



North Shore Farmers Markets



Pensiero Ristorante opening in the Margarita Inn

1566 Oak Street, Evanston

Opening mid-July

Va Pensiero, the accomplished Italian restaurant that closed its doors on Easter, is reopening as Pensiero Ristorante. The new owner is Michael Pure, owner/innkeeper of the Margarita Inn, in which the restaurant has resided since its 1989

debut. Chef Alan Lake, a contemporary-minded chef will head up the new kitchen. Reservations can be made 847-475-7779.

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Great Summer Sidewalk Sales

Bargains Galore on Chicago's North Shore!

Northbrook - Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10. Downtown Hometown Event and Sidewalk Sale (where Church and Cherry meet). In addition to great deals, you'll enjoy a variety of snacks, games, and other fun activities provided by local non-profits along the route. For more information, visit www.northbrooknine.com.

Winnetka - Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17. Come for plenty of outdoor bargain hunting and the sounds of New Orleans Jazz, along with children's activities, games, face painting, and great food! For more information, [click here](#).

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Summer Events

July Networking Event

Central Street Evanston - Thursday, July 15 - Saturday, July 17. Highlighting great deals from businesses located between the 1900 and 2100 blocks of Central. For more information, [click here](#).

Downtown Evanston and Chicago/Dempster Evanston - Friday - Sunday, July 23 - 25. Close to 200 Evanston merchants in both downtown Evanston and the Chicago/Dempster district will offer deals on summer inventory, featuring the ideal mix of independent shops and your favorite national chain stores. Expect to find incredible deals on apparel, shoes, one-of-a-kind accessories and decorative arts, including the best in specialty designed, hand-crafted goods. For more information, [click here](#).

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Skokie Breaks Ground on New CTA Yellow Line Station

Last month, many people attended the official ground breaking ceremony for the new CTA Yellow Line station, which will be built near Oakton Street and Skokie Boulevard in downtown Skokie. The project, which should be completed in the fall of 2011, is expected to cost more than \$20 million. Officials believe the downtown station is essential to attracting new business to the area as part of a downtown revitalization effort. "I couldn't agree more," said Gina Speckman, executive director of Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The new station will make it easier for even more people to make their way to our area to enjoy all that Skokie and the entire North Shore have to offer."

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Art in the Park

Saturday and Sunday, July 10 & 11

Village Green Park

1320 Shermer, Northbrook

Presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission, the Village of Northbrook and the Northbrook Park District, this fine arts festival features the work of over 70 fine artists from across the U.S. In addition to acrylic, oil, and watercolor paintings, there will be works in a wide range of media including glass, photography, sculpture, ceramics and jewelry. Open from 10 am - 5 pm each day, Art in the Park also offers live music, upscale festival food, kids' art activities, and a junior artist festival. Admission is free. Plentiful parking available. For more information, visit www.northbrooknine.com.



Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art

Fair

Saturday and Sunday, July 10 & 11

Village Green

5211 W. Oakton Street, Skokie

Now in its 49th year, the Skokie Art Guild's Annual Art Fair continues to delight! In addition to outstanding art from dozens of artists, there will be live music, food, face painting for the kids, and much, much more! Artwork includes 2-dimensional paintings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, pottery, and fine jewelry. Skokie is proud to claim this event as one of the most established, high-quality art fairs held on the North Shore! Admission and parking are free. The fair is open from 10 am - 5 pm both days. For more information, visit www.skokieartguild.org.



Westfield Old Orchard FREE Summer Concert Series

Sundays, July 11 and 18

Westfield Old Orchard

Old Orchard Road and Skokie Blvd., Skokie

Spend a Sunday or two at Westfield Old Orchard and enjoy a free concert by the "Orchestra of the Year," the Evanston Symphony Orchestra. On July 11th, it's the Evanston Symphony Dixieland Band. Get your toes tapping and your hands clapping as they perform such favorites as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Tin Roof Blues"...fun for the entire family! And, on July 18th, it's the Momentum Band, performing a high-energy variety of today's hits. The concerts are held from 2-4 pm, and each performance consists of two 45-minute sets. Shows are held rain or shine underneath the professional building archway. For more information, visit www.westfield.com/oldorchard.



It's Thursday, Let's Dance!

Thursday Evenings, July 15 - August 19

909 Davis Street Plaza

Intersection of Maple Avenue and Church Street, Evanston. Now in its eleventh year, It's Thursday, Let's Dance! heats up downtown Evanston on six consecutive Thursday nights: July 15 (Angel Melendez - Latin Rhythms), July 22 (John Burnett Orchestra - Ballroom Dancing), July 29 (Shirley King - Chicago Blues), August 5 (R-Gang - Motown and R&B), August 12 (Bopology - Jump, Jive and Swing) & August 19 (Billy Croft & The 5 Alarm - Country with a twist). Each week there will be dancing to a live band (7-9 pm) and instruction with a professional dance teacher (beginning at 6 pm). This is a free event and all ages are welcome. For more information, [click here](#).



Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival

Saturday and Sunday, July 17 & 18

Dawes Park, Evanston

Sheridan Road at Church Street, Evanston

The City of Evanston began its very own Ethnic Arts Festival in 1986, transforming the idyllic lakefront Dawes Park into a global village!

Surrounded by the flags of more than 100 nations honoring the diversity of our planet, attendees experience the colors, sounds, and aromas of world cultures with every continent represented in song, spoken word, visual arts and food. In addition to live music, dance performances, and the works of juried artists, those who attend the festival will also learn the folkdances of far-away countries and explore the intriguing spices and seasonings of new ethnic foods. Admission is free and the festival is open from 12 noon - 7 pm each day. For more information, visit www.cityofevanston.org.

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NorthShore University HealthSystem

Grand Prix

Sunday, July 18

Throughout Downtown Evanston

Downtown Evanston will be bustling all day for the annual NorthShore University HealthSystem Grand Prix. Get up close and personal with Olympics-level cyclists as they careen around the city streets clocking in at more than 30 mph. Come early and visit the local shops on the course, which starts at Fountain Square. Choose from 30+ restaurants and enjoy outdoor dining along the racecourse. Enjoy a dance party and bring the kids for their own bicycle race on Sunday afternoon before the pro series begins. Don't miss the main event: Pro Races Begin at 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free. For more information, please visit

www.northshoregrandprix.com



Everyday Aromatherapy: Using Essential Oils for Your Home and Family

Thursday, July 22 (7 - 9pm)

Walsh Natural Health

2116 1/2 Central Street, Evanston

Join Karen Daughtry, M.A., Certified Clinical Aromatherapist, to discover the therapeutic benefits of using essential oils for everyday application. In this foundational workshop you will learn what aromatherapy is, methods for applying essential oils, and the key oils that are most useful for therapeutic home use. Learn to use the oils safely and effectively for your family's health, for "green" cleaning; and enjoy them! Become aware of safety precautions and effective clinical applications. The fee is \$20, which is payable at sign up. For more information, please call 847-864-1600.

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Annual Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 24

Evanston History Center - Charles Gates Dawes House

225 Greenwood Street, Evanston

Celebrate the joys of summer at the Evanston History Center's Annual Ice Cream Social, from 1 to 4pm. This year's event (rain or shine) features live entertainment, a magic show, face painting for children, and complimentary tours of the Dawes House. Free ice cream, popcorn, frozen custard, games for the kids and much more! Bring the entire family. For more information, visit www.evanstonhistorycenter.org.



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57th Annual Glenview Art Fair

Saturday and Sunday, July 24 & 25

Lyon School Grounds

SE Corner of Waukegan Road and Lake Avenue, Glenview

The 57th Annual Glenview Art Fair, co-sponsored by the Glenview Chamber of Commerce and the Glenview Art League, promises two fabulous days of spectacular art! Featuring original fine art by 100+ artists, the fair is fun for the entire family. This year's food vendor is Goode and Fresh Pizza Bakery. Children's activities are being hosted by You're Fired, a pottery studio in Glenview, and Karen Porzak (a hand and face painter). Please be sure to support their annual Youth Art Fair by bidding on artwork, merchandise and gift certificates at the Silent Auction booth. Admission and parking are free. The fair runs from 11 am - 5 pm each day. For further information, please visit

www.glenviewartleague.org.

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Civil War Living History Days

Saturday and Sunday, July 24 & 25

The Grove

1421 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview

This much anticipated annual event features realistic Civil War battle reenactments with Union and Confederate camps and Blue vs. Gray skirmishes (complete with authentic Civil War clothing and uniforms!) Those who attend Glenview's Civil War Living History Days will also have an opportunity to visit a field hospital, enjoy refreshments in the camp kitchen, and shop for Civil War memorabilia. Bring the family and come meet President Lincoln, General Grant and Jefferson Davis! Admission is \$5/adults, \$1/children 12 and under. For more information and hours, visit www.thegrovelenview.org.

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North Shore Festival of Art

Saturday and Sunday, July 24 & 25

Westfield Old Orchard

Old Orchard Rd. and Skokie Blvd., Skokie

Celebrating its 20th fabulous year, this extraordinary fine art show has become an icon event along Chicago's North Shore, attracting thousands of upscale, educated, enthusiastic art buyers! This year, the event will take place within the shopping center! Approximately 150 exhibitors were chosen (out of thousands of entries) to showcase the country's finest pieces of art including paintings, photography, jewelry, sculpture and more. There will also be plenty of food, free art projects for the kids, and live entertainment. Admission is free. Festival hours are 10 am - 5 pm each day. For more information, [click here](#).



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**KOHL CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**

25th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration!

Sunday, July 25 through Friday, July 30

Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago

2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview

Kohl Children's Museum is approaching 25 years of nurturing a love of learning in young children, and they're celebrating kid-style with a week of fun family activities! The week kicks off Sunday, July 25th with free admission from 12 - 5 p.m. for all guests. The rest of the week features a wonderful slate of performances and activities from the best of Chicago's North Shore, including Bubble Juggler Geoff Akins, Mindy Hester and the Time Outs, Anderson Pest Solutions' Insect Zoo, Ravinia Festival, Writers' Theatre, Chicago Botanic Garden, Gymboree, plus free anniversary cake and ice cream on Friday, July 30th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information and the latest schedule of events, visit www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org.

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