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Silver Maples, proudly presents a special quilt exhibit featuring the artistic creations

of local talents who are members of the Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Ypsilanti (C.A.A.D.Y.) Corner Quilters. From January 3 to February 29, the public is invited to witness the beauty of handmade quilts that embody the spirit
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it of community and philanthropy.

Exhibit Highlights: The quilts at Gallery 100 represent the generous contributions of the C.A.A.D.Y. Corner Quilters, a group of dedicated artists who have been creating and donating quilts for over 20 years. This exhibition provides a unique opportunity for the public to explore the collaborative efforts behind these stunning pieces, as most quilts are the result of the group's collective creativity.

Artists Reception: Join us for an artists' reception on Sunday, January 14, at 2 pm. This event offers a chance to meet the talented artists behind the quilts and gain insight into the creative process. Attendees can view

the quilts and engage with the artists in a welcoming atmosphere.

Community Outreach:

The C.A.A.D.Y. Corner Quilters have donated over 800 quilts since 2008, with recipients including the University of Michigan's Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, the St. Louis Center, Faith in Action, Jewish Family Services, and the University of Michigan's Office of Decedent Affairs. They have also collaborated with the Chelsea District Library for the Community Quilt project.

Gallery 100, part of the Silver Maples community, was established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; the Gallery is open to the public and provides exhibition space for artists in Chelsea

and the surrounding area to enhance the cultural experience of the community. Gallery related events and programming encourage the exploration and appreciation of all aspects of art and create opportunities for artists, the greater community, and those that call Silver Maples home, to come together to enjoy art and to develop meaningful relationships.

Artists interested in exhibiting at Gallery 100 may contact Winn Nichols, Director of Programs, by email: wnichols@silvermaples.org. Gallery 100 is open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

ADULT LEARNERS INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW FEE SCHEDULE

By Peter Van Hoek

Starting in the Winter/Spring 2024 term, the Adult Learners Institute (ALI) has a new fee structure. All registration fees are being eliminated. The fee structure for the classes

has been minimally increased to make up for the elimination of the registration fees. You will now pay a single fee for each class, depending on the number of sessions for that class. The new fees will

be set forth in the upcoming catalog for the Winter/Spring term.

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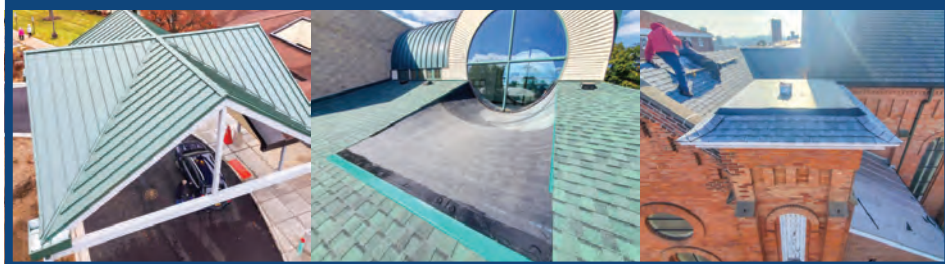
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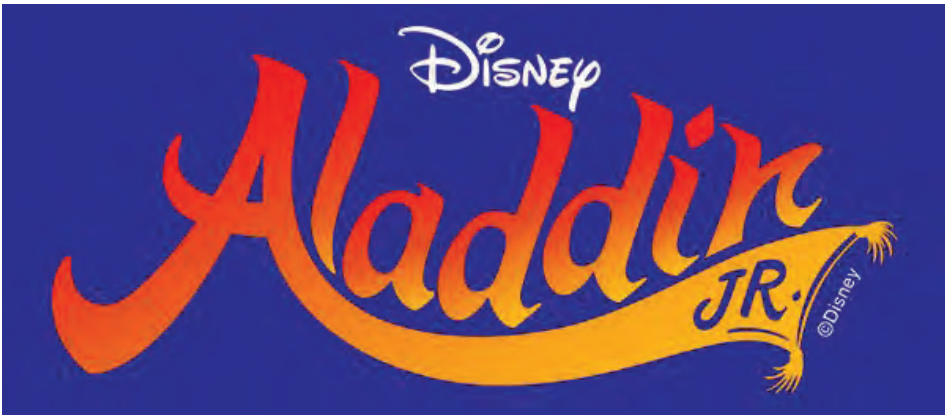
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Aladdin Jr Audition Information



From Chelsea Area Players

Auditions for CAP Jr.'s winter musical Aladdin, Jr. are coming! Mark your calendars for Monday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm. In addition, please keep Thursday, Jan. 18 from 5:30-7 pm open in case we need to call back anyone to hear sing for a second time, or to read a scene with someone new.

A sign-up genius is available here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B-4BADAE2CA3FC1-46810651-capaladdin#/>

For more information visit Chelsea Area Players website here: <https://chelseareplayers.org/2023/12/aladdin-jr-audition-information/>

Here is what you need to know:

Show dates are March 15, 16, and 17, 2024.

Rehearsals will start January 22 and will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. The size of the child's part will determine how often he/she needs to attend; most students will not have to attend every rehearsal. All rehearsals will be held at St. Paul United Church of Christ at 14600 E. Old US Highway 12.

Performances will be in the evenings of March 15 and 16, and a matinee on March 17. Students are expected not to miss ANY rehearsals during the week of March 11 unless due to illness. Other absences, as long as they are noted in advance,

are acceptable.

There will be two parts to the audition: an acting part and a singing part.

For the acting part: Audition scenes are posted below. Students 5th grade and up will be asked to read from at least one of them, and likely read for more than one character. Actors are not expected to memorize any parts; however, it is recommended that actors spend some time becoming familiar with the lines and the characters before the audition. The director is looking for strong acting choices, which can mean a character voice, a way of moving, and lots of facial expressions. The director also wants to hear that students can project (be loud) and speak clearly. Copies of

the scenes will be available at the auditions, or students can bring their own copy.

Younger students (3rd and 4th grade) can concentrate on Audition Scene 1 only.

Audition Scene 1: Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim

Audition Scene 2: Aladdin, Jasmine

Audition Scene 3: Genie, Aladdin

Audition Scene 4: Jafar, Iago, Spooky Voice

For the singing part:

Students will be auditioning alone. All students, but especially older ones who are hoping to get leads, are encouraged to sing excerpts from one of the songs from Aladdin that are linked below: "Friend Like Me," "Arabian Nights," "Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim," or "A Whole New World." We are looking for the ability to sing in tune, on tempo, and to act while singing. If the song seems to suggest movements of some kind, students are encouraged to do some of their own. Remember, this is a musical, so we want to see kids who

can "sell" the song.

Girls can sing any of the songs. Boys are encouraged to do any except for "A Whole New World" (the part that is excerpted for auditions is Jasmine's part so is likely not in range for most boys).

We will have the music at the audition. The youtube playlist has audition songs both with and without vocals. Most of the students will be more comfortable auditioning to the track that has the vocals, and that is perfectly fine. Some students will prefer a karaoke version (labeled "instrumental") so we have that available as well.

Parents, we now have the audition form ready for you to print out and fill out before auditions! The auditions will be able to move along faster if you have this already filled out before you arrive at the audition. Aladdin Audition Form at <https://chelseareplayers.org/>

We also have the Take-Home form. This is just informational with costs, rehearsal days and times, etc. You do not need to print this out or bring it with you. AUDITION TAKE HOME FORM - Aladdin Jr

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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS WRESTLING

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Chelsea takes first place at Coldwater Invitational.

1st: Radu, Racine, Muchler, Pov Burke, Chapman, Go Dawgs!! Messersmith, Hurst
2nd: Fisk, Hurst,

CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNINGS



From: Tracie Stoffer

Seth Anstead Ohio University Football

Parents: Fred and Sarah Anstead

Ballet Chelsea Performs the 26th Year of the Nutcracker



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By Aimee Bingham
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On December 15-17, 70 young dancers, a choir, and an entire symphony took the stage in what is a Chelsea holiday tradition: The Nutcracker. Once again it was performed in Jackson at the Potter Center, not in Chelsea. Ballet Chelsea has traditionally performed at Jackson College's Potter Center, and Chelsea High School's auditorium, but right after COVID, it moved solely to the Potter Center. In an effort to protect students and staff from a potential super spreader event, it was

at the Potter Center only. The Potter Center took guest's temperatures at the door and required masks as a precaution. Once things returned to normal, Chelsea High School auditorium underwent a 2.7 million dollar renovation and Ballet Chelsea will not return until Spring, with Cinderella. December 15-17 attendees were able to enter the Potter Center without a mask and fever check to watch Ballet Chelsea perform the Nutcracker for the 26th year.

The 26th year of the Nutcracker was a year of change. After 25 years of the

Nutcracker being presented under the tutelage of artistic director Wendi DuBois, 2023 saw a shift in leadership Wendi passed the baton to Michelle Quenon. Those of you who attend every year may have noticed changes to the show. My opinion as an observer was that the younger, preteen, not quite prima ballerinas had more opportunity to shine in this show. Previously tiny dancers who look cute and need not be perfect performers as well as professional-level dancers kept the Nutcracker magical. But this year we saw how dancers from Bal-

let Chelsea make the leap from cute chubby mice to beautiful sugar plum fairies and Snow Queens. Michelle, in my opinion, took a risk by providing younger dancers with more challenging parts. Angels used to be cute teeny tiny girls in ballet slippers. This year they appeared to be young women on the cusp, 11-14 in pointe shoes. If you've ever danced on Pointe or,

like me watched rehearsals, you understand that girls on Pointe, fall, especially when they're just learning, on stage in front of potentially thousands. The fact that these girls were given the opportunity and shined, as they did, signals the confidence the new artistic director has in the overall program. Based on the performance, I saw, rightfully so! Michelle gambled and won big. A big round of applause should be given to the artistic faculty at Ballet Chelsea. We understand why dancers like Natalie Krienke, Mathieu Dehoorne, and Aja Brandmeier, danced as children at Ballet Chelsea and grew to professional caliber dancers.

Though change can be hard and the

Nutcracker is a tradition built by Wendi DuBois, the 26th year was a wonderful success. Maybe because I'm the biased media and my daughter has been one of the cute little mice for several years but, the snowfall, the choir, the dancing, and the music and gorgeous costumes get me every year. The Nutcracker is a newer version but has not lost its magic. If you were unable to catch the Nutcracker this year, Ballet Chelsea will present Cinderella in April, back at home, in Chelsea. If you have a child and are dreaming of sugarplum fairies snow, queens and kings and all things exquisite, you can register for classes here: <https://balletchelsea.org/>.



Chelsea Education Foundation and Serendipity Books Support Chelsea School District's Literacy Drive



Photo courtesy Chelsea Education Foundation: K Owen-CEF Board Member, K Hepler-CEF Board Member, P Roberts-CEF Admin, and Katie Spisich-CSD Literacy Specialist

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Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) and Serendipity Books co-hosted an event that will help enhance educational resources in Chelsea's schools.

The event, held at Serendipity Books on December 14, was successful, with a diverse and enthusiastic crowd of supporters in attendance. Guests purchased books on-site while savoring a selec-

tion of wines curated by Jay Friend, Owner of Withingtons.

"The books will help fulfill part of the Teacher requested grants to CEF in their quest to support Chelsea School Districts literacy campaign", said Amy Forehand, CEF Board President. "And an added benefit is CEF realized significant savings by buying the majority of the books through Serendipity with assistance from Chelsea District Library!"

The centerpiece of this collaboration was the bundling of books

for purchase, benefiting Chelsea educational institutions. The books included:

- New titles for the Chelsea High School Media Center.
- Books from the Chelsea District Library's "Authors In Chelsea" program for Beach Middle, South Meadows and North Creek Schools.
- Elementary-level social-emotional and non-fiction books.

Through the generous contributions of attendees and book enthusiasts, Chelsea Education Foundation raised \$3,700 during

the event, actively working towards their goal of \$6,500.

For those unable to attend or who may be interested in contributing further, CEF is keeping the donation page active through the end of 2023. Individuals interested in donating can visit <https://www.chelseaeeducationfoundation.org/post/book-drive-fundraiser>

This partnership underscores the significance of local businesses coming together to support Chelsea Education Foundation's mission to enrich the educational experience for Chelsea's students.

Chelsea Education

Foundation and Serendipity Books extend their gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success, reaffirming their commitment to the growth and development of education in Chelsea. Anyone interested in learning more about Chelsea Education Foundation may email: vicepresident@chelseaeeducationfoundation.org

About Chelsea Education Foundation:

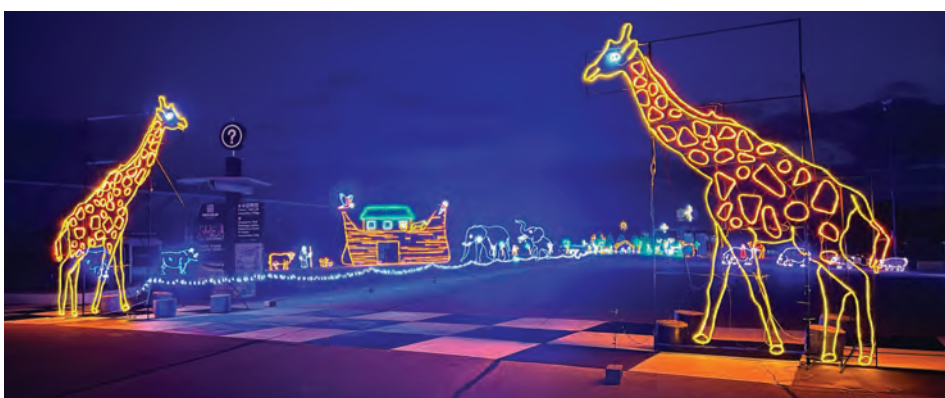
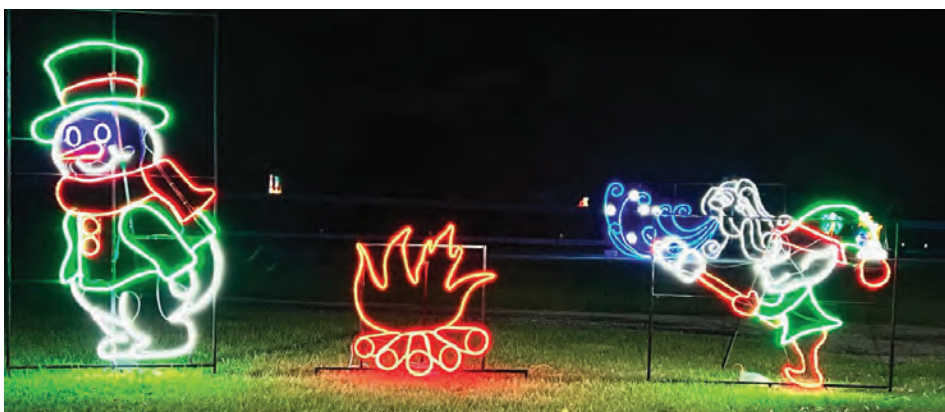
Chelsea Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students in the Chelsea School District. CEF

provides grants, scholarships, and other resources to support innovative and enriching programs that inspire and empower Chelsea's students. www.ChelseaEducationFoundation.org.

About Serendipity Books:

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WASHTENAW UNITED WRAPS UP 2023 WITH A PAIR OF WINS

From: Adam Winters, Head Coach, Washtenaw United High School Girls Hockey

Washtenaw United Girls High School Hockey team wrapped up the 2023 calendar year with a pair of wins against Division 2 opponents Walled Lake and Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS). The wins moved the United into 3rd place with a 3-1 Division record, 4-2 overall.

On Friday evening at Lakeland Arena, center Daphne Grant (Dexter, '25) opened up the scoring with an unassisted breakaway goal with 3:58 remaining in the first period. Grant picked the loose puck up at center ice, split the defense, and slipped the puck past Walled Lake goaltender Skyler Mack on the stick side. That would prove to be all the United would need to get the win.

WashU would continue to test Mack throughout the 2nd period. She held the United off until the 1:57 mark when Veronica Holmstrom

(Dexter, '27) deflected a Walled Lake clearing attempt directly to Sydney Clark (Saline, '25) who was camped out in front and buried the shot over Mack's shoulder. Holmstrom was appearing in her first game with the United, joining the team earlier in the week. Just 25 seconds later Cecilia Henriksen (Chelsea, '24) put a backhand rebound past Mack to increase the lead to 3-0. Sydney Clark would be the loan goal scorer in the 3rd, picking up her 2nd of the game about halfway through the period. Clark picked up a loose puck behind the goal line, circled the net and shot, picked up her rebound, circled again, and slipped a backhand past Mack on the far side. Washtenaw faced little pushback from the Wild, with just 6 shots on goal registered compared to WashU's 37.

Saturday's game against PCS would prove to be even more in the United's favor. Just 36 seconds into the game, sophomore

Abby Schroeder (Saline, '26) pounced on a loose rebound to open the scoring in what would be her first of 2 goals of the day. Henriksen would follow with a goal less than 4 minutes later during a delayed penalty call. Maddy Church (Dexter, '27) and Clark would expand the lead to 4-0 at the end of the first.

Saline junior Julianna Marini opened the scoring in the second after a beautiful setup from Clark and Lilly Schlack (Saline, '26). Schroeder tallied her 2nd of the game, followed by a last second goal by Kaysi Hohner (Saline, '27) to finish off the 2nd period. Holmstrom wristed a shot from the top of the left circle over the blocker of the PCS goalie for her first career goal for the United, ending the game with 8:22 to go in the 3rd period due to the Mercy rule. Clark and Holmstrom led the team in points, each with a goal and 2 assists.

United goaltender Trista Tracy (Chelsea, '25) earned her 4th

shutout of the season, and 3 in a row. Tracy has gone over 128 minutes without letting in a goal.

WashU returns to the ice in the New Year on Saturday, January 6th against Sacred Heart on the road at 4:00. The team's annual Alumni Game is Saturday, December 23rd at 2:30 at the Arctic Coliseum.

INFORMATION-AL ADDENDUM:

Washtenaw United is a High School Girls' Hockey Team skating out of the Arctic Coliseum of Chelsea. The team serves High Schools within Washtenaw County that do not have a dedicated team to play for. Currently, Pioneer and the combined Skyline-Huron have dedicated teams. Washtenaw United is made up of players from Saline,

Dexter, Chelsea, Milan, and Washtenaw International.

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From: Wendy Welch

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Nonprofit Improving Medication Access for Patients with Cancer in Michigan



Nonprofit Improving Medication Access for Patients with Cancer in Michigan YesRx is a charitable service organization working on behalf of patients with cancer to help with medication access and medication waste. YesRx launched their efforts in June 2023 with enthusiastic support from patients, caregivers, and clinicians who navigate the barriers related to expensive cancer medications and the devastating effects.

Two big problems YesRx is helping solve are cancer medication

access and waste. Recently published studies captured shocking statistics. Patients with cancer who have pharmacy co-pays that are \$500 or more are 4x more likely to not start or continue their cancer treatment than patients who have co-pays of \$100 or less. Patients with cancer who have a single prescription change during treatment results in an average of \$4,300 worth of medication being wasted.

YesRx supports cancer care providers across the State in the utilization of Public Act 416 of 2006 which established the Cancer Drug Repository

(CDR) Program. This Michigan law allows patients to donate eligible unused and unopened cancer medication and provides clinicians with access to medication that can be provided to a patient in need. YesRx connects and supports CDRs in Michigan through the YesRx Network. Currently consisting of 14 CDR programs and growing, the Network is designed to reach people and communities across the state. Michiganders have already generously donated cancer medications valued in the millions that clinicians have been able to provide to patients in need at no cost.

The strategic expansion of the YesRx Network resources is occurring with mission-aligned organizations. YesRx has received initial funding through Trinity Health Michigan and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM). YesRx is thrilled to have Trinity Health Michigan as the founding health system organization and the Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium (MOQC) and Pharmacists Optimizing Excellence in Oncology (POEM) whose funding is provided by Blue Cross as part of the BCBSM Value Partnerships program as the founding Network sponsor. “At Trinity Health Michigan, our Core Values include stewardship and a commitment to those experiencing poverty,” said Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, PhD, MD, MHSA, chief clinical officer at Trinity Health Michigan. “That is why we are so delighted to partner with YesRx, so that we can better serve Michigan communities by providing oral cancer medications to patients who otherwise would not have access

to affordable, lifesaving treatments.” Trinity Health Michigan’s support establishes the infrastructure needed for the first Statewide CDR location at Trinity Health Pharmacy - Richert Center. Medications donated by patients across the state are safely stored and dispensed to clinicians under strict pharmacy practices and CDR guidelines at this location. “We joined the YesRx mission to be co-creators in a system for sustaining affordable access to cancer treatment in our state,” Dr. Katie Beekman shared. “This is a muchneeded solution that patients, clinicians, cancer care advocates, and policy makers all support because by design it demonstrates the ability to reduce the amount of unused and wasted cancer medications while improving access to treatment for patients in need.” Dr. Beekman’s Trinity Health IHA Hematology Oncology Medical Group is a founding member of the YesRx Network. The MOQC/POEM

support through BCBSM provides funding that enables YesRx to provide the resources needed to support CDRs in oncology practices to YesRx Network members at no cost. Members choose to participate in the YesRx Network because they believe CDRs can positively impact the quality of patient care. “We are pleased to see the advent of a system in Michigan that helps facilitate improving medication access to those in need while at the same time eliminating medication waste,” said Martha Walsh, MD, MHSA, senior medical director and associate chief medical officer for Provider Engagement at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. “Through this innovative model, patients and their families are able to donate medications that they may not be able to use. Cancer patients will have enhanced access to medications they need, and increasingly these expensive medications will not be wasted. We applaud YesRx Network for their efforts.”

December Events

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December 25
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Blood Drive* (CHE)
December 12 • 12:00pm–6:00pm
To register call 734-214-0220.

108 Sun Salutations for the Winter Solstice* (DEX)
Friday, December 15 • 5:30pm–6:30pm
Dexter Wellness Center • FREE
Purchase a Winter Solstice shirt and receive a guest pass! Honor the Winter Solstice early with this abbreviated Sun Salutation Practice. Participants will flow through Sun Salutations with Dianna for 60 minutes. This celebration is also a practice of patience and stamina, of flexibility and strength, of mind and body. Come with no expectations, an open mind, and willingness to try and leave with a new energy and confidence. All fitness levels welcome! Modifications to all Sun Salutations will be shown. We encourage you to pre-register for this class. This class is approximately 60-minutes but may go over depending on pace. For more information, please visit the Member Service Desk.
*Community welcome!

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CHELSEA HOSPITAL

Safe Sitter Essentials

Class Content

SAFETY SKILLS
Indoor Safety • Outdoor Safety • Online Safety • Personal Safety • Handling Emergencies

CHILD CARE SKILLS
Child Development • Child Care Duties • Behavior Management

FIRST AID & RESCUE SKILLS
Injury Prevention • First Aid and Injury Management • Choking Rescue

LIFE & BUSINESS SKILLS
Job Screening • Setting a Wage • Cancelling Jobs • Meeting Employers

Upcoming Class Dates
December 27, 2023
9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Chelsea Hospital
Atrium Conference Rooms
Cost: \$60
To Register call 734-593-6269

Safe Sitter® Essentials is a 1-day class designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

The Instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice rescue skills like choking rescue!

For more information, visit ChelseaHospital.org

CDL Celebrates the 2023 Friend and Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients!



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

ENGAGE. INSPIRE. EQUIP.

Chelsea District Library (CDL) staff and volunteers were excited to gather at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on Saturday, December 2. At this celebration, CDL honored two individuals who have been particularly generous in their service to the library. The awards originated in 1992 as a small way to recognize the enormous gratitude CDL has for those individuals who help to further its mission. These dedicated individuals provide great value to the library by doing work above and beyond the normal scope of the CDL staff. This year CDL celebrates the services of 2023 Friend of the Year David Griffiths and 2023 Volunteer of the Year Dan Kaminsky.

David and his wife Marion moved to Chelsea in 2017 after his forty-year career at Hillsdale College as the theatre department's scenic designer and technical director. He recalls, "Once settled, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity and heard the library was a possibility,

what better for a lifelong reader? ... Books have always been a source of joy for me. As Groucho Marx once said - 'Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend - inside of a dog, it's too dark to read anyway.'" David has volunteered his time with the Friends Used Book Sale since 2018. When told of his nomination, David shared, "The library was part of my daily work life, researching facts for the classroom and information and images for sets. The plays we produced covered the widest variety of subjects and eras imaginable and libraries provide the information we need for every topic and taste. Libraries supported me throughout my work life and now it is my turn to support them however I can."

CDL's Volunteer of the Year, Dan Kaminsky, has a decades-long service history with CDL. He was part of the successful campaign to form our library district and an incredibly generous donor in our recent efforts to bring Mobile CDL

into library services. He has helped with book sales, deliveries to the homebound, and even served a stint as the library board president. Reflecting on the formation of the district, Dan shared, "At the time, I envisioned more books, more room, finally some staff. What happened astounds me now today. The library has become an enormous benefit for our community, with interesting programs, great resources, and helpful knowledgeable staff. It's a place that everyone in Chelsea can be proud of."

The staff at CDL could not agree more with this sentiment and gives thanks to all of our wonderful Friends and volunteers. It is with the help of many hands that we are able to engage, inspire, and equip our community! For information about volunteering, please contact Linda Ballard at 734-475-8732 x202. For more information on becoming a Friend, visit friends.chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

Chelsea Senior Center Christmas Lunch



CSC Community Christmas Lunch was held on December 15, The sponsor was Home. Staffan Mitchell Cas-held on December 15, The sponsor was Home. Staffan Mitchell Cas-held on December 15, The sponsor was Home.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-4923

Date: December 18, 2023

Location: 1100 block of S. Main St.

Time: 5:53 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer responded to the 1100 block of S. Main Street for the report of a fraud complaint involving a stolen check. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that she had re-

cently discovered that a suspected fraudulent check had been recently cashed on the business account. Upon reviewing the financial records, it was found that a check with the same check number had been mailed out, however, the name and

check amount had been altered to reflect a different amount. At the time of the report there was no suspect information available and the incident remains open pending further investigation.

Incident #: 23-4947

Date: December 19, 2023

Location: 1200 block of S. Main St.

Time: 5:23 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of S. Main Street for the report of a counterfeit currency complaint. Upon arrival the officer made contact with the manager who stated that an employ-

ee had taken money throughout their shift. The manager stated that it was later found that one of the bills in the cash drawer was counterfeit. At the time of the report there was no information available on who may have provided the counter-

feit bill to the employee. The counterfeit bill was taken and logged into evidence and the case was closed pending any further investigative leads on the identity of the person who provided the counterfeit currency.

Rep. Schmaltz recognizes Chelsea Hospital for earning spot among nation's top 100 hospitals



From: Kathy Schmaltz, State Rep. Kathy Schmaltz, center, on Friday presented a state tribute to Chelsea Hospi-

tal recognizing the non-profit hospital for being named one of the Top 100 hospitals in the U.S. by PINC AI and Fortune

Magazine. Schmaltz presented the tribute to Chelsea Hospital President Ben Miles, second from right, and other leadership and staff from Trinity Health System. To earn a top spot, hospitals are evaluated on areas such as operational efficiency, patient experience, mortality or complications, community health and financial health.

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