Kohl Children’s Museum ranked No. 4 in U.S.

Museum honored by USA Today

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The Kohl Children’s Museum has been recognized for its outstanding early childhood exhibits and impact on Chicagoland families by USA Today’s 10Best Children’s Museums in the North America travel awards competition.

The poll is part of USA Today’s annual “10Best” Readers’ Choice Awards.

“In a crowded national children’s museum landscape, it’s inspiring to be recognized as a leader in a field that makes such dramatic impact on children’s lives,” said Mike Delfini, Kohl Children’s Museum president and CEO. “We are honored to know that our Museum was ranked number four in the nation by those who matter most:

our members and family visitors. Experts and everyday users alike recognize that we provide a vital opportunity for discovery and exploration, harnessing the power of play and fueling curiosity when young minds are most receptive.”

The awards program recognizes the top 10 children’s museums as voted on by USA Today readers from an original list of 20 nominations selected by a team of travel experts. Kohl Museum placed fourth in the top 10 list.

Winners named to USA Today’s 10Best.com, a standalone travel media site, are honored as the top attractions, things to do and see and top destinations in the U.S., and around the world.

Kohl Children’s Museum harnesses the power of play through 17 hands-on exhibits designed to nurture holistic child development and grounded in early childhood studies showing that the most important learning in a child’s life is from birth to 8 years.

Through its research-based offerings, the Museum is an incubator for transforming young minds into creative thinkers, learners and leaders. As a nonprofit organization, it relies upon the generous support of its members and donors to provide access and inclusion programs that extend the Museum outside its physical walls and into the community.

Kohl Children’s Museum is located at 2100 Patriot Boulevard in Glenview, and can be easily reached by public transportation, including Pace bus and Metra trains.

The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays from noon-5 p.m., and Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special members-only hours are from Monday through Saturday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Admission prices are $14 for children and adults and $13 for senior citizens. Children under 12 months of age and members are free.

For more information, visit the Museum’s website at www.kcmgc.org.

FROM THE VILLAGE

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

The safety, health and well-being of our citizens are the highest priority when it comes to decision-making by the Village and other members of the Glenview-Northbrook Coronavirus Task Force. We have been guided by federal, state and regional health experts, whose focus now is on social distancing – that is, to stop or slow the spread of COVID-19 through efforts to reduce close contact between people and hopefully stymie community transmission of the virus.

Therefore, the Village has temporarily cancelled all board and commission meetings, as well as utilization of any spaces in Village Hall for public meetings. While the Glenview Municipal Center will remain open and all essential Village services will be functional, we strongly encourage residents to conduct business with the Village over the phone or over the internet, through online services for paying bills and building permits.

Many governments in Northfield Township decided to close to the public at the end of today Friday, March 13, and remain closed until at least March 30. This includes:

- Glenview Park District
- Glenview Public Library
- Glenbrook High School District 225
- Glenview School District 34
- Northbrook-Glenview School District 30
- West Northfield School District 31
- New Trier High School District 203, Avoca School District 37 and Wilmette School District 39 are closed and have transferred classes to remote learning. And Maine East High School and East Maine School District 63 have cancelled classes, effective Monday, March 16.
- The Glenview Civic Award selection process has been delayed. And the dinner, originally scheduled for April 17, will be postponed to a later date.
- The Glenview Fire Department has been in direct contact with all of our senior living facilities to ensure plans are in place to reduce potential exposure.

To try to avoid the spread of the virus, take these steps to stay healthy. Common-sense practices during the flu season are recommended:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose, mouth) with unwashed hands
- Stay at home if you feel ill and contact a doctor
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently-touched surfaces and objects regularly

The Illinois Novel Coronavirus Hotline is (800) 889-3931, and can be called at any time.

2020 Census

You should have received or will be receiving a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau asking for your participation in the 2020 Census. The census provides vital information for the Village of Glenview.

The federal government distributes more than $675 billion to states and communities based on the Census Bureau data. It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw legislative district boundaries. Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs, including roads, schools and emergency services.

There are three ways to respond: online, by phone and by mail. Please complete your census. Glenview is counting on you!

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