

NEWS

Food drive aims to help North Shore neighbors

By Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, North Regional Office is conducting a Have a Heart and Help Your Neighbor drive for nonperishable food and financial donations through March 31.

The drive is at the Catholic Charities North Regional Office, 1717 Rand Rd., Des Plaines. The drive is in an effort to help the increasing numbers of families and individuals in crisis in the northern region of Cook County.

"Compared to last year, almost three times as many individuals and families are coming to our pantry for needed food," said Mary Beth Hartmann, with Catholic Charities.

Residents of the Northern suburbs can donate in person or by calling 847-376-2121. Donations will also be accepted by mail; make checks or money orders payable to Catholic Charities, with "Have a Heart" in the notation line. Send donations to Have a Heart, North Regional Office, 1717 Rand Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Online giving is also available at www.catholiccharities.net/neighbor.

The North Regional Office is one of 10 locations across the Chicagoland area that will collect donations. The donations will be given out daily to those in the greatest need who come to the pantries for food.



Liz Hoffman, left, of West End Florist discusses energy saving ideas with a Wilmette resident at last year's Going Green Matters fair.

Photo submitted by Barb Clayton

Wilmette residents can learn about going green

By Go Green Wilmette

Going Green Matters, Wilmette's fourth annual green fair, will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at the Woman's Club of Wilmette, 930 Greenleaf Ave.

The fair will include information booths, exhibitor displays and presentations on topics such as home energy conservation, renewable energy resources, green cleaning products, organic food choices, green landscaping and transportation.

Attendees can bring batteries and electron-

ics for recycling. There will be refreshments and activities for all ages. Admission is free.

Go Green Matters is presented by Go Green Wilmette and the Village of Wilmette. Go Green Wilmette, founded in 2006, is a nonprofit organization that works to raise environmental awareness in the Wilmette community and to inspire residents to take action to make Wilmette a more earth-friendly place to live.

For more information go to www.goinggreenmatters.org or www.gogreenwilmette.org.

AROUND THE BURBS

Glencoe Library changes DVD check-out policy

The Glencoe Public Library has made some changes to its policies regarding DVDs. Now, most of the DVDs circulate for a week. The newest feature films will continue to circulate for two days only. But everything else, including older feature films that previously circulated for two days, will be available to check out for a week.

All feature films, excluding foreign language and classic, still cost \$1 to check out. The library no longer offers two for one days.

—Glencoe Public Library

Wilmette offers to share tree planting costs with residents

The Village of Wilmette's Cooperative Tree Planting Program enables residents to plant a tree on the parkway by sharing the cost with the village. To reserve a tree, applications for the program must be turned in no later than March 29.

To register, pick up an application at the Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave., or download one by visiting Public Works on the village Web site. Questions regarding the program can be directed to the Public Works Forestry Division at 847-853-7587 or by e-mail at forestry@wilmette.com.

—Village of Wilmette

Winnetka Golf Club is now on Facebook

The Winnetka Golf Club is now on Facebook, and fans of the club will receive golf tips, event updates, special offers and professional golf news.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/winnetkagolfclub.

The Facebook link is also available at www.winnetkagolfclub.com.

—Winnetka Park District

Healthy Kids Ideas Exchange launches new site

By Colleen Scopacasa

CITIZEN CONTRIBUTOR

A network of parents eager to share ideas on everything from recipes to cleaning supplies to organic produce have started the Healthy Kids Ideas Exchange, an online monthly newsletter and blog affiliated with the North Shore-based nonprofit Nurture.

The Web site launched February as www.healthykidsideas.com.

"We are really excited about this Web site, not only because it will be more visually appealing to our readers but because it will make the content so much easier to locate," Web site founder Kathryn Guylay said.

The Web site will contain the monthly Healthy Kids Ideas Exchange newsletters written by Guylay and guest authors and a gardening blog by Elizabeth Matlin, who grows vegetables, herbs and flowers in her backyard and at a community garden plot in Wilmette.

"Being connected to nature and playing in the dirt is healthy for kids," Matlin said.

Guylay also said she is excited about the forum, where readers can find threads on topics related to healthy children and share their own ideas and tips.

"It is like what our grandmothers did—passing on remedies and solutions," Guylay said. "Only we have the high-tech Internet solution in the 21st Century."



Healthy Kids Ideas Exchange founder Kathryn Guylay and her son, Alexander, 6, do activities such as planting a corn patch in their front yard.

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