

Believe in Blue Island
By 1st Ward Alderman Tom Hawley

Hello Everyone,

Tuesday is the Primary Election. If you vote, you need to request a party's ballot and you vote for the candidates you are supporting for that party. The polls open at 6 am and are open until 6 pm. Among others, you have a choice in the Governor's race. Not a huge choice on the Democrat side, but a heated race on the Republican side.

This weekend, there's the St. Benedict's Fish Fry and there is the fish fry at the Eagles. Also, don't miss a number of Blue Islanders in *Our Town* this weekend, the Eisenhower Music Booster's Pancake breakfast is Saturday and there's the St. Patrick's Day Tea at the Blue Island Historical Society. Also, check out the two part profile on Eisenhower's Buddy Program below. And you can check out the new Fitness and Recreation Center at MVCC on Saturday.

From Octavio Carbajal at the Blue Island Park District: We are fortunate enough to still have a public pool in Blue Island! Although we still offer the cheapest daily rates of \$5 (12pm-5pm) and \$3 (6pm-8:30pm), and despite our advertising, I always come across scores of individuals and families that were not aware of our Early Bird specials. We want nothing more than for our residents to enjoy the benefits of being a Blue Islander! **During the month of March (only) we are extending our residents a \$30 dollar discount off an individual season pass. Regular seasonal pool pass price is \$70 (residents only), but they will only pay \$40 for an individual pass if it's purchased in March! We also have family passes on sale AND you can even put them on Lay-Away in March to lock the Early Bird Special pricing.** Please call our office for Family Pass details and pricing at [708.385.3304](tel:708.385.3304).

Physical Education teacher, Brandon House at Whittier School, is requesting \$469.25 for two Nintendo Wii consoles with Wii Sports and Wii Sports Resort, two controllers and one Zumba Fitness package for his "Learning Fitness Through Exergaming" project. His goal is considerably improved student fitness scores by the end of the school year. "Exergaming has become a growing and exciting concept to be used in the physical education classroom," wrote House on DonorsChoose.org. "Students will have the opportunity to play fun fitness-related video games and apply their prior knowledge of fitness concepts to the games that they are playing." If you would like to make a donation, please visit <http://www.donorschoose.org/project/learning-fitness-through-exergaming/1143329/> by March 25. Only 12 days left and he still has a ways to go!

The organizers of the Ike Hike are looking for sponsors. If you are interested, there are three different levels: Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250) and Bronze (\$125). There are different benefits for each level. Please email Alicia Ramirez at Alicia.Ramirez@chsd218.org for the forms.

There's also an opportunity to help out St. Walters play which is next weekend. They are doing an original musical called Wendy and Peter which was written by Anthony Whitaker and Jamal Howard. Alderman Nancy Rita is selling ad space in the program. You can get a full page for only \$18, 1/2 page for \$12, business card size for \$8 and shout outs are \$2 per line. Shoot her an email if you want to take an ad: nancyjmcda@gmail.com. The deadline is this weekend, so hurry!

The Consolidated High School District 218 Education Foundation is having a raffle for a chance to win four 1-day hopper passes to any Walt Disney Theme Park in Florida. The passes are valid for two years. There are only 1,000 raffle tickets being sold. Tickets are \$5 each. To purchase tickets, please contact Paula Aggelopoulos at their Administration Center at 708.424.2000 x 2903 or stop by the Administrative Center at 10701 S Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

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Are you a Senior or do you know a Senior in Blue Island and beyond? They can join Senior Circle at MetroSouth Medical Center. Their mission is to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle for seniors 50 and better by providing programs that encourage continued learning, wellness, health and volunteering, coupled with a host of social activities. For only \$15 per year, members get the following benefits: In-hospital perks: complimentary upgrade to a private room based on availability, free meal per day for spouse or caregiver of a hospitalized member, monthly Breakfast Club (health presentations with complimentary breakfast), Bingo, 4 Winds Casino Trip, Day Trips, overnight trips, health fairs, free screenings, and a copy of the newsletters and magazines by Senior Circle. There are also national discounts on drugs, vision care, hearing care and even car rentals! Check it out! For more information or to join, call Gloria at [708.489.7927](tel:708.489.7927).

Also, remember the Ashland Ave. bridge over the Cal-Sag has been closed by IDOT due to structural damage caused by an accident. It is estimated it will be closed for approximately three months for repairs (by IDOT). Once the repairs are done, there should be no restrictions to vehicular or truck traffic. They are rerouting traffic to Halsted St. The State has begun repairs and they are hoping to have them complete by the end of this month or the end of the first week of April.

Our Town

There's a lot of talent in Our Town! Kevin Denny, Beth Hrycaj and Sam Hrycaj have roles in Bethany Union Church's production of *Our Town*. This classic American 1938 Pulitzer award winning play reveals the ordinary lives of the citizens of Grover's Corners between 1899 and 1913 and the unappreciated divinity of companionship, friendship and love within the transience of human life. With these themes and its division of human life into birth, love and marriage, and death, this play established itself as the key to all drama. Three nights only! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. To reserve your tickets, call [773.779.0123](tel:773.779.0123) or email bethanyunionchurch@sbcglobl.net.

When: Friday, March 14th, 8 pm; Saturday, March 15th, 7 pm; Sunday, March 16th, 4 pm

Where: Bethany Union Church, 1750 W 103rd St, Chicago

St. Benedict's Lenten Fish Fry

Get your Friday Fish lunches and dinners every Friday during Lent (March 7th through April 11th). They serve fried or baked fish, french fries, cole slaw, cookies and a drink. Beer is available for purchase and ice cream is also available for a treat (small fee). Carry-outs are available as well. Lunch runs from 11 am to 1:30 pm and dinner goes from 4 pm to 7:30 pm.

When: Fridays during Lent, through April 11th

Where: St. Benedict Church, 2339 York St.

Blue Island Eagle's Fish Fry

Stop by the Blue Island Eagle's every Friday during Lent (February 14th through April 18th from 4 pm to 8 pm). Each fish basket is 3/4 of a pound of great fish. Stop on out and enjoy some great food!

When: Fridays, through April 18th, 4 pm to 8 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St.

Band and Orchestra Pancake Breakfast

The Eisenhower Annual Band and Orchestra Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, March 15th. Proceeds benefit the instrumental program and help them purchase new instruments for their growing numbers for next year. Tickets are available at the door for \$5. You can get them in advance by calling Justin Antos at [708.597.6300 x4095](tel:708.597.6300x4095) or emailing him at justin.antos@chsd218.org. It takes place from 7 am to 12 pm in the DDE Cafe, use South Entrance (S1). It's all you can eat and carry-out is available!

When: Saturday, March 15th, 7 am to 12 pm

Where: Eisenhower High School, 12700 S Sacramento

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MVCC New Fitness and Recreation Center

Moraine Valley Community College is excited to announce the opening of the newest building on campus: the Health, Fitness & Recreation Center. On March 15, we invite you to join us from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for our Open House event. Come try out the equipment, swim in the 4-lane lap pool, play basketball in the 3-court gymnasium, learn about fitness classes, sample food and drinks from the Bean Cafe and more! This event is open to everyone of all ages; membership not required.

When: Saturday, March 15th, 10 am to 3 pm

Where: Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W College Parkway, Palos Hills

St. Patrick's Day Tea

The Blue Island Historical Society is having a St. Patrick's Day Tea on Saturday, March 15th at 2 pm. The tea will be held at the Blue Island Historical Society Albee House. The cost is \$20 and reservations are required.

Please call [708.371.8546](tel:708.371.8546) for further information or to make a reservation.

When: Saturday, March 15th, 2 pm

Where: Blue Island Historical Society Albee House, 13018 Maple Ave.

Chicago Police Emerald Society

Blue Island Police Officer, Michael Elton, will be performing with the Chicago Police Emerald Society on Saturday, March 15th at 9:30 pm. It should be a fun night of bagpipes and good ole Irish music. Stop by An Seanachi Irish Pub to take it in!

When: Saturday, March 15th, 9:30 pm

Where: En Seanachi Irish Pub, 2825 W 127th St

Karate Kids: A Kickin' Good Time

Hi-YA! Get ready for the next level of martial arts for kids. Learn the art of Karate (Japanese martial art) in their follow up program to self-defense. Along with cool new moves, you'll also learn the art of tolerance and techniques to deal with tough situations in a non-violent way. This intermediate class uses the experience of the previous session of self-defense to learn more challenging defenses. A minimum of one session of self-defense is recommended. Dave Cervantes is the instructor. Cost is \$30 for residents, \$45 for non-residents.

When: Wednesdays, through March 26th, 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm

Where: Memorial Park Field House, 12804 Highland

Lincoln-Davis Civil War Round Table

The Lincoln-Davis Civil War Round Table meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month and sponsors a presentation related to the Civil War. In March, they welcome Michael Burlingame on "What More Can Be Said about the Civil War" Tuesday, February 18th 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. For more information, contact Wayne Wolf at [708.203.7201](tel:708.203.7201).

When: Tuesday, March 18th, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm presentation

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

Men Who Cook

Mario Gomez and Chief Mark Luety will be participating in Men Who Cook competition and fundraiser for the Will County Children's Advocacy Center. This event features regular guys who prepare their favorite dishes and offer bite-sized samples to several hundred guests in a friendly and spirited competition to benefit a worthy cause. Dishes are entered in categories and judged by attendees with prizes awarded for the most popular recipes. There is no registration fee to be a cook; however, all cooks are responsible for purchasing their own food and supplies. One guest helper is admitted free. The event will be recorded by local cable television and

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each cook will be interviewed that night. Admission for the public is \$40 per person, \$75 per couple. Children ages 6-12 are \$10 and children 5 and under are free. To register as a cook, contact Pat Werner at [815.774.4564](tel:815.774.4564) or email pwerner@willcountyllinois.com by February 17th. Let's see if we can get a few more entries from Blue Island! Don't like to cook for 300 or just like to eat, it's a great evening!

When: Saturday, March 22nd, 6 pm to 9 pm

Where: Pipefitter's Training Center Local Union #597, 10850 W. 187th St, Mokena

Little Black Dress

The Blue Island Arts Alliance welcomes Nena Iyon, retired Fashion Director at Saks Fifth Avenue for over 50 years, back to Blue Island for a presentation on the infamous Little Black Dress. Learn about the history of the Little Black Dress and see how it has changed over the years. The presentation will happen at the historic Heimbach House. The \$10 ticket includes the presentation, refreshments and a tour of the home. Email me to reserve your spot, tickets are also available at the door.

When: Sunday, March 23rd, 3 pm

Where: Heimbach House, 13020 Greenwood Ave.

Southwest Symphony Presents: Helen Welch

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra's next concert is on Sunday, March 30th at 4 pm in the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College. As part of their 50th Gala Season, they welcome singer Helen Welch who will be singing with the SSO. She'll be singing favorites including *The Trolley Song*, *At Last*, *Strike up the Band*, *Fascinating Rhythm*, *Ella Medley* and more! Check out her website at www.helenwelch.com. Nancy DiNovo is in the Violin section and I am in the Bass section. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for students and children under 12 are free! Group ticket pricing is available. If you are interested in going, let me know. I have a group started already and you can get tickets for \$12 each. Let me know and I will include you in the group!

When: Sunday, March 30th, 4 pm

Where: Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W College Dr, Palos Heights

Bunco Bash

An afternoon of fun and games. Lunch and Bunco what a perfect combination. Doors open at noon lunch will be served from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm, games start at 2 pm. The cost is \$20.00. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffles and vendors displaying their products lines for you to shop. Also save the date April 27 for more fun Bunco afternoons.

When: Sunday, March 30th, doors open at noon for lunch, games start at 2 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

Zumba Classes at the Park District

Ditch the workout and join the party! Zumba has easy to follow moves and routines. Featuring interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international sounds to the mix and you've got ZUMBA! Try it out for FREE on Friday, April 4th (pre-registration is required). Register in person or online at blueislandparks.org. Call [708.385.3304](tel:708.385.3304) for more information.

When: Wednesdays, 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm

Where: Memorial Park Banquet Hall, 12804 S Highland Ave

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Guns and Hoses

Join the Blue Island Eagles as they host the battle between the Guns and Hoses! On Friday, April 4th at 6 pm, it's the Blue Island Police Department vs the Blue Island Fire Department for bragging rights on who has the best bowlers! They are raising money for charities right here in our community. There will be raffles and tons of fun!

When: Friday, April 4th, 6 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast

Head on over to the Eagles on Sunday, April 6th from 8 am to 1 pm and have a delightful breakfast with the Easter Bunny! There will also be a cake walk, raffles, door prizes and a 50/50 cash raffle. And, yes, you can get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are on sale now from Auxiliary Members or at the door the day of the event. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children aged 3 - 12 and children 2 and under are free!

When: Sunday, April 6th, 8 am to 1 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

Council Oak Montessori presents *Annie*

The Council Oak Montessori School is having a matinee performance of *Annie* open to the public on Thursday afternoon, April 10th beginning at 1 pm. The play features Blue Islanders: Cheyanne Fernandez and Louis Weckler. It is a musical and the kids will be singing, dancing and acting. Tickets are \$4 per person.

When: Thursday, April 10th, 1 pm to 2:30 pm

Where: Council Oak Montessori School, 11030 S Longwood, Chicago

Southwest Symphony Dinner and Silent Auction

Join members and supporters of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra for a Gala Dinner and Silent Auction celebrating 50 years of orchestral concerts in the Southwest Suburban Community. The SSO is one of a few Community Orchestras left. A Community Orchestra is different in that it is made up, primarily, of people from the Community in which it serves and is mainly volunteers. They are doing this to continue playing and to help bring classical music to their Community, family and friends. It costs about \$90,000 per year to keep the SSO going. Ticket sales account for about 50% of the revenues. The rest comes from donations and sponsorships. The SSO has been operating in the red for a number of years, slowly eating away at cash reserves built up over the years. Rising costs are hard on any organization. I hope you will consider coming to the Gala Dinner! Tickets are \$60 each (\$110 for two) and a table of 8 is \$400. You have a choice of chicken or pasta for dinner. There will also be live entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at www.southwestsymphony.com, or let me know if you would like to go. Nancy DiNovo and I are both members of the SSO. If you have something to donate to the Silent Auction, let me know and I will contact you. Thank you.

When: Sunday, April 13th, 3 pm to 7 pm

Where: Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway, Orland Park

District 130 seeks donation for Music Department

Cook County School District 130 invites the community to support the Instrumental and Vocal Music Departments through their annual scholarship campaign to send 7th graders to the one week camp at Eastern Illinois University. The cost of providing a full scholarship is \$480 per student, but any amount will help! All donations need to be received by Tuesday, April 22nd. Each sponsor will be listed in the Spring Band and Choral programs. For more information, call 708.385.6800 x 7011 or email aferrin@district130.org.

When: Donations made by April 22nd

Where: District 130

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An Evening with the Stars

Deputy Police Chief Mike Cornell, is letting everyone know about this fundraiser for the Animal Welfare League. He has gotten a number of dogs from here and they are great to work with. They run on private funds and fundraisers like this. They do not receive any federal money. So join them on Saturday, May 3rd, for An Evening with the Stars at the Sabre Room. Limited VIP tickets are \$50, regular tickets are \$40. Cash Bar, limited menu available, 50/50 Raffles and Adoptable Animals will be on hand. There will be live music by 4 different entertainers who will amaze you with how much they look and sound like some HUGE stars! All proceeds benefit the thousands of homeless, abandoned and abused animals the Animal Welfare League cares for each year. For more information or to purchase tickets, call [708.636.8586 x 268](tel:708.636.8586x268) or stop by Animal Welfare at 10350 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge.

When: Saturday, May 3rd, doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7 pm

Where: The Sabre Room, 8900 W 95th St, Hickory Hills

From Ireland to Distant Planets

The Southwest Symphony's final concert of their gala 50th season is Saturday, May 10th at 7:30 pm. What a great way to celebrate Mother's Day! The concert will feature audience favorite Cross Keys Irish Dancers in the first half of the concert. The second half of the concert will feature Gustav Holst's *The Planets*. It will be performed with a spectacular multi-media presentation and feature the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley under the direction of Stacy Cunningham. It should be a great concert! Nancy DiNovo is in the Violin section and I am in the Bass section. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for students and children under 12 are free! Group ticket pricing is available. If you are interested in going, let me know. I have a group started already and you can get tickets for \$12 each. Let me know and I will include you in the group!

When: Saturday, May 10th, 7:30 pm

Where: Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W College Dr, Palos Heights

■Ongoing Events

We Won!

If you haven't heard the interview on WBEZ for Curious Chicago, go here and listen (or read)! <http://www.wbez.org/series/curious-city/how-blue-island-fought-chicagos-annexation-attempt-109763>

Check out these links about Eisenhower's Peer Buddy Program

Part A

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Di3adOTxvjQ>

Part B

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wv0VjNemjHU>

Thirsty Thursdays

Have you ever been in a bar, saw their drink specials and wondered why your drink is never on special? Thirsty Thursdays are for you! Draft Beers, 12 oz. glass: \$1.00, 16 oz. glass: \$1.25, all bottled domestic beer: \$2.00, imported & specialty beer: \$2.50, Shots, Wine & Mixed Drinks: \$1.00 off regular price. NEW every Thursday night as well, no tap bowling for only \$9.00 begins at 7 pm.

When: Thursday evenings

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

Blue Island Eagles Twisted Tuesday Progressive Raffle

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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 \$2,150. 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. You do not need to be a member to attend.

When: Tuesday nights, drawing at 9 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

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 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 or call them at [708.332.0100](tel:708.332.0100).

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!

History on the Hill

Check out this link to watch a 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 or you may mail a check payable to Honor Flight Chicago to 938 West Montana St., Chicago, IL 60614.

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

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Blue Island Public Works accepting e-waste items (continued)

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. 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 ext. 5615](tel:708-597-2000 ext. 5615) to reserve.
Where: MetroSouth Medical Center-Main Lobby, 12935 S. Gregory St., Blue Island

Other News

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!

About the Fraternal Order of Eagles

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international non-profit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. Founded in 1898, the Eagles fund research in areas such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and cancer, and raise money for neglected and abused children and the aged, as well as work for social and civic change. The Blue Island Eagles has maintained a presence in the community since 1906 and currently hosts more than 200 combined Aerie and Auxiliary members. Stop out for a fun night of bowling, join us for a sports game on our multi big screen TV's in our bar. Bring the family for our Friday Night Fish Fry. Upcoming events Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Sunday, April 6th from 8am to 1pm. Fun fundraiser with dinner for our Ham and Bacon Shoot April 12th at 6pm. Need to rent a hall for a special event we have that too. For more information contact the Blue Island Eagles at [708-388-9739](tel:708-388-9739).

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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.

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!

Check out these three features on the String program at Eisenhower:

Feature on orchestra growth, includes rehearsal

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0G_iR1f37vl

Rehearsal (different piece)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ALWxcZ1qWM>

Interviews

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK5gmGF0a5E>

Bungalow Chef with Blue Island BBQ experts

<http://youtu.be/WD3i76LdScQ>

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

Check out District 218's latest Newsletter

Go to this link: <http://en.calameo.com/read/00140548620c415e33e66> and check out District 218's newsletter. You will see many aspects of student life showcased there including student achievements, speech team/JV Conference champs, Freshman girls basketball - 13 -1 season, Speech team-Friends and Family Night, Voter registration drive, Orchestra profile and Honor Roll. Take a look!

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The Blue Island Historical Society**

Please consider a donation to 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 for more information.

Shop Local

http://youtu.be/4Ug8gGln7_U
<http://youtu.be/lv8H0fcQ8eQ>

Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party

<http://youtu.be/Q9U8hzpcyKk>

Blue Island Veteran's Day Parade 2013

<http://youtu.be/GicznCipE>

City of Blue Island Waterfront Planning

<http://youtu.be/LaTyLAVI5PI>

Mayor Vargas Interview

<http://youtu.be/q2JXUzXUhLM>

Southwest Symphony 2013 Christmas Concert

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tG4U8EjtOj0&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A

Carr Gardens Business Spot Light

<http://youtu.be/hmxKxFdX7ng>

Chamber Bash 2013

<http://youtu.be/fJ1sGYsVDcg>

Tuscan Grill Business Spot Light

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/yffsiFhsy8>

Final Cruise Night

<http://youtu.be/RCmcgrMR4YE>

Bungalow Chef Tours Olde Western Ave.

<http://youtu.be/fVsvEgeEohA>

Believe in Blue Island
By 1st Ward Alderman Tom Hawley

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>

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

Tom & Tom Episode 1
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA4tEYtMYJc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A

Tom & Tom Episode 2
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8ls2r3n0-0&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A

Tom & Tom Episode 3
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qp59ul9br8&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A

Tom & Tom Episode 4
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

History on the Hill with Harry Robertson Part #2
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezdr9dlzW7w&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A

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