

### **Agenda Item 3**

#### **1401 Middlefork Drive Elawa Farm – Setback Variances for Farm Animal Structures**

Staff Report  
Vicinity Map  
Air Photo  
Illustration – Separation Distances from Homes

#### Materials Submitted by Petitioner

Application  
Statement of Intent  
Site Plan – Previous and Proposed Animal Areas  
Goat Barn Images



## STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO:	Chairman Bass and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals
DATE:	January 22, 2024
FROM:	Michelle Friedrich, Planning Technician Catherine J. Czerniak, Director of Community Development
SUBJECT:	<i><b>Variances from the Setback Requirement for Farm Buildings</b></i>

### Property Owner

The City of Lake Forest  
220 E. Deerpath  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

### Location

1401 Middlefork Drive

### Zoning District

R-5, Single Family Residence

### Tenant

Elawa Farm Foundation

### Representative

Laura Calvert, Executive Director, Elawa Farm Foundation

### Summary of Request

This is a request for consideration of variances from the required zoning setbacks for buildings that house farm animals.

### Background and Property Description

Elawa Farm is owned by The City of Lake Forest. In 1998, as a result of a partnership between the Carroll Family, Lake County Forest Preserves District, Lake Forest Open Lands Association, the developer and the City of Lake Forest; Elawa, a Gentleman's Farm, was preserved as a community resource. The original 200-acre parcel was subdivided into 72 single family residential lots consistent with the density permitted by the underlying zoning. By using a conservation subdivision approach, wetlands, an oak savannah, prairie, and many of the structures and the garden from the historic Gentleman's Farm were preserved.

Today, portions of the original farm site are owned by the Lake County Forest Preserves District, Lake Forest Open Lands Association, and the City. The City ownership includes a neighborhood park which is under the purview of the City's Park and Recreation Department, a site north of the park that is reserved for a public elementary school if one is ever needed in this area, and Elawa Farm, the farm buildings and garden. The use of Elawa Farm, a non-residential use in a residential zoning district, is governed by a Special Use Permit.

In July 2023, the City Council, based on a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, approved amendments to the Elawa Farm Special Use Permit to allow a limited number of farm animals to be brought on to the site in the outdoor area previously occupied by the Wildlife Discovery Center animals. The small farm structures proposed by the Elawa Farm Foundation will

provide appropriate shelter for the farm animals.

### **Staff Analysis**

The farm animals will be located in the area west of the Cottage, generally in the same footprint as the animal area used by the Wildlife Discovery Center. To support the farm animals, three small structures, a goat barn and duck and chicken coops, along with associated fenced areas, are proposed.

Elawa Farm is zoned R-5, Single Family Residence District, and as noted above, is authorized through a Special Use Permit. Farm structures are permitted by right in the R-5 zoning district. Farm buildings that house animals are required to be setback 200 feet from all property lines.

- A variance is requested to allow a 576 square foot goat barn to be located 53 feet from the south property line. The goat barn is low profile, 14-1/2 feet tall.
- A variance is also requested to allow two smaller structures, duck and chicken coops ranging from 72 to 84 square, and eight feet tall, to be located no closer than 21 feet to the south property line.

Importantly, the south property line is shared with open lands. The preserved open land to the south provides a buffer from the single family homes to the south which are located more than 500 feet from the south property line.

Existing components of Elawa Farm, a memorial garden, the approved area for tents for special events, the potting shed and the wagon shed, limit the opportunity to shift the proposed animal shelter buildings to the north and doing so, would locate the farm building closer to the homes in the Middlefork Farm Subdivision. The proposed structures comply with the 200 foot setback from the north property line of the Elawa Farm property and are located more than 400 feet away from the nearest homes to the northeast. The nearest residential properties are over 500 feet from the south property line of Elawa Farm.

### **Findings of Fact**

The following findings are offered in support of the requested variances.

1. The variances are requested to align with the approvals granted in the Special Use Permit which allow farm animals to be housed at Elawa Farm to backfill the area previously used by the Wildlife Discovery Center for animal displays. Elawa Farm is a unique facility and use. Animals have previously been kept in this area with no issues.
2. The farm structures are small in size and low profile. Visibility from off of the site will be minimal.
3. The area where the farm animals are proposed is adjacent to preserved open land and there is a significant distance between the proposed farm animal structures and neighboring homes. The intent of the Code, providing for a 200 foot separation from neighboring residential uses, is achieved. The proposed area formerly housed animal exhibits for the Wildlife Discovery Center.

4. Elawa Farm is a one of a kind community resource. There are no comparable conditions or uses on other properties in the same zoning district.
5. The variances, if granted, will not create conditions that will be injurious to the use or enjoyment of surrounding properties because of the significant distance separating the animal structures from neighboring homes.
6. No evidence has been submitted to suggest that allowing the structures necessary to protect and shelter a limited number of farm animals will diminish property values in the area.
7. The hardship and practical difficulty in siting the new structures in conformance with current setback requirements is based on the layout of the original Gentleman's Farm long before current Code requirements and development of the surrounding area. The farm animals are proposed in the available area on the farm, the area where previous animal displays were located.

#### **Public Comment**

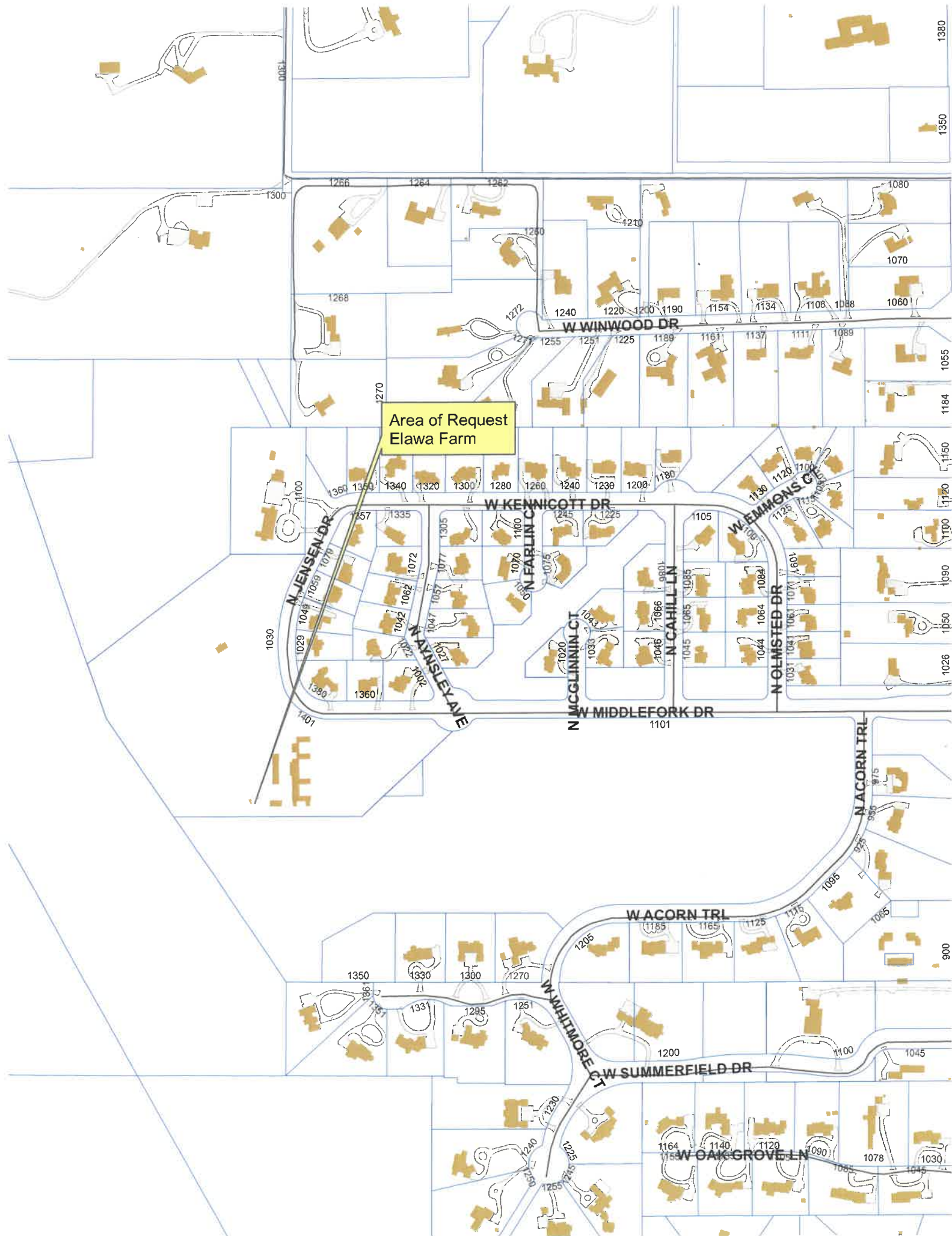
Public notice of this hearing was mailed to residents and property owners in the surrounding area. Legal notice of the hearing was published in a newspaper of local circulation and the agenda was posted at four public locations and on the City's website. As of the date of this writing, no correspondence or contacts have been received regarding the requested variance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings presented above, recommend approval to the City Council of variances to allow three small farm structures that will house a limited number of farm animals to be located in the area previously occupied by Wildlife Discovery Center animals.

- A goat barn no closer than 53 feet to the south property line.
- Duck and chicken coops no closer than 21 feet to the south property line.





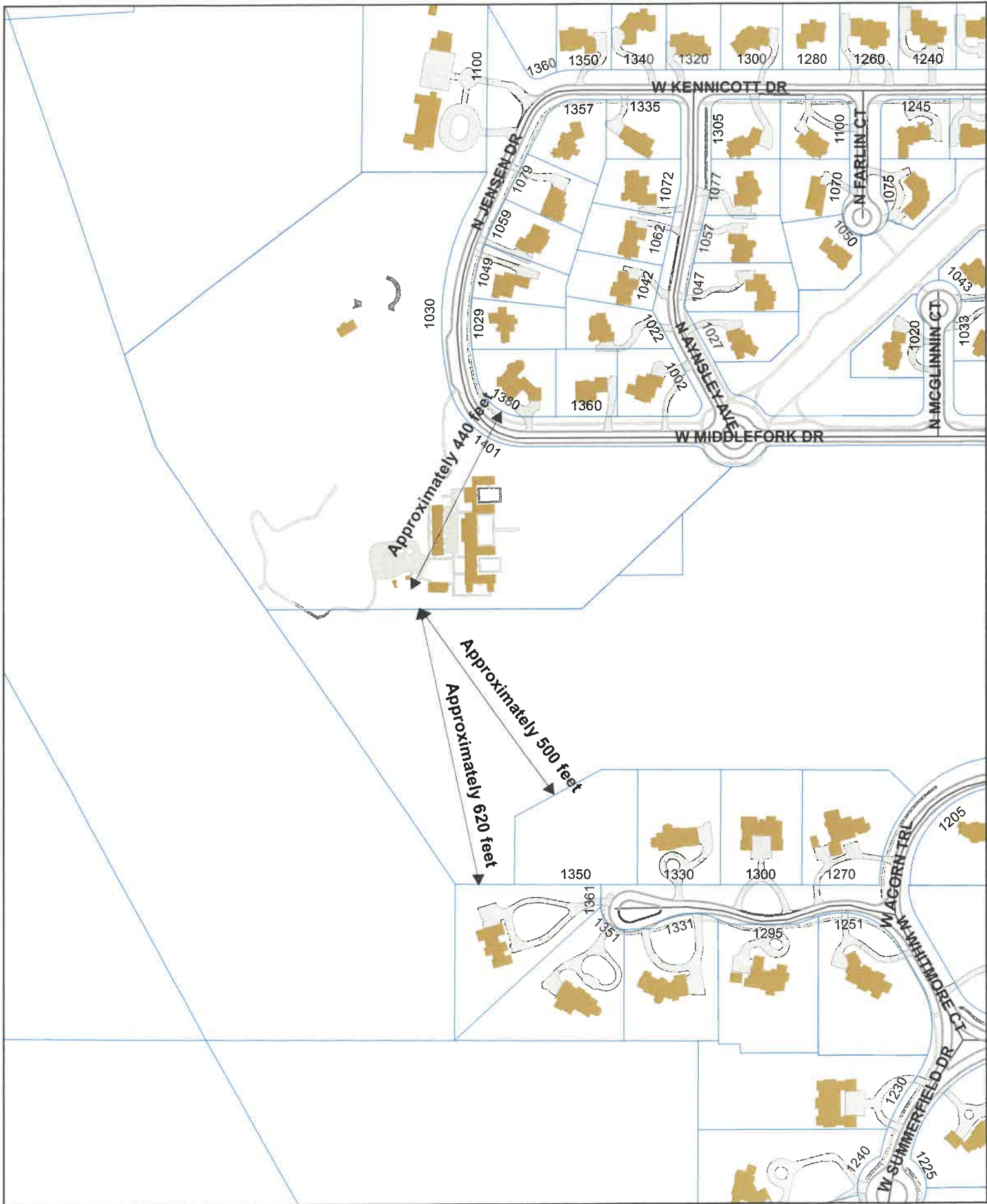
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Elawa Farm





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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
APPLICATION OF ZONING VARIANCE**

**PROJECT ADDRESS** 1401 Middle Fork Drive, Lake Forest

**ZONING DISTRICT** P-5

**Property Owner (s)** Name CITY OF LAKE FOREST  
(may be different from project address) Address 220 E. DEERPATH (CITY HALL)  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant/Representative** Name LAURA CALVERT  
(if different from Property Owner) Title Executive Director, Elawa Farm Foundation  
Address 1401 Middle Fork Dr  
Phone 847-234-1966 ext. 800 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email lcalvert@elawafarm.org

**Beneficial Interests**

Corporation ☐ See Exhibit A  
Partnership ☐ See Exhibit B  
Trust, land or other ☒ See Exhibit C

Staff Reports are Available the Friday before the Meeting

Email Report:	Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Signatures**

I have read the complete application packet and understand the variance process and criteria. I understand that this matter will be scheduled for a public hearing when a determination has been made that my application is complete.

[Signature] Owner JASON C. WICHA, City Manager Date 1/10/24

[Signature] Owner Date \_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature] Applicant/Representative LAURA CALVERT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELAWA FARM. Date 1/17/24

January 15, 2024

Dear Chairman Bass and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

Elawa Farm Foundation is requesting consideration of a variance to construct small-scale structures to accommodate our farm animal program within the zoning setback.

In July 2023, we received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals to revise our Special Use Permit to backfill programs vacated by Wildlife Discovery Center (WDC). Included in this approval was the addition of a small-scale farm animal program.

The farm animal program will be limited to:

- Up to 8 female goats, 12 female hens, and 12 female ducks
- No roosters, uncastrated male goats, or male ducks
- Breed selections that are quiet and friendly in nature, tolerant of Midwestern cold and heat, and produce manure that is not odorous
- Daytime viewing only by the public

Our farm animal program will be located in the former outdoor animal exhibit area of WDC on the southwest corner of the property. This free program will provide enjoyment and education for the Lake Forest community, including families and children. Residents can visit and tour the animal area for free, as well as participate in planned programs like summer camp, animal meet & greets, egg collection, and goat yoga.

To shelter domesticated farm animals in a safe and humane manner, we need to construct small structures to house them. Based on the needs of the animals, these structures will be appropriate for their space requirements, year-round housing, and protection from predators.

For the goat program, we are recommending a fully enclosed small barn structure to meet their needs, while offering public viewing inside and around the structure.

Details of the goat barn structure include:

- 24'l x 24'w x 14.5'h enclosed structure – This size allows for adequate space for up to 8 goats, storage for hay and supplies, and an 8' central pathway for visitors.
- The goat paddock/pasture area will be 1,344 square feet and to the east of the barn structure.
- The foundation of the structure will be ADA compliant crushed gravel. The structure will be reinforced with concrete footings.
- The setback of the barn structure will be in line with existing Caretaker's Cottage at 52 feet off the southern property line. Lake Forest Open Lands' prairie, preserved open space, is located just to the south.

The chicken and duck areas will be located to the south of the goat barn structure in the same area. For the chicken coop and run, we will use our existing structure. This structure will be moved from its former location on the east side of the original farm structures, south of the established gardens, to the southwest corner of property, next to goat barn. The coop structure is 8'l x 9'w x 8' h. Adjacent to the coop is a 144 square foot run, or pasture. The run is fully enclosed to protect from predators.

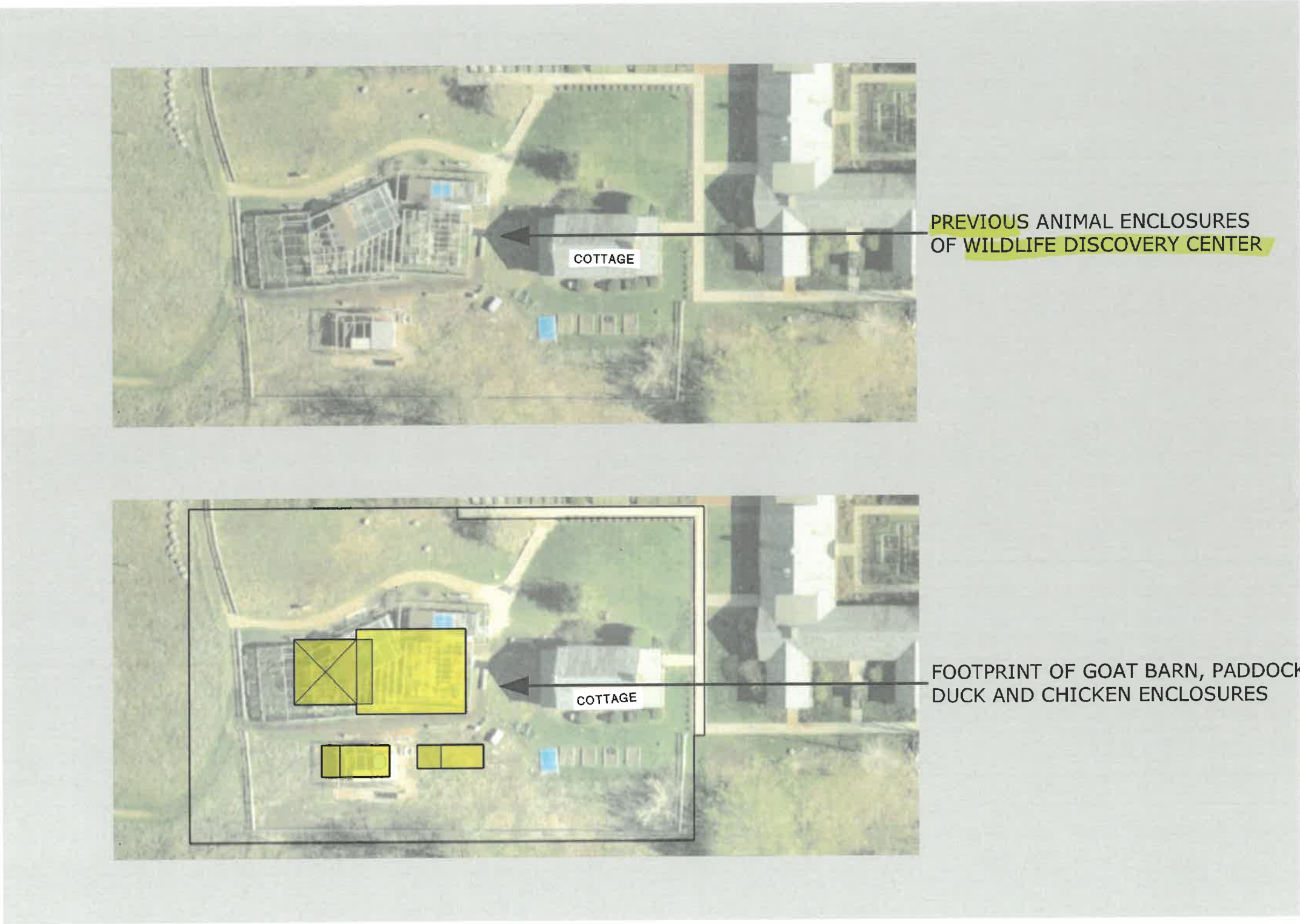
For the duck program, we will construct a fully enclosed shelter, pond, and run. The enclosed shelter area will be 12' l x 7' w x 8' h, with a 228 square foot enclosed run with pond adjacent to the structure. This structure and run will be fully enclosed to protect from predators.

Thank you for your consideration of our variance request. We believe the farm animal program at Elawa Farm will be enjoyed by many Lake Forest residents, while being respectful to our adjacent neighbors.

Sincerely,

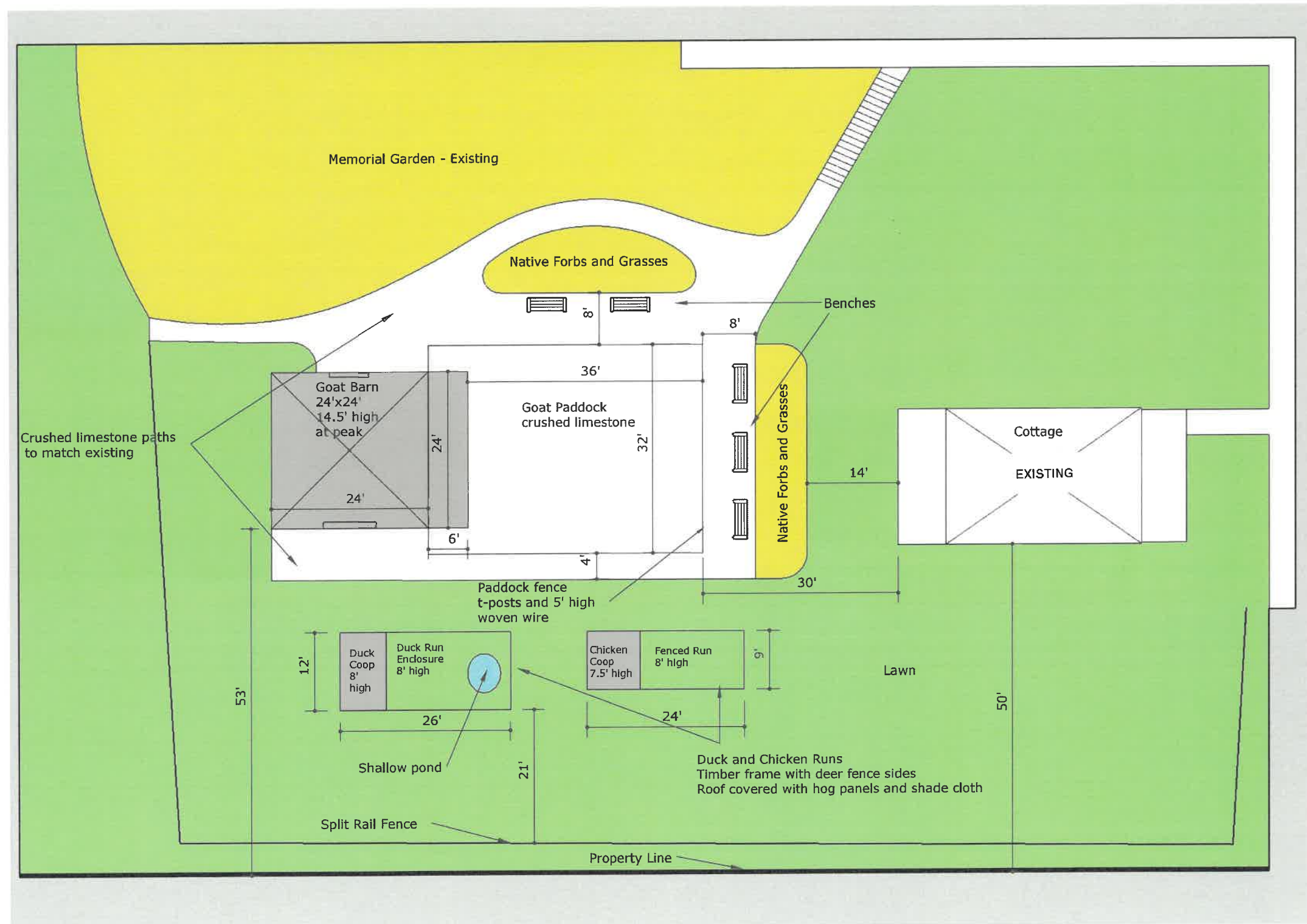
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Calvert". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Laura Calvert  
Executive Director, Elawa Farm Foundation  
lcalvert@elawafarm.org



ELAWA FARM - OVERLAY VIEW OF PROPOSED GOAT BARN, PADDOCK, CHICKEN AND DUCK ENCLOSURES





ELAWA FARM - GOAT BARN AND DUCK/CHICKEN ENCLOSURES



East Elevation



South Elevation





West Elevation





North Elevation



## **Agenda Item 4**

### **Gorton Center Amendment to Special Use Permit**

Staff Report  
Vicinity Map  
Air Photos  
Zoning of Surrounding Area

1998 Special Use Permit for Gorton Community Center

#### Materials Submitted by the Petitioner

Application  
Statement of Intent Updated  
Gorton Center Event Information and Public Communications

#### Use Area Plans

- Lower Level
- First Floor
- Second Floor
- Outdoor Use Area – Parking Lot

#### Background Materials Provided by Staff

*Correspondence* – Repeated from Previous Meeting

- No additional correspondence received to date



## STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO:	Chairman Bass and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals
DATE:	January 22, 2024
FROM:	Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development
SUBJECT:	<b>Gorton Center – Update to Special Use Permit</b>

### Property Owner

The City of Lake Forest  
220 E. Deerpath  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

### Property Location

400 Illinois Road

### Zoning District

GR-3 – General Residence  
District

Owner: City of Lake Forest

Tenant Representative: Gorton Center

Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director

*Portions of this report are repeated from the December 11, 2023, staff report on this petition.*

### Summary of the Request

This is a request for consideration of an update to the Special Use Permit ("SUP") that was approved for the Gorton Community Center in 1998 to allow at that time, a significant expansion of what is today, the Gorton Center. The 1998 SUP has little detail and does not provide an overview of the activities permitted on the site or establish any parameters for activities or events. Much like Elawa Farm, the uses and activities that occur at the Gorton Center have evolved overtime. In particular, during the Covid shut down, the Gorton Center experimented with outdoor activities to allow community members to gather safely. Although the level of outdoor activities hosted by the Gorton Center has declined from the numbers seen during Covid, the desire to continue to offer outdoor activities, concerts, films, and other events periodically throughout the spring, summer, and fall is in direct response to community interest and requests.

Importantly, an update to the SUP at this time will put in place some parameters for events and activities at the Gorton Center. The current SUP establishes no such parameters.

The update to the SUP now proposed is intended to document the range of uses that occur at Gorton, establish some parameters for use as determined to be appropriate recognizing that Gorton is located adjacent to single family homes,

and to provide clarity for all stakeholders. Although the parameters established through this update may not be perfect for any of the stakeholders, as some members of the Board are aware, SUPs and the associated parameters often need to be revisited and modified from time to time. Elawa Farm is a great example of how uses and an SUP can evolve. Challenges at Elawa were addressed through several updates to the SUP and today, Elawa Farm is thriving, and the interests of various stakeholders appear to be fairly well balanced.

Gorton Center, like many other non-residential community oriented uses in Lake Forest, is located in a residential zoning district and adjacent to (to the north and east) and across the street from (to the south) single family residences. Many of the homes, garages and outbuildings in the area were constructed long before current zoning setback requirements and as a result, structures in this neighborhood are in close proximity to each other. Historically, Gorton was an elementary school, a use which generates a significant amount of activity. As briefly described below, extraordinary community efforts have preserved this important historic building. Permitting and supporting adaptive reuse of the building is critical to the ability to preserve, maintain, and update the building long into the future. The SUP process has been used in Lake Forest for decades to support adaptive reuse of structures that, like the Gorton building, are part of the fabric of the community.

### **Brief History**

Like Elawa Farm, Gorton is owned by the City of Lake Forest and exists today because of the commitment of past and present Lake Forest residents who rallied on more than one occasion to preserve and adaptively reuse the building and site for the benefit of the community. Gorton School was closed in 1971 after a unanimous vote by the District 67 Board to do so. The school building stood vacant for a year and a half until local residents, led by Mr. and Mrs. H. Brooks, saved the building from demolition and the "Gorton Community Center" was created and as described at that time, was opened for community meetings.

In 2010, the community again rallied and today, the Gorton Center, is thriving and as envisioned by forward thinking residents in the early 1970's, is one of the many treasures in the community.

### **Board Review of this Petition to Date**

The Zoning Board of Appeals opened the public hearing on this petition in December 2023. The Board heard a presentation from Gorton Center representatives, received written and verbal public comment, and received a report from City staff. After discussion and deliberation, the Board voted to continue consideration of the petition and requested some additional detail on the range of events currently held at the Gorton Center, some specifics around

the frequency and activity associated with the various events, and high level information on the relationship between the events and Gorton's financial viability. As the Board is aware, the economics of any stakeholder, petitioner or neighbor, are not under the Board's purview. As background information, the Lease Agreement between the City and the Gorton Center is included in the Board's packet. Again, the Lease is not under the purview of the Board but is provided to offer some additional background.

### **Overview**

#### *❖ Why is an update to the SUP appropriate at this time?*

As noted above, Gorton has evolved over time and as a non-residential use in a residential zoning district, a community center must be authorized by a Special Use Permit. An update to the Gorton SUP is long overdue. An updated SUP will provide clarity and clear authorization for the variety of activities that occur at the site and set some limitations for the benefit of the neighboring residents and the larger community. The City has been remiss in not initiating an update sooner.

#### *❖ What has changed at the Gorton Center over the years?*

To remain viable, the Gorton Center continuously explores new opportunities to provide engaging, educational, entertaining, and fun activities for all ages while at the same time, remaining financially viable. During the pandemic, Gorton pivoted to outdoor activities in the parking lot including movies, musical events, and community celebrations of various types. These activities were well received and continue today on a more limited basis than during the pandemic, but the outdoor activities have become a Gorton Center tradition.

The City, in conjunction with the Gorton Center, is proposing to replace and enlarge the terrace at the northwest corner of the building. This terrace, as an expanded outdoor space, is located close to neighboring residential properties, within about 20 feet. Use of the terrace should be limited to lower intensity activities without amplified sound. (Amplified sound is defined later in this report.) The terrace entrance should not be used as a location for deliveries, event setup, or as a service entrance.

#### *❖ Why should there be any limits or parameters for activities that take place at the Gorton Center?*

Special Uses, non-residential uses in residential zoning districts, are not permitted outright and require special review, a public hearing, and in almost every case are limited by conditions and operational parameters. This is true for churches,



the College, the hospital, private clubs, Ragdale, Grove Campus, and Elawa Farm.

❖ *How is the Gorton Center similar to or different from other Special Uses in the community?*

Like some other Special Uses in the community, Ragdale, Grove Campus, and Elawa Farm, Gorton Center is a tenant in a City owned historic building. The City itself does not have uses for these historic structures but the buildings are able to be preserved as community resource because of the efforts of not for profit groups to use these facilities to provide unique community centered uses. Uses that benefit the overall community for the long term.

Like some other Special Uses such as Elawa Farm, the Winter Club, and Lake Forest College, from time to time, events are held at these facilities that bring activity, vehicles, and noise to the surrounding neighborhood. For the most part, the surrounding homes have for many decades co-existed with these non-residential uses experiencing impacts at times which are mitigated and limited by parameters detailed in each SUP.

Unlike many of the other non-residential uses in the community, the Gorton Center is located at the edge of a residential neighborhood. It is at a point of transition between more intense uses, the Central Business District, public parking lots, and the railroad tracks, which all generate activity and noise, and the residential neighborhoods.

### **Recommended Permitted Activities**

#### **Indoor Activities**

On a daily basis Gorton Center is a busy place with a multitude of different activities occurring at any one time and throughout the day and evening hours. Gorton Center is constantly exploring new opportunities to meet the needs and interests of the community. Recognizing the need for the Gorton Center to be flexible and responsive, the permitted activities listed below are intended to define the overall character and type of activities with the understanding that not all specific activities may be called out. The Indoor Activities are classified in three ways: 1) Community activities: managed, planned, and organized by Gorton and open to the public including both ticketed and non-ticketed events and activities. 2) Tenant activities: managed, planned, and organized by tenants that hold ongoing leases for space in the building. 3) Private rentals: single event parties, celebrations, memorials, funerals, and gatherings hosted by private individuals not open to the public.

### Community and Tenant Activities

1. The range of activities permitted on a daily basis include the following and other activities that are determined by the City to be similar in nature, intensity, and impact.
  - a. Classes, programs, meetings, childcare and preschool, lectures, camps, theatrical and musical productions and youth programs.
  - b. Ongoing leasing of space to various not for profit community groups and individuals offering classes and programs.
  - c. Community events.

### Private Rentals

2. Private rental of various spaces inside the Gorton Center building for single day or single evening events is permitted for the following activities and other activities that are determined by the City to be similar in nature, intensity, and impact.
  - a. Parties, celebrations, funerals and memorials, meetings.

### Outdoor Activities

The Gorton Center offers a range of outdoor activities which are held in the parking lot on the Gorton Center site and on the City owned grassy area just to the north of the parking lot. The Outdoor Activities are for the most part managed, planned, and organized by Gorton with a few outdoor activities hosted by local not for profit groups such as the GLASA Walk/Run.

A temporary stage or platform is set up along the south side of the parking lot, facing north, during the summer months to support the outdoor activities. Locating the stage facing either east or south would direct amplified sound toward the neighboring properties. Locating the stage facing west, with the stage backing up to the Gorton building, limits emergency access and general ingress and egress to the building. Optimally, the stage, or at least the speakers on the stage should be directed slightly to the northwest, with the stage along the south property line, but slightly angled to direct sound toward the railroad tracks and the Central Business District.

As noted in the statement submitted by the Gorton Center, all outdoor events end by 10 p.m.

There is an outdoor playground near the northeast corner of the building. This area is not accessible to the public and is used by children attending the Children's Learning Center located on the first floor in the northwest corner of the building.

As noted above, plans are moving forward to replace the terrace at the northwest corner of the building. The terrace should be limited to low intensity, passive uses.

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#### Recommended Conditions of Approval

1. Parking. Employee, tenants, and users of Gorton Center should be directed to park in the on site lot or in the public City owned parking lots in the area, to the north and to the west. Parking on neighboring residential streets is not permitted.
2. End time. Private rental events in the Stuart or Nagel Rooms shall end by midnight. Loitering in the parking lot after events is not permitted. No overnight activity is permitted in the building without prior authorization from the City.
3. Indoor Amplified Sound\*. When feasible, sound systems installed in spaces at the Gorton Center should be used for private events instead of large speakers brought in by vendors. Current technology allows rooms to be equipped with multiple, smaller speakers to distribute sound evenly throughout the room without the need for excessive volumes to mitigate noise outside the building and impacts on neighboring residents. (As future upgrades occur at the Gorton Center, consideration should be given to enhancing the sound system in the Stuart room.)
  - a. During activities and events, windows on the north wall of the Stuart room and the doors at and near the northwest corner of the building in the Stuart and Nagel Rooms, shall remain closed to mitigate noise impacts on neighboring residents to the north. (In addition, the building is climate controlled and the efficiency of the system is enhanced by keeping the windows and doors closed.)
  - b. No amplified sound\* is permitted on the outdoor terrace off of the Stuart and Nagel Rooms.
  - c. In compliance with the City Code, sound levels and bass levels shall be kept at reasonable levels to minimize impacts beyond the property lines.
4. Outdoor Amplified Sound. No more than 15 outdoor evening events with amplified sound\* are permitted to be held on the site on an annual basis. Amplified\* events shall end no later than 10 p.m. and shall not be held on consecutive evenings except that outdoor movies may be held on

consecutive evenings up to four times a year with each consecutive night counting as one. Clean up should be completed by 10:30 pm and no loitering on the site is permitted after that time.

- a. To the extent possible, outdoor speakers should be directed to the northwest to minimize noise impacts on neighboring residential properties.
  - b. In compliance with the City Code, sound levels and bass levels shall be kept at reasonable levels to minimize impacts beyond the property lines.
5. Entering/Exiting the Building. The entrances on the west and south facing elevations only shall be used for deliveries, setup for activities, and for employee, patron, and event attendee ingress and egress.
6. Capacity. The posted capacity of specific areas of the building and the overall capacity of the building as established by City Life Safety Officials based on applicable Code limitations shall not be exceeded.
7. Smoking. No smoking is permitted in the building or outside within 25 feet of any part of the building or neighboring residential properties. This prohibition includes the terrace and corridor on the north side of the building adjacent to the residential properties to the north.
8. Event Management. A Gorton Center employee, designated as an Event Manager, shall be on site for the duration of all private rental events and until all guests, hosts and service providers have left the site. The Event Manager shall be responsible for assuring that all conditions of the SUP are adhered to including, but not limited to room capacity, noise levels, assuring that windows and doors remain closed, proper doors are used for entering and exiting the building, enforcing smoking limitations, and assuring that gathering or loitering in the parking lot or around the building is not occurring.
9. Temporary Stage. Seasonally, a temporary stage or platform may be erected along the south property line, near the driveway exit to Illinois Road. To the extent possible, the stage, or at least any speakers on the stage, should be angled slightly to the northwest to minimize noise impacts on the surrounding residential neighborhood.
10. Signage. Any new signage shall be subject to review and approval by the City with the exception of temporary signage for specific events which may be put in place on the day of events.

11. Temporary Lighting. Lighting for evening events shall be shielded and directed away from neighboring homes.

\* For the purposes of this SUP, "amplified sound" is defined as music, voices, or pre-recorded sound that is ongoing continuously or intermittently for a period of 30 minutes or longer the volume of which is increased through electronic means that make it audible at or beyond the property lines.

### **Public Comment**

Public notice of this petition was published in a local newspaper. Notice was mailed by the Community Development Department to surrounding properties and the agenda for the meeting was posted at public locations and on the City's website.

The written testimony received prior to and at the December meeting is again included in the Board's packet. To date, no additional correspondence has been received since that meeting.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Recommend approval of updates to the Gorton Center Special Use Permit as detailed above based on the following findings.

#### *Findings*

1. On an ongoing basis, Gorton Center has offered a wide range of activities to the community. These activities subject to the conditions recommended above, will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare of the residents and general public. The majority of activities at the Gorton Center occur wholly within the building with no impact on the surrounding area. Like other Special Uses in the community, periodic outdoor activities and indoor rental activities are held. The conditions detailed above will mitigate impacts from those activities on surrounding properties. No parameters or limitations pertaining to these activities currently exist.
2. No significant change in the numbers or types of activities currently held at the Gorton Center is proposed.
3. The Gorton Center is a unique community asset not unlike Elawa Farm, the Winter Club, the College, and other uses. Non-residential uses are commonly found imbedded in residential zoning districts throughout the community. Conditions of the various Special Use Permits regulate the activities recognizing the proximity to neighboring homes. Gorton Center adds value and distinction to the community and as limited by the conditions of approval as recommended, will not impede the normal and

orderly use or enjoyment of properties in the surrounding areas for the uses already permitted.

4. Ongoing adaptive reuse of the historic Gorton building, which was originally an elementary school, furthers the goal expressed by the community on more than one occasion of preserving the building. Maintaining a viable use in the building is essential if it is to be preserved and continue to contribute to the community's character and quality of life by providing a gathering space and activities for people of various ages and interests.
5. No evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that the continuation of current activities and the addition over time of similar activities will substantially diminish property values in the neighborhood. In fact, the relationship between this non-residential building and use and the surrounding homes and structures, many of which predate current zoning setback requirements, has existed for many decades with no evidence of a negative impact on the attractiveness of this neighborhood to either existing residents or potential buyers.
6. The proposed replacement and enlargement of the existing terrace located at the northwest corner of the building will require review and approval by the City's Historic Preservation Commission.
7. Adequate utilities, roads and drainage facilities are already available to the site. The planned replacement of the terrace will incorporate stormwater management improvements to address current on site drainage issues at the northwest corner of the building and along the north side of the building, an area where overland flows naturally occur due to the original topography of the area.
8. There are sufficient public parking lots on the site and within walking distance to accommodate employees, tenants, and participants without the need to park on nearby streets avoiding congestion and safety concerns in the surrounding area due to limited sightlines.
9. The activities at the Gorton Center will be consistent with all applicable City regulations for the GR-3 zoning district except as otherwise authorized or limited by the Special Use Permit.



Area of Request  
Gorton Center  
400 Illinois Road

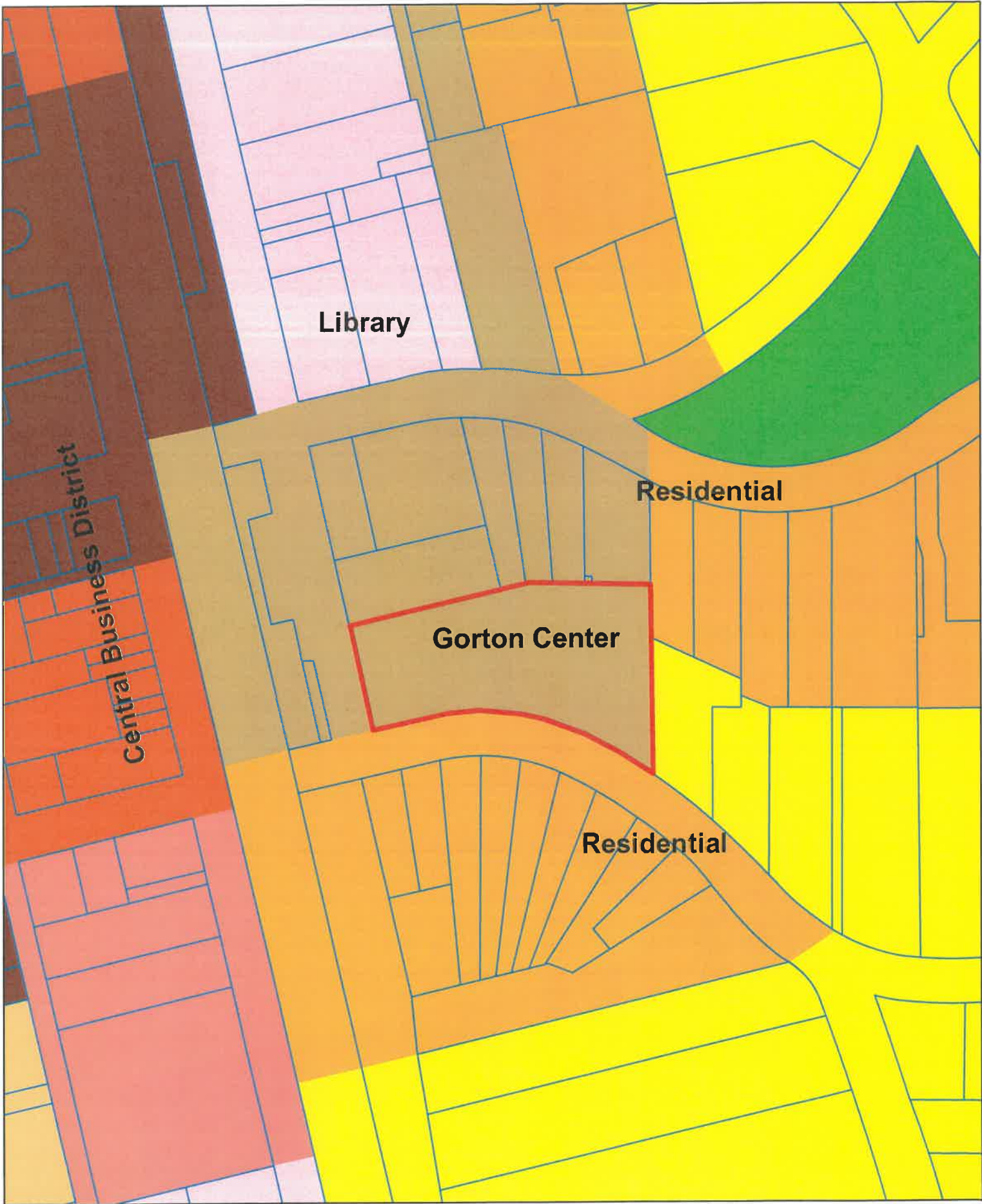




Area of Request  
Gorton Center







Gorton Center - Surrounding Zoning

## **1998 Gorton Community Center Special Use Permit**

The City of Lake Forest

An Ordinance

1998-10

**Granting a Special Use Permit for  
Expansion of Property Located at  
400 E. Illinois Road**

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest, owner, and the Gorton Community Center, occupant, of the property located at 400 E. Illinois Road, legally described as follows:

*Lots 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in W. S. Johnston's Estate Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded as Document No. 68247 on July 1, 1897, in the north 1/2 Section 33, Township 44 North, Range 12 East of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal Meridian, City of Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois.*

WHEREAS, in accordance with an ordinance dated April 21, 1979, amending Chapter 27 of the City Code of the City of Lake Forest, 1971 as amended, the Gorton Community Center Commission was created.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest and the Gorton Community Center, have submitted a petition for a special use permit as authorized by the regulations of 46-24 of the Lake Forest Zoning Code, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals of The City of Lake Forest held a public hearing on January 26, 1998, to review the petition for a special use permit as provided by law, and submitted to the City Council a report of its findings, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, recommending the enactment of an ordinance granting the requested special use permit subject to conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS:

Section 1: A special use permit as required by Section 46-24 of the Lake Forest Zoning Code is hereby granted to allow the expansion of the Gorton Community Center in accordance with the site plan attached as Exhibit C subject to the conditions as set forth in the attached Exhibit B.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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Passed this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of MARCH, 1998

Barbara S. Douglas  
City Clerk

Approved this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of MARCH, 1998

Carl B. W.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara S. Douglas  
City Clerk

Attachments: Exhibit A  
Exhibit B  
Exhibit C

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **FINDINGS**

1. The Special Use Permit is requested to allow the expansion of the Gorton Community Center. The primary purpose of the proposed expansion is to accommodate improvements required to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act, upgrade existing space, and provide sufficient space for current users of the building. The Special Use Permit will allow improvements to be made to the building from a life safety perspective. The Special Use Permit will allow a continuation of current operations at the Gorton Community Center with improved facilities which will promote public safety. The proposed renovation and expansion will not be detrimental to public health, morals, or general welfare.
2. The Gorton Community Center has had a dominant presence in the neighborhood for nearly 100 years. The proposed expansion will represent a change for the adjacent residential properties in that there will be an increase of the bulk of the structure on the north side. Balancing that impact is the fact that a clean-up of the neglected north facade and property line area will occur. Aging mechanical equipment currently exposed on the top of the one-story building will be eliminated and equipment will be concealed by the new structure. The unattractive existing one-story addition will be demolished. Above ground utility lines will be buried, a new fence will be installed along the property line and evergreen landscaping will be offered to adjacent neighbors, all significant improvements over the existing condition. Recognizing the existing condition, the proposed improvements together with the impact of the proposed addition will not result in an overall reduction in the use and enjoyment of the neighboring properties and in fact may improve upon the current situation.
3. The Board has received expert testimony that the proposed expansion that would be authorized by the Special Use Permit will not substantially diminish property values within the neighborhood.
4. A demonstrated public benefit is derived from the Gorton Community Center as evidenced by its over 20 year presence in the community and continued community support of its operations and use of the programs offered by the Center. The Special Use Permit will serve a public need by providing upgraded and accessible facilities and sufficient space for current programs and operations.
5. The neighborhood surrounding the Gorton Community Center is well established. The expansion of the Center will not impede development in this area. The high quality addition to the Gorton building will improve the appearance of the building from the north and east and could serve as a catalyst for other property improvements in the area.
6. The exterior architectural appearance of the proposed addition is compatible with the existing historic Gorton building in overall architectural style, detailing and high quality materials. The addition will represent an improvement over the existing structure that will be demolished. the Building Review Board has reviewed and approved the proposed addition.

**EXHIBIT A - Page 2**  
**FINDINGS**

7. Adequate utilities, access, and drainage are already provided to the site.
  8. On-site circulation changes and parking reconfiguration will improve traffic flow on the property and in doing so will help to reduce traffic congestion on the surrounding public streets. In addition, the City plan to provide a driveway connection between the Gorton Center parking area and the northern parking lot will improve on-site traffic flow, encourage off street parking to alleviate congestion on Illinois and McKinley Roads and with appropriate landscaping and screening, will not negatively impact the neighboring properties.
  9. The expansion of the Gorton Community Center will conform to all applicable rules and regulations of the GR-3 zoning district unless such regulations are modified by City Council.
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**EXHIBIT B**  
**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. A landscape plan for the overall Gorton Community Center site shall be reviewed and approved by the City Arborist prior to the issuance of any building permits.
  2. Overhead utilities shall be placed underground to the maximum extent possible at the expense of the Gorton Community Center.
  3. Evergreen plantings shall be offered, at the expense of the Gorton Community Center, to the properties immediately adjacent to the Gorton Community Center for placement on the rear portions of their properties for the purpose of providing a visual screen and buffering near the property line.
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**The City Of Lake Forest**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Application for Amendment to Existing Special Use Permit

Property Address 400 Illinois Road Zoning District GR-3 – General Residence

Existing Use Community Center

Proposed Use/Change to Facility Recognize current range of indoor and outdoor uses, replacement and enlargement of outdoor terrace, documentation of operational parameters.

Property Owner(s)

Tenant (if different from owner)

Name City of Lake Forest

Name Gorton Center

Address 220 E. Deerpath

Address 400 Illinois Road

**BENEFICIAL INTERESTS**

Corporation	NA
Partnership	NA
Trust, land or other	NA

I have read the complete application packet and understand the Special Use Permit process and criteria. I understand that this matter will be scheduled for a public hearing when a determination has been made that my application is complete.

**PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE**

Jason C. Wicha, City Manager

12/8/23

Date



Dear Chairman Bass and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

Gorton Center has been asked by the City to submit a revision to Gorton's recent request for an updated Special Use Permit (SUP). The current special use permit was created years ago for different purposes (to expand the building on the north side in the late 90's). It is useful for Gorton and the City to have an SUP that is more in line with the kinds of SUPs in place with other organizations within the City. Gorton has reviewed a number of these, and respectfully submits the following for consideration.

**The Operating Agreement Between Gorton and the City**

Gorton has a long-term use agreement with the City that describes permissible operations including but not limited to the following (GORTON/CITY AGREEMENT page 5 section 5A)

*a. During the term of this agreement (until July 2046) Gorton Community Center shall operate the property as a community center and uses consistent with GCC's historic use of the property since 1974 as a community center, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement. In connection with the community center operation, space upon the property may be used and occupied for:*

*i. Community service, charitable and other similar purposes that serve the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff communities;*

*ii. Cultural, recreational, and educational activities for the enjoyment and benefit of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents of all ages;*

*iii. Facilities in support of community activities, services, and other not-for-profit groups and organizations affiliated with the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff communities;*

*iv. GCC's office functions, activities, and programs;*

*v. the drop-in center (now called the Children's Learning Center); and*

*vi. such other uses that the City may otherwise approve.*

*During the term of this agreement, GCC shall continue to operate the drop-in center (now called the Children's Learning Center) and to obtain and maintain all required licenses and certifications therefore, unless the city otherwise consents in writing.*

Gorton has operated for years in conformity with this agreement and in compliance with City ordinances. Given the language in the use agreement already in place, and in line with Gorton's current and historical normal course operations, Gorton is presenting the following additional detail to be included in an SUP with respect to newer outdoor operations.

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## Programs and Events

Gorton has been occasionally producing “amplified” events outdoors since the summer of 2020 when we had no other means of bringing our communities together, and has now done so successfully for four summers. Being a destination for live music is a central aspect of what Gorton offers to our patrons, both indoors and outside.

Enclosed with this letter are PDFs of Gorton's THE WINDOW newsletters and postcards sent to all households in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff in 2023. We hope this helps give information about the kinds of classes, films and events are happening at Gorton every day. Having these events at Gorton works within Gorton's mission and vision and is seen by its patrons as an extension of building activities, so having them at Gorton is an important part of the overall goal for these events.

Communication about outdoor events goes out to our neighbors at the start of each summer, and feedback received from patrons attending these activities has been positive and robust. Each year, the list of activities happening outdoors are shared with the City, and disseminated to all pertinent City staff using their procedures, including police and fire.

All of Gorton's interior spaces have fire code related capacity limits, and all events adhere to these limits. All event rentals are agreed upon in writing with an event rental contract that states capacity limits. Patrons who rent and don't follow the rules are not allowed to rent again at Gorton. Lake Forest Police and Fire are knowledgeable about building capacity.

Gorton has recently updated all website and other written materials to encourage patrons not to park along Illinois Road, and would be in favor of the City making the section of Illinois Road adjacent to Gorton a permanent no parking zone. Gorton also regularly informs the City when events are expected to utilize the lot north of Gorton or any other City-owned lots.

It should also be noted that while everything at Gorton is programmed for the benefit of the citizens of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff and with their interests in mind, Gorton welcomes visitors from outside of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff for many activities. While the majority of patrons at Gorton are from Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, the building is utilized by patrons from greater Lake County and the North Shore and the entire Chicagoland region. This is a benefit both for Gorton and for the City, as these patrons also visit and spend money at shops and restaurants while in town. Tickets purchased to events by those living outside of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff help subsidize the overall event and allow us to offer programs that serve only Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents. For example, Gorton's 2024 budget, recently approved by the City Council, reflects anticipated revenue from programs and events of \$663,249, generating income after expenses of \$303,623. Gorton's 2024 budget anticipates that overall, Gorton will operate at essentially breakeven, with income of \$11,792. If Gorton's ability to offer programs and events, including outdoor events, were to be constrained, it would need to limit its programs significantly. It merits mentioning that in approving the Gorton budget, the City Council fully embraced Gorton's vision for its future and applauded its growth and emergence from its past financial difficulties. Gorton's anticipated revenues from programs and events was a material element of the budget approved by the City Council.

### Gorton Income

- Tenants and Event Rentals
- Programs
- Daycare
- Fundraising



### Gorton Expense

- Tenants and Event Rentals
- Programs
- Daycare
- Fundraising
- Administration



## SUP Language for Gorton's Outdoor Events

Gorton proposes the following provisions for the revised SUP.

- a. Gorton utilizes the parking lot of the building located at 400 E. Illinois Road for patron parking, as well as the lot north of the center at McKinley and Deerpath roads, which is reported to the City in advance of an overflow event to the north lot. Gorton also utilizes the building parking lot for community education and gatherings such as (but not limited to):
  - i. Camps during daytime hours
  - ii. Classes when an outdoor space would be more appropriate and useful, including use of the grassy space on the north side of the parking lot, during daytime hours
  - iii. Community events during daytime and evening hours
  - iv. Outdoor concerts and film screenings during daytime and evening hours
  - v. Rentals to outside groups and individuals such as GLASA's annual 5K, group gatherings that require outdoor space
  - vi. Support for theatrical productions on the south side of the building near the loading dock for the theater
- b. All events (produced by Gorton or event rentals) are required by Gorton to be managed onsite by Gorton employees. These employees monitor capacity limits, agreed upon parameters, and ending times, and employees also ensure that patrons do not loiter after an event has ended.
- c. Deliveries for these events are scheduled prior to and managed by Gorton personnel utilizing the western or southern doors of the building, and are arranged to avoid interfering with other events happening in the building.
- d. Many of the outdoor events are unamplified or utilize only one microphone for brief speeches given at the event, and take place during daytime hours and end before 5 p.m. All outdoor events of any kind end by 10 p.m. "Amplified" outdoor events are defined as any event at which electronic means are used to increase or enhance sound to broadcast a band or other performance related presentation. Amplified events taking place after 5pm will not exceed 15 a year in number. The capacity for events held outdoors at Gorton cannot exceed 600 people. The sound level at such events will be held at reasonable levels and in compliance with any local or state ordinances.

For all events at Gorton, indoors or outside, that serve alcohol, sales of the alcohol shall end 30 minutes prior to the scheduled end of the event. Gorton shall hold all required state and local alcohol permits for Gorton events, and when a liquor license is required for an event held by an outside party, it must be obtained as required by law.



Gorton Center has an outdoor gross motor space and playground on the northeast side of the building for use by the Children's Learning Center. It is not accessible to the public and is only used during times when the center is open to children at the center.

#### Management of the Impact of Sound

Title XV, Chapter 159, Section 159.045(E) of the Lake Forest City Code sets forth the findings necessary to approve an SUP. There are eight elements ranging from the need for adequate utilities to architectural appearance. Gorton meets all of these requirements and believes that the only element of the Code that merits consideration is the requirement that the use "will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity." This requirement is met as well.

Gorton's operations do not impact the "immediate vicinity." Only one neighbor complained about sound at the last meeting, while a second mentioned parking (a complaint with which Gorton agrees).<sup>1</sup> But, the sound issue is addressed by limiting the number of outdoor events and the requirement that sound levels will be reasonable. Moreover, with respect to indoor events, sound studies have shown sound that bleeds outdoors from the Stuart Community Room is the same or quieter than existing ambient sound in the area. As a tenant of the building, Gorton would welcome future sound protection investments by the City to the windows, fences, landscaping, or other similar elements to further deaden any potential indoor sound from bleeding outdoors. And, as Gorton looks to make further technological capital improvements, care will be taken to maximize control over sound in the Stuart Room and on the outdoor stage. In the meantime, Gorton will install signage that requires the door to the exterior of the Stuart Community Room to remain closed (and not allowed to be propped open) during events and programs.

Gorton is honored to bring events and activities to Lake Forest that no one else provides and that strengthen and enrich our community as well as providing a positive economic effect on the City as a whole. The Zoning Board's task is to balance the needs of the Community with the impact of Gorton's activities on its neighbors. Gorton believes this proposal achieves that balance.

Thank you to the zoning board for reviewing these materials and this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Wagliardo".

Amy Wagliardo  
Executive Director  
Gorton Center

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<sup>1</sup> It is worth noting that the house owned by neighbor complaining about Gorton is situated in violation of existing setback rules which are designed to insulate owners from the activities of their neighbors. Gorton understands that the house's location preceded the ordinance and enjoys a grandfathered exception.



# THE WINDOW

 GORTON CENTER  
PROGRAM GUIDE WINTER 2023

SEE ALL YOU CAN EXPERIENCE AT GORTON!



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MAGIC

BACK



## Happy New Year!

There is so much to be excited about here at Gorton! We are thankful for you and have had so much fun interacting, laughing and learning with you.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Now it's time to settle in for a brisk and (sometimes) beautiful winter. We are so pleased to see you at Gorton and have fantastic events lined up for you to kick off the New Year. The ever-popular Second City returns with a new show and Red Rose Jazz returns to perform the very best of ragtime, dixie and early jazz. Don't miss WinterFest and the newest Mountainfilm on Tour Festival – a fantastic weekend for the whole family. And there's so much more!

Gorton is delighted to be a place you can gather with friends and family for entertainment, enrichment and inspiration.

See you at Gorton soon!

*Amy*

Amy Wagliardo,  
Executive Director

### COMMUNITY EVENTS



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
JAN 3 • FEB 6 • MAR 6 • APR 3 | 10 AM – 3 PM  
Give blood and help save lives in our community. The need for blood never ends and there is currently a blood shortage. Pre-registration is required.

### KIDS & FAMILY



**MISS JAMIE'S FARM**  
SAT. FEBRUARY 25 | 10 – 11 AM  
Come with your little one to enjoy this interactive show. Miss Jamie will get everyone bopping to the beat, stompin' their boots and hollerin' for more fruits and veggies!



**IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT** STORIES BY TODD PARR  
SUN. APRIL 2 | 10 – 11 AM  
Beautiful lifelike puppets comes to life in three special stories written by New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Todd Parr.

# GORTON CENTER

live music & events



#### THE SECOND CITY SWIPES RIGHT

SAT. JANUARY 14 | 7:30 PM  
Spend a naughty 90 minutes with our cast of comedians as they (consensually) annihilate everything that turns us on – and off – about love, dating, relationships, and everything else in-between the sheets. PG-13



#### RED ROSE JAZZ

SUN. JANUARY 15 | 4 PM  
The Red Rose Jazz Band presents the very best of ragtime, dixie and early jazz at their annual concert in our lovely Stuart Room.



#### I LOVE THE '80s TO DEATH MURDER MYSTERY

FRI. JANUARY 20 | 6 PM  
It's the 80s again, and all of the big names are here for a big concert. Tensions run rampant as backstage secrets spill out into the spotlight with live, totally tragic results! Catering by The Gallery Lake Forest.



#### BURNS SUPPER A POETIC CELEBRATION OF SCOTLAND

SAT. FEBRUARY 4 | 6 PM  
Every year around the world, the 18th-century Scottish poet Robert Burns is celebrated with a supper, kills, and haggis. Join our inaugural Burns Night where we'll honor the life, works, and spirit of this legendary Scot.



#### SIDNEY FRIEDMAN MENTALIST TO THE STARS

SAT. MARCH 4 | 7:30 PM  
By special arrangement, the country's leading mentalist, Sidney Friedman, seen on numerous TV shows, will perform his engaging mind reading show "SECRETS in the suburbs."



#### VICTOR GARCIA JAZZ

SAT. APRIL 15 | 7 PM  
Grammy-nominated Victor Garcia is a musical force to be reckoned with – and one not to miss when he performs in our Intimate Stuart Room – cabaret style.

### RENDEZVOUS ARTS

WHERE MUSIC, ART AND PEOPLE COME TO PLAY

#### KENTRAS STRING QUARTET

FRI. JANUARY 13 | 7 PM

#### BEREED HADDE AND GOWAN HANOVIC

FRI. FEBRUARY 3 | 7 PM

#### THE STEAM QUARTET

FRI. MARCH 24 | 7 PM

#### METROPOLIS BRASS QUARTET

FRI. APRIL 14 | 7 PM

7:00-8:15 PM concert (no intermission)

8:15-8:45 PM cocktails & conversation



#### KAREN MORGAN A NIGHTLY COMEDY

SAT. APRIL 22 | 7:30 PM  
Karen began her professional comedy career on Nickelodeon Television's "Search for the Funniest Mom in America." Since then, she has performed in comedy clubs and theaters from New York to Hollywood.



#### INCLUSIVE POP UP SHOP (I-POP)

SAT. APRIL 29 | 10 AM  
A one-day-only bricks-and-mortar pop-up shop featuring a diversity of local Lake County vendors. This inclusive retail experience is a joint venture with the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program at Lake Forest College.



## ADULT CLASSES

## ADULT CLASSES



### ART & MUSIC

**Drawing & Painting In the Studio with Cheryl Steiger**  
Pursue art through an individualized class. Work from photos, still life, and your imagination in the medium of your choice. Individual instruction will be given on techniques. Student bring their own supplies.  
Tue. January 10 – March 14, 1 – 3:30 pm  
\$350

**Calligraphy 112**  
Beginning students will focus on the proper techniques and posture for writing using a brush pen or dip pen and ink. Advanced students will work on utilizing the dip pen as a tool for drawing and watercolor painting.  
Tue. January 17 – March 21, 6 – 7:30pm  
\$200

**Adult Songwriting 101: Foundations**  
This class is open to all levels of experience. We cover the basics of what makes a song a song, and will begin to use those key components to pen some of our own. The focus is primarily on lyrics and song structure, no instrument proficiency is required.  
Mon. February 6 – March 13, 10 – 11 am  
\$210

**Palette & Pours with Deer Path Art League**  
Grab a friend and join us for an evening of wine and painting! Lezlie Lenz and Sandle Bacon will lead this class.  
January 6: Audubon Birds  
February 3: Quilt Hearts  
March 3: Beatrix Potter  
April 7: Van Gogh  
All Classes Are Fri. 7 – 9 pm  
\$50 per class

**Joy of Painting with Michael LaTala**  
In this class, students develop artwork from photos, or a work in progress and paint in the medium of their choice. As the class progresses, a still life will be set up so students can paint from life!  
Tue. January 24 – March 14, 7 – 9:30pm  
\$200

### GAMES

**Bridge for Advancing Beginners with Ginny Schuett**  
This class will introduce Stayman and Transfers and other basic important bids while reviewing play of the hand and leads.  
Mon. January 9 – February 6, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$180/\$40 per class for drop-ins

**Intermediate Bridge Lessons for Duplicate Players with Ginny Schuett**  
All classes focus on defense-leads, signals, new suit leads and more!  
Thu. January 12 – February 9, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$160/\$40 per class for drop-ins

**Mahjong**  
Come learn how to play the exciting game of Mahjong! It's a tile game of skill and chance that is social, competitive and addictive – it can also improve memory!  
Wed. April 5 - 26, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$140

**Canasta**  
If you like card games, you will love Canasta! Bring some friends and join Debbie Meyer to learn this fun partnership card game.  
Wed. April 5 - 26, 1 – 3 pm  
\$140

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Tai Chi with Ken Ning**  
Come learn or practice the precise, flowing movements of Tai Chi – a martial art that emphasizes weight transference for improved balance and body awareness as well as enhanced clarity of mind.  
All Classes are Sat. 11 am – 12 pm  
\$15

**Yoga with Areta**  
Whether you are new to yoga or an experienced practitioner, this mindful flow class will leave you feeling renewed and energized. Areta incorporates poses, breath work and meditation to help release tension and bring you back into balance. Bring a mat and a water bottle.  
Tue. and Thu. 9 – 10 am  
\$20/\$96 six-classes

**Sound Bath Meditation with Joi Hunt**  
Join us for a meditative experience where you are "bathed" in sound waves. It is an opportunity to unplug from external stimuli, and an invitation to deeply relax, restore, and heal your mind, body, and soul.  
Sessions offered Wed. 6:30 – 7:30 pm: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12  
Sessions offered Wed. 10 – 11 am: January 18, February 22, March 15, April 19  
\$40

**CPR, AED & Optional First Aid Course**  
Gain a skill that could save a life! Learn how to perform skills including rescue breathing, CPR, and managing an obstructed airway for all ages. Hybrid course includes 3 hours online and 2 hours in person.  
Sat. March 4, 1:30 – 3:30pm  
\$60

**Restorative Yoga Workshops**  
Join Areta for a monthly reset. Once a month on a Sunday afternoon you can set aside time just for you to renew and restore your mind and body. This monthly self-care workshop will inspire you to bring these new learned yogic techniques into your everyday home practice.  
1/22, 2/18, 3/19, 4/23  
All Classes are Sun. 2 – 4 pm  
\$30

**Introduction to Reiki**  
Reiki is a Japanese energy healing practice that can help ease stress and facilitates healing physically, mentally and emotionally. In this workshop you will learn the basic principles of reiki and how to begin using this wonderful practice for yourself and others personal wellness.  
Session 1: Tue. January 31, 7 – 8:30 pm  
Session 2: Sat. February 11, 11 am – 12:30 pm  
Session 3: Thu. March 9, 7 – 8:30 pm  
\$95

**Reiki Levels 1 & 2 - Accelerated Class**  
This Reiki Certification Class teaches powerful, healing symbols and provides precise instruction for application of these symbols as well as ample time for hands-on practice. You leave class with a Reiki Second Degree Certificate and manual, fully trained to do Reiki on yourself, others and animals.  
Session 1: Sat. January 7, 1 – 5 pm  
Session 2: Sat. February 18, 9 am – 1 pm  
Session 3: Thu. March 9, 7 – 8:30 pm  
\$250

**SALSArbics – New Time!**  
Join Esther Gutierrez Sloan for fun workout! Low impact and high impact options are also presented to choose from as you move to a myriad of enticing Latin, Caribbean, Spanish and African beats.  
All Classes are Fri. 9:30 – 10:30 am  
\$15

**Latin Dance Class For Couples**  
Come join Esther and Walt for a sexy, fun, healthy and easy to follow Latin dance class! You will learn footwork plus how to lead and how to be led as well as easy to follow turns. We will touch on merengue, salsa and cha cha rhythms. This class is designed for couples but singles are welcome.  
Fri. January 27, 7 – 8:30 pm  
\$30

### AND MORE CLASSES!

**Method Acting for Adults**  
Learn Method acting technique while doing acting exercises, scene work, improvisations and monologues. Work on plays, films, poems, comedies, dramas or anything that interests you. All experience levels welcome.  
Session 1: January 10 – February 1  
Session 2: February 21 – April 4 (none 3/28)  
Session 3: April 11 – May 16  
All Classes are Tue. 1 – 3 pm  
\$300

**Acting for Boomers**  
Ignite a new passion, feed an existing love or rekindle a past fervor for dramatic arts. Connect with fellow seniors in a positive and supportive environment – Improvise and work on scenes from well-known plays, bring a favorite poem to life or tell a captivating story.  
Session 1: January 11 – February 15  
Session 2: February 22 – April 5 (none 3/29)  
Session 3: April 12 – May 17  
All Classes are Wed. 10 am – 12 pm  
\$300

**Learn to Make Cannoli**  
Bring a friend to this fun class! Tony "Cannoli" Volpentesta was taught to cook in his Italian grandmother's kitchen and will share his cannoli-making tips & tricks with you.  
Thu. January 26, 6 – 7 pm  
\$35

**Working with an Architect: Design Your Dream Project!**  
Join Diana K. Melicher, President and registered architect, and Jennifer Van Heinecke, architectural designer of Melicher Architects for this informative seminar on the design and building process from project start to completion.  
Wed. February 15, 6:30 – 8 pm  
\$20

**American Sign Language with Justin Dougan-LeBlanc**  
This four-week class gives students an introduction to American Sign Language and Deaf Culture. You will learn numbers 1–100, practice finger-spelling, and more!  
Tue. January 24 – February 14, 1 – 2:30 pm  
\$220

## YOUTH CLASSES



### ART

#### After-school Art Club with Deer Path Art League

Your young artist can join Lezlie Lenz for after-school art fun! Each class will highlight an artist and include a related project or painting as well as a draw-a-long and free drawing time. *Grades 2-4*  
**Session 1:** January 11 – February 8  
**Session 2:** February 15 – March 15  
 All Sessions are Wed. 3:45 – 5:15 pm  
**\$198**

#### Valentine Card Making Workshop with Lezlie Lenz

Join Lezlie Lenz for a LOVELY Valentine's Day card-making workshop for all ages! Young children can attend with a caregiver for \$40 and individuals can attend for \$25.  
**Sat. February 4, 10 – 11:30 am**  
**\$40 caregiver & child/\$25 individual**

### SEWING

#### Fashion Sewing Techniques with Ciao Bella Sewing!

With new projects each session, this class is great for both new and returning students. Learn both machine and hand stitching – by the end of class you'll have at least two projects completed. *Ages 8-13*  
**Session 1:** January 19 – March 23  
**Session 2:** April 13 – May 25  
 All Sessions are Thu. 4 – 5 pm  
**\$210**

**Session 1 Advanced:** January 19 – March 23  
**Session 2 Advanced:** April 13 – May 25  
 All Advanced Sessions are Thu. 6 – 6 pm  
**\$170**



### ROBOTICS/STEM

#### RoboThink After School Class Demolition Robots

Let's move some dirt! Students will build models of their favorite construction vehicles as they learn robotics and engineering concepts. *Ages 7-12*  
**Wed. January 11 – February 15, 4 – 5:30pm**  
**\$190**

#### RoboThink Intro to Coding Workshop

Students will be learning the basics of block-based coding, where they'll have an opportunity to program their own video game. Basic computer skills necessary. *Ages 8-12*  
**Sat. February 25, 10 am – 12 pm**  
**\$35**

#### RoboThink After School Class Battle Robots

Your child will learn engineering strategies for building sturdy structures using unique RoboThink bricks, then apply that knowledge to build multiple robots for friendly competitions. *Ages 7-12*  
**Wed. March 1 – April 12, 4–5:30 pm**  
 (none 3/29)  
**\$190**

#### RoboThink Battle Bots Workshop

Students will build their own battle bot and then challenge their creation against other robots in this interactive, hands-on class. *Ages 7-12*  
**Sat. April 22, 10 am – 12 pm**  
**\$35**

### MUSIC & DANCE

#### Kindermusik Level 1: Cuddle & Bounce

Babies enjoy wide-eyed excitement with tummy tickle rhymes, massage and exploration time. NEW CURRICULA will engage you and your child using our age appropriate and research-based interactive curriculum. *Babies up to 16 months*  
**Session 1:** February 1 – March 2  
**Session 2:** April 5 – May 24  
 All Sessions are Wed. 11 am – 12 pm  
**\$160**

#### Kindermusik Level 2: Sing & Play

Led by licensed teachers who cherish your child's blossoming social skills, children practice "turn taking" activities and finger games and play simple instruments. *Ages 16 months – 3.5 years*  
**Session 1:** February 1 – March 22  
**Session 2:** April 5 – May 24  
 Sessions on Wed. 9 – 10 am OR 10 – 11 am  
**\$160**

#### Irish Dance Lessons from the Fitzpatrick School of Dance – WED

A touch of Ireland in Lake Forest! Beginners will be introduced to basic dance technique and start solo and team dances. Advanced Beginners will build on dance fundamentals, hone skills and technique, and learn a variety of soft shoe dances. *Ages 5+*  
**Wed. March 1 – May 24 (None 3/29 & 4/5)**  
**New Beginners:** 4 – 4:45 pm  
**Continuing/Advanced:** 4:45 – 5:30 pm  
**\$220**

#### Irish Dance Lessons from the Fitzpatrick School of Dance – SAT

Littles will work on rhythm, coordination, the traditional Irish jig and a group dance. See above for Beginners & Advanced Beginners class descriptions.  
*Littles ages 3 & 4, others ages 5+*  
**Sat. March 4 – May 27 (None 3/25 & 4/1)**  
**Littles 9 – 9:30am**  
**New Beginners:** 9:30 – 10:15 am  
**Continuing/Advanced:** 10:15 – 11 am  
**\$220**



**STAY UP TO DATE ON CLASSES WE OFFER**  
 We are constantly adding exciting new classes. Use the QR code to view our most up-to-date classes and register online.



### GORTON DRAMA STUDIO WITH JEREMY KRUSE

#### Little Storytellers

Are you looking for an activity for your little one? Through interactive play and fully-engaged make-believe that enhances sensory and motor skills, children are led through stories and become part of the storytelling themselves. *Ages 2.5-4 years*  
**Session 1:** January 13 – February 17  
**Session 2:** February 24 – April 7 (none 3/29)  
**Session 3:** April 14 – May 19  
 All Sessions are Fri. 10:30 – 11:30 am  
**\$150**

#### Acting for Ages 5 to 8

Turn your child's love of make-believe play into a passion for the arts. Through theater games, improvisation, performing fairy tales and performing children's books, your budding actor will explore her creative side, build confidence, and develop spontaneity while enhancing social and motor skills.  
**Session 1:** January 10 – February 1  
**Session 2:** February 21 – April 4 (none 3/28)  
**Session 3:** April 11 – May 16  
 All Sessions are Tue. 4 – 5:30 pm  
**\$225**

#### Acting for Ages 9 to 13

First timers and veterans explore their creative sides on stage and in front of the camera. We cover the basics of acting and explore more advanced acting principles through acting exercises, character work, improvising and scene work.  
**Session 1:** January 11 – February 15  
**Session 2:** February 22 – April 5 (none 3/29)  
**Session 3:** April 12 – May 17  
 All Sessions are Wed. 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
**\$300**

#### Method Acting Teens

Learn Method acting technique while doing acting exercises, scene work, improvisations and monologues. Students are encouraged to bring in college audition material as well as audition material for upcoming school plays. *Ages 14-18*  
**Session 1:** January 14 – February 18  
**Session 2:** February 25 – April 8 (none 4/1)  
**Session 3:** April 15 – May 20  
 All Sessions are Sat. 11 am – 1 pm  
**\$300**

### ETIQUETTE

#### Dining with the Stars

Your child will be taught to set a proper table and will learn good posture and manners and the importance of listening and making conversation. *Ages 5-8*  
**Sat. January 14, 10:30 am – 12 pm**  
**\$94.50**

#### Pearls & Bow Ties

Participants will learn to set the table, how to behave at the table and to eat with various utensils. They will also learn how to dress and behave at both informal and formal gatherings. *Ages 9-18*  
**Sat. January 14, 12:30 – 2 pm**  
**\$120**

## YOUTH CLASSES

### AND MORE!

#### Fencing

The Olympic sport of fencing demands quick thinking, agility, poise and speed and it develops discipline, respect, maturity and good sportsmanship – qualities that carry through to everyday life. *Ages 7-14*  
**Session 1:** January 30 – March 6  
**Session 2:** March 13 – April 17  
**Session 3:** April 24 – May 29  
 All Sessions are Mon. 5 – 6 pm  
**\$189**

#### Child & Babysitting Safety

This program gives teenagers and young adults everything they need to know for safe and successful babysitting – including getting started, dealing with parents, key safety, caregiving, and first aid tips. *Ages 12+*  
**Sat. March 4, 8 am – 1 pm**  
**\$75**



#### Soccer Shots Mini

Through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. *Ages 2-3*  
**Sat. January 7 – March 11, 9 – 9:30am**  
**\$250**

#### Soccer Shots Classic

This class utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. Children are also introduced to the basics of scrimmaging. *Ages 3-5*  
**Sat. January 7 – March 11, 9:40 – 10:20 am**  
**OR 10:30 – 11:10 am**  
**\$250**

#### Mother-Daughter Valentine Tea

Join us to sip tea and tisanes as we enjoy treats from South Africa, England and Europe, as well as the value of being together! Games help us learn a little tea etiquette, of course! This class is for parent or caregiver and children of all ages.  
**Sat. February 11, 3 – 4 pm**  
**\$99 includes tea for two**



## SUMMER CAMPS

### SAFETY TOWN

Registration opens February 15 at 10 AM

#### Safety Town Majors Camp

This program is a community favorite. Gorton partners with our local police, fire, operation lifesaver and many more organizations to teach your child about safety in a fun, interactive environment.

Ages 5-7 years

June 13 – June 16, 1 – 4 pm

\$120 LF/LB Residents

\$140 Non-residents

#### Safety Town Commanders Camp

This program is the "next generation" of Safety Town. Delving into cyber safety, gun safety, self defense and more, this camp will prepare your older child for many scenarios they may encounter at this age.

Ages 8-10 years

August 8 – August 10, 12:30 – 4 pm

\$120 LF/LB Residents

\$140 Non-residents



### BE A CAMP COUNSELOR!

If you are in 8th grade or older, we would love to have you as a camp counselor! You'll get to be a part of the fun and help make it a great summer for everyone. Sign up at the QR code.

# SUMMER CAMPS AT GORTON

## HALF OR FULL DAY CAMP OPTION



REGISTRATION OPENS WED. FEBRUARY 15 AT 10 AM

This summer Gorton Center will be holding a variety of week-long summer camps that run from June to August. Our optional lunch program allows you to create a full day camp experience for your child. Camps are all taught by accomplished professionals in our historic building in Lake Forest.

Our week-long camps vary from week to week and allow you to customize your child's camp experience for a summer full of fun!

Summer Camps at Gorton include:

- Art
- Filmmaking
- Sewing
- Cooking
- Robotics
- Safety Town
- Dance
- Gorton Drama Studio
- STEM



Camps will be posted to our website as soon they are finalized and will open for online registration on February 15 at 10 am.

## GORTON CENTER ANNUAL FUND 2023

### THE GORTON EXPERIENCE

It's the positive feelings we get when hearing uplifting live music, seeing a breathtaking film, learning from an inspiring speaker, or just sharing a laugh with friends. *This is what Gorton Center is all about!*

### GIVE TO GORTON

Gorton Center is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to enhance community engagement by offering arts, culture, entertainment, films and classes to everyone. Our programming receives no tax dollars – we rely on donations from you – the community we serve! Please consider a donation to support Gorton by giving on our website, by mail, or by contacting the Gorton Center Development Office at [catherine@gortoncenter.org](mailto:catherine@gortoncenter.org) or 847-810-4108.



Gorton Center is a private nonprofit organization – you can support us at [gortoncenter.org/donations](https://gortoncenter.org/donations) or scan QR code to donate

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### ANNUAL GIVING

Your generous donation *each year* enables Gorton to draw people together through quality programming. A quarter of our annual budget comes from donors like you. Your donation to Gorton is a gift to our community; as a thank you for contributing to our success, we offer donor rewards that you can enjoy or pass along to others.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND

Ensure Gorton endures for generations. Naming opportunities are available throughout the building.

#### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP & UNDERWRITING

Direct your giving to support a series or a specific event, performance or film. Sponsorship levels vary by event and we welcome local businesses to participate.

#### PLANNED GIVING

Make Gorton's legacy part of your own! Join our growing group of legacy donors who want to make a lasting difference at Gorton.

### 1901

The building opened as Lake Forest's first K-8 school

### 1912

School renamed after LF Mayor Edward F. Gorton

### 1974

When Gorton School closed in 1972, our community rallied to preserve the treasured building and it reopened as Gorton Community Center

### 2006

Gorton becomes a nonprofit organization

### 2016

Community Spirit Transformed Fund-raising Campaign completed and John & Nancy Hughes Theater opened

### 2019

Gorton has record year and hosts over 11,000 visitors at films, events and classes!

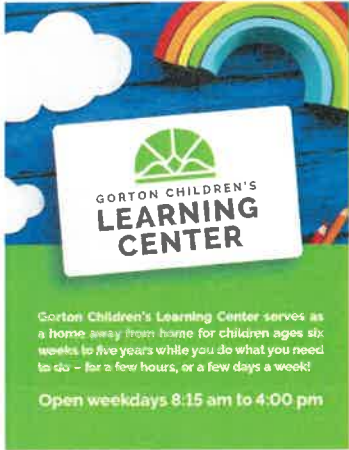
### 2022

Gorton survives pandemic closures and has hosted 6,250 visitors to date!

### 2024


Gorton will celebrate fifty years of serving our community!





## CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER WINTER CALENDAR

January 4	C.L.C. re-opens for regular hours
January 16	Closed for MLK Jr. Day
February 20	Closed for President's Day
March 2	Enrollment for Summer Camp begins at 10 am
March 10	Closed for parent/teacher conferences
March 27-31	Closed for Spring Break
April 3	C.L.C. re-opens for regular hours



**Teacher Spotlight: Giselle Lamb-Dobney**  
Giselle has over nine years as a lead teacher in early childhood education. Originally from Belize with some knowledge of Spanish, she holds a BS in Early Childhood Education and an AA in Psychology. She enjoys listening to music and reading for herself and her students. Her favorite book is *Yummy, Yucky* by Leslie Patricelli. When reading this book, she finds the children's expressions are priceless. Giselle believes that teaching is the greatest act of charity because learning is facilitated by love.

Gorton Children's Learning Center serves as a home away from home for children ages six weeks to five years while you do what you need to do - for a few hours, or a few days a week!

Open weekdays 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

## A CLOSER LOOK AT BRAVO WAUKEGAN



Show me a student with an instrument in hand and I'll show you a diploma in the other!

Bravo Waukegan provides resources to foster growth for Waukegan Public School students through music. Through generous musical instrument donations, fundraisers, and educational

events for students and teachers, Bravo Waukegan impacts more than 7,000 students each year. Bravo supports programs such as after school mariachi bands, "Raise the Bar" masterclass high school music lessons, Bravo Buddies summer camp, field trips,

school ensembles, and community outreach. From the earliest days, those working on behalf of Bravo believed that participation in instrumental and choral music would be a positive factor in increasing GPA averages, graduation rates, and college acceptances.

The organization was founded by Patricia Sikorovsky in 2010 when the country was caught in a severe economic downturn. Waukegan Public School District 60, like other districts with low property values, was forced to consider dropping their music programming. Bravo Waukegan began as an effort to help the District maintain music programs at all grade

levels by providing instruments for students. The scope of the organization continued to grow in directions that teachers, administration and Bravo Board of Directors thought would have the greatest impact upon the quality and integrity of the Waukegan music programs.

Bravo's office has been applied located at Gorton Center for close to 9 years. Bravo is run by a committed Board of directors, highly competent volunteers, student interns, and under the leadership of an Executive Director.

## ONGOING CLASSES OFFERED BY OUR NONPROFIT TENANTS

### Violin & Viola Lessons

Join Donna Curry, Master Teacher, to begin or continue the joyful journey to making beautiful music. Beginners through advanced, all ages in the Suzuki and/or Traditional Method. Email Donna directly at [donnac56787@me.com](mailto:donnac56787@me.com) or visit [www.donnacurrystudio.com](http://www.donnacurrystudio.com)

### Piano Lessons

Learn how to play the piano with local music teacher, Randall Manges. Interested? Email Randall directly at [mangesx4@aol.com](mailto:mangesx4@aol.com)

The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff  
The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff invites everyone to worship with them. Winter services will be held at the Lily Reid Holt Chapel at Lake Forest College, Sundays at 10 am. For more information about upcoming events please visit our website at thecommunitychurchus

### Christian Science Services

Sunday mornings

10 am

### Lake Forest Caucus Meetings

Twice monthly meetings on Tuesdays

7 pm

### M.A.S.S. Mens Group Meetings for suicide survivors

Every other month on Mondays

7 pm

## NON-GORTON EVENTS THIS WINTER

### FEBRUARY

11-12 LoMastro Virtuosity Dance Festival  
17-19 4 Chairs Theatre Productions  
23-25 4 Chairs Theatre Productions

### MARCH

3 Lake Forest College Concert  
11 Lake Forest Dance Academy Recital  
12 Lake Forest Civic Orchestra Concert  
17 Symphony847 Concert

### APRIL

4 Jehovah's Witness Easter Service  
15-16 Kidslage Production  
21 Andrew Wiegmond Cello Concert  
23 North Shore School of Dance Recital  
28 Lake Forest College Band, Orchestra & Choir Concert  
30 Dance Academy of Libertyville Ballet Production



GET ALL THE DETAILS ON LIVE MUSIC & EVENTS  
For pricing and other details on live music and events just scan the QR code or visit [gortoncenter.org/events](http://gortoncenter.org/events)

## SEE WHAT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE RIGHT HERE AT GORTON!



## ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE FOR LIFE'S CELEBRATIONS

Please contact Martha ReQua at [martha@gortoncenter.org](mailto:martha@gortoncenter.org) or Krista Hanson at [krista@gortoncenter.org](mailto:krista@gortoncenter.org) or call us at 847-234-6060 for more information

## UPCOMING FILMS

With a new year comes the chance to add new programs, such as Gorton Film Discussion, Kids Matinee, and Native Voices series! The Gorton Film Discussion Series will provide an engaging environment with opportunities for patrons to expand their film knowledge both in terms of breadth and depth with a post-show conversation. Created with the intent to be accessible to all, we hope to cultivate an even stronger community rooted in the love of movie watching and discussion as an intellectual, artistic, and social activity. Kids Matinee programs will present a variety of children's classics offered as a nice break in the cold, short days. Ranging from "Mary Poppins" to "The Iron Giant," these films will entertain the whole family! Beginning in 2023, several institutions throughout Lake Forest are presenting a variety of activities, performances, lectures and events that celebrate the culture and contributions of Native Americans, past and present, to the community. Entitled "Native Voices," Gorton will participate in the year-long programming featuring films made by and about Native Americans that illuminate the legacy and current life of Native communities. Best of all, Gorton favorites like Mountainfilm on Tour, Oscar Shorts, One Earth Film Festival, and the First Thursday Film Series will return to the big screen.



### FRI. JANUARY 27 | 7 PM

*Surf Nation* follows the trajectory of two promising young Chinese surfers, Alex and Lolo, in an attempt to navigate the clash between the freedom embodied in the sport and the Chinese system.

### SAT. JANUARY 28

Best of Fest - 2 pm | Adventure Shorts - 4 pm | Medley - 7 pm

**NEW THIS YEAR** - Come enjoy food trucks and outdoor fun at WinterFest on Saturday from 5 to 7 pm

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### JANUARY

5	First Thursday: <i>Bad Axe*</i>	3 pm & 7 pm
7	Native Voices: <i>Keep Talking</i> (Kartemquin)	3 pm & 7 pm
13	Filmmaker Series: <i>Blood Simple</i>	6 pm
19	Big Screen Classic: <i>Gravity</i>	3 pm & 7 pm

### MOUNTAINFILM ON TOUR: LAKE FOREST\*

Co-presented with Lake Forest Open Lands Association

27	Friday Feature: <i>Surf Nation</i>	7 pm
28	Mountainfilm on Tour - All Ages Best of Fest	2 pm
	Mountainfilm on Tour - Adventure Shorts	4 pm
	Mountainfilm on Tour - Medley	7 pm

### FEBRUARY

2	First Thursday: <i>The Rescue*</i>	3 pm & 7 pm
3	Filmmaker Series: <i>True Grit</i>	6 pm
9	The Loyola Project with panel discussion <i>In partnership with Northwestern Mutual</i>	7 pm
22	Film Discussion Series: <i>Her</i>	1 pm
25	Kids' Matinee: <i>Mary Poppins</i>	2 pm

### MARCH

2	First Thursday: <i>Exit Through The Gift Shop*</i>	3 pm & 7 pm
	TBA One Earth Film Festival	TBA

### OSCAR SHORTS

4	Documentary	11 am
5	Animation	11 am
	Live Action	1 pm
	Documentary	3:30 pm
	Animation	6:30 pm
	Live Action	8:30 pm
8	Native Voices: <i>Reel Injun</i>	3 pm & 7 pm
15	Film Discussion Series: <i>Dr. Strangelove</i>	1 pm
18	Local Chicago-made Indie Film: <i>Relative</i>	7 pm
19	National Theatre Live: TBA	3 pm
22	Kids' Matinee: <i>The Iron Giant</i>	2 pm
24	Filmmaker Series: <i>The Big Lebowski</i>	6 pm
29	Native Voices: <i>Alaskan Nets</i>	3 pm & 7 pm

### APRIL

1	Kids' Matinee: TBA	2 pm
2	Fly Fishing Film Festival	TBA
	Co-presented with Lake Forest Open Lands Association	
6	First Thursday: TBA*	3 pm & 7 pm
7	Filmmaker Series: <i>O Brother, Where Art Thou?</i>	6 pm
	TBA One Earth Mini Film Festival: TBA	TBA
20	Native Voices: TBA	3 pm & 7 pm
26	Film Discussion Series: <i>Safety Not Guaranteed</i>	1 pm

\*First Thursdays is sponsored by the Sheffield Foundation

\*Mountainfilm on Tour: Lake Forest is sponsored by The Butler Family Foundation and The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff



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# THE WINDOW

 GORTON CENTER  
PROGRAM GUIDE SUMMER 2023

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## Greetings from Gorton!

Wow, the last few months have felt like "old times" in the best possible way, gathering together for live music, special events, films, classes and more. It has been such a pleasure to see you, visit with you and enjoy these things together. And now the weather is changing and we shift our focus to summer camps and events! While Safety Town Majors camp is sold out, there are spots left in many others to enrich and engage your children this summer. There is plenty of summer enrichment for all ages to be found at every turn, too. Join us – have fun, learn something new, make memories, and bask in all this season has to offer. I'll see you at Gorton soon!

*Amy*

Amy Wagliardo,  
Executive Director

# GORTON CENTER

SUMMER 2023 SEASON

## live music & events



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

MAY 9 - JUNE 19 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Give blood and help save lives in our community. The need for blood never ends and there is currently a blood shortage. *Pre-registration is required.*



### TRUE COLORS BAROQUE RENDEZVOUS ARTS

FRI MAY 12 | 7 - 8:45 PM

The ensemble's old-fashioned gut strings evoke the true colors of the baroque era, while freshly fashioned performances express the true colors of each musician, individually and collectively.



### DUELING PIANOS

SAT. JUNE 17 | 7:30 PM

This interactive musical comedy will have you singing, dancing and laughing. YOU help create the show by submitting your requests and singing along! *Mature content*



### LAKE FOREST CIVIC ORCHESTRA - GORTINIA

SUN. JUNE 25 | 6 PM

Enjoy the sounds of the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra for their annual "Gortinia" summer concert under the stars.



### AMERICAN ENGLISH BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND

FRI. JUNE 30 | 7 PM

American English captures the very essence of John, Paul, George, and Ringo. See them under the stars and dance and sing all evening long!



### GORTONPALOOZA

SAT. JULY 8 | 7 PM

Don't miss our annual celebration of emerging artists at this outdoor concert! Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks, and we provide a cash bar with beer, wine and more.



### CORNHOLE THROWDOWN

SUN. JULY 16 | 4 - 7:30 PM

Come throw or watch at Gorton's second annual Cornhole Tournament. We'll have food trucks, drinks, live music with band Rollover, a round-robin, leader board, raffles, a chance to win throwing prizes and lots of fun!



### THE MAGIC PARLOUR SHOW WITH DENNIS WATKINS

SUN. AUGUST 6 | 2 - 3 PM

Come to Gorton for an afternoon of lively tom-foolery, wonderfully close-up and personal in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater!



### BOURBON COUNTRY BAND

FRI. AUGUST 25 | 7 PM

With influences varying from Johnny Cash and Garth Brooks to the Carpenters and everything in between, you'll be sure to hear many songs you know and love!

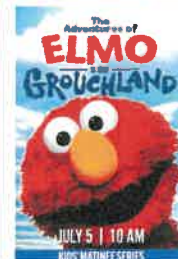


Whether you're looking for summer blockbusters to enjoy on the stunning big screen with Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound, or just want to escape the dog days of summer and cool down for a few hours with the kids, Gorton's state-of-the-art John and Nancy Hughes Theater has got you covered!

We'll be screening some of the biggest and best films of the past few years, along with family-friendly classics as part of our Big Screen Movie Series. We'll also be continuing our Film Discussion Series, created with the intent to be accessible to all. We hope to cultivate an even stronger community rooted in the love of movie watching and discussion. Our First Thursday Series – generously sponsored by the Sheffield Foundation – carry on into June. For date nights, join us in celebrating the work of Nora Ephron and her genre-defining romantic comedies with our Filmmaker Series. The grand finale of our summer film season will be the annual Gorton Summer Family Movie Weekend, screening *A League of Their Own*, *Encanto*, and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Visit our website for more information and tickets. We hope to see you at your local movie theater soon!

# EXPERIENCE MOVIE MAGIC

*in our john & nancy hughes theater*



VIEW GORTON'S FILM PAGE FOR THE LATEST ADDITIONS AND TO VIEW TRAILERS. Use the QR code to view our most up-to-date films and purchase tickets.



\*First Thursday Series is sponsored by the Sheffield Foundation

## SUMMER CAMPS



### ART CAMPS

#### Draw, Paint & Construct with Lucille & Carole

Campers will start each day with a free draw project and then go on to look at an artist of the day, and finish with a draw-a-long. *Grades 1-6*

Session 1: June 5 – 8, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Session 2: June 12 – 15, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Session 3: June 19 – 22, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Session 4: June 26 – 29, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
\$198 per session

#### Aspirational Shoes Camp with Justida Smith

Your teen will explore shoes as metaphors of identity and communicate something about themselves. Bring shoes or choose from our image collection of crazy interesting shoes and create using mixed media. *Ages 12-18*  
Session 1: June 5 – 9, 9 am – 12 pm  
Session 2: July 10 – 14, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$450 per session

#### Watercolor with Periwinkle Studio

Campers will use watercolor paints and water-soluble materials to create art. They will also work with shape, line, form and simple color theory. *Ages 7-14*  
June 12 – 15, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$190

#### Acrylic Painting with Periwinkle Studio

Campers will paint with traditional acrylic on paper and canvas, then add shape and texture using collage, scraping and scribing to create visually stunning art. *Ages 7-14*  
June 19 – 23, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$200



REGISTER ONLINE  
and read full summer  
camp descriptions  
on our website

#### Identity: Fashion & Aspirational Portraiture Camp with Justida Smith

Your teen will explore identity through contemporary portraiture. With pattern, texture & design we will construct a portrait of our aspirational future self. *Ages 12-18*  
Session 1: June 26 – 30, 9 am – 12 pm  
Session 2: July 24 – 28, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$450 per session

#### Mixed Media with Periwinkle Studio

Campers will explore a variety of techniques and non-traditional tools to apply paint and layer with paper collage elements. *Ages 7-14*  
July 10 – 14, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$200

#### All Media with Periwinkle Studio

Campers will explore their creativity in several 2D and 3D projects with using mixed media tools. *Ages 7-14*  
July 17 – 21, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$225

### SEWING CAMPS WITH CIAO BELLA SEWING

#### Beach Collection

Campers will get beach ready during this three day camp. We will make cute shorts, a beach tote, and a beach pillow. *Ages 8-15*  
June 7 – 9, 9:30 am – 12 pm  
\$170

#### Under the Sea

During this five day camp, we will sew starfish pillows, cozy blankets, tote bags, skirts, scrunchies, and decorate a fun beach hat - all perfect for an Under the Sea themed adventure. *Ages 8-15*  
June 12 – 16, 9:30 am – 12 pm  
\$285

#### Swet, White & Sew

Campers will get 4th of July ready sewing tote bags, blanket, pillow and a fun skirt - perfect for a trip to the fireworks! *Ages 8-15*  
June 26 – 30, 9:30 am – 12 pm  
\$170

#### Greening Green

We will reduce, reuse and recycle in this camp. Sewers will need to bring in 10-15 old shirts that they will transform into a patchwork blanket. *Ages 8-15*  
July 17 – 22, 9:30 am – 12 pm  
\$285

#### Safari

Does your child love animals? Campers will use animal prints to create a variety of wearable clothing during this five day camp. *Ages 8-15*  
July 24 – 28, 9:30 am – 12 pm  
\$285

#### Back to School

Campers will gear up for the school year during this five day camp! Projects include pencil cases, trendy tote bags, fleece ponchos, and more! *Ages 8-15*  
August 7 – 11, 9:30 am – 12 pm  
\$285

## SUMMER CAMPS



### STEM CAMPS

#### RoboThink: Battle Robots

Can your child's robot win a head to head combat mission? Campers will learn engineering strategies for building the strongest and most agile robots. *Ages 7-12*  
June 19 – 23, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$200

#### RoboThink: Amusement Park Tycoon

Campers learn about gear ratios, potential and kinetic energy and centrifugal force while creating their own amusement park. *Ages 7-12*  
June 26 – 30, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$200

#### RoboThink: Battle Robot Tanks

Campers will be introduced to simple engineering concepts and build different types of tanks for battles, challenges, races, target practice and more! *Ages 7-12*  
June 24 – 28, 9 am – 12 pm  
\$200

#### RoboThink: Robotics Engineering

Using our RoboThink Robotics Kit, electric motors, controllers and sensors, campers will explore the fascinating world of robotics engineering and get a chance to build and design moving robots. *Ages 7-12*  
July 24 – 28, 1 – 4 pm  
\$200



Sign your camper up for Lunch Bunch!  
Your child will be supervised between morning and afternoon camps so they can attend a full day of camps at Gorton  
\$5 per day / \$20 per week

### THEATER & FILM CAMPS SPECIALTY CAMPS

#### New Media Summer Stories

Students will learn the video storytelling process from ideation to on set shooting to editing in just 72 hours. Students will collaborate and create with support from professionals and local alumni. *Ages 14-18*  
Session 1: June 14 – 16, 9 am – 2 pm  
Session 2: July 5 – 7, 9 am – 2 pm  
\$300 per session

#### New Media Summer Stories

Experiences: Middle School  
Middle school students will learn the video storytelling process with the iPhones in their pockets. Through hands-on experiential learning, students get to collaborate, create and edit from the first day of class. *Ages 11-14*  
July 10 – 21, 9 am – 2 pm  
\$750 per session

#### Early Focus Educational Camp

Certified teachers will offer academic support to prevent summer learning loss and opportunities for growth and exploration. Daily small group activities will incorporate reading, math and science aligned with the district's curriculum. *Grades K-2*  
June 19 – 23, 10 am – 12 pm  
\$250

#### Safety Team Commanders Camp

This program is the "next generation" of Safety Town. Delving into cyber safety, gun safety, self defense and more, this camp will prepare your older child for many scenarios they may encounter at this age. *Ages 8-10*  
August 8 – August 10, 12:30 – 4 pm  
\$120 LF/LB Residents  
\$140 Non-residents

### GORTON DRAMA STUDIO CAMPS

#### Musical Theater Acting Camp

Wizard of Oz  
Campers will be immersed in three weeks of acting, singing, and dancing lessons, audition classes, film screenings and rehearsals. Camp culminates with a performance in our state-of-the-art theater. *Ages 7-14*  
July 19 – 28, 9 am – 3 pm  
Camp ends at 3 pm daily, but we will offer extended day until 5pm for a minimal fee.  
\$1,050 per session

#### Ferris Bueller's Day Off Acting and Filmmaking Camp - Stage, Film & Float!

In addition to learning and practicing acting skills, students will develop, shoot and edit original short films inspired by "Ferris Bueller". Students will also help decorate a Ferris Bueller themed parade float. A choreographed song and dance number will be rehearsed during camp and performed at the Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade. *Ages 7-14*  
June 26 – 30 and July 3 – 4, 9 am to 3pm  
Camp ends at 3 pm daily, but we offer extended day until 5 pm for a minimal fee.  
\$500



## YOUTH CLASSES

### SUMMER CLASSES

**Etiquette: Dining with the Stars**  
Campers will learn how to set the table for a two-course meal. They will also learn about good posture, shaking hands and eye contact and more. *Ages 5-8*  
Sat. May 20– 24, 10:30 am – 12 pm  
\$90

**Etiquette: Pearls & Bow Ties**  
Campers will learn to set the table for a three-course meal and how to eat with and use different utensils. They will also learn how to dress and behave at formal and informal events. *Ages 9-10*  
Sat. May 20– 24, 12:30 – 2 pm  
\$115

**Fencing**  
Fencing demands quick thinking, agility, poise and speed. It also develops discipline, respect, maturity and good sportsmanship, qualities that carry through to our everyday life. *Ages 7-14*  
All Classes Are Mon. 5 – 6 pm  
Session 1: June 12 – July 24  
Session 2: July 31 – September 11 (None 9/4)  
\$169 per session

**Child & Babysitting Safety**  
Designed for teens and young adults interested in a babysitting business, or who have responsibility for younger family members. *Ages 12+*  
Sat. August 5, 9 am – 2 pm  
\$75

### GORTON DRAMA STUDIO

**Little Storytellers**  
Are you looking for an activity for your little one? Through interactive play and fully-engaged make-believe that enhances sensory and motor skills, children are led through stories and become part of the storytelling themselves. *Ages 2.5-4 years*  
Session 1: May 24 – July 20  
Session 2: July 27 – August 10  
All Sessions are Thu. 10 – 11 am  
\$200/\$75

**Acting for Ages 5 to 8**  
Turn your child's love of make-believe play into a passion for the arts. Through theater games, improvisation, performing fairy tales and performing children's books, your budding actor will explore her creative side, build confidence, and develop spontaneity while enhancing social and motor skills.  
Session 1: May 23 – Jul 18  
Session 2: July 25 – August 8  
All Sessions are Tue. 4 – 5:30 pm  
\$300/\$132

**Acting for Ages 9 to 13**  
First timers and veterans explore their creative sides on stage and in front of the camera. We cover the basics of acting and explore more advanced acting principles through acting exercises, character work, improvising and scene work.  
Session 1: May 24 – Jul 18  
Session 2: July 26 – August 9  
All Sessions are Wed. 4 – 6 pm  
\$400/\$150

**Method Acting Teens**  
Learn Method acting technique while doing acting exercises, scene work, improvisations and monologues. Students are encouraged to bring in college audition material as well as audition material for upcoming school plays. *Ages 14-18*  
Session 1 - May 25 - July 20  
Session 2 - July 27 - August 10  
All Sessions are Thu. 4 – 6 pm  
\$400/\$150

**GORTON DRAMA STUDIO SPECIAL SUMMER CLASS OFFER**  
Have you signed up for a Gorton camp that conflicts with a Gorton Drama Studio class? Or are you going on a vacation that conflicts with one of our classes? Pay only for dates that you can attend. *(This offer does not apply to "Ferris Bueller" and "Wizard of Oz" camps.)*

## ALL THINGS GUITAR: INSTRUCTOR DAVE HILTEBRAND



Dave Hildebrand has been a full-time musician for over 25 years with extensive experience as a performer, composer and studio musician. Highlights include the national tour of Jersey Boys, co-writing and co-producing two national top-ten songs, composing work for The Oprah Winfrey Show, Nike and Allstate, TV appearances on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Empire and Betrayal, and tours to South Africa, Cuba, Spain, Italy and Egypt. His debut solo guitar album *Yoguitar*, Vol. 1 was released in 2016.

Dave is currently an adjunct professor of Digital Music at Elmhurst University. When asked what brought him to Gorton, Dave reflected "I have a deep appreciation of Gorton and what it means to the community. From music and film, to yoga and dance, Gorton feels like a thriving hub for the arts and is only growing. I'm excited to be a part of it."

You can register for Dave's flexibly scheduled private guitar lessons or his *All Things Guitar Workshop* covering popular guitar playing concepts, from approaching different styles and techniques on acoustic and electric, to the use of effects and creative looping. Dave's *Yoguitar* is a relaxing hour of serene acoustic guitar music that can help you slow down, reset and feel. This fall, Dave will team up with yoga instructor, Areta, for Live Music & Yoga sessions!

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## ADULT CLASSES



### ART & MUSIC

**Open Studio for Artists**  
Gorton is now offering open studio space to artists and creatives of all backgrounds to work on current projects. Local artists Susan Sands and Jonide Smil will be available for questions and feedback  
Thursdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm  
\$35

**Palette & Pours**  
Looking for a fun and creative way to spend an evening? Join us for wine and painting inspired by famous artists! Lettie Lenz and Sandie Bacon will lead this all-level class.  
May 5: Monet Water Lilies & Bridge  
June 2: Rousseau Jungle Tiger  
July 7: Wayne Thiebaud Cupcakes & Ice Cream Cones  
August 3: Georgia O'Keeffe Large Flower  
All Classes Are Fri. 7 – 9 pm  
\$50 per class

**Private Lessons with Dave Hildebrand**  
Learn a comprehensive approach to playing guitar or bass including technique, playing in different styles and ear training. Basic experience is helpful. Please reach out to Dave directly at [Dave@davehildebrand.com](mailto:Dave@davehildebrand.com)

**All Things Guitar Workshop with Dave Hildebrand**  
Bring your own instrument to this all levels workshop that ends with a group jam! We will cover guitar playing concepts – from styles and techniques on acoustic and electric – to effects and creative looping.  
Session 1: Mon. May 8, 7 – 8:30 pm  
Session 2: Mon. June 5, 7 – 8:30 pm  
Session 3: Mon. July 17, 7 – 8:30 pm  
\$40 per session

**Yoguitar Music Meditation with Dave Hildebrand**  
Slow down, reset and feel rejuvenated during a relaxing hour of acoustic guitar music. Music is composed in real time based on the energy of the room, making each experience unique. Not a movement based class – bring a yoga mat if desired.  
Session 1: Mon. May 8, 7 – 8:30 pm  
Session 2: Mon. June 5, 7 – 8:30 pm  
Session 3: Mon. July 17, 7 – 8:30 pm  
\$40 per session

**Adult Songwriting 101: Foundations**  
This class is geared to those new to the craft – we cover the basics of what makes a song a song, and will begin to use those key components to pen some of our own. The focus is primarily on lyrics and song structure and no instrument proficiency is required.  
Mon. May 16 – June 13, 10 – 11 am  
\$140

**Adult Songwriting 102**  
This course is open to those who have previous songwriting experience or have taken Songwriting 101. Using basic theory and a few compositional tools, we'll begin to see lyrics change from words into song.  
Mon. May 16 – June 13, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
\$140

**Drawing & Painting in the Studio with Cheryl Steiger**  
Pursue art through an individualized class. Work from photos, still life, or your imagination in the medium of your choice. Individual instruction will be given on techniques. Students provide their own supplies.  
Tue. May 31 – August 9, 1 – 3:30 pm  
\$350

### COOKING

**Learn to Make Cannoli**  
This class is even more fun with friends or family! Tony "Cannoli" will teach you the techniques that he uses to ensure a signature crunchiness, bubble-free shell.  
Thu. June 8, 5 – 6 pm  
\$35

**Fresh Summer Cocktails with North Shore Distillery**  
Join us and one of the region's biggest cocktail nerds, Sonja Kassebaum from North Shore Distillery, for an afternoon of delicious inspiration! Sonja will share six new cocktails for your summer soirees – and of course there will be samples!  
Sun. June 11, 3 – 4:30 pm  
\$40

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

**SALSArobits**  
Join Esther Gutierrez Sloan for fun workouts! Move to a myriad of enticing Latin, Caribbean, Spanish and African beats with low and high impact options.  
All Classes are Fri. 9:30 – 10:30 am  
\$15

**All Levels Yoga with Areta**  
Whether you are new to yoga or an experienced practitioner, this mindful flow class will leave you feeling renewed and energized. Areta incorporates poses, breath work and meditation to help you release tension and bring you back into balance. Bring a mat and a water bottle.  
Tuesdays, 9 – 10 am  
\$20/\$96 six-classes

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## ADULT CLASSES



### EXPLORING YOUR OWN VOICE: INSTRUCTOR JOALIDA SMIT

Joalida Smit is a Clinical Psychologist and Neuropsychologist turned full time artist. In her previous life Joalida ran a neuropsychology-based, brain tumor survivorship service in London, UK. Her job was to help adolescents who had survived cancer reintegrate back into the "real world". It was a transformative experience. Here at Gorton her teen art workshops bring together her two passions: art and psychology. Here they can explore and find their own voice. This is not art therapy but using art to tell stories of psychological significance.

Fate brought me to Gorton after a flood in my home art studio. I had a show at The Gallery to prepare for... as a member of the Deerpath Art League, I knew about Gorton... So I walked in and said "I need help!" The rest is history. I met the wonderful Susan Sands, whom I share the space with and who has been invaluable as a friend, colleague, mentor, critic, therapist, and advisor! Cannot believe how lucky I am!

Joalida holds *Open Studio* sessions on Thursdays 9:30 am -12:30 pm. She also offers art classes at Gorton throughout the year. In June & July, she will offer *Teen Art Camps* that allow teens to explore identity and communication.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Gentle Yoga with Areta

This slower-paced class for all ages and levels is warm and light. We create flexibility and sustain our range of motion through supportive passive openings, longer holds and props. Please bring a mat and a water bottle.  
Thursdays, 9 - 10 am  
\$20/\$96 six-classes

### Reiki Levels 1 & 2 - Accelerated Class

This class teaches powerful, healing symbols and provides precise instruction as well as time for hands-on practice. You will leave class with a Reiki Second Degree Certificate, fully trained to do Reiki.  
Session 1: Sat. May 6, 9 am - 1 pm  
Session 2: Sat. August 19, 9 am - 1 pm  
\$250

### Sound Bath Meditation with Joi Hunt

Join us for a meditative experience where you are "bathed" in sound waves. It is an opportunity to unplug from external stimuli, and an invitation to deeply relax, restore, and heal your mind, body, and soul.  
Thursday Sessions:  
May 18, June 15, July 11, 10 - 11 am  
Wednesday Sessions:  
May 10, June 21, July 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
\$40 per session

### Welcome Wellness: Weight Loss & Healthier Lifestyle Accountability

Know what to do but need help staying on course? This group will help you set goals and stay focused on reaching them. Attend the group each week for support, guidance, and most importantly, accountability.  
Fri. May 19 - June 23, 12 - 12:45 pm  
\$96

### Latin Dance

Join Esther and Walt for a sexy, fun, healthy and easy to follow Latin dance class! You will learn footwork, how to lead and how to be led as well as easy to follow turns.  
Session 1: Fri. May 12, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Session 2: Fri. June 9, 7 - 8:30 pm  
\$30/\$20

### Welcome Wellness:

#### Managing Your Stress

If managing the multiple demands on your time and simply getting through your day has become a challenge, stress management may help. Implementing strategies to reduce stress is possible!  
Tue. June 13, 6 - 8 pm  
\$50

### Yoga: Summer Solstice Celebration

Let's celebrate the longest day of the year with an outdoor yoga practice followed by a post wine & cheese toast to the sun on the spectacular grounds of Ragdale!  
Wed. June 21, 6:30 - 8 pm  
\$30

### Self Defense with Fit2Defend

Work with a partner and learn techniques to defend yourself against armed and unarmed attackers. You will also learn how to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Coming soon - check our website for dates and times

### CPR, AED & Optional First Aid Course

Learn how to perform skills including rescue breathing, CPR, and managing an obstructed airway for all ages. Hybrid course.  
Sat. August 5, 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
\$65



**STAY UP TO DATE ON CLASSES WE OFFER**  
We are constantly adding exciting new classes. Use the QR code to view our most up-to-date classes and register online.

## ADULT CLASSES



## AND MORE CLASSES!

### Mahjong

Come learn how to play the exciting game of Mahjong! It's a tile game of skill and chance that is social, competitive and addictive - it can also improve memory!  
Wed. June 7 - 28, 10 am - 12 pm  
\$140



### Canasta

If you like card games - especially rummy type - you will love Canasta! Bring some friends and join Debbie Meyer to learn this fun partnership card game.  
Wed. June 7 - 28, 1 - 3 pm  
\$140

### Divorcing with Dignity

Divorce mediation allows a couple who can communicate and be fair to make 100% of their own decisions about parenting, financial and property divisions, child support and alimony.  
Session 1: Tue. May 16, 12 pm OR 7 pm  
Session 2: Thu. June 15, 12 pm OR 7 pm  
Session 3: Thu. July 13, 12 pm OR 7 pm  
Session 4: Thu. August 17, 12 pm OR 7 pm  
\$5

### Method Acting for Adults with Gorton Drama Studio

Learn Method acting technique while doing acting exercises, scene work, improvisations and monologues. Work on plays, films, poems, comedies, dramas or anything that interests you. All experience levels welcome.  
Session 1: May 23 - July 18  
Session 2: July 25 - August 8  
All Sessions are Tue. 1 - 3 pm  
\$400/\$150

### Your Smart Home

Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will help you learn about your options for using tech to make your home smarter, safer, energy efficient and a little more fun.  
Tue. June 20, 6 - 7:30 pm  
\$15

### Cut the Cable Cord

Want to get rid of cable or enhance your current service? Learn about all the best live and on-demand services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV.  
Thu. July 20, 6 - 7:30 pm  
\$15



## ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE FOR LIFE'S CELEBRATIONS

Please contact Martha ReQua at [martha@gortoncenter.org](mailto:martha@gortoncenter.org) or Krista Hanson at [krista@gortoncenter.org](mailto:krista@gortoncenter.org) or call us at 847-234-6060 for more information



## WELCOME LAURA!



I am thrilled to be joining Gorton Center as the next Director of Development! While I am new to the Gorton community, I have been impressed by the programming, classes, and connections Gorton has to offer and couldn't be more excited about advancing Gorton's mission and vision.

I will be joining the Gorton team from the University of Chicago Law School where I have been the Associate Director of Major Gifts. My career also includes many years of external relations and fundraising work with Kellogg School of Management, Stanford Law School, and Alpha Phi Foundation. I currently live in Lincolnshire with my husband, Brian, and two kids, Daniel and Claire. We are all excited to start spending more of our time at Gorton's events and classes.

I look forward to getting to know you, Gorton's friends and supporters! You can expect to hear more from me over the next few months, but please feel free to reach out if you would like to connect before then.

Warmly,

*Laura*

## SEE ALL YOU CAN EXPERIENCE RIGHT HERE AT GORTON



## GORTON CENTER ANNUAL FUND 2023

### THE GORTON EXPERIENCE

It's the positive feelings we get when hearing uplifting live music, seeing a breathtaking film, learning from an inspiring speaker, or just sharing a laugh with friends. *This is what Gorton Center is all about!*

### GIVE TO GORTON

Gorton Center is an *independent* nonprofit whose mission is to enhance community engagement by offering arts, culture, entertainment, films and classes to everyone. Our programming receives no tax dollars – we rely on donations from you – the community we serve! Please consider a donation to support Gorton by giving on our website, by mail, or by contacting the Gorton Center Development Office at [laura@gortoncenter.org](mailto:laura@gortoncenter.org) or 847-810-4108.



Gorton Center is a private nonprofit organization – you can support us at [gortoncenter.org/donations](https://gortoncenter.org/donations) or scan QR code to donate

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### ANNUAL GIVING

Your generous donation *each year* enables Gorton to draw people together through quality programming. A quarter of our annual budget comes from donors like you. Your donation to Gorton is a gift to our community; as a thank you for contributing to our success, we offer donor rewards that you can enjoy or pass along to others.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND

Ensure Gorton endures for generations. Naming opportunities are available throughout the building.

#### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP & UNDERWRITING

Direct your giving to support a series or a specific event, performance or film. Sponsorship levels vary by event and we welcome local businesses to participate.

#### PLANNED GIVING

Make Gorton's legacy part of your own! Join our growing group of legacy donors who want to make a lasting difference at Gorton.

**1901**

The building opened as Lake Forest's first K-8 school

**1912**

School renamed after LF Mayor Edward F. Gorton

**1974**

When Gorton School closed in 1972, our community rallied to preserve the treasured building and it reopened as Gorton Community Center

**2006**

Gorton becomes a nonprofit organization

**2016**

Community Spirit Transformed Fundraising Campaign completed and John & Nancy Hughes Theater opened

**2019**

Gorton has record year and hosts over 11,000 visitors at films, events and classes!

**2022**

Gorton survives pandemic closures and has hosted 6,250 visitors to date!

**2024**

Gorton will celebrate fifty years of serving our community!

**GORTON CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER**

Gorton Children's Learning Center serves as a home away from home for children ages six weeks to five years while you do what you need to do – for a few hours, or a few days a week!

**Open weekdays 8:15 am to 4:00 pm**

### CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER SUMMER CALENDAR

May 1	Fall Enrollment begins
May 29	Closed for Memorial Day
June 2	Last day of CLC School Year!
June 12-30	Camp Gorton Session 1
July 5-31	Camp Gorton Session 2
July 24-August 11	Camp Gorton Session 3
August 24-31	Safety Town Disputes (ages 2-5)

### CAMP GORTON GOES TO THE RAINFOREST!

This summer, the Children's Learning Center's Camp Gorton will jump into the jungle to explore the rainforest from top to bottom! We will have a fun and exciting nine weeks of getting to know the animals, birds, flowers, trees, plants, insects, reptiles, weather and food found in the rainforest – all wrapped around fun facts about the canopy and going on a safari. This adventure will unfold through stories, songs, games, crafts and dramatic play! Register your child for Camp Gorton so they can join us for this fun and exciting journey this summer. Visit [gortoncenter.org/learning-center](http://gortoncenter.org/learning-center) for more information and to register.



## A CLOSER LOOK AT LAKE FOREST CIVIC ORCHESTRA



Originally founded in 1957 as a small chamber group of volunteer musicians, the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra has evolved throughout the years into a full symphonic

orchestra, celebrating its 35th anniversary in the 2023-2024 season as the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra and proudly calling Gorton Center its home.

Lake Forest Civic Orchestra is Lake Forest's community orchestra; its sections are filled with passionate community members who volunteer their time and talent to the orchestra. Some are professional musicians but many have other professions, and music is their love. As a not-for-profit organization the orchestra's mission is to bring music to the community.

As part of the orchestra's commitment to the community and residents it is invested in young musicians. Through a soloist program the orchestra identifies local high school students and features them at concerts. Imagine the impact of getting to play with and the support of a 60-piece orchestra? That is an experience that stays with a 17-year-old for life.

The orchestra's outreach groups provide music for various community events like the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff

Christmas lighting festivities, the Spirit of 67 Home Tour, and the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Rotary Club.

Like any traditional music group, the orchestra has four Sunday afternoon concerts per season at Gorton. Every summer, the orchestra also performs a special outdoor concert hosted by Gorton Center. A parking lot concert filling the warm summer evenings with music and just like Ravinia...with an occasional train passing by...is a wonderful classical music experience for the whole family in our own backyard.

Come join Lake Forest Civic Orchestra and hear the music that is filling the air of our community!



## ONGOING CLASSES OFFERED BY OUR NONPROFIT TENANTS

### Violin & Viola Lessons

Join Donna Curry, Master Teacher, to begin or continue the joyful journey to making beautiful music. Beginners through advanced, all ages in the Suzuki and/or Traditional Method. Email Donna directly at [donnac56787@me.com](mailto:donnac56787@me.com) or visit [www.donnacurrystudio.com](http://www.donnacurrystudio.com)

### The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff

The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff invites everyone to worship with them. Services held at the Lily Reid Holt Chapel at Lake Forest College, Sundays at 10 am. Starting on May 21, services held at Sunrise Beach in Lake Bluff. For more information about services or upcoming events please visit our website at [communitychurch.us](http://communitychurch.us)

### Christian Science Services

Sunday mornings

10 am

### Lake Forest Caucus Meetings

Twice monthly meetings on Tuesdays

7 pm

### M.A.S.S. Mens Group Meetings for suicide survivors

Every other month on Mondays

7 pm

## NON-GORTON EVENTS THIS SUMMER

### MAY

- 2 Lake Forest College: Public Policy Analysis Challenge
- 3 LFLB Chamber: Healthcare Open House
- 6 LoMastro Early Childhood Recitals
- 7 LF Civic Orchestra Concert – Voices of Spring
- 13 Lake Bluff Park District Dance Recital
- 20 Step 2 This Dance Recital
- 21 CM Dance Estudio Recital
- 22-25 Rootz Children's Theater Performances
- 27-28 Irina Makkai Ballet Recitals

### JUNE

- 3-4 LoMastro Recitals
- 11 Fusion Dance Company Recital
- 23-24 Christian Miss Pageant
- 27 Lake Forest College Film Screening of "Just Mercy"

### JULY

- 22 LoMastro Summer Dance Intensive
- 29 Performance of "To Finish Kingdoms Works"

### AUGUST

- 5 Rootz Children's Theater Performance
- 11 Lake County Community Pageant





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## DID YOU KNOW?

You can bring dinner with you to Gorton when watching a movie in our theater! So pack a picnic or pick up something locally and have dinner and a movie - Gorton-Style!



*We always have popcorn, candy and drinks available for purchase at our concessions.*



We add new classes, events & films all the time. Make sure you check our website often to keep up to date and all that we offer our community.

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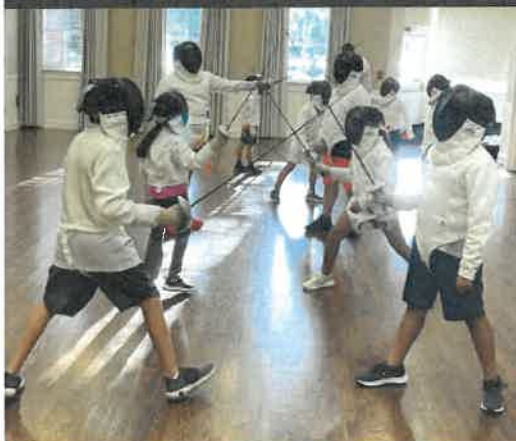


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Gorton is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency



## See all you can experience at Gorton - visit us [gortoncenter.org](http://gortoncenter.org)!





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## Sweater Weather is Better Together!

What a vibrant summer season we had at Gorton with sold-out camps, classes and outside events. As we gathered together for fun in the sun, we had record numbers show up for a rockin' Cornhole Throwdown, outdoor concerts, classes, camps and more. We cultivated our first summer camps with Lake Forest New Media and special guest Vince Vaughn gracing our classrooms and hallways. Gorton Drama Studio launched its inaugural summer camp program led by Artistic Director Jeremy Kruse and packed the theater for two performances of *The Wizard of Oz*. Whew - what could be better? Well, just wait, it gets better and better every season, every year, and this fall we'll knock your (wool) socks off! There's something for everyone, and we invite you to join us at Gorton to share in community and connection - because *you belong here*.

*Amy*

Amy Wagliardo,  
Executive Director

FALL 2023 SE/SH/TH

# GORTON CENTER

## live music & events

Gorton's fall line-up is bigger and better than ever! Immerse yourself in performing arts, live music, captivating storytelling and side-splitting comedy. Be sure to mark your calendar for our First Food Truck Festival, right in the heart of Lake Forest! Several our events are planned for outdoors, taking advantage of our beautiful summer and autumnal weather. Once it gets chilly, we'll move the fun inside to our cozy Stuart Community Room and the state-of-the-art John & Nancy Hughes Theater. Gorton is delighted to bring laughter and inspiration to you, your family, and friends as we gather and create priceless memories together.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**  
SEPT 7 • OCT 11 • NOV 6 • DEC 13 | 10 AM - 3 PM  
Give blood at Gorton and help save lives in our community. The need for blood never ends and there is currently a blood shortage. Pre-registration is required.



**GOLD & SILVER BUYING EVENT**  
WED, SEPTEMBER 6 | 10:30 AM - 6 PM  
Schedule a private meeting with David Kaz, Owner and precious metal buyer, to have your silver and/or gold appraised and sell it safely.



**LITTLE MISS ANN OUTSIDE (WEATHER PERMITTING)**  
SUN, SEPTEMBER 10 | 1 PM  
Bring your little ones to dance, sing and jump along to the upbeat, down-to-earth music of Little Miss Ann and her band!



**FOOD TRUCK FEST WITH 7TH HEAVEN IN CONCERT**  
SAT, SEPTEMBER 16 | 5 - 8 PM  
Join us for a FREE outdoor concert by popular Chicago band 7th Heaven and grab dinner, drinks and dessert from a variety of on-site food trucks! Registration required.



**CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!**  
SAT, SEPTEMBER 23 | 7:30 PM  
Do not miss this special event! Equal parts singing, comedy, and community-building: you get the lyrics at the door and learn to sing various parts. Everyone has a ball and goes home feeling great!



**THE SAMPLES**  
FRI, OCTOBER 6 | 7:30 PM  
Join us for the last outdoor concert of 2023 as this beloved band brings back their popular 90s music!



**DO NOT SUBMIT - LAKE FOREST**  
WED, OCT 11 • NOV 8 • DEC 13  
7:15 LIST OPENS | 7:30 PM STORIES START  
Join us this fall for this storytelling open mic in an enthusiastic, supportive environment. No experience necessary. No cover, cash bar.

FALL 2023 SEASON

# GORTON CENTER

live music & events



**PETTYBREAKERS TOM PETTY TRIBUTE BAND**  
**SAT. OCTOBER 14 | 7:30 PM**  
 Enjoy all the Heartbreakers' greatest hits in our state-of-the-art John & Nancy Hughes Theater. You can even snag a meet and greet after the show!



**LAMB CHOP WITH MALLORY LEWIS**  
**SAT. OCTOBER 21 | 11 AM**  
 Join your childhood pal Lamb Chop and share memories with your children or grandchildren!



**FAREED HAQUE & GORAN IVANOVIC GUITARISTS**  
**FRI. OCTOBER 27 | 7 PM**  
 7:00-8:15 PM concert (no intermission)  
 8:15-8:45 PM cocktails & conversation



**STORIES AT THE CENTER**  
**SAT. NOVEMBER 18 | 7:30 PM**  
 Two-time Moth Slam winner and Chicagoand storyteller extraordinaire, Scott Whitehall, will emcee a curated lineup of professional storytellers for this cabaret-style show in the intimacy of our Stuart Room. Cash bar.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING FAMILIES**  
**SUN. DECEMBER 10 | 11 - 2:30 PM**  
 Come celebrate the magic of the season with your family and avoid the clean-up! We provide the undecorated gingerbread house, frosting and candies, plus festive music, and hot cocoa!



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING CROWN-UPS**  
**SUN. DECEMBER 10 | 3:30 - 5:30 PM**  
 Snuggle in by the fire with friends and decorate your very own gingerbread house! Best of all you can leave the clean-up to us! Who says the kids get all the fun?



**OSHIMA BROTHERS**  
**SAT. NOVEMBER 4 | 7:30 PM**  
 Spend an evening with these two amazingly accomplished songwriters, singers and instrumentalists and leave feeling uplifted and inspired!



**DO NOT SUBMIT - LAKE FOREST**  
**WED. NOVEMBER 8**  
**7:15 LIST OPENS | 7:30 PM STORIES START**  
 Join us this fall for this storytelling open mic in an enthusiastic, supportive environment. No experience necessary. No cover, cash bar.



**PETE LEE**  
**SAT. NOVEMBER 11 | 7:30 PM**  
 Come ready to laugh - with humor from his midwestern roots, Pete Lee has been named as a regular on The Tonight Show by Jimmy Fallon - among his many TV appearances.



**DO NOT SUBMIT - LAKE FOREST**  
**WED. DECEMBER 13**  
**7:15 LIST OPENS | 7:30 PM STORIES START**  
 Join us this fall for this storytelling open mic in an enthusiastic, supportive environment. No experience necessary. No cover, cash bar.



**CHRISTMAS O'CAROLAN FEATURING IRISH FIDDLER KATIE CRENNAN & JOHN WILLIAMS, ACCORDION**  
**FRI. DECEMBER 15 | 7 PM**  
 7:00-8:15 PM concert (no intermission)  
 8:15-8:45 PM cocktails & conversation



**PEANUTS JAZZ WITH THE CHRIS WHITE TRIO**  
**THU. DECEMBER 14 | 7 PM**  
 Enjoy the holiday music of Vince Guaraldi, with The Chris White Trio for this annual concert. These well-known favorites are sure to put you in the holiday mood!



**SIDNEY FRIEDMAN MUSIC IN THE MIND**  
**SUN. NOVEMBER 19 | 4 - 5 PM**  
 Back by popular demand, mentalist Sidney Friedman will perform his astounding mind reading and display his incredible piano skills with his show "Music in the Mind."



**KIDS ONLY HOLIDAY SHOP**  
**WED. DECEMBER 6 | 3 - 6 PM**  
 Santa's Helpers escort children through our boutique - shopping for gifts from local vendors and talented artisans - all with items under \$10! Registration opens October 1.



**BAND OF FIVE (PLUS 4!) WOODWIND CELEBRATION!**  
**FRI. NOVEMBER 17 | 7 PM**  
 7:00-8:15 PM concert (no intermission)  
 8:15-8:45 PM cocktails & conversation



**HOLLY JOLLY CONCERT WITH UFO**  
**SUN. DECEMBER 17 | 3 PM**  
 Bring the family for an afternoon of popular holiday music and new compositions that will get you in the spirit of the season!



**MICHAEL PALASCACK**  
**SAT. DECEMBER 30 | 7:30 PM**  
 Michael grew up in Indiana and began his stand-up career in Chicago. He now resides in LA, but you can hear his stories and laugh along right here in our theater!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW OUR LIVE MUSIC & EVENTS PAGE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH ARTIST AND PURCHASE TICKETS

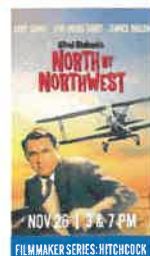
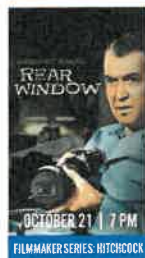
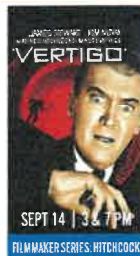




# EXPERIENCE MOVIE MAGIC

*in our john & nancy hughes theater*

Come check out what's screening this fall at your local community movie theater at Gorton Center! Whether you're looking for recent blockbusters to enjoy on our stunning big screen with unbeatable Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound, or searching for something fun to do with the kids, Gorton's state-of-the-art John & Nancy Hughes Theater has got you covered! We'll be screening contemporary and classics, along with family-friendly films throughout the fall. There's bound to be something for everyone! So come and be part of the conversation, connect with the community, and enjoy the show!



VIEW GORTON'S FILM PAGE FOR THE LATEST ADDITIONS AND TO VIEW TRAILERS  
Use the QR code to view our most up-to-date film listings and to purchase tickets.



\*First Thursday Series is sponsored by the Sheffield Foundation

## SEE ALL YOU CAN EXPERIENCE RIGHT HERE AT GORTON



## ART &amp; MUSIC

**Open Studio for Artists**

Gorton offers open studio space to artists and creatives of all backgrounds to work on their projects. Local artists Susan Sands and Joalida Smit will be available for questions and feedback.

Thu. 9:30 am – 12:30 pm  
\$35

**Private Guitar Lessons with Dave Hillebrand**

Learn a comprehensive approach to playing guitar or bass including technique, playing in different styles and ear training. Basic experience is helpful. Please reach out to Dave directly at [Dave@davehillebrand.com](mailto:Dave@davehillebrand.com).

**All Things Guitar Workshop with Dave Hillebrand**

Bring your own instrument to this all levels workshop that ends with a group jam! We will cover guitar playing concepts - from styles and techniques on acoustic and electric - to effects and creative looping.

Session 1: September 11  
Session 2: October 9  
Session 3: November 13  
Session 4: December 11  
All Sessions are Mon. 7 – 8:30 pm  
\$40 per session

**Traditional African Hand Drumming with Helen Bond**

In this class, you will learn basic rhythms on dunun drums and the djembe accompaniment parts as well as the origins of each rhythm.

Session 1: September 11 – October 3  
Session 2: October 23 – November 13  
All Sessions are Mon. 6 – 7:30 pm  
\$125 per session

**Drawing & Painting in the Studio with Cheryl Steiger**

Pursue art through an individualized class. Work from photos, still life, or your imagination in the medium of your choice. Individual instruction will be given on techniques.

Session 1: Sept 12 – November 14 (\$350)  
Session 2: November 21 – December 19 (\$175)  
Both Sessions are Tue. 1 – 3:30 pm

**Beginner Color Pencil with Phil Schom**

Explore the beauty of drawing with colored pencil. Learn everything you need to get started - types of paper, pencils, how to put the color down, how to draw without seeing lines, layering, and blending.

Tue. October 3 - October 24, 1 – 4 pm  
\$200

**Palette & Pours with Deer Path Art League**

Looking for a fun and creative way to spend an evening? Join us for wine and painting in an all-level class led by Leslie Lenz and Sandie Bacon.

October 6: Fall Birch Trees

November 3: Tea Cups

December 1: Paint Your Pet

All Classes are Fri. 7 – 9 pm

\$50 per class

**Autumn in Watercolors with Periwinkle Art Studio**

Explore the fluid style of watercolors by painting a grouping of sunflowers. Sketch the blooms then use layers of color. Bring the garden into focus as you learn to add depth and vibrancy to your painting.

Thu. October 12, 1 – 3 pm  
\$50

## GAMES

**Mahjong**

Come learn how to play the exciting game of Mahjong! It's a tile game of skill and chance that is social, competitive and addictive - it can also improve memory!

Session 1: September 7 – September 28

Session 2: October 3 – October 24

Both sessions are Wed. 10 – 12 pm

\$120 per session

**Canasta**

If you like card games - especially rummy type - you will love Canasta! Bring some friends and join Debbie Meyer to learn this fun partnership card game.

Session 1: September 7 – September 28

Session 2: October 3 – October 24

Both sessions are Wed. 1 – 3pm

\$120 per session





## ADULT CLASSES

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### HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### Fascial Stretch Therapy with Josh Watson

Eliminate chronic pain, increase mobility and improve flexibility and strength through this neuromyofascial manual therapy method. Schedule a private stretching session with Josh at [lakeshorelathome@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshorelathome@gmail.com).

#### Tai Chi with Ken Ning

Slow and gentle, Tai Chi can improve blood flow, balance, and relaxation. Join Ken each Saturday to learn and practice the flowing movements of Tai Chi.

All Classes are Sat, 10:45 – 11:45 am  
\$15 per class

#### Yoga with Areta

Join this one hour vinyasa flow practice to help release tension and bring you back into balance. Whether you are new to yoga or an experienced practitioner, this mindful flow class will leave you feeling renewed and energized.

Tue. & Thu. 9 – 10 am  
\$20 per class/\$96 six-classes

#### SALSArobbics with Esther

Come move to a myriad of fun Latin, Caribbean, Spanish and African beats with low and high impact options offered.

Fri, October 4 - November 22, 9:30 – 10:30 am  
\$15

#### Self-Care Sundays: Restorative Yoga & Sound Bath Healing

Tune into your senses and join us for an incredible restorative yoga practice combined with a healing sound bath of Himalayan crystal and Tibetan bowls.

Sun, September 3 – December 3,  
11 am – 12:30 pm  
\$40 per session

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#### Yoga & Live Acoustic Guitar

Experience the energy all around you as you're guided through a gentle yoga flow accompanied by live acoustic guitar. Allow the music composed in real time to complement your movement, creating a experience that allows you to fully tune into your mind and body.

Thu, September 7 – December 6, 6 – 7 pm  
\$35 per session

#### Keys to Longevity

Apply the latest research in longevity to create a personalized plan for reversing aging. You can prevent (or reverse) chronic age-related diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, and cognitive decline, and enhance your overall well-being.

Session 1: September 13 – September 27  
Session 2: November 1 – November 15  
Both sessions are Wed. 6 – 7:30 pm  
\$90 per session

### MEDITATING & HEALING WITH SOUND: INSTRUCTOR JOI HUNT



Joi Hunt is a Certified Sound Meditation Practitioner and Gorton's Sound Bath instructor. During a sound bath meditation she plays several types of instruments including crystal and metal singing bowls, several types of chimes, and her favorite, the native flute. Joi finds that hosting sound baths at Gorton Center is remarkable because the programming is open to the entire community of Lake Forest, and beyond with no membership required. "Being a part of a holistic wellness group

at Gorton is fantastic – from yoga with Areta, reiki, tai chi, and Yogaguitar – it's a wonderful space to find balance and peace within, let go of stress, and leave feeling better." Joi is looking forward to Gorton's fall programming, including a new class – *Restorative Yoga with Sound Bath* – a joint class with Gorton yoga instructor Areta. The class will be a wonderful experience of gentle movement and sound. Joi will continue her *Sound Bath* sessions on Sunday evenings at 7 pm, perfectly timed to rest and get yourself mentally ready for a new week.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### Sound Bath Meditation with Joi Hunt

Take this opportunity to unplug from the everyday and be bathed by sound waves that help you deeply relax, restore, and heal your mind, body, and soul.

Sun, September 17 – November 12  
7 – 7:45 pm  
\$35 per class

#### Yoguitar: Music Meditation with Dave Hillebrand

Come for a relaxing hour of serene guitar music that can help you slow down, reset and feel rejuvenated. Yoguitar is not movement based - it's a focus on the present moment with live acoustic music.

Tue, September 26 – December 19, 7 – 8 pm  
\$25 per session

#### Women's Self-Defense with Fit2Defend

This women's self-defense workshop will teach participants how to defend themselves in multiple ways and the importance of awareness. Plenty of hands-on training means attendees will walk away feeling more confidence in themselves and their self-defense skills.

Wed, October 25, 6 – 8 pm  
\$40

#### CPR, AED & Optional First Aid Course

Learn how to perform important skills including rescue breathing, CPR, and managing an obstructed airway for all ages. Also, learn how to use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). *Hybrid course.*

Sat, December 2, 1:30 – 3:30 pm  
\$65

### WORKSHOPS

#### Mindful Moms Group

Delve into the social and cultural aspects of motherhood. We'll examine how parenting can foster healing and growth, exploring concepts like "matrescence" and the "Myth of the Perfect Mother."

Tue, Sept 12 – November 21, 11 am – 12 pm  
\$25 per session/\$110 for all sessions

#### PARENTING SERIES: GROWING GRIT Fostering Resilience & Confidence in Our Kids (And Ourselves!)

Join T-Ann Pierce, life and confidence coach, in this Four-Part Series. We will dive deep into practical and often overlooked information for you and your kids!

Session 1: September 12  
Anxiety Awareness: Dispelling Common Misunderstandings About Anxiety

Session 2: October 10  
Emotional Regulation: Equipping Your Child for Life's Challenges

Session 3: November 14  
Self-Confidence Vs. Self-Consciousness: Cultivating Authenticity & Self-Assuredness for the Long Haul

Session 4: December 12  
The Coping Toolbox: Strategies to Help Bounce Back from Adversity

All Sessions are Tue, 6:30 – 8 pm  
\$35 per session

#### Divorcing with Dignity

Divorce mediation allows a couple who can communicate and be fair to make 100% of their own decisions about parenting, financial and property divisions, child support and alimony.

Tue, September 19 – December 12, 7 – 8 pm  
\$5



#### College Essay Tips from a Harvard Grad

Jamie Schultz, a Harvard grad and CEO of Jamie the Scholar Private Tutoring, provides advice and tips for writing essays that will get noticed by admissions.

Thu, September 28, 7 – 8 pm  
\$35

## ADULT CLASSES



## WORKSHOPS

### Save it to the Cloud

Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will teach you how to back up your documents, music and photos to online cloud solutions, many of which are cheap or free.  
Wed, October 4, 7 – 8 pm  
\$20

### ACT or SAT? Help!

Come learn the differences between the ACT and SAT, and which one is right for your teen. Jamie Schultz of Jamie the Scholar Private Tutoring, will help clarify ACT and SAT test prep, so you leave with a plan!  
Tue, October 17, 6 – 7:30 pm  
\$35

### Estate Planning with Alan Sohn

Everything you need to know and were afraid to ask! This session will help you gain a better understanding of the planning process and be an educated consumer when seeking assistance.  
Tue, October 19, 6 – 7:30 pm  
\$5

### Financial Complexities of Aging

This session will cover topics including elder law, aging in place, the senior living process including various options available, and how to pay for it. Instructor Eric Klein will provide suggestions, guidance and support around the senior living journey.  
Tue, October 24, 6 – 7 pm  
\$5



### Holiday Tech Gifts

Find out all the hottest gadget gifts available this holiday season. From smart home gadgets and phone accessories to toys and oddities, you'll see lots of cool options for holiday wish lists!  
Wed, November 29 6 – 7:30 pm  
\$20

## AND MORE CLASSES!

### Learn to Make Cannoli!

You'll be sure to have fun learning about Cannoli from Tony "Cannoli" Volpentesta. He was taught in his Italian grandmother's kitchen and is in never-ending pursuit to make the perfect cannoli shells for his delectable fillings.  
Session 1: Wed, October 18, 5 – 6 pm  
Session 2: Thu, December 7, 5 – 6 pm  
\$35 per session

### Lash Wizardry Workshop: Master the Art of DIY Lash Enhancement

Aruna the Lash Shrink will share the art of applying removing, storing, and reusing lashes. Enjoy stunning lashes and celebrate the power of choice and self-expression!  
Session 1: November 9  
Session 2: December 7  
Sessions are Thu, 6 – 7:30 pm  
\$100 per session

### Ladies Holiday Tea

Enjoy a special time with friends as you sip two different types of tea and learn a little about the traditions and history of tea. Delicious treats will take you around the world to South Africa, Australasia, Great Britain and parts of Europe.  
Sat, December 16, 3 – 4:30 pm  
\$50

## ART

### Afterschool Art Club with Carole Pearlman

School-age artists are invited to come explore their creativity! Students use the ideas and techniques of the 'Artist of the Day' to explore their own individual styles and create their own art! For grades K-3  
Session 1: September 11 – October 2  
Session 2: October 16 – November 6  
Session 3: November 13 – December 11  
Session is Mon, 3:45 – 5:15 pm  
\$168 per session

### Afterschool Art Club with Lezlie Lenz

Your budding artist will explore different artists, do draw-a-long and other fun projects each week. For grades 2-4  
Session 1: September 14 – October 12  
Session 2: October 19 – November 16  
Session is Mon, 3:45 – 5:15 pm  
\$168 per session

### Art-Making Workshop for Kids with Periwinkle Art Studio

Sign your child up for this Saturday morning fun and creative workshop! Participants can choose from an array of supplies to make a unique art piece: canvas, weaving, collage and wood shapes. Ages 7-12  
Session 1: September 9  
Session 2: September 16  
Each session is Sat, 10 – 11 am  
\$35 per session

## YOUTH CLASSES



## DANCE & MUSIC

### Irish Dance Lessons from the Fitzpatrick School of Dance – Wed

A touch of Ireland in Lake Forest! We offer classes for Littles to work on rhythm and coordination. Beginners will be introduced to basic Irish dance techniques. Ages 5 & Up  
Wed, September 6 – November 29  
Beginners: 4 – 4:45 pm  
\$220

### Irish Dance Lessons from the Fitzpatrick School of Dance – Sat

Littles work on rhythm and coordination. Beginners learn basic Irish dance techniques. Continuing/Advanced Beginners build on Irish dance fundamentals.  
Sat, September 9 – November 18  
Littles: 9 – 9:30 am  
Continuing/Advanced: 9:30 – 10:15 am  
\$165/\$220

### Kindermusik Level 1: Cuddle & Bounce

Hear squeals of delight as your baby anticipates the next zoom lift and giggles while dancing and socializing! Babies up to 16 months  
Session 1: September 6 – October 25  
Session 2: November 8 – January 17  
All Sessions are Wed, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm  
\$180 per session

### Kindermusik Level 2: Wiggle & Grow

This class celebrates your child's blossoming social skills – children practice "turn taking" activities and finger games and play simple instruments. Ages 16 months – 3 years  
Session 1: September 6 – October 25  
Session 2: November 8 – January 17  
All Sessions are Wed, 9:15 – 10:15 am OR 10:15 – 11:15 am  
\$180 per session

## SHARING HER LOVE OF MUSIC & PLAY: INSTRUCTOR: MEGAN MOORE



Miss Megan has been teaching Kindermusik at Gorton since Fall of 2022. She enjoys teaching and sharing her love of music with children. The Kindermusik program is unique in that it uses research based techniques to guide your little one in language skills, literacy, problem solving, social skills, self esteem, and musicality!

"Singing has been my heart and soul since I was a little girl," says Megan. "Now I get to share my love of music and play with these little ones every week. There are also so many skills that these classes teach them and teaching is the highlight of my week. Gorton Center has been so welcoming and supportive. The room I have the privilege to teach in is just beautiful and perfect for our lessons!"

## YOUTH CLASSES



### ETIQUETTE

#### Dining with the Stars

Your child will be taught to set a proper table and will learn good posture and manners and the importance of listening and making conversation. *Ages 5-8*  
Sun, October 15, 10:30 am - 12 pm  
\$90

#### Pearls & Bow Ties

Participants will be taught to set the table, proper conduct and how to eat with various utensils. They will also learn how to dress and behave at both informal and formal gatherings. *Ages 9-18*  
Sun, October 15, 12:30 - 2 pm  
\$115

#### Tea with Mrs. B

This class makes learning social and dining manners fun! Children dress up in hats, bows and bow ties and will practice mindfulness, posture, greetings and farewells. *Ages Pre-K & K*  
Sun, October 22, 10 - 11 am  
\$45

#### Thanksgiving Mother Daughter Tea

Enjoy a special time with your daughter(s) as you sip teas and play some etiquette games. Delicious treats will take you around the world! *All ages*  
Sat, November 18, 3 - 4:30 pm  
\$45



### ROBOTICS/STEM

#### Robot Planes

**RoboThink After School Class**  
Students will build a variety of planes, helicopters and other flying machines and learn basic robotics and engineering concepts. They'll also discover interesting facts about the history of flight. *Ages 7-12*  
Wed, September 14 - October 18, 4 - 5:30 pm  
\$195

#### STEM Inventions

**RoboThink After School Class**  
Starting with the wheel and ending with the drone, students will learn about important inventions throughout history. They will build replicas gain an understanding of engineering and robotics. *Ages 7-12*  
Wed, Nov 8 - December 20, 4 - 5:30 pm  
\$195

#### RoboThink Battle Bots Workshop

This is a great introduction to our programs. Students will build a robot, then challenge their creation against other robots. *Ages 7-11*  
Sat, November 18, 10 am - 12 pm  
\$40

#### Girl Gonna Launch:

**Innovation & Design Workshop**  
A new opportunity where girls learn to launch a startup and bring their ideas to life! Students will start by learning design-thinking methodology and gain the confidence to launch, lead, and innovate. *Ages 10-15*  
Wed, January 3, 9 am - 12 pm  
\$120

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How do entrepreneurs thrive through failure and rejection? Recognize opportunities & take initiative? How do they innovate in the face of challenges? Students will learn how to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and how to reframe failure, develop a growth mindset, and put their ideas out into the world! *Ages 10-15*  
Thu, January 4, 9 am - 2:30 pm  
\$175

### AND MORE!

#### Fencing

Fencing demands quick thinking, agility, poise and speed. It also develops discipline, respect, maturity and good sportsmanship, qualities that carry through to our everyday life. *Ages 7-14*  
Session 1: September 18 - October 30  
Session 2: November 6 - December 18  
Sessions are Mon, 5 - 6 pm  
\$266 per session

#### Child & Babysitting Safety

Designed for teens and young adults interested in a babysitting business, or who have responsibility for younger family members. *Ages 12+*  
Sat, December 2, 8 am - 1 pm  
\$75



### SEWING WITH CIAO BELLA

#### Fashion Sewing Techniques

This class is great for both new and returning students. Students will learn both machine and hand stitching and will complete at least two projects. *Ages 8-13*  
September 14 - November 16  
Regular sessions Thu, 4 - 5 pm  
Advanced Sewing sessions Thu, 5 - 6 pm  
Each session: \$220

#### Holiday Sewing Workshop

With new projects each session, this class is great for new and returning students. We will complete at least two projects using hand and machine sewing. *Ages 8-13*  
November 30 - December 14  
Regular sessions Thu, 4 - 5 pm  
Advanced Sewing sessions Thu, 5 - 6 pm  
\$90

#### Winter Break Mini Sewing Camp

Sign your child up for us for three days of sewing fun during this winter break mini-camp! We will be making pj pants, a winter scarf and a fun pillow. *Ages 8-13*  
December 27, 28, & 29, 9:30 am - 12 pm  
\$165



**STAY UP TO DATE ON CLASSES WE OFFER**  
We are constantly adding exciting new classes. Use the QR code to view our most up-to-date classes and register online.



### GORTON DRAMA STUDIO

#### Method Acting for Adults with Jeremy Kruse

All experience levels welcome as we explore Method acting. Whether you are seeking a fun outlet or aiming to enhance your acting expertise, Jeremy will provide expert guidance.  
September 12 - December 16  
Thu, 2 - 5 pm and/or Sat, 10 am - 1 pm  
1 hour - \$200  
2 hours - \$400  
3 hours - \$600



#### Performance Acting Class

##### Halloween Play

Students will immerse themselves in the enchanting world of acting and bring Halloween magic to life on stage. Whether a novice or seasoned performer, join us for intensive rehearsals, skill development, and an inclusive audition process, culminating in a Halloween-themed play. *Ages 9-14*  
Auditions: September 6 & 7  
September 13 - November 26  
Wed. and Thu, 4 - 6 pm  
Performances: Fri, Oct 27 & Sat, Oct 28, 7 pm  
\$800

#### Acting for Ages 5 to 8 with Madison Kisst

By fostering confidence, spontaneity, and valuable social and motor skills, your child will thrive while mastering essential abilities like stage presence, enunciation, and character development. *Ages 5-8*  
Session 1: September 12 - November 14  
Session 2: November 7 - December 16  
Sessions are Tue, 4 - 5:30 pm and Sat, 10 - 11:30 am  
\$300 per session

#### Little Storytellers with Madison Kisst

Are you looking for an activity for your little one? Through interactive play and fully-engaged make-believe that enhances sensory and motor skills, children are led through stories and become part of the storytelling themselves. *Ages 2.5-4 years*  
Thu, Sept 12 - November 14, 10 - 11 am  
\$200

#### Acting for Teens with Madison Kisst

Discover Method acting through dynamic exercises, scenes, improvisations, and monologues, while enjoying the freedom to explore plays, films, poems, and more. Suitable for all experience levels, this class offers a creative outlet and an enjoyable experience for teens seeking to delve into the world of acting. *Ages 13-19*  
Session 1: September 16 - November 5  
Session 2: November 11 - December 18  
Sessions are Sat, 12:30 - 2 pm  
\$400



SUPPORT GORTON – THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

"We get a real sense of belonging in the community - a place to gather and learn and explore. We love Gorton."

- Monique Hypes

In 2024, we will be celebrating 50 years of Gorton as a center for the community! Thanks to generous support from donors, volunteers, and patrons over the years, Gorton has grown to become a destination for arts, entertainment, and learning that fosters connection across all ages

As we honor Gorton's rich history while looking ahead to the next 50 years, we hope you will consider contributing to Gorton today. Gifts from individuals and organizations in the community allow us to enhance our offerings of events, programs, and classes across life stages and areas of interest while building a foundation for the future.

Donate online at [gortoncenter.org/donations](https://gortoncenter.org/donations), by scanning the QR code below, or by returning the giving envelope today.


Interested in other ways to support Gorton and further your impact? Consider the following and reach out to Laura Demmer, Director of Development, at 847-810-4108 or [Laura@gortoncenter.org](mailto:Laura@gortoncenter.org) to discuss!

- **Matching Gifts:** did you know hundreds of companies match employee charitable contributions? Simply contact your human resources department to find out more.
- **Gifts of Securities:** to make a gift by stock transfer, please contact Adam Liebman at Wintrust Wealth Management at 847-482-8435.
- **Bequests:** including Gorton Center in your will or trust is a simple way to leave an enduring legacy.
- **Sponsor an Event:** there are many opportunities for individuals, companies, and organizations to sponsor a specific program or event depending on your interests!

Gorton has come so far in the past 50 years...imagine what we can do together in the next 50! Join us to leave your mark on Gorton as the gathering place in the heart of our community.



GORTON THEN & NOW

 Gorton Center is a private nonprofit organization – we receive no tax dollars and rely on donations. You can support us at [gortoncenter.org/donations](https://gortoncenter.org/donations) or scan QR code to donate

1901

The building opened as Lake Forest's first K-8 school

1912

School renamed after LF Mayor Edward F. Gorton

1974

When Gorton School closed in 1972, our community rallied to preserve the treasured building and it reopened as Gorton Community Center

2006

Gorton becomes a nonprofit organization

2016

Community Spirit Transformed Fund-raising Campaign completed and John & Nancy Hughes Theater opened

2019

Gorton has record year and hosts over 11,000 visitors at films, events and classes!

2022

Gorton survives pandemic closures and hosts 10,519 visitors at classes, events and films

2024

Gorton will celebrate fifty years of serving our community!



**GORTON CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER**

Gorton Children's Learning Center serves as a home away from home for children ages six weeks to five years while you do what you need to do – for a few hours, or a few days a week!

Open weekdays 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

### CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER FALL CALENDAR

September 5	First Day of School
October 9	Closed for Columbus Day
November 22-24	Closed for Thanksgiving Break
December 23-January 5	Closed for Winter Break
January 6, 2024	Open for Regular Hours

### NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: BRYANNA MUSICA



Bryanna started her career as a third grade teacher at a charter school in Wisconsin after graduating from UW Oshkosh. While earning her degree she worked in a day-care and as a caregiver for a young girl with special needs. She grew up in a suburban town in Illinois with her parents and a younger brother, as well as all kinds of pets. On nice days you can find Bryanna hiking, playing beach volleyball, swimming, or snowboarding. On rainy days you can find her painting, quilting, reading or sewing. She is super excited to learn all about her students and to help them develop a passion for learning!



## THE DEER PATH ART LEAGUE: NURTURING CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY IN LAKE FOREST



### deer path art league

The Deer Path Art League stands as a vibrant hub for artists and art enthusiasts alike. Founded with a vision to foster creativity and cultivate a sense of community, this organization has become an integral part of the town's cultural landscape.

Established in 1954, the Deer Path Art League has consistently upheld its mission to provide an inclusive platform for individuals to explore, learn, and express themselves through various forms of art.

One of the League's most remarkable features is its commitment to engagement with the local community. Through collaborations with schools, libraries, and community leaders, the Deer Path Art League extends its reach beyond its doors. This outreach not only promotes art education but also contributes to enriching the cultural tapestry of Lake Forest through events like the Emerging Artists Exhibit featuring local student art displayed throughout Market Square, the Sculpture Stroll, which highlights local, public art pieces, and the Art Fair on the Square an annual community fine art show held each Labor Day weekend, spanning almost 70 years and attracting upwards of 20,000 visitors.

As a non-profit, volunteer-driven entity, the League relies on the dedication of its members and the support of the community to flourish. Through membership fees, donations, and sponsorships, individuals and businesses alike contribute to the League's sustainability and impact.

In an age where digital interactions often dominate, the Deer Path Art League stands as a testament to the enduring power of physical art and human connection. With its unwavering dedication to fostering creativity and a sense of togetherness, it continues to be a beacon of artistic inspiration in Lake Forest and beyond. The Deer Path Art League invites you to become a member today by visiting our website at [deerpathartleague.org](http://deerpathartleague.org).

## ONGOING CLASSES OFFERED BY OUR NONPROFIT TENANTS

### Violin & Viola Lessons

Join Donna Curry, Master Teacher, to begin or continue the joyful journey to making beautiful music. Beginners through advanced, all ages in the Suzuki and/or Traditional Method. Email Donna directly at [donnac56787@me.com](mailto:donnac56787@me.com) or visit [donnacurrystudio.com](http://donnacurrystudio.com).

**The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff**  
The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff invites everyone to worship with them. Services held at the Lily Reid Hott Chapel at Lake Forest College, Sundays at 10 am. For more information about services or upcoming events please visit our website at [communitychurch.us](http://communitychurch.us).

### Christian Science Services

Sunday mornings

10 am

### Lake Forest Caucus Meetings

Twice monthly meetings on Tuesdays

7 pm

### M.A.S.S. Mens Group Meetings for suicide survivors

Every other month on Mondays

7 pm

## ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE FOR LIFE'S CELEBRATIONS

Please contact Martha ReQu or Megan Engelberg at [martha@gortoncenter.org](mailto:martha@gortoncenter.org) / [megan@gortoncenter.org](mailto:megan@gortoncenter.org) or call us at 847-234-6060 for more information



## NON-GORTON EVENTS THIS FALL

### SEPTEMBER

- 13 Navigating Your Next Move
- 17 Tom Dreesen Show – The Man Who Made Sinatra Laugh!
- 20 Lake Forest College Movie-The Right to Boycott
- 21 North Shore Civic Club – The State of the Great Lakes

### OCTOBER

- 8 Arthur Murray Ballroom Meets Broadway
- 8 5 Seasons: The Gardens of Piccadilly Film Screening
- 14 Lake Forest Library: The Seed Keeper – Native Voices Program
- 15 Lake Forest Civic Orchestra Concert
- 20 Tom Fuller in Concert

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Deer Path Art League Members Market
- 10-11 Little Personality Photo Shoot
- 12 Lake Forest Civic Orchestra Concert

### DECEMBER

- 1 Lake Forest College Band, Orchestra & Choir Concert
- 2 Rootz Children's Theater Performances
- 8-9 Irina Makkai Ballet Recitals
- 16 LoMastro Recital
- 21 The Community Church of LF/LB Longest Night Service



MUSIC AND STORY TELLING PRESENTS

## TOM DRESEN LIVE

AN AFTERNOON OF LAUGHTER  
GUSTON GUNTER  
SAT. 10/20/23

ADULTS 2PM 10PM  
\$55-\$79  
\$17  
\$55-\$79  
\$17

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO

FRIDAY  
10/20/2023  
7:30 PM



**\$20 PER TICKET**  
Buy tickets at [gortoncenter.org](http://gortoncenter.org)

**tomfuller.rock**

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## CELEBRATE WITH US!

Stay tuned for details on special events including Gorton's 50th Birthday Bash, film festivals, an evening with Giordano Dance Chicago, and so much more!

Next year, Gorton will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a center for the community! We are looking forward to celebrating Gorton's past and building its future during this time, and we hope you will join us for special festivities throughout the year.

“Gorton has been an important part of my family's life since we moved to Lake Forest. From childcare at the Children's Learning Center and camps like Safety Town to watching movies on the big screen, attending concerts, and experiencing Second City in our own backyard – Gorton has enriched our community and provided us a myriad of ways to be educated and entertained. For this reason, I am thrilled to continue supporting Gorton and chair the 50th Anniversary celebration in 2024!

Gorton is a special place, and whether your story is similar to mine or you have yet to enjoy all that it offers, I hope you will join us throughout 2024 to celebrate 50 years of Gorton Center. There will definitely be something for everyone.”

Kate Rother

*Chair of Gorton Center's 50th Anniversary*



## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST BE A SPONSOR

Don't miss our on weekly reminders about all that is going on at Gorton! Scan QR code to sign up!



We are seeking companies and individuals to sponsor a full year of programs or specific events. Contact Ann Kiesling at [annk@gortoncenter.org](mailto:annk@gortoncenter.org) for more details

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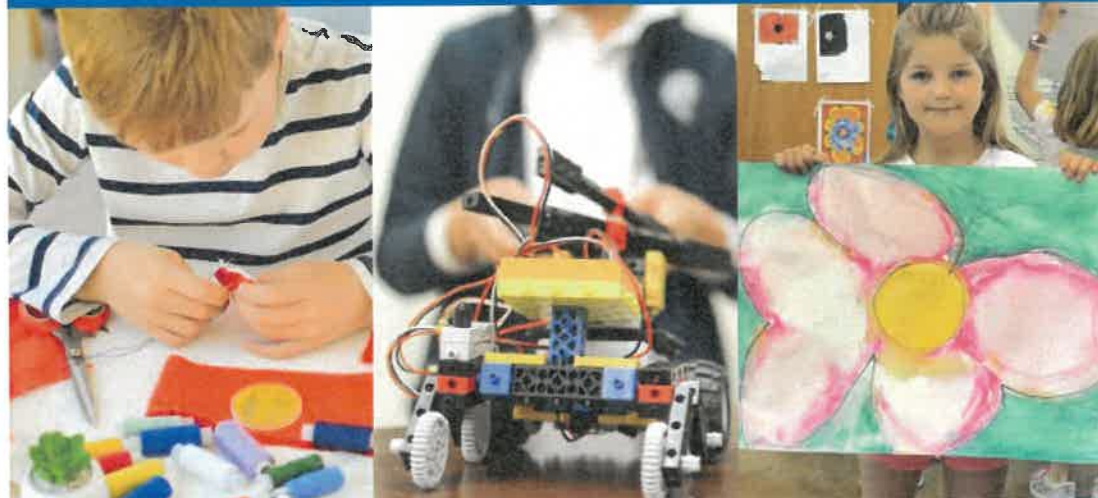


Gorton Center is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to enhance community engagement by offering arts, culture, entertainment, films and classes. Our programming receives no tax dollars – we rely on donations from you – the community we serve! Please consider a donation to help support Gorton by giving on our website or by contacting Gorton Center at 847-234-6060.



# SUMMER CAMPS AT GORTON

REGISTRATION OPENS ON FEBRUARY 15 AT 10 AM

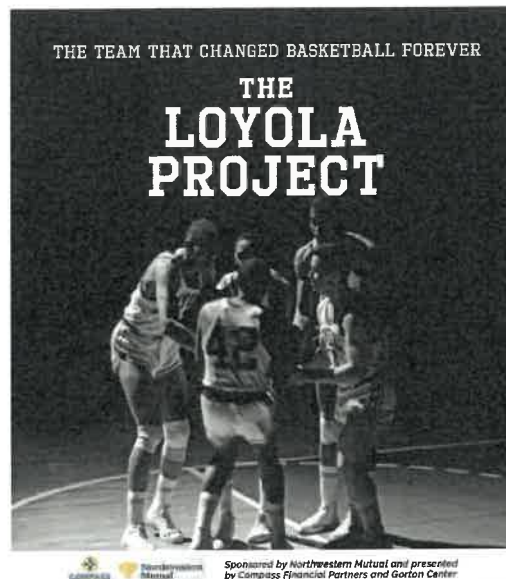


## HALF OR FULL DAY CAMP OPTION!

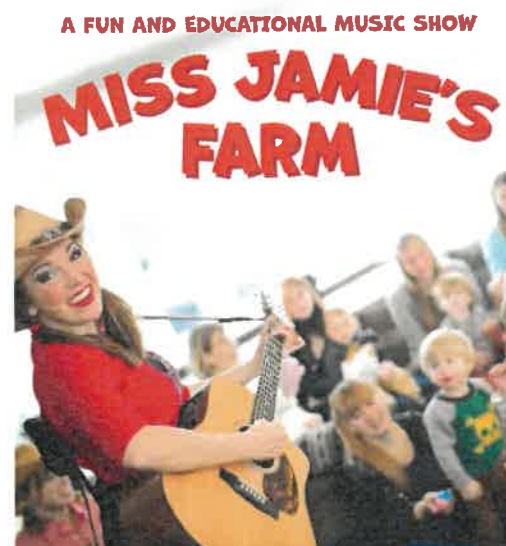
At Gorton you can customize your child's summer camp experience for a summer full of fun! Our week-long summer camps run from June to August and vary week to week. Camps include:

- Art
- Filmmaking
- Sewing
- STEM
- Robotics
- Safety Town
- Gorton Drama Studio

[GORTONCENTER.ORG/CLASSES-2/CAMPS](https://gortoncenter.org/classes-2/camps)



**THE LOYOLA PROJECT**  
Film with Panel Discussion  
Thu. February 9 | 7 PM



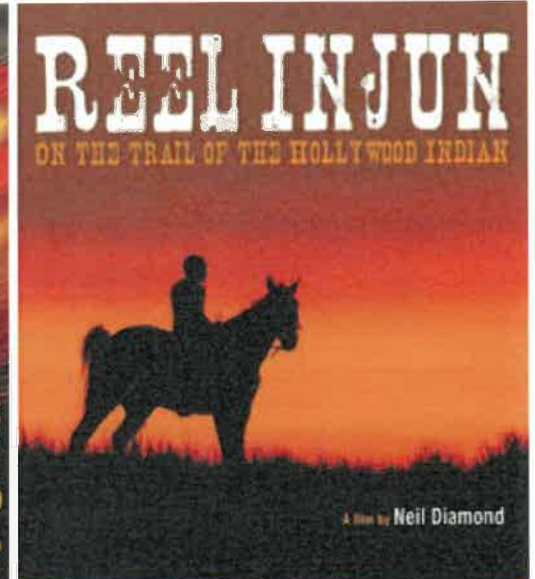
**MISS JAMIE'S FARM**  
Sat. February 25 | 10 AM



**OSCAR SHORTS**  
March 4 and 5  
Visit [gortoncenter.org/film](https://gortoncenter.org/film) for times



**SIDNEY FRIEDMAN**  
Mentalist to the Stars  
Sat. March 4 | 7:30 PM



**REEL INJUN**  
Part of Native Voices Film Series  
Wed. March 8 | 3 PM & 7 PM

Visit [gortoncenter.org](https://gortoncenter.org) for more information and tickets to our films, events and classes & camps

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## FEATURED CLASS

**Gorton  
Drama  
Studio**

**Gorton Drama Studio offers professional quality classes for ages 2 ½ to 100!**

- Method acting and dramatic writing education
- Performance opportunities on the stage and screen

**Come experience a class in a fun and inspirational environment where community members can express themselves creatively through both entertaining and artistic theater and film.**

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### **Little Storytellers (Ages 2½ to 4)**

Fridays, February 24 – April 7 (no class 3/29)  
10:30 – 11:30 am \$150

### **Acting for Ages 5 to 8**

Tuesdays, February 21 – April 4 (no class 3/28)  
4 – 5:30 pm \$225

### **Acting for Ages 9 to 13**

Wednesdays, February 22 – April 5 (no class 3/29)  
4:30 – 6:30 pm \$300

### **Method Acting Teens**

Saturdays, February 25 – April 8 (no class 4/1)  
11 am – 1 pm \$300

### **Method Acting for Adults**

Tuesdays, February 21 – April 4 (no class 3/28)  
1 – 3 pm \$300

### **Acting for Boomers**

Wednesday, February 22 – April 5 (no class 3/29)  
10 am – 12 pm \$300

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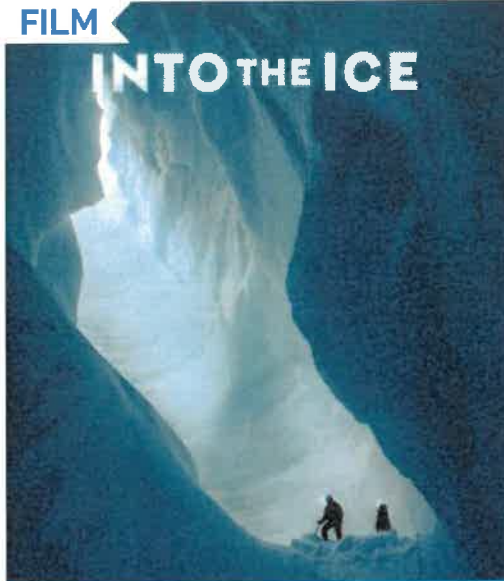


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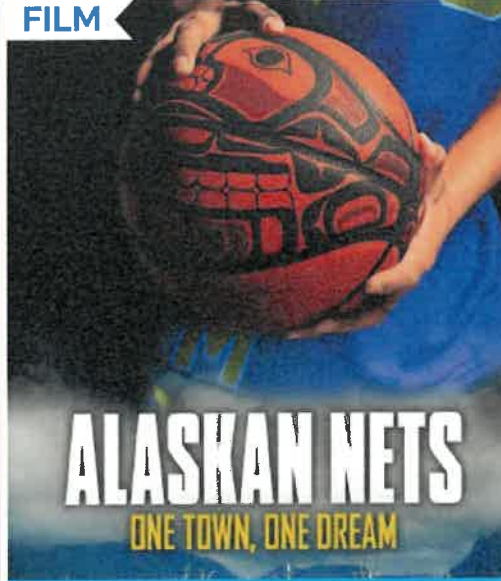




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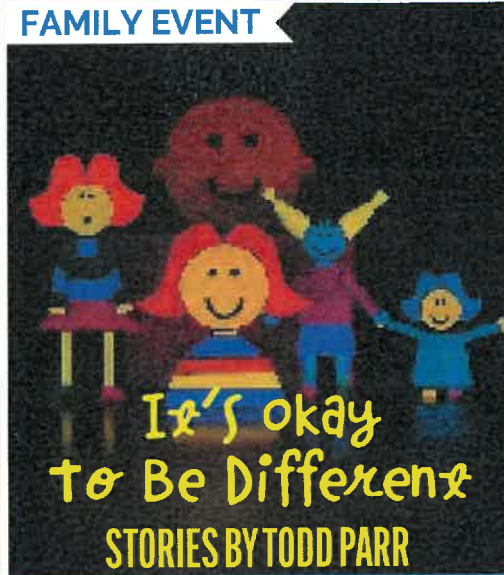
**INTO THE ICE**  
Part of One Earth Film Festival  
Mon. March 6 | 6:30 PM



**ALASKAN NETS**  
Part of Native Voices Film Series  
Wed. March 29 | 3 PM & 7 PM



**THE IRON GIANT**  
Kids' Matinee  
Mon. March 27 | 2 PM



**IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT**  
Stories By Todd Parr  
Sun. April 2 | 10 AM



**VICTOR GARCIA JAZZ**  
Sat. April 15 | 7 PM

## You'll find it all happening at Gorton

### Gorton offers classes for the mind and the body

#### Yoga with Areta

Tuesdays - All Levels  
Thursdays - Gentle Flow  
9 – 10 am

#### Salsarobics

Fridays | 9:30 – 10:30 am

#### Tai Chi with Ken Ning

Saturdays | 11 am – 12 pm

#### Sound Bath Meditation

Wed. March 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Wed. March 15 | 10 – 11 am

#### Introduction to Reiki

Thu. March 9 | 7 – 8:30 pm

#### Fencing for Ages 7 to 14

Mon. March 13 – April 24 | 5 – 6 pm

#### Reiki Levels I & II

#### Accelerated Class

Sat. March 18 | 1 – 5 pm

#### Restorative Yoga Workshop with Areta

Sun. March 19 | 1 – 2:30 pm



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for more information  
and to purchase  
films, events and  
classes & camps

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# SUMMER CAMPS AT GORTON

Gorton Center offers summer camps for all ages – including nurturing and stimulating summer fun for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years at our Children's Learning Center's Camp Gorton from June through August.

This summer our littlest campers will jump into the jungle to explore the rainforest from top to bottom! They will get to know the animals, plants, weather and food found in the rainforest wrapped around fun facts about the canopy and going on a safari. Their adventure will unfold through stories, songs, games, crafts and dramatic play!

We know that flexibility is important for busy families, especially during the summer. Camp Gorton offers three week-long sessions – in each you can choose half-day or full-day for two, three or five days per week! Mix or match, you decide. *We are excited to explore the jungle with your children this summer.*

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& REGISTER



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**FAMILY EVENT**



April 2 | 10 am  
**It's Okay to Be Different**  
STORIES BY TODD PARR

**COMEDY**



**karen morgan**  
COMEDY  
April 22 | 7:30 pm

**FAMILY EVENT**



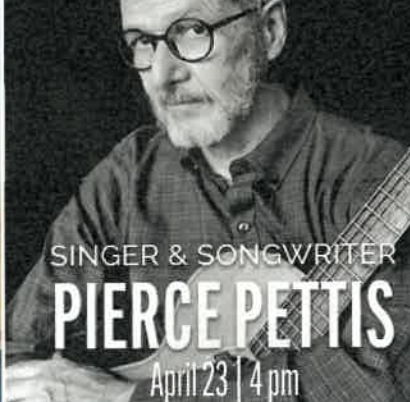
**Mother-Child Tea Party**  
May 7 | 1 pm

**LIVE MUSIC**



**VICTOR GARCIA**  
*Jazz*  
April 15 | 7 pm

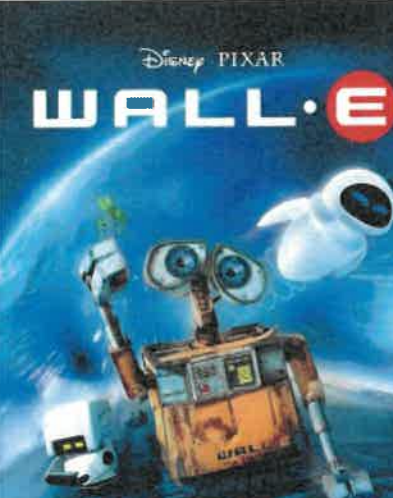
**LIVE MUSIC**



SINGER & SONGWRITER  
**PIERCE PETTIS**  
April 23 | 4 pm

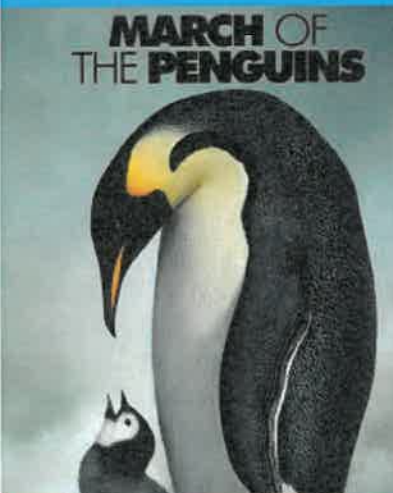
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Disney PIXAR  
**WALL·E**

**WALL-E**  
Part of Kids Matinee Series  
Sat. April 1 | 2 PM




**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS**

**MARCH OF THE PENGUINS**  
Part of the First Thursdays Series  
Thu. April 6 | 3 PM & 7 PM



**FLY FISHING FILM TOUR**

**FLY FISHING FILM TOUR**  
Sun. April 2 | 3 - 9 PM



**O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?**

**O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?**  
Fri. April 7 | 7 PM

See a Film at Your Local Movie Theater

## Classes for Adults at Gorton

**Traditional African Hand Drumming with Helen Bond**  
Monday, April 3 | 6 - 7:30 pm

**Yoga with Areta**  
Tuesdays - All Levels  
Thursdays - Gentle Flow  
9 - 10 am

**Drawing and Painting with Cheryl Steiger**  
Tue. April 4 - May 30 | 1 - 3 pm

**Mahjong**  
Wed. April 5 - 26 | 10 am - 12 pm

**Canasta**  
Wed. April 5 - 26 | 1 - 3 pm

**Palette & Pours: Van Gogh**  
Fri. April 7 | 7 - 9 pm

**American Sign Language with Justin Dougan-LeBlanc**  
Mon. April 10 - May 1 | 6:30 - 8 pm

**Method Acting Adult**  
Tue. April 11 - May 16 | 1 - 3 pm

**Acting for Boomers**  
Wed. April 22 - May 17 | 10 am - 12 pm



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**BE THE BOSS OF THE TOSS  
AT GORTON'S ANNUAL  
CORNHOLE THROWDOWN!**

**SUN. JULY 16**  
**4:00 TO 6:30 PM**  
**PLAY OR JUST COME FOR THE FUN!**



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**CORNHOLE... BEER... LIVE MUSIC FROM THE BAND "ROLLOVER" AND SUMMER FUN! GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER FOR A ROCKIN' GOOD TIME AT GORTON!**

Come for food trucks, drinks, live music, a round-robin, leader board, raffles and a chance to win throwing prizes at our second annual Cornhole Tournament! Come throw or spectate, eat, drink and enjoy gathering in the heart of the community for some summer fun! *For information on being a court sponsor, please contact [ann@gortoncenter.org](mailto:ann@gortoncenter.org) or visit our website.*

Summer is packed with fun at Gorton - from summer camps for kids to live music and performances on our indoor and outdoor stages - you'll be sure to find something you won't want to miss!

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<p>KIDS MATINEE</p>  <p>Wed. July 5   10 AM</p>	<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p>OUTSIDE STAGE 7 PM</p> <p><b>JULY 8</b></p> <p>SEE LOCAL EMERGING ARTISTS COACH HOUSE • SPACE COW • THE KAN AND ROB BAND</p>	<p>BIG SCREEN SERIES</p>  <p>Sun. July 9   7 PM</p>
<p>FILMMAKER SERIES</p>  <p>Fri. July 14   7 PM</p>	<p>PLAY OR JUST COME FOR THE FUN! COMMUNITY EVENT</p>  <p><b>CORNHOLE THROWDOWN</b></p> <p>LIVE MUSIC!</p> <p>SUN. JULY 16 4 - 7:30 PM</p> <p>FOOD &amp; FUN!</p>	<p>BIG SCREEN SERIES</p>  <p>Sat. July 22   7 PM</p>
<p>FAMILY EVENT</p>  <p>SUN. AUGUST 6   2 PM</p>	<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p>FRI. AUGUST 12   7 PM</p>	<p>KIDS MATINEE</p>  <p>Thu. August 3   12:30 PM</p>

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# Practice self-care this summer at Gorton!

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## Palette & Pours

Cupcakes and Ice Cream Cones  
Fri. July 7 | 7 PM



## The Craft Shrink

Guided Creativity Workshop  
Fri. July 14 | 6 PM



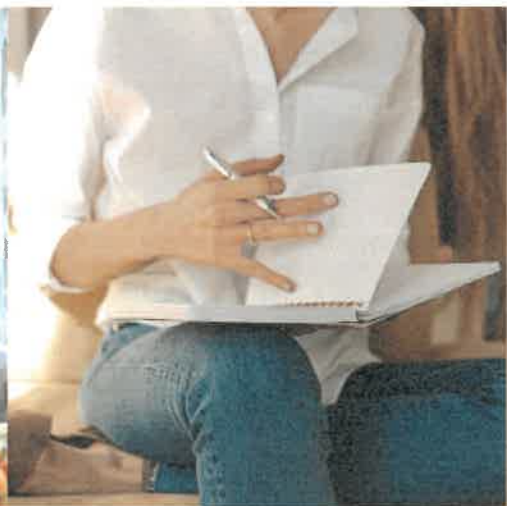
## Women's Self Defense

with Fit 2 Defend Academy  
Wed. July 19 | 6 PM



## Reimagining Motherhood

Matrescence & Myths  
Thu. July 20 | 5:30 PM



## Creative Writing Techniques

Discovering Your Inner Storyteller  
Sat. July 22 | 11 AM



## Yoguitar Music Meditation

with Dave Hildebrand  
Tue. July 25 | 7 PM

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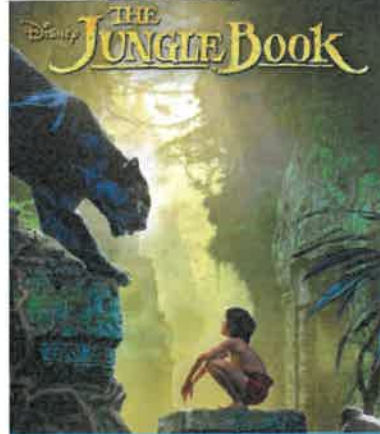


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# AUGUST IS FULL OF FUN AT GORTON!

KIDS MATINEE SERIES



THU. AUG 3 | 12:30 PM

FILM DISCUSSION SERIES



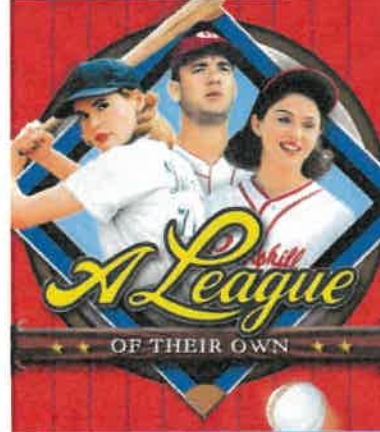
THU. AUGUST 3 | 7 PM

FAMILY EVENT



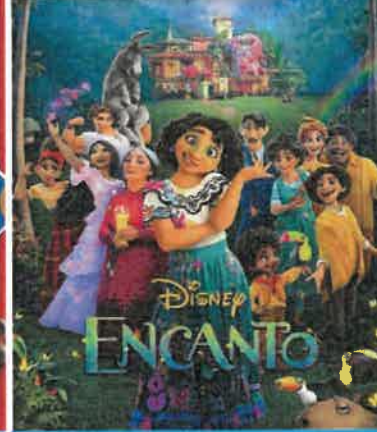
SUN. AUGUST 6 | 2 PM

FAMILY MOVIE WEEKEND



THU. AUGUST 10 | 7 PM

FAMILY MOVIE WEEKEND



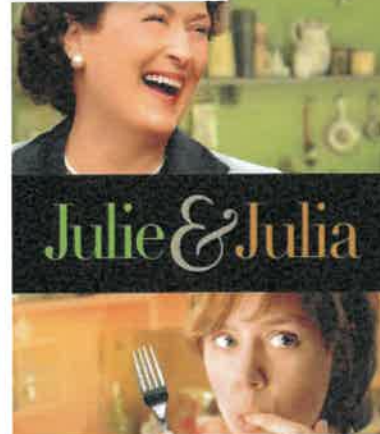
FRI. AUGUST 11 | 7 PM

FAMILY MOVIE WEEKEND



SAT. AUGUST 12 | 7 PM

FILMMAKER SERIES



SAT. AUGUST 19 | 7 PM

LIVE MUSIC



FRI. AUGUST 25 | 7 PM

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# CHECK OUT OUR FALL LINEUP!

<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p><b>little MISS ANN</b> SUN. SEPT 10   1 PM</p>	<p>FREE COMMUNITY EVENT</p>  <p><b>FOOD TRUCK FEST</b> PLUS 7th HEAVEN IN CONCERT SAT. SEPT 16   5-8 PM</p>	<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p><b>CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!</b> SAT. SEPT 23   7:30 PM</p>
<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p><b>THE SAMPLES</b> FRI. OCT 6   7:30 PM</p>	<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p><b>THE PETTYBREAKERS</b> SAT. OCT 14   7:30 PM</p>	<p>LIVE MUSIC</p>  <p><b>OSHIMA BROTHERS</b> SAT. NOV 4   7:30 PM</p>

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# You'll find all this and more in October at Gorton Center!

FILM DISCUSSION SERIES  
MARK DUPLASS ELISABETH MOSS



**THE ONE I LOVE**

SUN. OCT 1 | 3 PM

FIRST THURSDAY FILM SERIES



**UNICORN TOWN**  
FAR FROM HOME. CLOSE TO VICTORY.

THU. OCT 5 | 3&7 PM

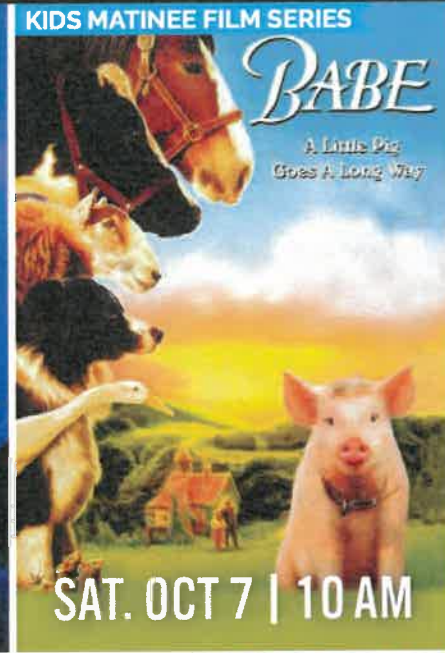
LIVE MUSIC



**THE SAMPLES**

FRI. OCT 6 | 7:30 PM

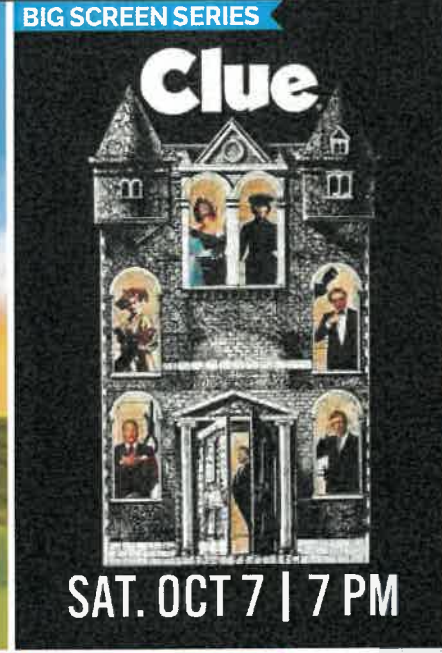
KIDS MATINEE FILM SERIES



**RABE**  
A Little Pig Goes A Long Way

SAT. OCT 7 | 10 AM

BIG SCREEN SERIES



**Clue**

SAT. OCT 7 | 7 PM

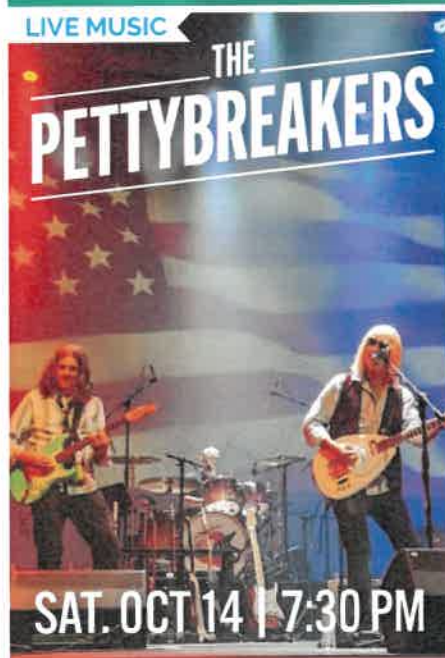
OPEN MIC STORYTELLING



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LAKE FOREST

WED. OCT 11 | 7:15 PM

LIVE MUSIC



**THE PETTYBREAKERS**

SAT. OCT 14 | 7:30 PM

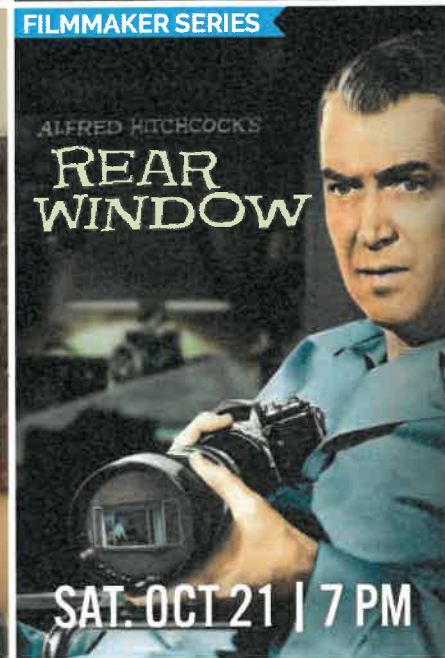
FAMILY EVENT



**LAMB CHOP**  
WITH MALLORY LEWIS

SAT. OCT 21 | 11 AM

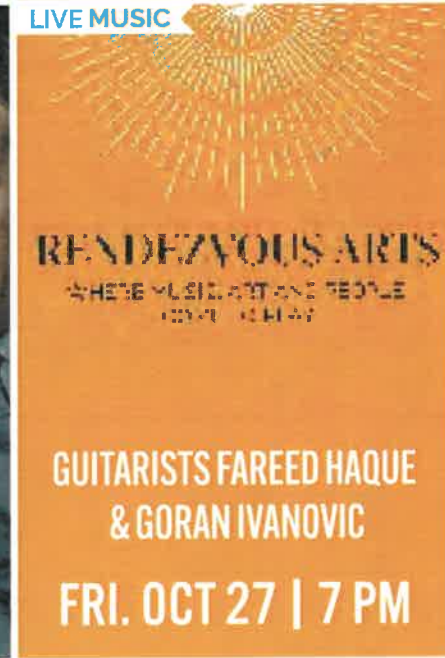
FILMMAKER SERIES



ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S  
**REAR WINDOW**

SAT. OCT 21 | 7 PM

LIVE MUSIC

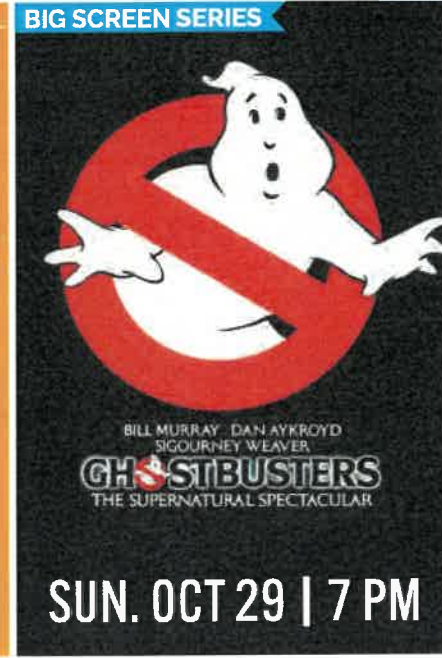


**RENDEZVOUS ARTS**  
WHERE MUSIC ART AND PEOPLE COME TO PLAY

GUITARISTS FAREED HAQUE  
& GORAN IVANOVIC

FRI. OCT 27 | 7 PM

BIG SCREEN SERIES



**GHOSTBUSTERS**  
THE SUPERNATURAL SPECTACULAR

SUN. OCT 29 | 7 PM



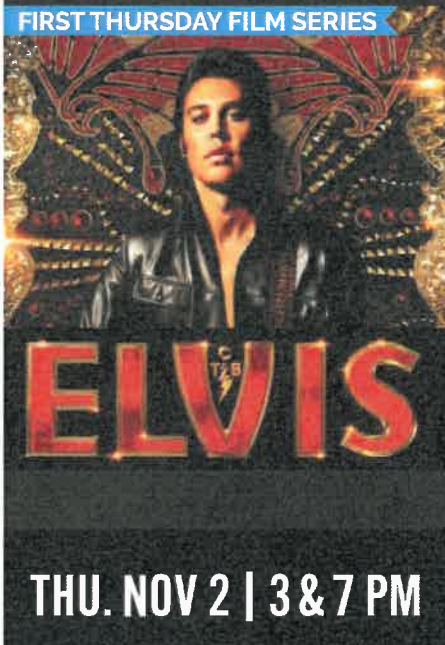
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# Films & Events You'll Fall for this November at Gorton Center

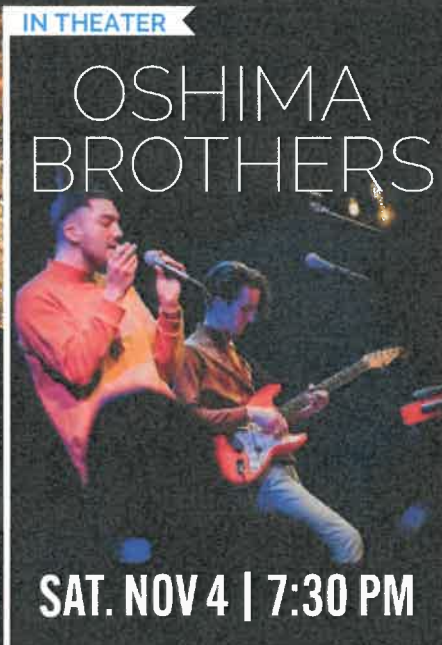
FIRST THURSDAY FILM SERIES



**ELVIS**

THU. NOV 2 | 3 & 7 PM

IN THEATER



**OSHIMA BROTHERS**

SAT. NOV 4 | 7:30 PM

NATIVE VOICES FILM SERIES



**GATHER**

MON. NOV 6 | 7 PM


IN SUITE 215



**DO NOT SUBMIT**  
LAKE FOREST

WED. NOV 8 | 7:15 PM


KIDS MATINEE FILM SERIES



**PUSS IN BOOTS**  
THE LAST WISH

NOV 10 | 10 AM & 3 PM

IN STUART ROOM



**RENDEZVOUS ARTS**  
WHERE MUSIC, ART AND PEOPLE  
COME TO PLAY

**BAND OF FIVE (+4)**  
WOODWIND CELEBRATION

FRI. NOV. 17 | 7 PM

BIG SCREEN SERIES



WALT DISNEY  
**FANTASIA**

SAT. NOV 18 | 7 PM

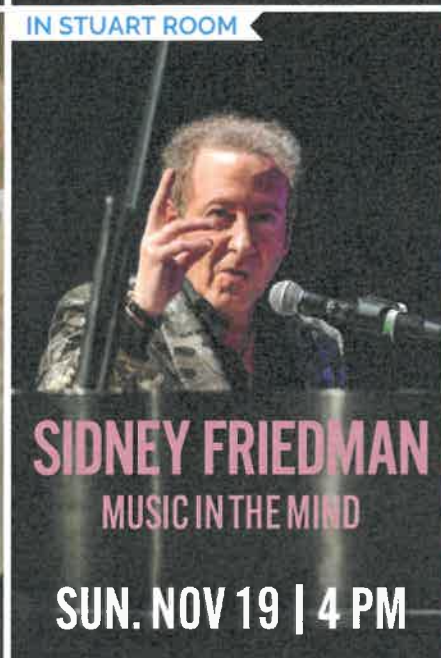
IN STUART ROOM



**TRUTH BE TOLD**  
STORYTELLING

SAT. NOV 18 | 7:30 PM

IN STUART ROOM



**SIDNEY FRIEDMAN**  
MUSIC IN THE MIND

SUN. NOV 19 | 4 PM

PRE-TREE LIGHTING FILM



**HOME ALONE**

FRI. NOV 24 | 1 PM

FILMMAKER SERIES



ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S  
**NORTH BY NORTHWEST**

SUN. NOV 26 | 3 & 7 PM



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# Fun Classes for All Ages!



Gorton  
Drama  
Studio



## Acting for Ages 9 to 13

Winter Presentation on Dec 16  
Nov 9, 15, 22, Dec 6 & 12

## Holiday Cocktails

With North Shore Distillery  
Thu. Nov 16 | 6 PM



## Mother & Daughter Tea

Make it a Thanksgiving Tradition  
Sat. Nov 18 | 3 PM



## Holiday Sewing

With Ciao Bella Sewing  
Thu. Nov 30-Dec 14 | 4 & 5 PM



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# A Sampling of Classes at Gorton in October

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## Cold Curious?

Cold Water Plunge Benefits

Thu. October 12 | 7 PM



## Save it to the Cloud

Photos, Documents & Music

Tue. October 17 | 6 PM



## Divorcing with Dignity

Learn about Mediation

Tue. October 17 | 7 PM



## Estate Planning

Understand the Process

Thu. October 19 | 6 PM



## Aging and Finances

Successful Senior Living

Tue. October 24 | 6 PM



## Organize Family Photos

Learn to Curate & Organize

Thu. October 26 | 7 PM

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# FaLaLa Film Fest

**BRUCE WILLIS**  
**DIE HARD**

**SAT. DEC 9**  
**7 PM**

**SUN. DEC 17**  
**7 PM**

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**WED. DEC 20**  
**4 & 7 PM**

**It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie**

**THU. DEC 21**  
**3 & 7 PM**

**It's a Wonderful Life**

SIGN UP FOR A TIME TODAY!

**KIDS ONLY HOLIDAY SHOP**

**WED. DEC 6 | 3-6 PM**

**DO NOT SUBMIT**

LAKE FOREST

**WED. DEC 13 | 7:15 PM**

**WARREN MILLER'S ALLTIME**

**FRI. DEC 29 | 3 & 7 PM**

FIRST THURSDAY FILM SERIES

**BEGIN AGAIN**

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ONCE

**THU. DEC 7 | 3 & 7 PM**

PEANUTS JAZZ

**CHRIS WHITE TRIO**

**THU. DEC 14 | 7 PM**

COMEDIAN

**MICHAEL PALASCAK**

**SAT. DEC 30 | 7:30 PM**

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

FAMILIES AT 1 PM  
GROWN-UPS AT 3:30 PM

**SUN. DEC 10**

RENDEZVOUS ARTS

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**CHRISTMAS O'CAROLAN**

**FRI. DEC 15 | 7 PM**

FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind**

**WED. DEC 13 | 7 PM**

**HOLLY JOLLY**

LFCO HOLIDAY CONCERT

**SUN. DEC 17 | 3 PM**

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**Get in the Holiday Spirit**

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# Festive Fun for All Ages!



## Kids' Art Workshops

Ornaments & Snowman Canvas  
Sat. Dec 9, 10 am & 11:30 am

## Sewing Mini Camp

Winter Break Fun!  
December 27, 28 & 29



## Ladies Holiday Tea

Come Enjoy Teas & Treats  
Sat. Dec 16 | 3 PM

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2024 SNEAK PEEK!



## Peter Pan

Acting for Ages 7 to 14  
Wed. & Thu. Jan 10 to Mar 14



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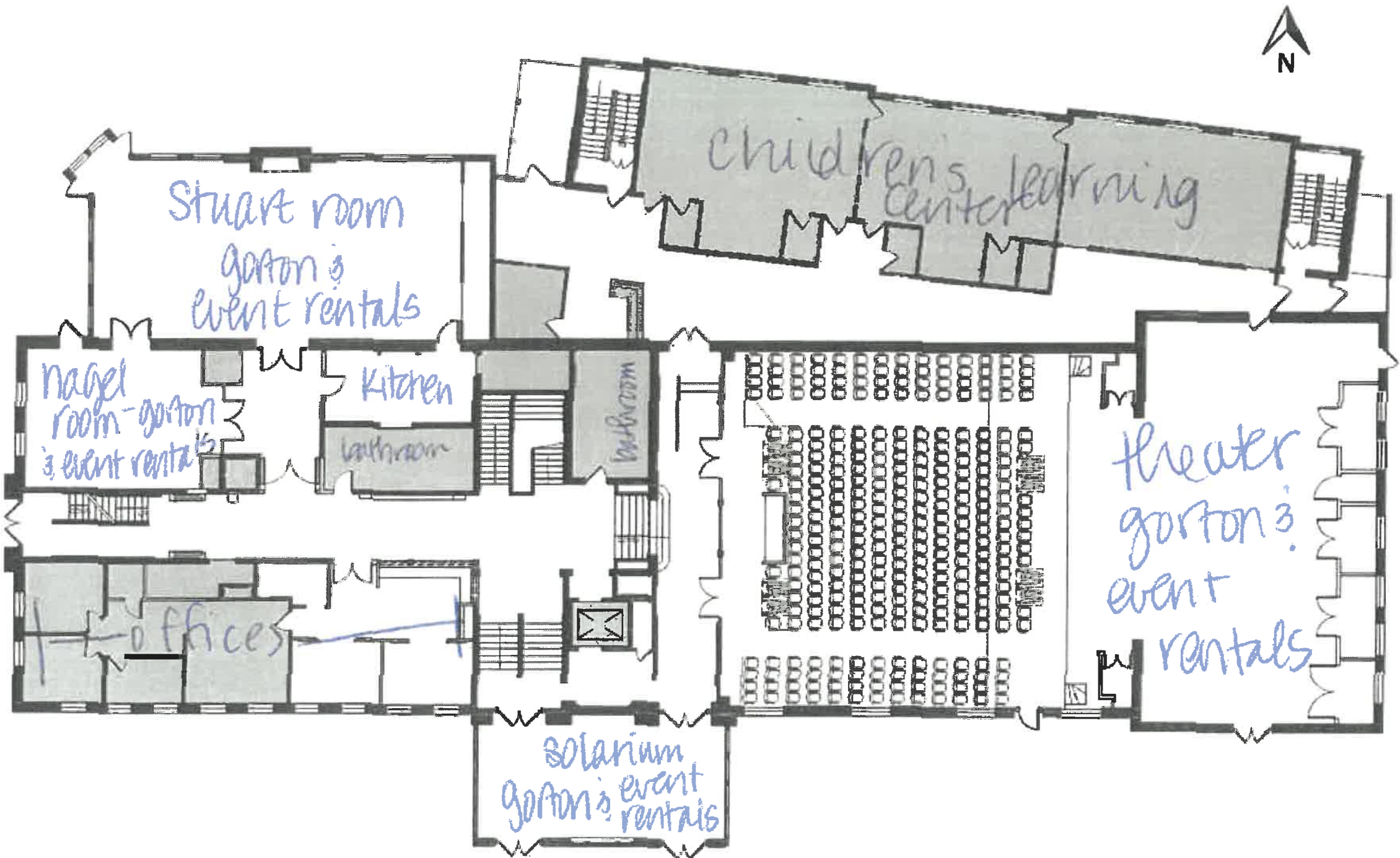
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# Gorton Center Lower Level



# Gorton Center First Floor







Yacht Mechanics (Band)  
Friday, July 2nd  
7:30pm Start time

COMMUNITY CENTER

Outdoor concert  
example

