FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fall is just around the corner and there is much going on at Gorton Community Center. We hope you will enjoy the new format of our quarterly mailer. We’ve moved to a program guide to allow us to communicate more in-depth about all of the wonderful classes and events here at Gorton. Our mission continues to be the gathering place in the heart of our community, and we take that very seriously. We have been working to offer quality, substantive programming for all ages, and you the community have responded to let us know we’re on the right track! Gorton has such a rich and wonderful history - we have the lucky job of building on that tradition. We hope you’ll take a look and join us to be educated, entertained and inspired!

Warmly,
Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director

DONT’ MISS THESE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16: GORTON COMMUNITY CENTER BLOCK PARTY
Fun begins at 5:30pm. Movie at sunset
ALL are welcome to this FREE event.
Come celebrate under the stars with food, face painting, live music, Wildlife Discovery Center’s petting zoo and much more. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the action of “Star Wars - The Force Awakens” on the big screen. Don’t forget to dress as your favorite character from a galaxy far far away to enter the Star Wars costume contest. It will be a night out of this world!

SEPTEMBER 30: TRUTH BE TOLD: A NIGHT OF PERSONAL STORYTELLING
8pm
Tickets: $20 in advance, $25 at the door, $10 students
Relax and enjoy a night of being entertained by professional storytellers. Personal Storytelling has been so successful at Gorton in the past you will want to secure your tickets early. Guests will experience live, intimate, face-to-face storytelling. Scott Whitehair will once again be headlining the event. Storytellers include Ada Cheng, Robert Cornelius, Carol Kaufman-Kerman, Tekki Lomnicki, Arlene Malinowski, Jim Noonan, Lupe Nuñez and Scott Whitehair. They will share the heartbreaking, the hilarious and everything in between.

OCTOBER 7: JIM CURRY’S “TAKE ME HOME: THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER”
8pm
Tickets: $25 in advance, $30 at the door, $10 students
Join acclaimed performer Jim Curry for this tribute to the music of one of the most beloved singer/songwriters ever to grace the stage. Jim sings, in his own natural voice, a tribute to the music in a way that has to be seen and heard to understand the pure honesty of his amazing performance. His looks and voice are simply a pleasant coincidence that captures the true essence of John Denver’s music. Jim has created the ultimate tribute experience and has emerged as the top performer of John Denver’s music today.

6TH GRADE GROTTO DANCE PARTY - BEACH PARTY THEME
Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28
7pm
Tickets: $25, 6th grade only
Student may only attend one night.
Tickets go on sale online Tuesday, October 3rd at 10am

NOVEMBER 11: STAND-UP COMEDY PERFORMANCE WITH MIKE TOOMEY
8pm
Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at the door, $10 students
Gorton is excited to welcome local celebrity, Mike Toomey, from WGN Morning News. Mike serves as the “Announcer” for the show and has become an integral part of the everyday show. A regular performer on WGN Morning News, Mike has appeared in concert with names such as George Carlin and Reba McEntire. He has performed on numerous television programs including MTV’s Half Hour Comedy Hour. With his sharp delivery, quick wit and unique style, Mike Toomey has been a favorite at comedy clubs and special events since 1982.

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Meet one of Gorton Community Center’s 11 resident non-profit organizations. The Lake Forest Symphony has been a resident at Gorton since December 2015.

The Lake Forest Symphony aims to foster a community that is enriched, educated, entertained and inspired!

The Lake Forest Symphony seeks to provide a rich and diverse audience to inspire creativity, strengthen connections, and engage the community.

Celebrating 60 years, the Lake Forest Symphony is the only fully professional orchestra in Lake County. The orchestra has been honored numerous times by the Illinois Council of Orchestras.

The Lake Forest Symphony is pleased to announce the appointment of Executive Director, Timothy Corpus. Mr. Corpus’ compositions have been performed around the world, including at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, RHA Gallery in Ireland, the Centro Cultural Justica Federal in Rio de Janeiro and the Chicago Cultural Center. Most recently Mr. Corpus comes from serving simultaneously as the Executive Director of the Hyde Park Youth Symphony, the Education Coordinator of the Northwest Indiana Symphony and the Drumline Instructor at Loyola University Chicago.

The Lake Forest Symphony is excited to kick off its 60th Season with a Salon Series concert at the Gorton Community Center featuring music by Gershwin on September 22nd at 7pm. For a complete listing of their 2017-2018 season please go to www.lakeforestsymphony.org

WELCOME

Gorton Community Center welcomes LoMastro Performing Arts Academy!

Gorton is pleased to become the satellite location for LoMastro beginning this September. For more information on schedules and registration, visit www.lomastro.com

Please join them at their Grand Opening/Open House on Saturday, August 26 from 9:30am - 12pm to see the newly renovated space.
**YOUTH CLASSES CONT.**

**ROBOTHINK**
Mondays, October 16 - December 4, 4 - 5:30pm  
Ages 5 - 12 years  
Fee: $204

This STEM program is focused on robotics and coding for all levels. Armed with motors, sensors, gears and mainboards, students build and code robot creations of all shapes, sizes and functions! Students are introduced to engineering and coding concepts.

**SEWING CLASS WITH CIAO BELLA**
Thursdays, October 19 - December 14, 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Ages 8 - 13  
Fee: $150

The basic techniques of hand and machine sewing will be combined in this class. By the end you will have completed at least two different projects, one by hand and one by machine. Sewing supplies, including fabric, thread, needles and pins will be provided. Students may choose to purchase additional specialty items on their own.

**ADULT CLASSES**

**SOCIAL SECURITY WORKSHOP**
September 7 & 12, 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Fee: Workshop is free

Social Security is one of the most valuable and least understood benefits to retirees today. This educational workshop will provide you with much needed information to help you understand the system.

**YOGA WITH KRISTY HARLEY**
Evening: Mondays, September 11 - December 11, 7 - 8pm  
Morning: Tuesdays, September 12 - December 12, 10 - 11am  
Ages: High school and up  
Fee: $15/class

Unite your mind and body in a spiritual transformation. You will tone and elongate your muscles while freeing your thoughts in mindful meditation and breathing practices.

**BOOK CLUB: BETWEEN THE COVERS WITH ALICE MOODY**
Wednesdays, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, 7 - 8:30pm  
Ages: High school and up  
Fee: $15/class


**KNIT ON! LEARN TO KNIT WITH GRETCHEN SEYMOR**
Fridays, September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 10am - Noon  
Ages: Adult beginners  
Fee: $120

Gretchen is excited to share her love of knitting with you. You will learn the basics while creating a comfy chunky cowl. You will learn how to cast on, the knit & purl stitches, how to bind off and seam up a cowl that you will enjoy wearing!

**ADULT IMPROV WORKSHOP WITH JIMMY CARRANE**
Sunday, September 17, 1 - 4pm  
Ages: 18+  
Fee: $150

You will learn invaluable skills such as being a better listener and communicator at home, work and in social situations; have increased confidence to think on your feet and be more creative in your everyday life.

**CAMERA PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH KERRI SHERMAN**
September 27, 10 - 11am  
All ages and levels  
Fee: $30

Join local photographer Kerri Sherman to learn handy shooting and editing tips using your camera phone that will enhance your images for personal and professional use.

**PALETTES & POURS**
Fridays, October 6, November 3, 7pm  
All ages and levels  
Fee: $50 includes supplies and wine

Grab a friend and join other adults for an evening of wine and painting. Sandie Bacon will teach this inspiring yet relaxing class.
**ADULT CLASSES CONT.**

**LET’S WRITE: A WORKSHOP WITH ALICE MOODY**  
Thursdays, October 12, December 21, 10am - Noon  
Fee: $300  
Transform and empower yourself by claiming your voice through writing. In this workshop, designed for all levels, explore various aspects of writing, including important tools such as the use of detail, dialogue, characterization, and figurative language.

**CREATIVITY WORKSHOP - “START WHERE YOU ARE”**  
Thursdays, October 12 - November 2, 6:30 - 8pm  
Fee: $250  
Face your creative fears head on. This 4-week workshop will help you move toward the creative endeavors you want to reach. In-class projects using various medium to encourage self-expression, journaling, weekly reflections and the support of the group will help that pointing, play, novel, idea - become a reality.

**STORYTELLING WORKSHOP WITH SCOTT WHITEHAIR**  
Saturday, October 14, 1 - 4pm  
Ages 18+, no experience needed  
Fee: $129  
This workshop will focus on discovering and developing your own unique voice as a storyteller. Be introduced to tools and techniques. The entire process from story generation to fine details of delivery will be covered.

**ANIMAL COMMUNICATION WITH LINDA ROBERTS**  
Wednesday, October 25, 7 - 8pm  
For humans only! Fee: $25  
Animal communication is the ability to have a conversation with an animal using telepathy. Spend an evening with animal communicator, Linda Roberts, as she shares messages and insights from your animals, living or deceased.

**CAR SEAT SAFETY WORKSHOP**  
Saturday, November 18, 11:30am - 12:30pm  
Free Event  
Basic car seat safety will be discussed including proper car seat vehicle placement, choosing the right car seat and when to transition to the next stage as well as tips on installation.

**FUSION BELLY DANCING**  
Saturdays, November 18 - December 9, 9:30 - 10:30am  
Fee: $60  
Belly Dancing is an ancient dance that brings awareness to one’s body, mind, and spirit. Enjoy a fusion of middle eastern belly dancing with yoga and tai chi. You’ll learn basic techniques, posture, language and move execution while building core strength, stamina and grace.

**FESTIVE HOLIDAY COCKTAILS WITH NORTH SHORE DISTILLERY**  
Sunday, November 19, 3 - 4:30pm  
Fee: $40  
We’ve invited one of the area’s best cocktail aficionados, Sonja Kassebaum from North Shore Distillery, to lead this new class. She will share a variety of great cocktail recipes and ideas for your holiday celebrations using a range of spirits, fruits, herbs and spices. The class will involve demonstrations as well as tastings and many great tips for serving cocktails to groups that minimize the amount of work to be done during the party.

**ONGOING CLASSES**

**PASTA**  
The fall classes of The Gingerbread Man, Rapunzel and A Charlie Brown Christmas are already full. Don’t miss their performances:  
The Gingerbread Man - October 24, 7pm  
Rapunzel - November 18, 1pm  
A Charlie Brown Christmas - December 1-3  
Keep watch for winter class dates/times later this fall.

**VIOLIN LESSONS**  
Join Donna Curry to begin or continue the journey of learning to play the violin. Call 847-721-1860 or email at www.DonnaCurryStudio.yolasite.com

**PIANO LESSONS**  
Join Randall Manges to begin or continue making beautiful music on the piano. Email mangesx4@aol.com
Please note all classes listed inside www.gortoncenter.org/donate

WHY GIVE TO GORTON

Gorton Community Center is lucky to have supporters such as Elyse and Peter Butler. The Butler family members are familiar faces at Gorton as they come to the movies, are Safety Town alums, attended children’s programs and take advantage of the Drop-In Learning Center. As Elyse states, “Gorton provides so many unique offerings to our community. The Drop-In Learning Center has been invaluable to our family in providing excellent, friendly childcare we can rely on whether it’s a standing reservation or a last minute emergency -- my kids are always asking when do they get to go back! We have also enjoyed experiencing the Children’s Facets Film Festival with our daughters. It’s wonderful to have cultural events typical of an urban setting available to us minutes from our suburban home.”

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The Stuart Community Room is equipped with the Hearing Loop assistive listening system. www.hearingloop.org

Please contact the Event Coordinators, Krista Hanson or Martha ReQua to discuss your event needs and goals at 847-234-6060.

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