

# Special Events: Holidays

## Special FLW Races Thank You

The 33rd Annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races sold out the 5K, 10K and Youth Mile for the first time in history! Thank you to our volunteers, Park District staffers and the community for its support of this great event.

Sign up for our online e-newsletter, "The Park Connection," on our website to be notified when registration begins for the 2010 FLW Races.

The Park District would also like to say thank you to its 2009 Frank Lloyd Wright Races Sponsors:

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**Timber Ridge Lodge and Waterpark, Youth Mile Title Sponsor**

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## Holiday Skating Schedule

The Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common is a seasonal rink in operation October through March. Below are holiday skating hours - please see the regular schedule on page 15!

### Holiday Skating Schedule (Dec 22, 2008 - Jan 2, 2009)

M, Dec 21	Public Skate 1-4pm
T, Dec 22	Public Skate 1-4pm
W, Dec 23	Public Skate 1-4pm
Th, Dec 24	Public Skate 1-3pm
F, Dec 25	CLOSED
Sa, Dec 26	Public Skate 5:15-7:30pm
Su, Dec 27	Family Skate 1:15-2pm Public Skate 2-4pm
M-F, Dec 28 - Jan 1	Public Skate 1-4pm

## Holiday Events



### **NEW** Holiday Cookie Making (Ages 8-12) **SW**

A cooking class created especially for kids at the holidays. Working in teams under the supervision of The Perfect Dinner chef, kids will follow recipes created by The Perfect Dinner and bake a variety of holiday cookies they can take home in a holiday gift basket. Food safety, sanitation and clean up will be covered in the class.

Location: The Perfect Dinner, 809 South Blvd.  
 Sa, Dec 12 \$29/\$58 #412160-02  
 3-5pm Min 6/Max 10

### **NEW** Frosty the Snowman (Ages 3 - 12) **MS**

**Non-lottery program**  
 Boys and girls, do you love building your own snowman? If so, this wonderful new class is just the thing you've been searching for. Come in from the cold and enjoy building your very own Frosty the Snowman while indoors. Our soft cuddly snowman is ready for stuffing and to come to your home just in time for the holidays. The class includes: your very own snowman, a ton of stuffing, stars to make a wish, birth certificates, tee shirts to decorate and an adorable holiday blanket to take Frosty home in. We'll also have lots of embellishments to use as decorations. All you need to bring is your imagination and creativity. Children 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Location: Fox Center  
 Sa, Dec 12 \$33/\$50 #412349-06  
 10-11am Min 12/Max 35

## Holiday Lights Trip

### **NEW** Chicago Holiday Lights Tour **MS** **M, Dec 21 from 5:30-10:30pm**

Come with us on the Park District bus as we tour downtown Chicago to view the city's beautiful Holiday Lights displays. Throughout the tour of lights, we will be stopping at Navy Pier, State Street and Christkindlmarket for you to explore and shop. Participants are encouraged to bring children and grandchildren along to experience the magical festivities that the city offers during the holidays!

Ages 16 and up \$21/\$31 #152920-15  
 Ages 15 and under \$12/\$18 #152920-16  
 Min 10/Max 19



The Polar Express once again sold out in August! Remember next year to register early for this great event. Thanks to Geppetto's Toy Box in Oak Park for their sponsorship of this annual holiday tradition!

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## Holiday Events at Pleasant Home

### Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home Su, Dec 6, 1-4pm

**FREE Admission** *LT*

A wonderful way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon, kick off the holiday season and get in a little early shopping! Refreshments provided by our preferred caterers and Todd & Holland Tea Merchants, live music, children's crafts in the kitchen, winter stories in the library, and station tours of Pleasant Home.

### Annual Artisans Holiday Sale at Pleasant Home Dec 6-13

**FREE Admission** *LT*

Local artists and collectors will display their work throughout Pleasant Home for an entire week! Earth friendly, functional and affordable art is featured among the many unique items from ships-in-the-bottle and wood carvings to paintings, clothing and jewelry all available for purchase. The Pleasant Home Museum Store will be open extended hours during the art sale with gift certificates available. Ephraim Faience Pottery, Arts and Crafts note cards, scarves, books, posters and more, make wonderful holiday gifts  
Su, Dec 6 from 1-4pm  
M, Dec 7 through Su, Dec 13 from 10am-8pm daily

### Holiday Stories at Pleasant Home F, Dec 18 at 7pm

*LT*

Everyone has a favorite holiday tale at this time of the year. Please join us for Glenn Braun's dramatic reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Hershel and the Goblins, Seven Spools of Thread (a Kwanzaa story), and others.

Tickets are \$10

Students & Seniors: \$7

Advance registration is strongly encouraged.

### "A Christmas Carol" at Pleasant Home Su, Dec 20 at 7pm

*LT*

Peter Baker is back! Pleasant Home's traditional one-man presentation of this touching holiday classic will delight ages 5 and up!

Tickets are \$12

Students & Seniors: \$8

Advance registration is strongly encouraged.

## Oak Park Conservatory Holiday Event

### Winter Holiday Craft Faire & Open House at the Oak Park Conservatory

Su, Dec 6 from Noon-4pm

**FREE Admission** *HY*

Seasonal floral displays, Santa Claus, and an expanded craft faire at the Oak Park Conservatory. Forced Paper White Narcissus, poinsettias and door swags will be on sale. Find unique holiday gifts, holiday plants and decorations at our open house. Local artists will offer that perfect gift and see what the Conservatory staff and volunteers have created with greens and dried flower arrangements. Children can have a photo-op with Santa in our lush showrooms and then enjoy holiday cookies and punch. Free event.



## Cheney Mansion Holiday Event

### Cheney Mansion Holiday Open House M, Dec 7 -Th, Dec 10 from 11am-7pm

**FREE Admission** *LP*

The mansion will be beautifully decorated for the holidays! Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a food item to donate to the OPRF Food Pantry. No admission fee!