

***Believe in Blue Island***  
***From Tom Hawley, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman, Mayor Pro Tem***

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to winter...it has gotten quite cold here and I'm already sick of snow!

Thank you to all who came out and braved the cold to watch the Light Parade on Saturday. It was a great event. Thank you to Rita Pacyga who put together a wonderful parade. Thank you, also, to Chief Luety, Deputy Chief Klinker, Deputy Chief Cornell, Cathy Luety, Don Marchbanks and everyone from BIEMA and everyone else who volunteered to help that night to make sure it went off well and without a hitch. It was a great parade and I heard the open houses were also very nice. I heard breakfast with Santa at the Park District was also a success. From the number of cars in the lot at Halinan Funeral Home, their candlelight remembrance service was also well attended and a success.

I had a concert that night out at Sacred Heart (thanks to all who opted to go to that in the warmth of the church over staying outside), so I didn't get to the open houses, but I was able to stop by Roamin' Chariots fund raiser for Angels Touch. What a wonderful event! They collected a lot of toys and money for them. I also stopped by the Fill the Cruiser and they collected a lot of food for them as well. Thanks to Roamin' Chariots, the Blue Island Park District and the Blue Island Police Department for all of their time and effort in helping this worthy local charity.

If you still would like to help Angels Touch, stop by the Chamber event at Beggars tonight. They'll be collecting non-perishable food items and/or \$10 to help them out. It starts at 5 pm and goes until 8 pm.

We also stopped by St. Joseph and St. Aidan's Christmas Party. Rev. Rod Reinhart is a big supporter of the Veterans. He and his parish collected over 90 boxes of coats, toiletries, socks, hats, gloves that will all be donated to homeless Veterans. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans. At the regular City Council meeting this past Tuesday, he and the Mayor are going to look into making this a year round effort.

This weekend, there's another Southwest Symphony Concert, drink some good beer at RIPH, get your picture taken with Santa, a special choir service at Christ Memorial United Church of Christ, a brunch at St. Benedict's, raise money with Friends of Frank at Double Play and carol singing at Mission Covenant. And join the Ecumenical Advent Fellowship on Wednesday mornings during Advent at 10:30 am at Christ Memorial. And don't forget to sign up for the Build your own Centerpiece event at The Meadows Golf Course for Thursday night, December 19th.

Stephanie Bilotto has passed on her Friends and Family information at Walgreens for tomorrow, Friday, December 13th. Seems like it will be a lucky day! To download a coupon to present at a store for 15 percent off eligible purchases and 20% off Walgreens' W Brand, Well Beginnings and Nice and in-store photo purchases, go here: [http://www.walgreens.com/images/promotion/FriendsAndFamily\\_12-13-2013\\_COUPONS.pdf](http://www.walgreens.com/images/promotion/FriendsAndFamily_12-13-2013_COUPONS.pdf). Additionally, you can use coupon code **FAMILY15** on Walgreens.com at checkout for 15 percent off eligible orders. See the coupon or website for more information. It does not apply to pharmacy, contact lenses, online photo orders, electronics, diapering, formula, Medela breast pumps, Blue Diamond almonds, Fitbit activity trackers, Braun Thermoscan ear thermometers, gift card purchases, taxes or shipping charges. But there's lots more to take advantage of at Walgreens! Check it out and thanks Stephanie!

As a reminder, District 130 is seeking a new Superintendent of Schools who will be starting July 1, 2014. The Board is seeking input from District staff, parents and community members regarding the traits and skills desirable in a superintendent. There is a brief survey compiled by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) on behalf of the Board. The survey responses go directly to IASB which will collect and assess the data and provide a report to the Board with the results. The deadline for completing the survey is midnight, December 15th. The links for the survey are here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XZK2M7> (English)

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/s/2DGPT5S> (Spanish)

Please remember to send me any and all events you know that are happening in town or involve people from town. I'm always happy to include them.

### **Southwest Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert #2**

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David L. Crane, will be having the last Christmas Concert of the season on Friday, December 13th at St. Michael's Church in Orland Park. The combined choirs of Sacred Heart (Palos Hills), St. Michael's (Orland Park) and the Voices of the Valley (Oak Lawn) will join the Symphony for this annual holiday season concert. Hear your favorites, some new things, some old things and everything in between! Blue Island residents Nancy DiNovo and Tom Hawley are in the Orchestra. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. If you would like to go, I may be able to get group ticket pricing if there are enough people who would like to go. Please email me and I will put you on the list! This is a sell out, so if you don't have tickets, get there early...or look for it on Channel 4.

When: Friday, December 13th, 7:30 pm

Where: St. Michael Church, 14327 S Highland Ave, Orland Park

### **Metropolitan Brewing at RIPH**

Metropolitan Brewing will be tapping their Schwarzbier, Magnatron at Rock Island Public House! Check it out. DJs Mark D and Jeff Gilhooley will be playing punk, soul, funk, metal and oldies. Something for everyone!

When: Friday, December 13th, 7 pm

Where: Rock Island Public House, 13328 Olde Western Ave

### **Brunch with Santa**

Bring the whole family to have a scrumptious brunch with everyone's favorite person...Santa! A photo with Santa is included in the price, which is a bargain as it is! Tickets are \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs with chorizo, chilaquiles, fruit salad, chicken salad, cold pasta salad, rolls, juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are available in the St. Benedict School Office or may be purchased at the door.

When: Sunday, December 15th, 11 am to 2 pm

Where: St. Benedict Church Hall, 2339 York St

### **Pictures with Santa**

Visit Santa at the Blue Island Park District Santa House at Hart Park from December 13th through the 15th. Put on your snow boots and parkas and head on out to the Hart Park. Naughty or nice, the doors are open to everyone. All participants will get a chance to meet Santa Clause free of charge. Christmas lists are welcome. A small suggested donation is welcome for picture prints. So put the finishing touches on your Christmas lists and go see Santa while he's in town! There will be a warming room and hot chocolate and snacks will be available for purchase. Visiting hours are: December 13th, 6 pm to 9 pm; December 14th, 2 pm to 6 pm; December 15th, 2 pm to 6 pm. For more information, call the Park District at 708.385.3304.

When: Friday, December 13th through Sunday, December 15th

Where: Hart Park, 12325 Western

### **Christmas Concert at Christ Memorial**

The Christ Memorial Choir will present their traditional Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 am. This year's performance is titled Christmas Reflections. It was written by members of Christ Memorial. Christmas memories will be shared, the choir will enhance the memories with various music and artwork will pull it all together. There will be a reception following.

When: Sunday, December 15th, 10:30 am

Where: Christ Memorial UCC, 2440 York St.

### **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long**

Mission Covenant Church is having a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with Blue Islander Ralph Cox. Come sing all of your favorite Christmas songs and celebrate the season together. The event is open to the entire community and is free! There will be a free will offering to benefit church's ministry to children suffering from cancer during the holidays. Refreshments will be served following the sing-a-long. Call [708.385.1111](tel:708.385.1111) for more information.

When: Sunday, December 15th, 6 pm

Where: Mission Covenant Church, 2501 Collins St (Collins and Greenwood)

### **Friends of Frank Fundraiser**

Frank Hennessy, a life-long South-Sider, was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease). You may know Frank from his decades of service to the Southern suburbs which included coaching girls' softball, Little League and St. Benedict's basketball and volunteering for the YMCA Indian Guides, Blue Island Park District and Eagles. Frank has been a fixture in his local community. ALS is a degenerative disease. Frank has been unemployed and uninsured for the past year. Medical bills, prescription drugs and assistive equipment necessary for individuals with ALS are very expensive. In order to help a man who has touched so many lives, Frank's family and friends are hosting this upcoming event. There will be a "Twist" contest to pay homage to Frank's signature dance at weddings, a silent auction and raffles for prizes including a 42" flat screen TV, Bulls tickets and a Weber grill. 100% of the proceeds from this event will go towards offsetting medical bills associated with ALS. Your \$10 entrance fee includes food and fun! Tickets are available at The Double Play Saloon and will also be available at the door the day of the event.

When: Sunday, December 15th, 3 pm to 7 pm

Where: Double Play Saloon, 13011 Western Ave

### **Yoga at the Park**

Join instructor Mike LaRocca for Monday night Yoga at Memorial Park Fieldhouse. The beginning class is from 6 pm to 7:30 pm and the advanced class is from 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm. Sessions are running now through December 16th and January 6th through February 17th. Each session is 7 weeks long and are \$49 for residents, \$63 for non-residents. Sign up at Memorial Park.

When: Mondays, Nov. 4th - Dec. 16th, Beginners: 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Advanced: 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm

When: Mondays, Jan. 6th - Feb. 17th, Beginners: 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Advanced: 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm

Where: Memorial Park Fieldhouse, 12804 Highland Ave

### **Lincoln-Davis Civil War Round Table**

The Lincoln-Davis Civil War Round Table welcomes Dave Clark, author of *The Roads Lincoln Traveled in Illinois* on Tuesday, December 17th at 7 pm at the Country House Restaurant, 5400 W. 127th St in Alsip. Dinner can be purchased (beginning at 5:45 pm) prior to the lecture for \$10; admission to the lecture alone is \$5. Dessert will be served following the lecture. This group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the above location and sponsors a presentation related to the Civil War. For more information, contact Pete Jonikaitis, ([773-445-8589](tel:773-445-8589))

When: Tuesday, December 17th, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm presentation

Where: Country House Restaurant, 5400 W 127th St, Alsip

### **Blue Island Eagles Twisted Tuesday Progressive Raffle**

The Blue Island Fraternal Order of Eagles #1332 invites the community to help "raise the roof" with a series of special fundraising raffle events happening every Tuesday. Events are open to the public. Tickets are \$5 and you must be present at 9 pm for a chance to win the progressive pot. The pot started at \$100 and is up to \$1,500. A ticket will be drawn and that person will select a number from the progressive pot board. If the winning square is not selected, \$50 will be added to the pot for the following week. New tickets are sold every week. Proceeds will help their efforts to repair their roof.

When: Tuesday nights, drawing at 9 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

### **Ecumenical Advent Fellowship**

All are welcomed to join us on Wednesdays, December 11th and 18th at 10:30am at Christ Memorial UCC for a time of singing Carols and reflecting on the gift of Christmas. We will be led by Rev. Eric Hildebrand and Rev. Judy Jones through the book by James Moore, "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" It will be one hour each week to focus on the true meaning of Christmas in the middle of a week filled with busy-ness.

When: Wednesday, December 18th

Where: Christ Memorial UCC, 2440 York St

### **Make your own Christmas Centerpiece**

Betty Harmeyer at the Meadows Golf Course is putting together an event with Cathé Adamski from Flowers by Cathé for you to learn how to do your own Christmas centerpiece complete with a candle just in time for Christmas! It starts at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 19th. The price hasn't been set yet, but I will include it as soon as it is announced. It will include everything you need to create your centerpiece and something to eat and drink. So come on out and design your own centerpiece and you can tell your family when they are oohing and aaaahing over how beautiful it is, you made it yourself! Or bring it as your gift to the hosts.

When: Thursday, December 19th, 6:30 pm

Where: Meadows Golf Course, 2802 W 123rd St.

### **Jazz Christmas Party**

Head on out to Maple Tree Inn on Sunday, December 22nd for great live music by the Mud Cats New Orleans Band and some great Cajun food! Dinner specials include Cajun Prime Rib with Wild Mushroom Ragout or Smoke Roasted Leg of Lamb with a Mint Demi Glaze both served with Basil and Garlic Mashed Potatoes. They will be tapping Bourbon County Brand Stout that day as well. The cost for the specials is \$25.95. Sounds delicious! Doors open at 4 pm.

When: Sunday, December 22nd, doors open at 4 pm

Where: Maple Tree Inn, 13301 Olde Western Ave.

### **Nutcracker Performance Trip**

Stop by the Calumet Township Community Center and purchase tickets to see the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago's production of the Nutcracker for \$35 per ticket! They will be attending the Monday, December 23rd performance. These tickets via Ticketmaster would start at \$77 and go up from there. But because they were able to buy in bulk before the season started they are able to offer them to residents at a significant discount. If you have any questions regarding this event please call Shirley Sierra at [708.388.6606 x 5](tel:708.388.6606). I have seen this production and it's spectacular! A great event for the entire family and, yes, this is an amazing price! Take advantage of it!

When: Monday, December 23rd, 7:30 pm performance

Where: Auditorium Theater, Chicago

### **Mother/Daughter Empowerment Conference**

Kerr Middle School in Blue Island, along with Metropolitan Family Services, is hosting a Mother/Daughter Empowerment Conference at the Blue Island Park District on Saturday, January 18 from 9 am to noon for girls ages 11 and up and their adult female family members. This free event is set to include women speakers who have overcome struggles to gain success, mother/daughter bonding activities and information on issues concerning women and girls as well as programs offered by local colleges. A raffle and free breakfast will also be provided. The Mother/Daughter Empowerment Conference is also seeking donations from the community to help create raffle gift baskets. Items including books, art materials, games and puzzles, spa products, hair accessories, jewelry, gift cards and event decorations and food items are needed. To make a donation or for additional information, please contact Amanda Baxtrom at [708-385-5959, ext. 8220](tel:708-385-5959) or email [abaxtrom@district130.org](mailto:abaxtrom@district130.org). To RSVP please visit the event Facebook page at [www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-day-mom-me-tickets-9673649145](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-day-mom-me-tickets-9673649145).

When: January 18th, 9 am to noon

Where: Blue Island Park District Fieldhouse, 12804 Highland Ave.

### **St. Benedict Gala for Education**

St. Benedict Catholic Church is having a gala to help raise money for the education of low income families and upgrades to their school computers and other technology. This is the first year for the event. It will feature a formal dinner, great entertainment and exclusive prizes. There are sponsorship opportunities and program book ads available. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Alma Nuno at 708.385.2016 or [stbenbengals@hotmail.com](mailto:stbenbengals@hotmail.com).

When: February 15th, 6 pm to 11:30 pm

Where: Riviera Country Club, 8801 W 143rd St., Orland Park

### **AMI Benefit Concert**

The American Music Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to music education for all students, is having a benefit concert at our house. It will feature Southwest Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and friend of Blue Island, Remus Badea, on violin. The event is Sunday, February 23rd at 3 pm. Tickets are \$45 each and include the concert, refreshments, drinks and a tour of the home. There will also be a raffle. Join us for an afternoon of music and help raise money for a great organization. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.amimusic.org](http://www.amimusic.org) or by calling [630.850.8505](tel:630.850.8505).

When: Sunday, February 23rd, 3 pm

Where: Heimbach House, 13020 Greenwood Ave.

## **Ongoing Events**

### **G/PG Rated Family Movies**

Bring the kids out every Friday to the Blue Island Public Library at 3 pm for a free G/PG rated movie in the Children's Library. For more information or to find out what movie is playing this week, call Mrs. Beasley at [708.388.1078 x 22](tel:708.388.1078).

### **Fitness Programs at Salvation Army**

Check out the Salvation Army's new fitness programs going on now at the Salvation Army Center. Groove till you lose with Zumba, Step up to a better health with Tai Chi and Whip yourself into shape with Boot Camp. Membership and non-membership fees may apply. Come sign up today! For more information, visit their webpage at [www.salvationarmyblueisland.org](http://www.salvationarmyblueisland.org) or contact them at [708.332.0100](tel:708.332.0100).

Where: Salvation Army, 2900 W. 127th St.

### **Salvation Army programs**

Check out the Salvation Army for ongoing programs. They have Senior Lunch-in, Food Pantry, Fitness and Gym, After School Programs, Character Building Classes for youth, Music Lessons, Counseling, Computer Classes and rentals. For more information, visit them at [www.salvationarmyblueisland.org](http://www.salvationarmyblueisland.org) or call them at [708.332.0100](tel:708.332.0100).

### **Support the Blue Islanders Hockey Team**

The 2013 edition of Blue Islander Hockey t-shirts have landed! All t-shirts have the same graphic on the back and front of the shirt. There are several options: Colors: Navy or Gray; Sleeve length: Short or Long; Logo: Large/Centered or Small on the chest; Size: all Standard sizes, Infants/Children, Women's cut. Price is \$12 for short sleeve, \$15 for long sleeve. Email Josh Tate at [josh\\_tate@me.com](mailto:josh_tate@me.com) to place your order.

### **Know someone looking to buy a house in Blue Island?**

Do you know some good people looking to purchase and fix up the vacant homes in town. If so, there's some assistance available for them! Sofia Aguilera sent me this link with some information: <http://www.ihda.org/homeowner/gettingLoan.htm#IllinoisBuildingBlocks> so if you know someone who wants to buy a currently vacant property and live in Blue Island, pass this on!

### **Thirsty Thursdays at the Blue Island Eagles**

Thursday nights are now for everyone at the Blue Island Eagles! There are drink specials on every kind of drink. From special prices on beer to discounts on shots, mixed drinks and wine, everything has a special! So come on out on Thursdays. Bowling on Thursday's practice night is \$1.50 per game from 6 pm until closing. The Blue Island Eagles are at 2427 Grove St.

### **History on the Hill**

Check out this link to watch an wonderful interview with Harry Robertson, a life-long resident of Blue Island. It's a series called History on the Hill and can be found on YouTube here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AIHMfdHb44&feature=youtu.be> and look for it on Channel 4!

### **Honor Flight Chicago**

Pat Weseloh is volunteering for Honor Flight Chicago. If you're not familiar with this group, they raise money or collect donated frequent flyer miles to fly WWII Veterans to Washington, DC to see the WWII Memorial there. We are losing 120 of these heroes a day and they are working to get as many of them to the Memorial as possible before they die. If you know anyone who would be eligible to take this Honor Flight, please contact Pat at [708.388.3732](tel:708.388.3732). She can help get the process started. If you would like to donate online, visit [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org) or you may mail a check payable to Honor Flight Chicago to 938 West Montana St., Chicago, IL 60614.

### **Friday Night Bike Crew**

Come on out and join the Friday Night Bike Crew! Check the website for weekly updates! Summer time means special rides and events, like biking to the Memorial Park Pool! Meet Friday night at the Kiddie Korral at the 121st Street entrance at 4:30 pm. Look for the bright orange safety cones in the street. This is a free, fun bike ride for any kid in Blue Island. They ride from 3-10 miles, depending on the weather and the age of the kids on any given ride. Children under the age of 8 must have an adult along for the ride, and everyone needs to fill out some short paperwork before their first ride. Riders need a safe bicycle with functioning brakes, a helmet, and a white front light. White headlights are required by IL law, and can be as simple as a small flashlight attached with a couple of rubber bands (small LED flashlights cost about \$4-5 at the hardware store or Walgreens). There are a limited number of loaner helmets available. For more information, go to [www.bibc.us](http://www.bibc.us) or contact Jane Healy at 388-8662 or [repto@aol.com](mailto:repto@aol.com).

### **Blue Island Public Works accepting e-waste items!**

Melissa Fuller from the City of Blue Island Public Works Department has sent this updated information about e-waste recycling.

Blue Island Public Works is proud to announce that we have partnered up with the Vet Tech Project for E-waste recycling! E-waste is considered as ANYTHING that has a cord attached. From computers and radios to hair dryers and old chargers! We now also accept old household batteries, DVDs, & CDs. All E-waste can either be dropped off at the Public Works Facility at 3153 Wireton Rd, or call Melissa for a special pick up. There is no charge for collection, and all items go to a GREAT cause. The Vet Tech Project provides technology education to American Military Veterans seeking to develop job skills in this field. The project recycles the unwanted E-waste by rehabbing them for charity. For more info or questions on any other recycling, please call Melissa at Public Works [708-597-8604](tel:708-597-8604), Monday through Friday, 7am to 3:30pm.

Do you have other things to recycle, old paint or other items? Melissa's MOST FAVORITE recycling website in the world is [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com). When you go there, click on the "find a recycling center" tab then you can enter any type of material you want to recycle, type in your zip code and it will give you a list of the nearest places to accept them. How cool is that??

If you are looking for a place to bring all of your paper, find the District 130 paper dumpsters. They are all over!

### **Take a healthy heart and circulation exam!**

MetroSouth Medical Center is offering a special exam (a \$250 value) for only \$45. It includes an EKG-monitored exercise test, blood cholesterol, triglycerides and blood sugar level, blood pressure, body mass index, cardiac risk factor analysis, and an ankle brachial index test. Call [708-597-2000](tel:708-597-2000) ext. 5615 to reserve. Where: MetroSouth Medical Center-Main Lobby, 12935 S. Gregory St., Blue Island

### **Adult activities available at the Blue Island Park District**

There's a lot going on! For fitness classes, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/adult-fitness/> For other adult activities, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/adult-programs/> For childrens activities, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/early-childhood/> For youth, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/youth-programs/>

## Other News

### Seniors Ride Free!

If you are a Senior in town, the Calumet Township Senior Center has a free ride program! They will pick you up at your door and take you anywhere in Blue Island, Calumet Park and Riverdale. Even if you live in the Worth Township side of town, they will pick you up. They need 24 hours of advance notice. A great and easy way to get around town! Call [708.388.6606](tel:708.388.6606) to arrange a ride.

### Spend it in Blue Island!

We just would like to ask people to remember to keep Blue Island small merchants, stores, vendors, restaurants and contractors in mind. If you are planning on doing home repairs, look for a Blue Island contractor. Having a party,? Look for food from a Blue Island business. Want to buy a special gift for yourself, consider a local store. Go out to eat in Blue Island. Go to your favorite store or restaurant or take a chance and visit a new one! Go bar hopping or dancing into the evening afterwards--they serve soft drinks, too and many even serve some pretty good food! Make a donation to your favorite Blue Island charity. Money spent in town comes back in sales tax revenue, etc. Keep your money in Blue Island as much as possible!

### Properly dispose of old paint and stain

Diane Jacobson discovered that Naperville runs a state funded program to recycle many things such as polyurethane, oil paints, pool chemicals, car oils, transmission fluids, garden chemicals such as Round-Up and even unused prescription medicines and unused vitamins. Their program is on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 until 2; they have all of the information to tell you their location, what they will and won't accept, etc. on their website. People can check it out by Googling City of Naperville Household Hazardous Waste. They will ask for a driver's license to prove that you live in Cook County. I was able to clean my garage of all of the things that I didn't want to put in the landfills; I am trying to find greener alternatives such as vinegar for killing weeds between bricks, in asphalt cracks, etc. You could get a group together to go out there and make a fun day of it. They unload your car. They do not take Latex Paint. Calumet Paint recommends putting kitty litter in the can to absorb the paint and then just toss it into your regular garbage can. The Naperville site is one of only two in the state that accept these items on a regular basis. Occasionally, towns will offer it once or twice a year, but you never know when that will be. Thanks for the tip, Diane!

### Leo Club Food Drive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je1D3XbBhxc>

### Father's Forum at Eisenhower

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waJXjgn85fw>

### Eisenhower Sophomore Football Team takes Conference Title

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSGK6675\\_aw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSGK6675_aw)

### Check out District 218's latest Newsletter

Go to this link: <http://en.calameo.com/read/0014054864e6bcc696fdf> and check out District 218's newsletter. You will see many aspects of student life showcased there including a spotlight on the Cool Place profile, Speech Team honors, Illinois State Scholars, Top 10 Breakfast, National Letter of Intent signing event and the Ike Hike. Take a look!

### Trace your family roots

Hey genealogy buffs, have you ever thought of searching Cemetery records for clues and hints of your families past? The First Lutheran Cemetery of Alsip, (First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Blue Island) has been servicing the community for over 125 years. They have a service that will search via family name for just \$35.00 an hour! With the relationship of Blue Island and many of the founding families, this could be a great starting point for researching your family tree! Home address, funeral information, marriage, birth dates, date of death and next of kin information are often discovered in these searches. Just contact the First Lutheran Cemetery office, at [708-388-3377](tel:708-388-3377), stop by the office, at 4135 W.127th St. or you can find them on Facebook.

### **The Blue Island Historical Society**

Please consider a donation the Historical Society. They really do a wonderful job preserving the history of Blue Island. Any amount will be helpful. If you are not a member, please consider joining. You can join for life for a whole family very reasonably.

### **Blue Island Public Library**

There's lots going on at the Library--for adults, kids and anyone in between! Check it out--at the Blue Island Public Library! Library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm September through May. For information about the Tech Annex, Email Darin Thompson at [dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org](mailto:dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org) for more information.

### **Are you up to date with BITV?**

There's a lot online put up by BITV, Channel 4. Below are links for tons of interesting shows and events. There's something for everyone....history, food, health care, parades and more! Check them out!

### **Carr Gardens Business Spot Light with Tom Hawley**

<http://youtu.be/hmxKxFdX7ng>

### **Chamber Bash 2013 with Mike Mech**

<http://youtu.be/fJ1sGYsVDcg>

### **Tuscan Grill Business Spot Light with Mike Mech**

[http://youtu.be/mjclF5NpX\\_o](http://youtu.be/mjclF5NpX_o)

### **MetroSouth Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Family Birth Place**

<http://youtu.be/sSQlpc0Ugjo>

### **Cavalcade of Pride 2013**

<http://youtu.be/ytffsiFhsy8>

### **Final Cruise Night with Mike Mech**

<http://youtu.be/RCmcgrMR4YE>

### **Movie in the Park**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G\\_uwdl0Tgw&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G_uwdl0Tgw&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

### **Cruise Night, August 26th, 2013**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqK0rYXppY&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqK0rYXppY&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

### **Bridge Painting**

[http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5DTJVD6HsMs&desktop\\_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D5DTJVD6HsMs](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5DTJVD6HsMs&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D5DTJVD6HsMs)

### **Cruise Night, August 19, 2013**

<http://youtu.be/mSrlM9lUQio>

### **Governor Quinn in Blue Island**

[http://youtu.be/ygZY6Q\\_g2zY](http://youtu.be/ygZY6Q_g2zY)

### **Bungalow Chef Tours Olde Western Ave.**

<http://youtu.be/fVsvEgeEohA>

### **Blue Island Public Library Update with Greg & Dan**

<http://youtu.be/6aOKChdzEZM>

**National Night Out 2013**  
<http://youtu.be/No-iP6ZA-Ms>

**Bungalow Chef and B.I. Community Garden(Beets)**  
<http://youtu.be/bx1dpzmBIC8>

**Bungalow Chef with Mayor Vargas**  
<http://youtu.be/eaGrZsi5btM>

**Cruise Night, July 1, 2013**  
<http://youtu.be/cpKun5fb1TM>

**Yard Sale on the Hill 2013**  
<http://youtu.be/QN2RrGskrZA>

**California Gardens Community Garden (cg2)**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvtSSJmmcmE&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvtSSJmmcmE&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 1**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA4tEYtMYJc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA4tEYtMYJc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 2**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8Is2r3n0-0&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8Is2r3n0-0&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 3**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qp59uI9br8&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qp59uI9br8&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 4**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1LPOyELGFk&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1LPOyELGFk&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**History on the Hill with Harry Robertson Part #1**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AIHMfdHb44&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AIHMfdHb44&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**History on the Hill with Harry Robertson Part #2**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezdr9dlzW7w&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezdr9dlzW7w&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

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