

Friends Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 4 Tales Tombstones Tell
- October 10 Timeless Tales
- October 12 Downtown Food Fest
- October 17 Town Hall Share: German Sister Cities
- October 17 Historiography
- October 19 Carry Nation Speakeasy Event
- October 26 Downtown Trick-or-Treat
- November 1 Late Night at the City Museum

TALES TOMBSTONES TELL

On Friday, October 4th, the City Museum will present the 30th annual Tales Tombstones Tell at Oakwood Cemetery, located at York Street and Oakwood Avenue. Tours begin at 6:30 pm and start off every 10 minutes thereafter, with the last tour starting at 7:30 pm. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and no reservations are necessary. If the weather is inclement the program will be cancelled.

Guests will be entertained by historic music from Roger Kotecki as they wait to start to the tour. The program is appropriate for families and is based on our community's history. This year we will be featuring stories of those who were first introduced to guests at Oakwood Cemetery 30 years ago during our 1st ever Tales Tombstones Tell. With updated information

now available through online research platforms, we will bring the stories of George Roundy, the Vergie Family, the Gaede Family, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Benjamin Family, Rhoda Wiant and John Fairbanks to life.

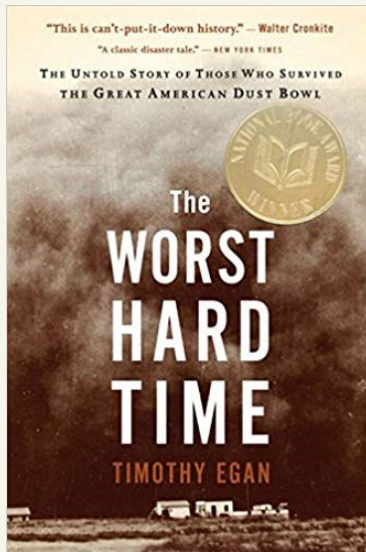
Come join us for this impactful evening stroll, with lanterns and luminaries lighting the path through West Chicago's oldest cemetery. Although the program is free, donations are appreciated. For more information please call the Museum at (630) 231-3376 or email us at museum@westchicago.org.



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READ HISTORY AT THE CITY MUSEUM



The City Museum is continuing its **Historiography** program in October, a non-fiction book reading group. On **Thursday, October 17th** at **1pm** the group will meet to discuss “The Worst Hard Times: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl” by Timothy Egan. On **Thursday, November 21st** at **1pm** the Historiography group will meet to discuss “The Great Crash 1929,” by James Gallbraith. The book group is open to all, feel free to bring a bag lunch; complimentary drinks and desserts will be provided. Copies of the books being discussed can be checked out from the Museum or Library.

Little readers are invited to join the Library for kids story-time and a craft during **Timeless Tales** at the City Museum on **Thursday, October 10th** at **10am** and on **Thursday, November 14th** at **10:30am**. This event is free and no registration is required. Families are invited to stay and enjoy the hands-on activities at the museum following the program.

CELEBRATING FALL FESTIVITIES

Fall is here! Be sure to bring your trick-or-treaters out for Downtown Trick-or-Treat on **Saturday, October 26th** from 1-3pm! Stop in to the City Museum for some sweet treats! The community is also invited to take part in the Halloween Parade and Costume Contest starting with registration at 11:00am in the parking lot of the West Chicago Public Library, 118 W. Washington Street, West Chicago. Judging will take place at 12:00pm, and the Halloween Parade to follow at 12:30pm.



Please join the Museum and the West Chicago Public Library on **Friday, November 1st** at the City Museum for the celebration of the Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos. From 5:00pm to 8:00pm the public is invited to stop in and make a sugar skull to place on the Museum altar as well as enjoying some sweet bread and refreshments. Families are encouraged to make picture frames and bring in photos of loved ones that have passed on that they would like to remember. This event is being held in collaboration with First Fridays in Downtown West Chicago, is free and open to all ages. Thank you to the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage for sponsoring this year’s altar display.

GOODBYE TO MAGGIE


*Maggie leading a Turner School
1st Grade tour*

At the end of the summer we said see you later to Maggie Capettini, our beloved Education Coordinator, who went back to classroom teaching. Over the past few years, Maggie has helped develop programs for children and adults with an infectious enthusiasm. Her art has also graced the museum walls, been featured in downtown banners and been on display in other community venues, celebrating our beautiful community and its landmarks. Miss Maggie will be missed, but her art continues to hang in the Museum as part of our current “HOME” exhibit, which will be up through April 2020, and she has promised to visit us often. We wish her well in her new position back in the elementary classroom as art teacher.



A Time For Celebration, Maggie Capettini 2016

CARRY NATION - THE FAMOUS AND ORIGINAL BARROOM SMASHER


Join the Friends of the West Chicago City Museum on **Saturday, October 19th at 5pm** for an event that will transport you back to the time of prohibition. During the engaging event, Ellie Carlson will portray Carry Nation, the famous and original barroom smasher. Once referred to as the Wicked Witch of the West, Carry was a loving, caring mother and grandmother who cared deeply about the evils of intoxication and tobacco and publically proclaimed her opposition to those evils. She was lauded by reformers, damned by politicians and often courted by saloon owners who knew a “smashing” by Carry could bring acclaim to their establishment.

Attendees are invited to start at the City Museum and “protest” to a secret location (within walking distance) where Carry will enact one of her famous smashings! Food will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Tickets for the event are \$20 a person, or \$35 for a couple, and can be purchased at the City Museum prior to the event. Tickets can also be reserved by contacting the museum at wegohistory@gmail.com or (630) 231-3376. Please contact the museum with any questions. All proceeds benefit the work of the City Museum.

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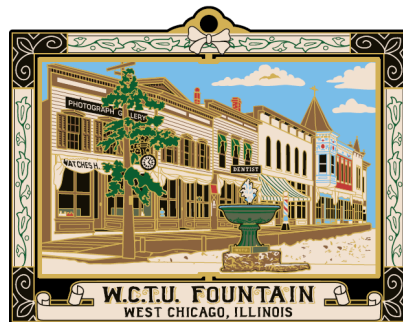
The Friends of the West Chicago City Museum serve to assist the West Chicago City Museum in fundraising by encouraging museum membership, donations and community awareness.

SISTER CITIES
CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

West Chicago Sister Cities celebrates its 20th year this year. Our city's partnership with Taufkirchen, Germany, has fostered many friendships across the ocean in both directions! In honor of this anniversary, a Sister Cities display will be up at the City Museum starting October 12th and run through December 2019. The public is also invited to join us for a Turner Town Hall share event on **Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm at the City Museum** where Sister City members, including those who have just returned from their September trip to our German sister city will share about their involvement with the program and what they have learned through the partnership.



2019 ORNAMENT



Starting on November 1st you can pick up your 2019 West Chicago Historic Landmark featuring the Woma's Christian Temperance Union

Fountain. Originally place, as captured in this year's ornament, the WCTU fountain was placed at the intersection of Main and Washington Street. It provided refreshment for both horses and people. It was moved in 1909 to make way for the interurban line, the Aurora Elgin & Chicago. In 1997 it was placed at 126 Main Street where it stands today. Ornaments are \$10 and all sales benefit the Friends of the Museum.