

Arlington Classic Tours

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 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 | Wednesday, October 14 at 8:30 AM

Non-Member | Monday, October 19 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.



HARDY'S REINDEER RANCH

Rantoul, Illinois

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

7:45 AM – 4:45 PM

Use code 103291 to register. Must register by October 22.



Get ready for a one-of-a-kind adventure in Southern Illinois, packed with western charm, delicious food and unforgettable memories! Hardy's Reindeer Ranch features a herd of genuine Alaskan reindeer, a western-themed barn gift shop, a lively variety show and the best Texas BBQ you'll ever taste!

While at the ranch:

- Feed the reindeer and hear stories about their journey from Alaska to Rantoul
- Take a relaxing buggy ride to learn about the farm and view the beautiful countryside the reindeers call home (weather permitting)
- Enjoy a hearty chuckwagon meal, including sliced beef brisket, cowboy beans, au gratin potatoes, sweet-and-sour slaw, sweet cornbread, hot apple pie and a non-alcoholic beverage
- Experience a high energy variety show filled with live music, comedy and audience participation
- Browse through a nostalgic, hand-built barn filled with fudge, ornaments and quirky souvenirs

Member \$151 | Non-Member \$166



MERRY, MERRY CHICAGO!

CHICAGO SYMPHONY CENTER & HARRY CARAY'S ROSEMONT

Chicago & Rosemont, Illinois

Friday, December 18, 2026

2:00 PM -10:30 PM

Use code 103299 to register.



Our trip begins with lunch in the East Room at Harry Caray's in Rosemont. Lunch includes a salad with balsamic vinaigrette, rolls with whipped butter; a choice of entrée; roasted Yukon gold potatoes, roasted vegetables; and flourless chocolate truffle cake with raspberry coulis and whipped cream for dessert. Coffee and tea are included, and a cash bar is available.

Entrée choices include:

- Maple Mustard Glazed Salmon
- Chicken Piccata with capers, lemon and white wine
- 6 oz Filet with red wine demi-glace

After our meal, we head to Symphony Center for a magical evening celebrating the most wonderful time of the year. Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, along with conductor Thomas Wilkins, will be joined by Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez, whose soaring vocals have graced productions such as *Hamilton* and *In the Heights*. This beloved holiday tradition features cherished carols, popular seasonal songs and delightful holiday surprises all set in the lavishly decorated Orchestra Hall.

Member \$209 | Non-member \$224



ENTERTAINMENT TOURS CONTINUED

A CHRISTMAS STORY: THE MUSICAL

THE FIRESIDE THEATRE & JONES MARKET

Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Friday, December 4, 2026

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Use code 103297 to register.



Join us for a delightful day of shopping, dining and holiday fun!

Our adventure begins at The Jones Market, famous for its locally made specialties, like fresh brats, Italian sausage and gourmet Wisconsin treats. Your purchases will be labeled and refrigerated while we enjoy the rest of our day.

Next, we head to The Fireside Theatre for a pre-show luncheon. Our menu includes cream of lobster soup, freshly baked bread, a choice of entrée and Black Forest Cake for dessert. Coffee, tea and milk are included. Entrée choices are:

- Grilled Atlantic Salmon, with a homemade creamy dill sauce, roasted butternut squash and Brussels sprouts with cherrywood smoked Canadian bacon
- Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin, with Bearnaise sauce, roasted butternut squash and Brussels sprouts with cherrywood smoked Canadian bacon
- Chicken Parmesan, with fettuccini noodles and tomato sauce, served with Brussels sprouts with cherrywood smoked Canadian bacon
- Vegetarian Puff Pastry Pot Pie, served with a hearty vegetable reduction sauce

After lunch, we take our seats for *A Christmas Story: The Musical*. The story follows the heartwarming and humorous quest of nine-year-old Ralphie Parker, set in 1940s Indiana. Young Ralphie dreams of finding the ultimate Christmas present, a Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle, beneath his family's tree. Despite warnings from his parents and teachers telling him, "You'll shoot your eye out," Ralphie remains undeterred and concocts imaginative schemes to make his Christmas wish come true.

Before heading home, we will make a quick stop back at The Jones Market to pick up any purchases.

Member \$159 | Non-member \$174



A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

BATAVIA FINE ARTS CENTER

Batavia, Illinois

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

5:15 PM – 11:00 PM

Use code 103296 to register. | Must register by October 30.



The internationally acclaimed A Taste of Ireland Company presents its holiday spectacular, *A Celtic Christmas*. Some of the world's finest Irish dancers and musicians will bring the spirit of Christmas to life in a show that will make you laugh, cry and sing into the night.

Featuring former World Irish dance champions and stars from Lord of the Dance and Riverdance, *A Celtic Christmas* offers a holiday celebration filled with Irish wit, traditional tunes and heartfelt ballads, alongside all your favorite carols. Whether you have Irish heritage, dream of visiting Ireland or are experiencing an Irish Christmas for the first time, *A Celtic Christmas* is a holiday spectacular you won't forget.

Bring money for any concession stand purchases at the Fine Arts Center.

Member \$139 | Non-member \$154



HISTORICAL TOURS



MERRY MILWAUKEE!

THE PABST MANSION & MADER'S RESTAURANT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Monday, December 7, 2026

8:15 AM – 5:00 PM

Use code **103298** to register.



Christmas at the Pabst Mansion is a beloved annual holiday tradition in Milwaukee. This historic home, built in 1892 for beer baron Captain Frederick Pabst, is transformed into a festive winter wonderland. Stroll through the 20,000-square-foot Flemish Renaissance Revival mansion at your own pace to enjoy the holiday atmosphere. The mansion features three floors filled with stunning decorations, sparkling lights and dozens of beautifully styled Christmas trees arranged in 23 distinct areas.

After visiting the mansion, enjoy lunch at Mader's German Restaurant in downtown Milwaukee. During the holiday season, the restaurant transforms into a festive, Old-World winter wonderland, complete with traditional German decorations and twinkling lights. Lunch includes bread service, a house salad, a choice of entrée and apple strudel. Coffee, tea and soda are included. A cash bar is available. Entrée choices are:

- Sauerbraten: marinated roast beef finished with gingersnap sauce, sour cream and toasted almonds, served with red cabbage and spätzle
- Wiener Schnitzel: boneless pork cutlet, lightly breaded and sauteed golden brown, served with spätzle, sauerkraut and lemon
- Herbed Salmon: salmon filet with parsley lemon breadcrumbs, chive oil and beurre Blanc sauce, served with red pepper spätzle and seasonal vegetables

Member \$129 | Non-member \$144



TREES, TRADITIONS & A TALE OF HOPE

GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

Chicago, Illinois

Monday, November 23, 2026

11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Use code **103295** to register.



The annual Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light exhibition features more than 50 trees and displays, each lovingly decorated by community volunteers who share their family and cultural traditions drawn from their global heritage. Throughout the exhibition, you will find displays representing international seasonal celebrations of light.

Admission includes entry to Anne Frank: The Exhibition. Take in the immersive, full-scale recreation of the Annex where Anne Frank, her family and four other Jewish individuals lived in hiding during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Explore the world that shaped Anne's story - from her early childhood in Frankfurt to the rise of Nazi Germany and the spread of antisemitism across Europe, culminating in the Frank family's escape to Amsterdam.

Time is also provided to view the museum's extensive interactive exhibits, historic artifacts and immersive science adventures housed in the last remaining building from the 1893 World's Fair.

Bring money for lunch, snacks or shopping at the museum.

Member \$99 | Non-Member \$114



FOOD TOUR



FORK & CORK

WATERLEAF RESTAURANT

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE CULINARY & HOSPITALITY CENTER

Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Use code **103293** to register.



Waterleaf Restaurant, located in the Culinary and Hospitality Center at the College of DuPage, offers a distinctive dining experience. Guests can enjoy a multi-course meal prepared by culinary and pastry students using fresh, regional and seasonal ingredients. Attentive service is provided by students specializing in service and sales.

The evening's menu is inspired by Northern New England Cuisine. Diners can choose a soup, salad, and entree with dessert featuring Old Fashioned Durgin-Park Indian Pudding.

- Soup: Vermont Cheddar Beer or New England Style Mussel Chowder
- Salad: Mesclun Greens, Granny Smith Apples, Dried Cranberries, Toasted Walnuts & Maple-Cider Vinaigrette or Baby Spinach, Blueberries, Dried Currants, Pecans, Warm Goat Cheese & Blueberry Vinaigrette
- Entrees: Hard Cider Poached Atlantic Salmon, Apples, Glazed Parsnips & Carrots, Sautéed Kale & Crispy Potato Croquettes or Mustard-Cured Pork Medallions, Boston-Style Baked Beans, Corn Fritters & Chow Chow

A non-alcoholic beverage is included with the meal. Wine is available for \$7 per glass.

Member \$69 | Non-Member \$84



HOLIDAY TOUR



HOLIDAY SIP & STROLL

BROOKFIELD ZOO

Brookfield, Illinois

Friday, November 20, 2026

4:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Use code **103294** to register. **Must register by November 13.**

Soak in the magic of the season in an adults-only atmosphere!

Be among the first to experience the enchantment of Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo Chicago with their exclusive Zoo After Dark: Holiday Sip & Stroll event. This 21+ evening offers a festive mix of holiday cheer, warm drinks and seasonal cocktails as you explore the zoo's dazzling holiday lights before the main event opens to the public. Come for a one-of-a-kind holiday celebration filled with lights, music and memories to last a lifetime.

Bring money for any drinks, snacks or shopping at the zoo.

Member \$89 | Non-Member \$104



FINE ARTS TOURS



THE FINE ART OF FIBER

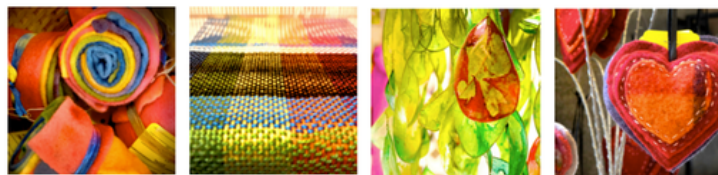
CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Glencoe, Illinois

Friday, November 6, 2026

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Use code **103292** to register.



View the area's oldest, largest and most unique fiber art event!

Experience stunning quilts, woven wall hangings, knitted art wear, unique fabrics, intricate beadwork, eye-catching clothing and one-of-a-kind jewelry. Over 150 handcrafted pieces will be on display and available for sale, showcasing a wide range from traditional to contemporary styles.

The marketplace offers a variety of handmade gifts, perfect for the upcoming holiday season. Additionally, a silent auction and raffle with unique handmade items will be awarded to the highest bidders each day. A fashion show will take place in the Alsdorf Auditorium at 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

Time is also included to explore the garden's 385 acres of natural beauty, enjoy a meal at the Garden View Café, or visit the Garden Shop, which offers a variety of delights for gardeners, cooks, hosts and personal-care enthusiasts of all ages.

Bring money for lunch, snacks or shopping at the Garden.

Member \$65 | Non-Member \$80



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!



JANUARY & FEBRUARY TOUR REGISTRATION DATES

Member | Wednesday, December 16 at 8:30 AM

Non-Member | Monday, December 21 at 8:30 AM

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

SPECIAL EVENTS



These events are open to all and not a part of Arlington Classic Tours.
Call 847.797.5341 or visit AHPD at the Arlington Heights Senior Center to register.

FRIENDSGIVING!



A VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS & AHPD COMBINED EVENT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER
\$17 PER PERSON
USE REGISTRATION CODE 99116



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! Our delicious buffet features roasted turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, brown sugar glazed carrots and dinner rolls with butter. Dessert, apple cider and bottled water included.

The event is held at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. 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. This is a contracted event, non-refundable and non-transferable upon registration.



HOLIDAY CHEER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
COTILLION BANQUETS
360 S CREEKSIDE DRIVE, PALATINE
\$55 PER PERSON



Celebrate the holiday season with your friends from AHPD! Enjoy a festive afternoon at the Cotillion with a sit-down lunch, live entertainment by LuxeBand and TWO exciting raffles!

The Traditional Raffle features gift cards, local goods and experience vouchers! Raffle opens pre-event at the Senior Center on November 12. One free raffle ticket included with registration. Additional tickets are \$5 for six or \$1 each, available in advance or at the event. Winners need not be present at Holiday Cheer. The Split the Pot raffle gives one winner 50% of total Split the Pot ticket sales. Tickets are sold at Holiday Cheer. Winner must be present to win.

All meals include Minestrone Soup, an ice cream parfait, soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar is available for alcoholic beverages. Entree choices are:

- Filet of Salmon with parisienne potatoes and Key West vegetable blend
- Chicken Vesuvio with parisienne potatoes and Key West vegetable blend
- Roast Loin of Pork with parisienne potatoes and Key West vegetable blend
- Vegetable Brochette Kabob with rice (vegan)

Tables seat 10 and are assigned at registration. Registration not available day of event. To reserve multiple seats at a table, all registration and payments must be submitted at the same time. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Lunch served at 12:00 PM. This is a contracted event, non-refundable and non-transferable upon registration.

ARLINGTON CLASSIC TOUR CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 HARDY'S REINDEER RANCH 7:45 AM-4:45 PM	5	6 THE FINE ART OF FIBER 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 FORK & CORK: WATERLEAF 6:00 PM-9:30 PM	18	19	20 HOLIDAY SIP & STROLL 4:30 AM-9:30 PM	21
22	23 TREES, TRADITIONS & A TALE OF HOPE 11:00 AM-6:30 PM	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 A CELTIC CHRISTMAS 5:15 PM-11:00APM	3	4 A CHRISTMAS STORY 8:00 AM-6:00 PM	5
6	7 MERRY MILWAUKEE 8:15 AM-5:00 PM	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TOUR REGISTRATION MEMBERS 8:30 AM	17	18 MERRY, MERRY CHICAGO 2:00 PM-10:30 PM	19
20	21 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER TOUR REGISTRATION NON-MEMBERS 8:30 AM	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	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 November & December Arlington Classic Tours?

Tour Club Member registration begins on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

Non-Tour Club Member registration begins on Monday, October 19, 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 October 14 Registration Day,
the dedicated phone number for registrations is 847.809.6028.**

After October 14, 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.

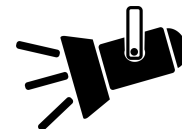
What do I do if a tour is sold out?

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.

FALL FOR AIKIDO DEMO CLASS

FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTRATION CODE 103171

Friday, November 6 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Arlington Heights Senior Center

Try out low-impact Aikido in this demo class!



Learn about fall prevention/safety, balance, muscle development, and physical resilience through the lens of the martial art of Aikido. Aikido focuses on timing, sensitivity, and circular movement, making it as much a moving meditation as a form of self-defense. It is practiced around the world by people of all ages.

Participants must be able to get up and down from the ground unassisted. Wear loose fitting clothing.

JAPANESE ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION CODE 99748

Tuesday, December 22 at 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

\$10 per person

Arlington Heights Senior Center

Unfold your creativity as you explore the timeless art of Japanese origami. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, you'll leave with beautiful paper creations to enjoy yourself or share with loved ones.



BALANCE BENEFITS WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION CODE 100375

Wednesday, December 23 at 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

\$17 per person

Arlington Heights Senior Center



Join Ever Active Fitness for a movement-based class designed to improve balance, coordination, and body awareness. Participants work through controlled movement patterns, weight shifting and stability drills to enhance confidence and reduce the risk of falls.

Appropriate for a wide range of fitness and mobility levels. Contracted class; non-refundable upon registration.

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.