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, the City of Hope, and the Lincolnwood Scholarship Program. You can register online at www.lincolnwoodil.org, navigating to the Parks and Recreation Department home page, then clicking on the REGISTER NOW button, or get more information by visiting the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation office at 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., or calling (847) 677-9740.

EVANSTON RECEIVES CIVIL ENGINEERING AWARD



Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and Evanston's Superintendent of Water Receive the 2009 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement of the Year Award from Bob Gorski, PE, M-ASCE, Immediate Past President of the Illinois Section ASCE.

The Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) presented Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and City Council members with its 2009 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement of the Year Award on October 26, 2009. The award recognizes the City of Evanston for its Combined Sewer Relief Program, which resolved extensive basement backups caused by the undersized combined sewer system.

The City of Evanston Combined Sewer Relief Program concept was developed by MWH Americas, an engineering consulting firm, in 1987 to address the flooding problems of a 100-year-old combined sewer system serving 75,000 people. Working closely with the City of Evanston, MWH designed and managed construction of a total of 30 individual projects required to improve system performance and solve recurring problems in the sewer system. The program effectively eliminated frequent and widespread basement flooding, improving the overall public health of the community.

"In August 1989, Evanston experienced a record rain storm that caused severe basement flooding and damage. Basements had four to five feet of water in them, and after the rain, streets were lined with damaged property that was being discarded," recalled Dave Stoneback, Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Division. "Evanston experienced a similarly-severe rain storm in September 2008. By contrast, very few basements had sewage water in them and there was no significant property damage."

The 18-year sewer project was completed in May 2009 at a total cost of \$210 million, approximately 40% cheaper than other proposed solutions. The program included the installation of eight miles of 60" to 120" diameter tunnels, twenty miles of 10" to 72" diameter relief sewers installed by open cut construction methods, and the installation of 2,500 flow restrictors.

The Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award is awarded to projects that exhibit the greatest engineering skills and represent the greatest contribution to civil engineering progress and mankind. ASCE, founded in 1852, represents more than 144,000 civil engineers nationwide and is the country's oldest civil engineering society.

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Local Environmental Groups Create Garden Showcasing Green Initiatives and Outdoor Classroom for Special Education Students

A previously uncultivable 10,000 square-foot plot at Northside College Prep High School (5501 N. Kedzie Ave.) is being transformed into a multi-use garden through a partnership between Urban Wildlife Coalition (UWC), Urban Habitat Chicago (UHC) and the school's Community for Alternative Sources of Energy (CASE).

The garden's environmental initiatives include wildlife-friendly plantings, 35 tons of recycled materials and sustainable elements such as a storm-water management system and permeable pavement, which allows both air and water to penetrate its surface.

It will also function as an outdoor classroom for the adjacent special education department featuring handicapped accessible pervious concrete pathways, raised beds and wheelchair-height learning stations.

The project, which has a completion date of spring 2010, is known as Joy Garden. It was conceived by project coordinator and Northsidegraduate Brianna Birman and is named in honor of her deceased aunt, Samantha Joy Birman, who was profoundly disabled.

More than \$25,000 has been raised for Joy Garden through grants or in kind donations from Urban Habitat Chicago, Repkin Biosystems, Ozinga, Lowe's, Lurvey's, Green Cross and others.

"We're excited about the opportunity to partner with innovative green organizations to serve the needs of multiple communities in a single site," Birman says.

CASE is a student-run environmental awareness organization and was recently inducted into the Environmental Hall of Fame for accomplishments such as hosting the annual eco-fest Green Scene and procuring nearly \$1,000,000 in funding for installation of solar panels to heat the school's hot water.

UHC is dedicated to demonstrating the viability of sustainability in an urban environment, including green roof design and maintenance, coordinating building deconstruction and hosting a monthly lecture series.

UWC advocates for wildlife preservation, conducts Living with Your Wild Neighbors seminars promoting coexistence with wildlife and helps facilitate rehabilitation of injured and orphaned animals.

See attached for garden plans and overview. To view photos of the garden's progress visit urbanhabitatichicago.org. For more information or to schedule a tour of the garden contact Urban Wildlife Coalition at 773-545-8136.

Urban Wildlife Coalition: Fall Critter-Proofing Tips

A wild animal in your home can be distressing both for your family and for your uninvited houseguest. Here, an ounce of prevention clearly trumps a pound of cure. Avoid urban wildlife conflicts from the start by checking your home for potential entryways. With winter just around the corner, now is the perfect time for an inspection.

Allow several hours for a daytime, top-to-bottom assessment of your home.

Gather binoculars and a flashlight. Bring a camera if you'd like to document problem areas for professional service.

Attic

Check for current animal residents (track marks, droppings, holes, nesting materials).

Turn off lights – daylight shining through will indicate gaps or holes that should be filled.

Never seal a hole if you suspect an animal may be in your home. You'll block its escape route and trap it indoors.

Chimney

Shine flashlight up the chimney looking for animal indicators, especially on the damper and smoke shelf.

If you are positive no animals are present, install a rugged, animal-proof chimney cap.

Foundation

Check for possible entrances, with special attention to places where different building materials meet: window wells, exhaust vents, siding cracks, etc. Small openings can be filled with caulk, foam, or copper mesh. Larger openings should be repaired before the cold weather sets in.

Again, take precautions. Make sure your home is animal-free before sealing any gaps.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urban-wildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK IN MILLENNIUM PARK OPENS FOR THE NINTH SEASON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Michigan Avenue Ice Rink Offers Free Admission For Skating

Kicking off Chicago's winter season, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 and will remain open through Sunday, March 14, 2010, weather permitting. The rink, now in its ninth season and drawing more than 100,000 skaters annually, is free and open to the public. Skate rental is available for \$10. The ice rink is located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets.

Regular hours for this season are as follows:

Mondays—Thursdays: 12 pm — 8 pm
Fridays: 12 pm — 10 pm
Saturdays (through Jan. 2): 10 am — 10 pm
Saturdays (beginning Jan. 9): 10 am — 9 pm
Sundays: 10 am — 9 pm

Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving): 10 am — 4 pm
Thursday, December 24: 10 am — 6 pm
Friday, December 25: 10 am — 4 pm
Thursday, December 31: 10 am — 8 pm
Friday, January 1: 12 pm — 10 pm

The ice rink is just one component of the 24.5-acre Millennium Park, which has welcomed more than sixteen million visitors since opening in July 2004. Among Millennium Park's other prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture.

For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, including Caroling at Cloud Gate, visit www.millenniumpark.org, or call 312.742.1168.

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