

# Nuggets

An eclectic collection of what's happening in the Greater Oak Brook area



## Hyatt and Folio Fine Wine Partners announce label contest

**Hyatt Hotels & Resorts** and **Folio Fine Wine Partners** announce the **Canvas Artist Series Contest**. Sponsored by Hyatt, and open to art students around the country, the contest gives students with a love and passion for fine art the opportunity to create a signature wine label for Canvas wine bottles beginning in 2011. Additionally, three winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to their art schools. Canvas was created in 2007 by Folio Fine Wine Partners—a Napa Valley wine company owned by the Michael

Mondavi family—for Hyatt hotels and resorts throughout the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean. The contest runs between June 15 and August 15 for qualified art students in the United States. For more information and full contest rules, visit [canvasartistseries.com](http://canvasartistseries.com).

## School District 53 projects are on schedule

Butler School District 53 Board of Directors heard good news about summer construction and maintenance projects. The two major projects—locker replacements and new carpeting, both at Butler Junior High—are on schedule and only punch list items are to be completed.

Other summer projects are underway including replacing gutters and downspouts at Butler Junior High, which will be completed in August, and exterior lighting at both schools.

## Relax with a Summertime Concert

The **Hinsdale Area Women's Connection** invites you to a **Summertime Concert Luncheon**, August 12 from 11:30 am–1:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Willowbrook. Come enjoy the sweet melodies of professional jazz singer, **Deborah Wright-Powell** as she treats you to a mini concert. Guest speaker, **Debbie Solis** is a twin, wife, step-mom, and dental hygienist. Find out what she has to say about the secret of "The Best Gift Ever."

Make your reservations with Jamie at 630-968-8350 or [jamiefab@comcast.net](mailto:jamiefab@comcast.net).



## Community

### Oak Brook Library has music to your ears

Music from your favorite musicals of Jerome Kern, Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart, Rodgers & Hammerstein II, Andrew Lloyd Webber and more will be performed on August 14 at 2 pm by **Eugene Kwok**, pianist.

You will not want to miss "Presidents and Their First Ladies" on September 12 at 2 pm. This performance is the creation of the veteran husband and wife acting and writing team of **William and Sue Wills**. After two decades of operating their own theatrical company in the resort of Ocean City, MD, the couple is now in their 14th year of bringing to life the stories of 32 different

Presidential couples, making nearly 325 presentations every year. Amazingly, the Wills have appeared together on stage over 7,500 times...and still counting. They are not "impersonators", but hope that their costumes, dialects, and demeanors will help recreate these historical characters. They will proudly be presenting to us the story of our 17th President and First Lady: Andrew and Eliza Johnson.

For more information call 630-368-7725 visit [oakbrook.lib.il.us](http://oakbrook.lib.il.us).

### Oak Brook Park District Summer Palooza!

Summer continues with fun and fitness at OBPD. Don't miss this inaugural Oak Brook Park District event, **Cori's Kids Triathlon**. This friendly competition promotes exercise in a fun and energetic way. Kids will show off their skills and athleticism by participating in the three traditional triathlon events including swimming, running and biking.

August 14 is set aside for a **Summer Palooza!** Celebrate summer with a full day of fun for the entire family. There will be music, rock climbing, balloon art, water slide, petting zoo, carnival games, pony rides and

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more! The day starts out at 8 am with the Run for Fun 5K race and a Tot Trot course. Then party on over to Summer Palooza at 11 am.

For further information regarding the programs call registration at 630-645-9590 or visit [obparks.org](http://obparks.org).

## **Oakbrook Terrace Park District focuses on safety**

In conjunction with the **Chicago Power Squadron**, the park district will present a **Boating Short Course** taking place on Thursdays, September 30 through October 28 from 7–9 pm.

This course is designed for all boaters including the person operating a personal watercraft, the hunter, the fisherman in an outboard, to the skipper in a family cruiser or the sailing enthusiast. All are subject to nautical rules and regulations. Boating Short Course is for ages 12 years and older. A "Boat Safety Certificate" will be issued to all students passing the examination.

Calling all Harry Potter fans to come aboard the **Hogwarts Express** and attend classes at **Hogwarts School** on September 12 from 9 am–12:45 pm. Wear your costume and meet at Platform 9¾ at the Downers Grove Main Street Train Station. On the train, the Sorting Hat sorts students into their appropriate houses.

At Hogwarts School (a.k.a. The Aurora Roundhouse), students will enjoy brunch with the professors and then get ready for a magic show and much more. Once Hogwarts School ends, students will board the train and return to the Downers Grove Main Street Station.

For a detailed listing and many more programs or to



register for Hogwarts School, call the Oakbrook Terrace Park District at 630-627-6100 or visit [obtpd.org](http://obtpd.org).

The **Babysitting For Success** class will teach children what it takes to be a successful babysitter. The program is designed to give preteens and teens the information they need to become a safe babysitter through small group interactions, hands-on stations, large group discussions and mini-lectures. Child development, basic childcare, handling emergencies, nutrition, and safety are covered with a handbook specially designed for this course. Class will be held on Thursdays, September 30–October 7 from 6–9 pm.

The **Lake View Nature Center** will be offering a variety of fun and interesting classes for the nature lover in your family this fall. Classes being held this September include: Junior Naturalists, Nature Explorers (new), Nature Navigators, Safari Club, Young Explorers, and Animal Adventures. Be sure to check out the extensive schedule at [obtpd.org/lvnc](http://obtpd.org/lvnc) or call 630-941-8747.

## **Graue Mill and Museum has chores for you**

Do you need something for the kids to do? Come out for **Children's Chore Day** on August 22, from noon to 3 pm. How did children in Mr. Graue's day earn their allowance? Did they get an allowance? Come to the Mill and try your hand at some old-fashioned chores!

Your *Gateway to the Past*, Graue Mill and Museum is a not-for-profit volunteer organization supported by admissions, memberships and contributions. For more information call 630-655-2090 or visit [grauemill.org](http://grauemill.org).

## **Hinsdale Center for the Arts (HCA) still has plenty of summer programs**

August provides a great opportunity to attend one of the many cultural and creative camps at HCA. There is still time to sign-up and make the end of summer a masterpiece!

Children of all ages can find a program that will help them explore their inner creativity. Amazing camps focusing on Visual Arts, Clay Creations, Animation and Multi-Arts with a California Focus are available. The session are one to two weeks in duration and will keep your 3–14 year old busy in August.

For more information call HCA at 630-887-0203 or [hinsdalearts.org](http://hinsdalearts.org).

## **Focus on family at Mayslake Peabody Estate**

A free day filled with activities for the whole family, both inside and out is planned for August 14 from 9 am–1 pm. There are many things planned like: archery, fishing, games, free roaming of Mayslake Hall, art activities, bike rodeo, and more.

Join the **WDCB Jazz Salon @ Mayslake** featuring **Erwin Helfer & Friends**, produced by PianoForte Foundation on September 9 at 7 pm. Erwin Helfer, a Chicago blues and boogie-woogie innovator has been forging his own piano music legacy for over 40 years. Erwin has the chops, the feel, and the drive of the masters and his music is graceful, spirited, and at times beautifully dissonant.

**Carmela Martino** will host a **Writers, Craft & Critique Class** September 14–October 26. In this newly expanded workshop, author Carmela Martino will help students develop their writing and revision skills via lectures plus reading and writing assignments. Students will receive a critique of their own work while learning how to critically study the work of other writers in a friendly, supportive environment. You must bring copies of your manuscript—a picture book, short story, or novel excerpt—to the first class. Attendance on Tuesday, September 14, is mandatory. Also, before enrolling you must e-mail Carmela for word count limits and manuscript guidelines: [carmela@carmelamartino.com](mailto:carmela@carmelamartino.com).

For more information and a detailed listing of all programs available call 630-206-9566 or visit [mayslakepeabody.com](http://mayslakepeabody.com).

## **History comes to life at Naper Settlement**

**Naper Settlement** is an outdoor museum village, located in downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Naper Settlement has 30 historic structures ranging from a rustic log cabin to an elegant Victorian mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**National S'Mores Day** will be celebrated on August 10. Families can bring a picnic dinner, then join in the fun from 4–8 pm in the fort to make s'mores! At 7 pm, Emmy award-winning storyteller Jim May will tell tales of growing up in the farm community of Spring Grove, IL, where his family has lived since the 1840s.

**The Last Fling** is Naperville's end-of-the-summer festival labor day weekend, September 3–6. The Naperville Jaycees have planned a Family Fun Land at Naper Settlement with crafts, science, magic shows, characters and more. Free admission. Visit [lastfling.org](http://lastfling.org) for more information.

Spin your way to a dining extravaganza at this

**Naperville Heritage Society** gala evening from 5:30–11 pm on September 11. Find out moments before you are whisked off by limousine or trolley, to which prominent restaurant, private home or historic building you will travel for a gourmet-style meal. This not-to-be-missed event also features a premier specialty auction.

Mark your calendar for the **Naperville Wine Festival** from 4–10 pm September 17 and 3–9 pm September 18.

Experience Native American dancing, cultural demonstrations, children's games and crafts, special presentations and more during the **Harvest Pow Wow** September 25 and 26.

For more information about hours and admission prices, visit [napersettlement.museum](http://napersettlement.museum) or call 630-420-6010.



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