

Arlington Classic Tours

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026



TOUR GUIDE SYMBOLS



Entrée Choice



Level of
Walking



Weekend Tour

Arlington Heights Park District
Senior Center
1801 W. Central Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

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Phone | 847.797.5341

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Tour check-in begins one hour before the start of the tour at the Senior Center in the Park District Office/Gift Shop. All transportation is provided by a premier charter bus company with a restroom onboard.

REGISTRATION DATES

Member | Monday, August 17 at 8:30 AM

Non-Member | Monday, August 24 at 8:30 AM



ARLINGTON CLASSIC TOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To become a member of Arlington Classic Tours, stop by the Park District Gift Shop (Shop 1801) in the Senior Center to sign up or call 847.797.5341 for details.



BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

THEATRE OF WESTERN SPRINGS

LUNCH AT HILLGROVE TAP

Western Springs, Illinois

Saturday, September 12, 2026

10:30 AM – 5:15 PM

Use code **101901** to register.



Barefoot in the Park is a delightful romantic comedy play by Neil Simon that captures the excitement of young love. Newlyweds Corie and Paul Bratter are eager to begin their life together on the top floor of a small, run-down brownstone in New York City—without an elevator. Corie is a free-spirited optimist, while Paul is a reserved lawyer. As their contrasting expectations clash, a whirlwind of quirky neighbors and unexpected guests challenges their relationship. With sparkling humor, genuine warmth and timeless charm, the young couple learns to navigate the ups and downs of life together.

Before the show, enjoy a family-style lunch at The Hillgrove Tap. The menu includes a chopped wedge salad, rigatoni pasta with Italian sausage, chicken in lemon sauce and cheesecake for dessert. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included. A cash bar is available.

Member \$119 | Non-member \$134



MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL

PARAMOUNT THEATRE

LUNCH AT THE FIRESIDE GRILL

Aurora & Sugar Grove, Illinois

Saturday, October 17, 2026

11:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Use code **101899** to register.



Menopause The Musical is a hilarious and lighthearted tribute to "The Change." Set in a department store lingerie sale, the show follows four diverse women who bond over shared experiences of menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes, memory loss and night sweats while singing and dancing to parodies of classic pop songs from the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

Before the performance, enjoy lunch at the Fireside Grille. Each entrée is served with a garden salad, bread and butter, vegetables, smashed potatoes and an ice cream sundae. Entrée options include:

- Broasted Chicken Breast
- Grilled Pork Chop
- Coconut Shrimp
- Sautéed Haddock

Non-alcoholic beverages are included. A cash bar is available.

Member \$159 | Non-member \$174



SPORTS TOURS



CUBS VS. BREWERS BASEBALL

AMERICAN FAMILY FIELD

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

3:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Use code 101897 to register.



Catch the Cubs vs. Brewers game in Milwaukee! Enjoy this fantastic matchup from Section 110, located on the lower level along the first-base line. The game starts at 6:40 PM, giving you time to explore the stadium before it begins.

Remember to bring a credit or debit card for snacks, drinks, and souvenirs at the game. American Family Field is cashless. All concession stands, retail stores and portable kiosks only accept digital and card payments.

American Family Field enforces a strict single-compartment bag policy to expedite entry. Permitted items include clear plastic bags (maximum size 12" x 12" x 6"), clear one-gallon resealable freezer bags or small non-clear clutches/wallets (maximum size 9" x 5" x 2").

Member \$99 | Non-member \$114



CHICAGO SPORTS LEGENDS & LANDMARK!

SOLDIER FIELD TOUR & CHICAGO SPORTS MUSEUM

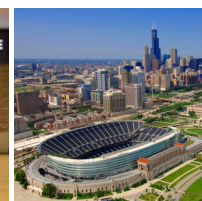
LUNCH AT HARRY CARAY'S 7TH INNING STRETCH

Chicago, Illinois

Monday, October 12, 2026

8:45 AM - 4:30 PM

Use code 101903 to register.



Go behind-the-scenes at Soldier Field! Since its founding in 1924, Soldier Field has served as a symbol of tradition and excellence, honoring the men and women of the armed services. Today, it is the home of the Chicago Bears (NFL) and the Chicago Fire FC (MLS). Whether you're a die-hard sports fan or a history enthusiast, this tour offers you unprecedented access to the heart of the action!

Then take a lunch break at Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch. Lunch includes a choice of entree, a mixed baby greens salad, a funfetti cupcake and a non-alcoholic beverage station. Entree choices are:

- Short Rib Italian Beef Sandwich with Provolone, giardiniera, au jus, Parmesan & Romano cheese, garlic bread and french fries
- Chinese Chicken Salad with Chinese long beans, toasted cashews, napa cabbage, sesame seeds, carrots, wontons, mandarin oranges and sesame soy dressing
- Turkey Burger with roasted roma tomato, baby spinach, smoked mozzarella, basil pesto, red wine vinaigrette, brioche bun and french fries

A cash bar is available.

After lunch, visit The Chicago Sports Museum. This museum combines high-tech interactive experiences with unique sports memorabilia and an impressive collection of game-used treasures and artifacts. The 23,000-square-foot space celebrates all of Chicago's major sports teams.

Member \$149 | Non-member \$164



HISTORICAL TOURS



CANTIGNY GARDENS

Wheaton, Illinois

Monday, September 21, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Use code 101898 to register. Must register by September 11.



Cantigny is a 500-acre public park and estate that was the former home of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, a long-time editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

Our day begins in the Visitor Center viewing a short film with background information on Cantigny's history, followed by a docent-led tour of the gardens. After lunch, enjoy time exploring The First Division Museum, Tank Park and McCormick House.

Each lunch includes a cookie, chips and a choice of a non-alcoholic beverage:

- The Italian: Salami, Capicola, Provolone, Giardiniera, shredded lettuce and red wine vinaigrette on an herbed focaccia bun
- Chicken Salad Sandwich: Whole roasted chicken, grapes, celery and aioli on a fresh croissant
- Roast Beef: Thinly sliced roast beef, lettuce, tomato, Provolone and mayo on a fresh hoagie roll
- Smoked Chicken and Cranberry: Smoked chicken breast, cranberry chutney, Swiss cheese, baby greens and Dijon-mayo on an herbed focaccia bun
- Greens and Grains Salad: Mixed greens, herbed quinoa and farro, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, avocado, red onion, shaved radish and honey white balsamic dressing
- Cantigny Cobb: Chopped romaine, hard-boiled egg, tomatoes, bacon, scallions, crumbled goat cheese, chopped chicken and green goddess dressing

Member \$82 | Non-member \$97



JAILHOUSE ROCK IN JOLIET!

OLD JOLIET PRISON & ILLINOIS ROCK & ROLL MUSEUM
SELF-PAY LUNCH AT PORTILLO'S IN SHOREWOOD

Joliet & Shorewood, Illinois

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

8:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Use code 101906 to register.



This 90-minute walking tour of the Old Joliet Prison is led by knowledgeable docents and tour guides from the Joliet Area Historical Museum. The tour provides an overview of the prison's history, from its opening in 1858 to its closure in 2002. Explore various historic buildings throughout the 16-acre prison site and hear fascinating accounts of prison life, notable inmates, escapes and the evolution of the facility.

The Joliet Prison tour is entirely outdoors, rain or shine. The tour covers a considerable distance with some areas not fully paved or in poor condition. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes.

After touring the prison, we will stop for a quick self-pay lunch at Portillo's in Shorewood. Bring money for lunch.

Following lunch, tour The Illinois Rock & Roll Museum, which celebrates the rich musical legacy of Illinois and its significant impact on rock and roll history. The museum honors legendary artists, producers and industry influencers. As a cultural hub on the iconic Route 66, the museum connects generations through music, preserving the stories and sounds that have shaped America's musical landscape.

Member \$99 | Non-member \$114



HISTORICAL TOURS CONTINUED

EXPERIENCE PULLMAN!

PULLMAN EXHIBIT HALL, BUS TOUR &
VISITOR CENTER OF PULLMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Chicago, Illinois

Friday, September 25, 2026

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Use code 101904 to register. Must register by September 9.



Pullman is a remarkable place where American history, innovation, and community come to life.

Begin at the Pullman Exhibit Hall with a short video exploring Pullman's history and its role in American industry and labor. Browse historic photographs and artifacts that bring the community's story to life.

Then take a guided bus tour through the Pullman Historic District, focused on the beautifully preserved exteriors of homes and public buildings from the 1880s. Along the way, learn about the neighborhood's distinctive architecture and lasting community significance.

After enjoying a boxed lunch at the Exhibit Hall, a short bus ride brings us to Pullman National Historical Park to explore the visitor center exhibits and historic grounds at your own pace.

The boxed lunches include a choice of sandwich, with garden pasta salad, fresh fruit salad and a salted caramel bar for dessert. A bottle of water is also included. The sandwich choices are:

- Roast Beef & Cheddar
- Smoked Ham & Swiss
- Roast Turkey & Colby Jack
- Albacore Tuna

Please choose a first and second sandwich option, as the caterer requires specific sandwich counts. Effort will be made to provide everyone with their first choice.

Member \$99 | Non-member \$114



THE GREAT LAKE COUNTY GHOST ADVENTURE

SITES AROUND LAKE COUNTY ILLINOIS

LUNCH AT RIVALRY ALEHOUSE IN ANTIOCH

Thursday, October 29, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Use code 101902 to register.



Participate in a 7-hour paranormal journey led by an experienced paranormal researcher. Visit cemeteries, historic landmarks, and notorious haunted sites where ghostly legends still linger. Experience Lake County's most chilling tales firsthand, including phantom apparitions on Cuba Road and the mysteries of the Genesee Theatre.

Enjoy a spaghetti and meatball lunch at Rivalry Alehouse in Antioch. The lunch includes a salad and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. A cookie treat will be provided during the trip.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather, as many of the stops will be outdoors and involve some walking. Don't forget to bring your cameras and any ghost hunting tools you may have, or feel free to try out theirs!

Member \$149 | Non-member \$164



ARCHITECTURAL TOUR



INNOVATION & INDULGENCE: A DAY IN RACINE

SC JOHNSON CAMPUS TOUR

LUNCH AT REEFPOINT BREW HOUSE & SHOPPING AT O&H BAKERY

Racine, Wisconsin

Monday, September 14, 2026

8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

Use code 101905 to register.



Explore the home of SC Johnson in Racine, Wisconsin, where household brands like Pledge, Glade, Off and Windex are produced. This docent-guided walking tour combines iconic Frank Lloyd Wright architecture with a modern, eco-friendly workplace. Appreciate stunning architecture while learning about the company's history and its impact. **Bring a state ID or driver's license for tour check-in.**

The tour includes indoor and outdoor spaces. Guests should be comfortable standing, walking and climbing stairs. Elevators are available in Fortaleza Hall and Waxbird Commons. The Golden Rondelle Theater, Fortaleza Hall and Waxbird Commons are walker-accessible and the main floor of the Great Workroom is accessible via ramp. The Research Tower is accessible only via stairs.

After the tour, enjoy lunch at Reefpoint Brew House, overlooking Racine Harbor. Lunch includes a non-alcoholic beverage and a cash bar is available. Entree choices are:

- Reuben (marbled rye, corned beef, Swiss cheese, 1000 Island and sauerkraut) with fries
- Italian Bella (tomato focaccia bun, caramelized onions, grilled portobello mushroom, roasted red peppers, spinach, tomatoes and pesto aioli) with fries
- Brew House Burger (half pound premium ground steak patty, brioche bun, lettuce, tomatoes and red onions) with fries
- Fisherman's Catch (pretzel bun, fried cod, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions, pickles and tartar sauce) with fries
- Cobb Salad (mixed greens, bacon bits, smoked turkey, tomatoes, avocado, egg, blue cheese crumbles and choice of dressing)

Following lunch, stop at O&H Danish Bakery, renowned for its savory and sweet treats, including Kringles! Purchase something delicious for dessert or to take home for later. Orders can be placed in advance at www.ohdanishbakery.com to ensure they will have what you want. When ordering and checking out, choose their Racine West location on Washington Avenue.

Member \$84 | Non-member \$99



ACT TOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD NOVEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 31, 2026

All 2026 Tour Club Memberships expire on December 31, 2026.

Members can renew their memberships between November 2 & December 31, 2026

Yearly Individual Renewal Rate = \$20

Yearly Household Renewal rate = \$30

Looking to Join Arlington Classic Tours for 2027?

New members: Purchase your 2027 Membership beginning November 2, 2026 and receive 14 months for the price of 12!





HOUSE OF GERHARD

SHOPPING AT MARS CHEESE CASTLE

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

10:45 AM – 4:15 PM

Use code 101900 to register.



Prost! October is the perfect time to enjoy German food!

Join us at the House of Gerhard for authentic German cuisine in an enchanting atmosphere filled with old-world charm.

Lunch includes a choice of entrée, Chicken Spaetzle soup, homemade German hard rolls, sweet muffins and their signature dessert, the Strawberry Schaum Torte. Entrée options are:

- Bavarian Pot Roast: Tender sliced beef topped with brown gravy, served with red cabbage and mashed potatoes
- Roast Loin of Pork: Juicy center-cut pork with sage dressing and pork gravy, served with vegetables and mashed potatoes
- Roasted Chicken Breast: Boneless chicken breast with herb stuffing, served with vegetables and mashed potatoes

Coffee, tea, and milk are included. A cash bar is available.

After lunch, visit Mars Cheese Castle, a Wisconsin institution. Mars Cheese Castle features a specialty market offering more than 700 cheeses, wines and specialty items; an in-house bakery with desserts, kringles and freshly baked bread; as well as a pub known for its Wisconsin beers and famous Bloody Marys.

Member \$95 | Non-member \$110



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TOUR REGISTRATION DATES

Member | Wednesday, October 14 at 8:30 AM

Non-Member | Monday, October 19 at 8:30 AM

The November & December Arlington Classic Tours Brochure will be mailed out to members' homes the first week of October.

UPCOMING TOURS



THE FINE ART OF FIBER

Chicago Botanic Gardens

Glencoe, Illinois

Friday, November 6, 2026



A CHRISTMAS STORY

The Fireside Theatre

Fort Atkinson, Illinois

Friday, December 4, 2026



MERRY, MERRY CHICAGO!

Symphony Center

Chicago, Illinois

Friday, December 18, 2026

ARLINGTON CLASSIC TOUR CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 CUBS VS BREWERS BASEBALL 3:30 PM-11:30 PM	10	11	12 BAREFOOT IN THE PARK 10:30 AM-5:15 PM
13	14 INNOVATION & INDULGENCE: A DAY IN RACINE 8:15 AM-4:15 PM	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 CANTINY GARDENS 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	22	23	24	25 EXPERIENCE PULLMAN! 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 FORK & CORK: HOUSE OF GERHARD 10:45 AM-4:15 PM	7	8	9	10
11	12 CHICAGO SPORTS LEGENDS & LANDMARK 8:45 AM-4:30 PM	13	14 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TOUR REGISTRATION MEMBERS 8:30 AM	15	16	17 MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL 11:30 AM-6:00 PM
18	19 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TOUR REGISTRATION NON-MEMBERS 8:30 AM	20	21 JAILHOUSE ROCK IN JOLIET! 8:45 AM-5:00 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 THE GREAT LAKE COUNTY GHOST ADVENTURE 9:00 AM-5:00 PM	30	31

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Online registration is convenient and eliminates long lines or waiting for someone to call you back. ACT members will be able to register online prior to non-members. Specific registration dates are listed in each tour brochure. A signed waiver is required for all Park District programs. Online registrants must agree to the waiver on the website prior to enrolling.

- Step 1: Come in or call AHPD at the Senior Center and ask a guest services member to create an online account for you.
- Step 2: Go to www.ahpd.org to view the Arlington Heights Park District homepage.
- Step 3: Click on "Login" which is located in the middle blue area of the homepage.



- Step 4: Enter your email address. This is the email address on your ACT account. Also enter the temporary password given to you at the Senior Center. Click "Sign In".
- Step 5: Click "Password and Security" to change your temporary password to your choice of a private password. Remember to click SAVE and write down your new password in a safe location. Once you have chosen a secure password, skip to Step 7 for future registrations.
- Step 6: Click on "Activities", located on the top gray banner, to get to the Activity Search page.
- Step 7: Enter the registration number for the tour you would like to attend. Follow the prompts for registration and payment. Enter or review your credit card information and ensure all information is correct. Online registration is confirmed at the time of registration, and you may view your enrollment summary at any time.

If a tour is filled, please call AHPD at 847.797.5341 and ask to be put on a waiting list for the filled tour. The waiting list is free of charge.

Detailed step-by-step direction sheets are available in the Senior Center Office.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



When does registration begin for the July & August Arlington Classic Tours?

Tour Club Member registration begins on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

Non-Tour Club Member registration begins on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

Can I register online?

Yes! See page 9 for online registration information. You can only register yourself and household members online.

Does it take time to register in-person on the first day of Tour Club Member registration?

Yes! If you register in person, plan on waiting in the Senior Center as we process registrations. After you take a number, please fill out your registration form, enjoy some refreshments, and chat with your fellow Tour Club Members. Numbers will be available at 8:00 AM. We thank you for your patience!

Can I register by phone?

Yes! If you call, you will leave a voicemail with your name, phone number, and the tours you would like to attend. Calls will be returned in the order in which they were received. Please do not leave more than one message. Due to the number of phone registrations received, it may take 2-3 hours before someone can return your call.

**For the August 17 Registration Day,
the dedicated phone number for registrations is 847.809.6028.**

After August 17, registrations will be taken at our regular phone number: 847.797.5341.

Can I register another member if I have their registration form and payment?

Yes! You may register any current Tour Club Member on registration day if you have their completed registration paperwork and payment. Registrations can be taken in person or on the phone. You cannot register another member online unless they are in your household.

I'm a Tour Club Member. Can I register a Non-Tour Club Member as my guest?

Yes! Tour Club Members can register one guest per tour in person or on the phone at the non-member price.

Do I need to pay at the time of registration?

Yes, payment is required for all tours at the time of registration. **Please make checks payable to the Arlington Heights Park District.**

Do tours fill up?

Yes, tours often sell out quickly. Online registration is the fastest option on registration day.

What do I do if a tour is sold out?

If a tour is sold out, call AHPD at the Senior Center and join the waitlist. Securing a waitlist spot is free. If a spot becomes available, individuals on the waitlist will be contacted in order until the spot is filled, up until final reservations need to be made for the tour. Once registered for the open spot, payment will be taken. Spots frequently open, and we sometimes have the flexibility to add additional spots or a second tour to a certain location.

What do I need to do if I cannot go on a tour for which I've already registered and paid?

All registrations are final and non-transferable between patrons. Call AHPD at 847.797.5341 and tell them you would like to cancel your registration for the tour. We will put your name in our registration book and try to sell your spot to someone on the waitlist. No refunds are given unless your spot is sold.

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



The programs on this page are open to all and not a part of Arlington Classic Tours. Call 847.797.5341, go to ahpd.org, or visit AHPD at the Arlington Heights Senior Center to register.

SELF-CARE RETREAT

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 4 - REGISTRATION CODE 99120

Friday, September 18 at 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

\$17 per person

Rain Date: Thursday, September 24

Arlington Heights Historical Museum



Get in touch with a happier, healthier, more grounded you at the first ever Self Care Retreat! Show yourself some love and care through a variety of activities that you get to choose. From fitness to crafting, massages to therapy dogs and more, explore all the ways to take care of you.

Check with AHPD for activity schedule. Registrants receive a self-care swag bag and access to all-day refreshment buffet. Event is mostly outdoors.

Sponsors: Lutheran Home, Oak Street Health, Right at Home Northwest



Community Partners: Endeavor Health, TruYou Beauty, Village of Arlington Heights



FRIENDSGIVING

A VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS & AHPD COMBINED EVENT

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 17 - REGISTRATION CODE 99116

Thursday, November 12 at 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

\$17 per person

Arlington Heights Senior Center

Gather together, share a meal, connect with one another and meet new friends!

Join us for a delicious meal and an afternoon filled with fun Thanksgiving-themed activities alongside friends and new acquaintances!

Buffet:

- Roasted turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, brown sugar glazed carrots and dinner rolls with butter
- Dessert, apple cider and bottled water included

Limited space available. Registration not available day of event. Seating is not assigned for this event. Check in begins at 11:30 AM. Lunch served at 12:00 PM.

TOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Arlington Classic Tour Club

Yearly Individual Membership New Rate | \$25

Yearly Membership Household Rate (up to 2) | \$35

Open to anyone 18 years or older (21 years old for casino tours)
Join the Tour Club and enjoy member discounts on tours and Gift Shop purchases
and have the Tour Brochure mailed directly to your home.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Tours depart from the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Rd., (corner of Central Rd. and Wilke Rd.) in Arlington Heights and are open to those 18 or older unless otherwise stated. Please mark your calendar with tour dates.

A REFUND IS GIVEN FOR A TOUR WHEN IT IS CANCELLED BY THE PARK DISTRICT. The Park District will cancel a tour only if the bus company or venue cancels due to weather or the tour does not meet its minimum number of participants. If a participant should need to sell their ticket and the tour has a waitlist, the Park District will try to sell the ticket. If it is sold, the participant will receive a refund from the Park District. Tours are non-transferable between patrons.

On the day of the tour, participants must check in at the Gift Shop "Shop 1801" (Park District Senior Center Office) to obtain a boarding pass. A boarding pass is not an assigned seat but determines the order in which the participant goes on the bus. Boarding passes will be distributed one hour before tour departure unless noted differently on a tour description. A participant may ask for a boarding pass for each of his/her guests. Most tours begin and end at the Senior Center. Special arrangements to meet or leave the tour in progress must be arranged prior to the tour date. The Tour Escort is unable to bring back participant meals. Most tour transportation will be by motorcoach. On occasion, the Park District may at its discretion choose an alternate form of transportation.

To register for a tour, please refer to the registration dates on the Tour Brochure. All tour registrations are immediate. There is a limit of one guest per Tour Club member per tour. If you are registering another member or guest, each person must have their own completed registration form if they live at a different address.

Be a good neighbor and park on the north end of the parking lot on tour day in the parking spots closest to the Central Road entrance. If you need to park in a handicap spot, do not park in the striped section. Your car must be parked in the official handicap spot. This is the law, and fines for illegally parking in a handicapped spot range from \$250 to \$350.