



# December 2011

## Maine Township MaineStreamers

1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068 1-847-297-2510

### Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life for residents 55 years of age and older by providing a broad array of educational programs and recreational activities that encourage socialization, learning and promote independence, self esteem and dignity.

### Supervisor's Holiday Message to MaineStreamers – 2011

The seasons are changing and we are entering the holiday time of year with all the busy festivities it entails. During this hectic time, I wish all to have a little peace and reflective time. Let us put aside petty bickering and hard feelings. We all need to slow our pace and concentrate on the real important things; family, friends and thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. Also, let us not forget our service men and women who are far from home and family. They are protecting us and our way of life in the best country in the world.

On behalf of the entire Maine Township board and staff, I would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah wishes to all our MaineStreamers!

Carol A. Teschky, Supervisor



### HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 4

Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee, Niles

Doors Open: 11:00 a.m. Lunch Served: 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 members/\$21.00 guests, + \$2.50 Fish

Don't miss the event of the year! Our Holiday celebration will start with a menu featuring Cream of Broccoli Soup, Prime Rib or Salmon (FISH choice), Baby Carrots Au Beurre, Parisienne Potatoes and Peppermint Stick Ice Cream. A special Table Raffle will be held. Our entertainment is the wonderful Joan Hammel accompanied by her 5 piece band. **Reservations and Cancellations due by Tuesday, November 29th.**

**Next luncheon: Wednesday, January 11th at Chateau Ritz.**

### 2nd ANNUAL "FESTIVAL OF TREES"

Golf Mill Shopping Center is excited to announce the 2nd annual "Festival of Trees" inviting organizations for a friendly competition to decorate a tree within this year's theme of "Favorites" for display near Customer Service. Our MaineStay Department for Youth and Family Services will be displaying one of the trees. We need you to vote by bringing in non-perishable food items to the Customer Service office in Golf mill Shopping Center. One vote per item. All donated items will be given to area Food Pantries including our own!

### \*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*

Every two years we "clean up" our membership list to save on postage and printing expenses. **So please read this message.** If you have not participated in a year or more in any of the MaineStreamer activities and would still like to be on our mailing list to receive our newsletter **please fill out the area on the Registration Form.** Failure to do so will result in your name being removed from our mailing list. So, don't forget to let us know!

### Day Trip Information

Rate 1-“Easy” means usually one stop, some walking and minimal stairs.

Rate 2-“Somewhat Difficult” means that there are at least two stops and sometimes stairs.

Rate 3-“Difficult” means that there are at least two stops and sometimes stairs and moderate to heavy walking.

### Cancellation Policy

When canceling please keep in mind that we need to be able to resell your ticket first. If we are able to resell, a \$3.00 cancellation fee will be charged per ticket. If the ticket is not resold, there will be no refund.

### Guest Policy

If the trip indicates that guests are allowed the policy is one per paid member.

### Special Requests

Please limit your request to sit with one person only and indicate this on your registration form. Also, if you need any special assistance, such as wheelchair access, special menu etc...indicate this on the Registration Form.

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for each day trip!

**DEPARTURE POINT - GOLF MILL MALL SOUTH PARKING LOT**



### **MURDER MYSTERY PRIVATE PARTY**

**Oscar Swan Mansion, Geneva, Illinois**

**Wednesday, January 4 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Trip Rate 2**

**\$79.00 members/\$84.00 guests**

We are on quite the adventure today...as we travel to the *Historic Oscar Swan Country Inn*. Located on 8 acres, this Colonial Williamsburg will be our destination for an afternoon mystery. Upon our arrival, enjoy a cash bar and Clue Hunt. Then the reading of the Will takes place. As you dine on a buffet of Pasta and Tossed Salad, Baked Herbed Chicken Breast and Carrot Cake for Dessert you will be part of the mystery. Try to figure out along the way who did what...guaranteed to take away the winter blues!

### **WINTER GAMBLING GETAWAY**

**Jumer's Casino and Hotel, Rock Island, Illinois - Trip Rate 2**

**Departs: Wednesday, January 18 departs: 8:30 a.m.**

**Returns: Thursday, January 19 returns: 3:00 p.m.**

**\$120.00 Double Occupancy/\$150.00 Single Occupancy**



We will start our trip at *The Crane and Pelican Café - an 1851 River Pilot Home* located in LeClaire, Iowa. Choose ahead of time between **Beef Wellington** - a tender 6 oz Angus Center Cut Sirloin with minced Mushrooms and Shallots wrapped in a Flaky Puff Pastry, **Heart and Sole** - Delicate White Fish with an Herbed Butter, Fresh Dill and Artichoke Hearts or **Port of LeClaire** - Grilled Chicken Breast in a scrumptious Tawny Port & Garlic Cream Sauce. We will enjoy homemade Cake for Dessert! Afterwards we will visit the *Buffalo Bill Museum* where you will discover fascinating history. Then we will arrive at the *Jumer's Casino and Hotel* for an overnight stay. Included is \$5.00 off dinner in the Player's Buffet, \$5.00 Free Play and \$3.00 off a Breakfast Buffet. Enjoy the many gaming opportunities, a Spa and Indoor Pool. So, treat yourself to an overnight fun filled trip!



### **GYPSY**

**Drury Lane Oak Brook, Illinois**

**Thursday, January 26 - 10:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Trip Rate 1**

**\$64.00 members/\$69.00 guests**

Based on memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, a famous burlesque stripper, Gypsy tells the story of Rose, an overbearing stage mother who is determined to break into the big time by pushing her young daughters. Songs include; “Let Me Entertain You”, “Some People”, “Everything's Coming Up Roses” and “Together Wherever We Go”. Prior to the wonderful show you will enjoy your choice ahead of time between **Roast Sirloin of Beef** or **Tilapia**. Both are served with Spinach Mandarin Salad, Chef's selection of Vegetable, Potato or Rice and Dessert!

**UPCOMING DAY TRIPS 2012**

**Viva Vegas**

**Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI  
Thursday, February 9 - Trip Rate 1  
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
\$94.00 members/\$99.00 guests**

**The Foreigner**

**Greek Islands Restaurant &  
The Provision Theatre  
Sunday, February 12 - Trip Rate 2  
11:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
\$74.00 members/\$79.00 guests**

**Exploration Chicago Trip**

**Adler Planetarium &  
Garfield Park Conservatory  
Tuesday, February 28 - Trip Rate 3  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
\$69.00 members/\$74.00 guests**

**EXTENDED TRIPS 2012**

**Florida Keys & Miami**

**February 23 to 29, 7 Days  
American Classic Tours**

**Mystery Tour**

**March 23 to 29, 7 Days  
American Classic Tours**

**Music Road: Nashville to Memphis**

**April 19 to 25, 7 Days  
American Classic Tours**

**Coastal Trains of New England**

**July 14 to 20, 7 Days  
Viking Travels**

**Irish Heritage Tour**

**September 12 to 20, 9 Days  
Viking Travels**

***For a flyer please call MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510.***



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MAINSTREAMERS**

Therese Tully, former Program Coordinator has been promoted to the Assistant Director of the MaineStreamers. I know she will do an outstanding job and we are happy she has decided to go in this direction. With her move, we were able to fill her position with Marie Dachniwsky, who moved from the MaineStay Youth and Family Services Department. She is looking forward to offering new and creative ideas on programs and trips and of course, working for all of you! So I congratulate Therese and welcome Marie with great expectations!

Dear MaineStreamers,

I have recently taken on the position of Program Coordinator with the Maine Township MaineStreamers and I would like to take this moment to introduce myself. I am not a stranger to Maine Township as I have spent the last ten years serving as Youth Program Coordinator with the MaineStay Youth and Family Services of Maine Township. I spent many of those years creating activities and programs such as Art in the Town and the Adventure Summer Camp Program. You may also know me from the various MaineStreamer programs that I have helped out with including the Senior Musical with the props and stage crew, the Intergenerational Fishing Outings and the Garage Sale. Through these experiences I have acquired the desire to work for the MaineStreamers, I feel that I have many qualities and skills to offer. I am extremely excited to join the wonderful team of MaineStreamers and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you.

Marie Dachniwsky, Program Coordinator



## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### BINGO

**Thursday December 1**

**Town Hall, 1700 Ballard, P.R.**

**Friday, December 16**

**Oakton Arms, 1665 Oakton Pl., D.P.**

**Doors Open: 12:00 noon**

**Game Starts: 1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$2.00 or 2 Coupons each Bingo**

Come and play Bingo! Prizes, delicious sweet rolls and coffee are included.

**NO WALK-INS, PLEASE!**

### MOVIE OF THE MONTH

**Call Me Mrs. Miracle**

**Tuesday, December 6**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$3.00 or 3 coupons\***

In this sequel, Mrs. Merkle (Mrs. Miracle) played by Doris Roberts returns to bring hope for the holidays. Posing as an unassuming toy department clerk, she sets out to ensure that this Christmas is memorable and meaningful for all at a struggling family-owned department store in New York City. **\*A special holiday treat for this month will be hot dogs, chips, popcorn and soda. You must pre-register!**

## HOLIDAY TWILITE DINING



**Allgauer's on the Riverfront**

**2855 N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook**

**Tuesday, December 13**

**5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$26.00 members/\$28.00 guests**

Let's start our dining with a Salad Bar. Then choose that evening between; **Alaskan Grilled Salmon** grilled to your liking with fresh Lemon Aioli; **Herb Crusted Pork Loin** with Onion Pepper Marmalade drizzled with Light Thyme Sauce; **BBQ Baby Back Ribs** prepared with the Chef's special marinade with a touch of Thai Chili Sauce **or New York Strip Steak** with a fresh Pinot Noir Sauce. A Dessert Table will complete this Holiday Experience!

### WOMEN'S TEA

**The Mystery of Living**

**Thursday, December 15**

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Cost: \$3.00 or 3 coupons**

Please join Betsey Means as she performs *The Mystery of Living Packing for Syria* by Agatha Christie (1890-1976) She created such famous detectives as Hercule Poirot, the eccentric Belgian and English spinster Miss Jane Marple. Christie enjoyed a career that spanned over 50 years and her works have now sold into the billions.

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

**The Original Pancake House**

**106 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge**

**Tuesday, December 20**

**8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Cost: \$10.00**

Choose from the menu on that morning and enjoy socializing with other MaineStreamers. Coffee & tip included. Transportation on your own.

### BOWLING OUTING

**Thursday, December 22**

**11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**River-Rand Bowl, 191 S. River Rd, D.P.**

**\$17.00 members/\$19.00 guests**

Join us as we go bowling every other month. You will enjoy two games of bowling and a lunch featuring Salad and Pizza. Prizes will be awarded.

## CLASSES

### ZUMBA GOLD

**Tuesday, December 20 to February 7**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 8 Classes**

**Instructor: Diane Garvey**

**Location: Golf Maine Park District  
Feldman Center, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles**

**Cost: \$32.00 members/\$40.00 guests**  
Designed specifically for seniors, Zumba Gold fuses Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves for a great fitness program.



**Maine Town Hall  
will be closed  
Monday, December  
26th for the  
Christmas Holiday!**

## HEALTH HAPPENINGS

### WALKING GROUP

**Mondays - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Meet at Golf Mill Mall Main Entrance**

Begin the month in a healthy way by walking at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

**Wednesday, December 7**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Senior Advocate Office**

**8820 Dempster, Niles**

FREE blood pressure screening is offered by Advocate Lutheran General. A record of your Blood Pressure will be given.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NEWSLETTER MAILING

Mark your calendar for Thurs., Dec. 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Collate and fold the January Newsletter.

### Seeking a few, good volunteers...

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in serving refreshments at both our monthly Bingo Game and the Women's Tea. We are also looking for someone who could assist in checking in people at our Book Reviews which are held sporadically throughout the year. Please contact Mary Swanson, Director if interested.

**Check out our website and see all the happenings of Maine Township including photos from the Switzerland Trip. Go to [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com) then click on "Department and Services" and select the MaineStreamers!**

## MEMORIAM



**Elaine Gerstung      Cuyler Griffith**  
**Raymond Mack      Lillia Thode**  
**Mary Walsh**

If you know of someone who is ill or has passed away, we will send a card. Please call the MaineStreamers staff at 847-297-2510.

## SENIOR RESOURCES

### Center of Concern's Homesharing Program

The Center of Concern works every day with home owners and renters who have extra space in their home, finding them compatible housemates who need affordable housing. They welcome referrals of both home providers and home seekers. Call 847-823-0453 to speak with our housing counselor about this win-win, flexible affordable housing option, which The Center of Concern has offered to north/northwest Chicago area residents for more than 25 years.

### FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Donations are being accepted at **Maine Township for the emergency Food Pantry. Suggested items include Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce (non-meat) in cans, Skillet Dinners, Grape Jelly, Rice - White or Brown and Canned Pasta. Just drop your donation at Maine Town Hall!**

### Illinois State Library

#### Talking Book & Braille Service



It is estimated that a minimum of 150,000 Illinois residents are eligible for free talking books. Almost every senior citizen is eligible (macular degeneration, blurry eyes, arthritis). The program offers books, magazines, descriptive videos, newspapers and so much more. The material is delivered and returned postage free through the USPS.

To learn more call 1-800-665-5576 press #1 and then press #5 or go on-line to [www.ilbph.org](http://www.ilbph.org).

### NAME BADGE REQUIREMENTS

We require all members to wear a name badge at all Maine Township "MaineStreamers" activities, trips, Twilite Dining and luncheons. To obtain your badge please stop in the Town Hall during regular business hours or call 847-297-2510 and we can bring it to an upcoming activity you will be attending. We also have lanyards that match our buttons on sale for \$1.50.



*Mary Swanson, Director*

*Therese Tully, Assistant Director*

*Marie Dachniwsky and Monika Jaroszewicz , Program Coordinators*

*Debra O'Brien and Barbara Wells, Senior Associates*



## **Maine Township Free Discount Prescription Card Coast2Coast RX**

**SAVE UP to 75% on Your Prescriptions**

- **All Chain Pharmacies & Most Independent Pharmacies Participate**
- **No Limits on Usage**
- **Everyone Qualifies**
- **No Income Requirements**
- **Individual & Family Coverage**
- **Use Card When Your Prescription IS Not Covered BY Insurance**
- **Covers Most Pet Prescriptions**

**Additional Card Benefits:**

**\*Save 10%-60% on Dental, Vision and Hearing Needs**

**\*Save 50%-80% on Lab & Imaging**

**This program is a joint effort of Maine Township and the Coast2Coast RX Card Program.**

**For more information contact the General Assistance Office- Maine Township at 847-297-2510 or stop by to pick up your card by stopping at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd, Park Ridge.**

**From the Clerk's Office:**

**The last four years have quickly flown by and once again we are approaching the United States Presidential Election.**

**The Democratic and Republican parties are required to use the Primary Election to choose their candidates for the General Election. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Please make sure you are registered to vote. The last day to register to vote for the Primary Election is Tuesday, February 21, 2012.**

**The United States Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.**

**Voters registration and election information is available in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Clerk Gary K. Warner**

### **Maine Township Office of Emergency Management New Emergency Broadcast System**

**Residents will be able to tune their radio to 1350 AM, and listen to the broadcast which can be heard in multiple languages. "The primary purpose of the system is to keep residents informed about Township activities in the aftermath of a local disaster or weather event," Supervisor Carol A. Teschky said. Currently, the only way we have to accomplish this is to either have volunteers go door-to-door with information or to slowly drive through neighborhoods with loud speakers. Residents should make it a practice to tune their radios to 1350 AM when severe weather hits.**

**DECMEBER REGISTRATION FORM**

1. **Complete form, sign name and detach entire registration form. If you are signing up another member we must also have their registration form.  
Please do not staple or scotch tape checks!**
2. **Mail Only (No walk-ins or phone reservations) to:**  
**Maine Township MaineStreamers (M.T.M.S.)**  
**1700 Ballard Road**  
**Park Ridge, IL 60068**
3. **Enclose a separate check and/or coupon for each event and make checks payable to M.T.M.S.**

**Yes, keep me on the mailing list.**

**Please add me to your e-mail alert list \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Indicate number attending each event by placing the number in the space before each event:**

**Recreational Activities**

- Bingo at Town Hall - Thursday, December 1 - \$2.00 or 2 coupons
- Bingo at Oakton Arms - Friday, December 16 - \$2.00 or 2 Coupons
- Holiday Luncheon - Sunday, December 4 - \$15.00 members/\$21.00 guests  
+ \$2.50 FISH
- Movie of the Month - "Call Me Mrs. Miracle" - Tuesday, Dec. 6 - \$3.00 or 3 coupons
- Twilite Dining - Tuesday, December 13 - \$26.00 members/\$28.00 guests
- Women's Tea - Thursday, December 15 - \$3.00 or 3 coupons
- Women's Breakfast Club - Wednesday, December 20 - \$10.00
- Bowling Outing - Thursday, December 22 - \$17.00 members/\$19.00 guests

**Classes**

- Zumba Gold - \$32.00 members/\$40.00 guests for 8 classes

**Day Trips**

1. **Please remember to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for EACH trip!**
2. **On Day Trip(s) please seat me with (Limit 1): \_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Special Needs: Wheelchair Accessibility, Visual/Audio aids, etc..) Please Specify:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Murder Mystery Private Party - Wed., January 4 - \$79.00 members/\$84.00 guests

Winter Gambling Getaway - Wednesday, January 18 and Thursday, January 19

Check one:  \$120.00 double occupancy\* /  \$150 single occupancy

\*Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth(s): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YEAR) (DD/MM/YEAR)

Choose Entrée:  Beef Wellington  Sole or  Grilled Chicken

Gypsy - Thursday, January 26 - \$64.00 members/\$69.00 guests

Choose entrée:  Roast Beef or  Tilapia

**Print Your**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate if you have new emergency contact and phone number:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_