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June Meeting to Feature State of the 39th Ward, Mary Brown Good Neighbor Award and WWCA Officer Elections

Alderman Margaret Laurino will give a "State of the 39th Ward" update at the June West Walker Civic Association meeting. In addition, the Mary Brown Good Neighbor Award will be awarded to **Pat Eisenhart**, a life-long West Walker resident, former WWCA board member and Irving Park Community Food Pantry President. Pat is being recognized for her selfless devotion to the community and concern for those in need. The awards are named in honor of Mary Brown, who served as WWCA president for many years and who died unexpectedly in 2002. The WWCA's Executive Board created the honor in 2004 to recognize those who mirror Mary's dedication.

Lastly, officer elections for the 2008-2009 year will be held. Please join us on June 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Ave.

Officers Nominated for 2008-2009

At the June 17th general meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officer candidates to serve during the 2008-2009 term. Nominations for the following officer positions are:

President: No Nomination

Vice President: Mike Webber

Secretary: Carol Barry

Treasurer: John Minor

Candidates may be nominated from the floor at the June meeting. At that meeting, the membership will elect officers to serve a one-year term beginning in September. Thanks to committee chair **Jane Nagle**, and members **Carol Barry** and **Martina Gombas** for serving on the Nominating Committee.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 17 • 7:30 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting & Officer Elections

Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

June 18 • 7:00 p.m.

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Police Station,
Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

**See Page 6 for an expanded
Community Calendar.**

**There are many activities to
enjoy this summer right in
your own neighborhood!**

You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Have a Great Summer!

While you are enjoying the beach and all the great summer activities our neighborhood has to offer, WWCA and the *Wire* will be taking its summer vacation as well.

There are no meetings or editions of the *Wire* in July and August.

Enjoy your summer -
we'll see you again in September!



Dear Neighbor:

What should I write in my last column as West Walker Civic Association's president?

That's the question that has dogged me for a week.

Should I lay out a plan for the future of West Walker? Better to leave that for the next president.

Maybe recount the highlights of the past three years? There are too many for this space.

Thank the legion of people who've contributed to West Walker's success? Yes, for sure. Thank you officers, board, committee chairs, committees, volunteers, members and friends. Thanks to my family for being supportive of my time away from home.

Not long after I became president, a friend mentioned that she had described me to a neighbor as the president of West Walker. To which the other woman remarked, "Oh no, she's not one of *those* people, is she?" At the time, I emphatically replied, "No. And I'm not going to be."

Fast forward three years, and I'm happy to say, I surely am one of *them*. You know the type -- overly-informed about neighborhood issues, pushy, nagging, always asking one more favor, sending endless e-mail reminders about events you'll never attend. But I don't mind, because I've actually grown to like being part of *them*.

Which brings me to what I really want to say. Every minute of time that I've given as president has come back to me in ways that I never anticipated. I've formed friendships that will outlast our years in this neighborhood. I've helped shape the future of the neighborhood with our Vision statement, our blueprint for positive change. I've seen firsthand how things get done in this city that works. I've grown as a person, and, I hope, as a leader. I've had the privilege and pleasure of working with a lot of great people.

I'm a fourth generation Chicagoan, descended from road builders and tradesmen. My great-grandfather worked on the Chicago World's Fair. My grandfather and father paved miles of Chicago streets. I'd like to think that I've continued in their footsteps, building something of value, in a much smaller way, on the northwest side of Chicago. Although I won't be president any longer, I'm planning to stay involved, to keep building what the founders of the West Walker Civic Association started nearly 100 years ago.

We all have the ability to leave our mark on this community. What will you build? That's the question.

Thank you for your support. It's been an honor,
Liz Mills

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

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West Walker General Meeting - MAY 20, 2008

WWCA president Liz Mills opened the meeting a little after 7:30 by introducing our first guest, Sandra Stumme, executive director of Metropolitan Family Services. This is a 151-year-old agency located at Belmont and Central with a mission to help families in need with a variety of services. Among other things, Metropolitan Family Services assists persons getting a GED, it addresses domestic violence issues, offers general counseling, has ESL classes and currently, for qualifying families, offers all-day Head Start programs. It also has programs for senior citizens, and Ms. Stumme pointed out that a particular concern being addressed by the agency is under reported violence against seniors.

She was followed by Kathy Howe and Dr. Charlie Martinez, speaking about the Old Irving Park Community Clinic that opened this past December to serve some of the thousands of uninsured in the area. The clinic is manned by volunteers and offers free primary care and referrals for persons with no ordinary access to medical care. Limited assistance with medical supplies is also provided, but emergency care is not available. Dr. Martinez related a few examples of individuals who had been aided by the clinic, and Ms. Howe put out a call for more volunteers, not just health care professionals but also for clerical assistance and translators.

Jaime Andrade, assistant to Ald. Mell, was our final speaker and talked primarily about efforts for a new library and issues affecting it, such as funding and proper location, with keeping it on Irving Park Road a priority. He then told us of other projects and issues the alderman is working on in the 33rd Ward, such as the drastic loss of rental units in the ward, street and alley resurfacing projects, sewer replacement at Central Park and Berteau, senior housing and other issues.

The rest of the meeting was general business, both old and new. Ms. Mills apprised us of the "Art in My Back Yard" éclat and mentioned a Marx foundation grant to help fund it. The garage sale was a success. The zoning committee met with a developer and disapproved of his designs for a zoning change on the 4000 block of N. Harding. Michelle Kaicener filled us in on the rain barrel program, which seems to be going well. Melanie Reschke's PEBA report highlighted a call for help with after-school programs to curb teen violence and an alert on scrap metal thieves. For the first time, The Strip Joynt was ticketed by the Department of Environment. We will be kept posted on a hearing date.

Finally, nominees for West Walker officers are: Mike Webber, vice-president, John Minor, treasurer, and Carol Barry, secretary. No candidate has been found yet for president, and the current one asked for an adjournment at 8:50.

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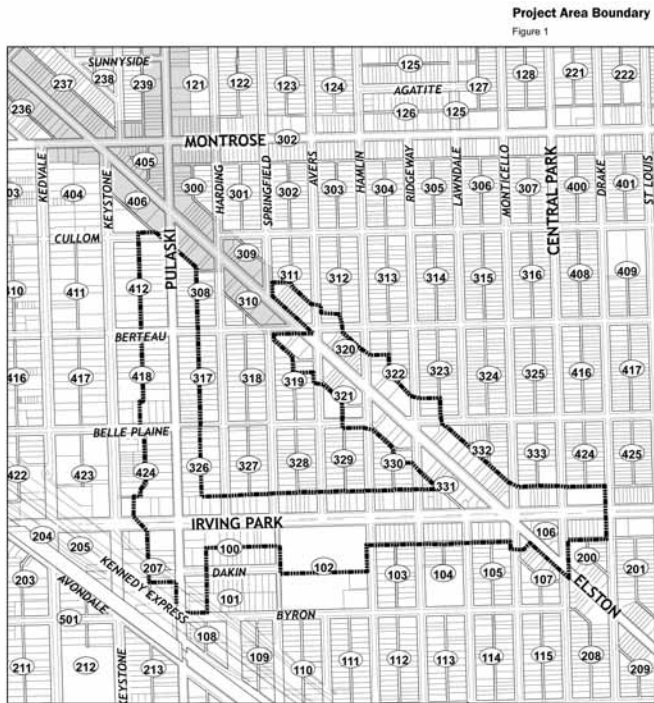
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Public Meeting: Irving Park/Elston TIF

Wednesday, June 25th, 7:00 PM
17th District Police Station, Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

A public meeting will be held on June 25, 7:00 at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, to discuss the proposed Irving Park/Elston Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The purpose of this TIF is to encourage economic and commercial development along Irving Park Road and Elston Avenue.



Map outlining proposed TIF area in West Walker.
For more information on what TIFs are go to:
http://www.illinois-tif.com/about_TIF.asp

Chicago SummerDance at Athletic Field Park

Chicago SummerDance and the Chicago Park District bring dancing to our neighborhood. Chicago parks host FREE Chicago SummerDance events at Athletic Field Park. The evening starts with dance Lessons from 6pm to 7pm, followed by Live Music & Dancing from 7pm-9pm.

Wednesday, June 25

6pm-7pm: Margot McGraw-Toppen & Riley Wimes Jr. (East Coast Swing)

7pm-9pm: The Gina Knight Orchestra (Bluesy Swing)

Trained as a classical pianist, Gina found her true passion behind the drum kit at age 10. Her range of training and experience offered her numerous scholarships and national gig highlights - from playing the Plaza Hotel in NY to the "Derby" in LA. Her musicianship and power behind the drum set also won her the title of "Joliet Area's Best Drummer" when she was only 16! These days she enjoys adjudicating and mentoring young drummers, as well as performing with various big bands, blues bands, and other artists in and around Chicago.

Wednesday, July 16

6pm-7pm: MayIHaveThisDance.com (Swing/Jitterbug)

7pm-9pm: Rhythm Rockets (Jump, R&B)

From their old school arrangements and instruments to the infectious toe-tapping music, the Rhythm Rockets have delighted audiences of all ages with their danceable style of music that was popular through out the 1940s and 1950s.

Wednesday, August 6

6pm-7pm: Tina Mangos (Salsa, Cha-Cha)

7pm-9pm: Samuel del Real y Su Orquesta (Tropical Salsa)

Samuel Del Real leads a group with members of different nationalities. Such diversity has enriched his rhythmic style and harmonies.

For more information, call the Chicago SummerDance Hotline: 312-742-4007

Margaret Laurino
Alderman
39th Ward

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4th of July Activities planned at Independence park

The Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC) and the West Walker Civic Association will again sponsor activities for the entire family at Independence Park on the 4th of July. The fun will last from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Be sure to arrive around 10 a.m., as a bicycle parade will kick off the festivities at 10:30 a.m. Get into the spirit by decking out your bike with patriotic decorations or dress up and wear your red white and blue. Following the parade the Boy Scouts will hold a Flag Ceremony with singing of the National Anthem. After the ceremony, games will commence with running, potato sack races and an egg toss. Free patriotic giveaways and refreshments will be provided. Come out and spend some time with your neighbors before heading out to your other Independence Day events!



Family Fun Fest – July 19th

Join your neighbors at the Family Fun Fest, sponsored by The Irving Park Ministerial Alliance. The fest will feature games, contests, prizes, food and more. The fest will take place, Saturday July 19 from Noon-3 p.m. at the Irving Park YMCA Parking Lot - 4251 W. Irving Park Road. The Irving Park Ministerial Alliance is an organization made up of nearly a dozen area churches and civic groups. For more information on the fest contact the Irving Park Lutheran Church at 773-267-1666.



The Villa Historic District Walking Tour

You have four chances to get a historic perspective on the Villa Neighborhood - Sunday, June 29 at 2 pm, Saturday, August 16 at 2pm, Saturday, October 4 at 2 pm, and Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm. These 90-minute tours, led by Villa residents, begin at the northeast corner of Addison Street (3600 North) and Pulaski Road (4000 West). Street parking is available but please be aware of permit parking on Harding Avenue. Cost is \$5 and reservations are recommended, with a limit of 30 attendees each day. For further information or to confirm attendance, contact us at thevillachicago@yahoo.com or 773.539.8376. Group tours can be scheduled on other dates for groups of eight or more.

Housewalk Will Showcase Old Irving Park Neighborhood

The Irving Park Historical Society will host its 19th Housewalk and Garden Tour on Saturday, September 20, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The event will include tours of a variety of home styles found in Chicago's Old Irving Park community. Several beautiful gardens also will be included as part of the walk.

Attendees will receive a program book that includes a map of the tour, the history of each featured home, and a guide to other points of interest. Four hours should be set aside to enjoy the walk at a comfortable pace.

The starting point for the tour will be at Mount Olive Church, 3850 N. Tripp Ave. Admission is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Pert Cleaners, 4213 W. Irving Park Rd. To order by mail, send a check or money order with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Irving Park Historical Society, c/o Carol Szalacha, 4216 N. Kildare Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.

For more information, contact the housewalk chairperson, Kate Meints at 773-777-2750.



The Wheeler-Osborn house, an 1872 Italianate built by the original Irving Park Land and Building Co., is just one example of the homes that will be on display at the 2008 Irving Park Historical Society Housewalk.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Every Monday • 10 a.m.**

Chicago Public Library Storytime.

Recommended for ages 2-5 years old.

*Independence Park Branch Library - 3548 W. Irving Park***June 17 • 6:30 p.m.***"Buggy About Books."* Stories, rhymes and crafts about creepy crawlers. Ages 3-8.*Independence Park Branch Library - 3548 W. Irving Park***June 18 • 2:00 p.m.***"Wonderful Worms."* Ages 5 and up.*Independence Park Branch Library - 3548 W. Irving Park***June 21 • 7:30 p.m.***"TrinProv,"* A Comedy Improv Group*Tapestry Community - 3824 W. Irving Park***June 23 • 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

City Vehicle Stickers and Residential Zone Parking

Stickers available for purchase

*Alderman Laurino's 39th Ward Office - 4404 W. Lawrence***June 24 • 6:30pm.***"Buggy About Books."* Stories, rhymes and crafts about creepy crawlers. Ages 3-8.*Independence Park Branch Library - 3548 W. Irving Park***June 25 • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Chicago SummerDance In the Parks - East Coast Swing

*Athletic Field Park, Addison & Drake***June 27 • Dusk**Movies in the Park - *Grease**Athletic Field Park, Addison & Drake***June 29 • 2:00 p.m.**

The Villa Historic District Walking Tour

*Meet at Pulaski & Addison**See page 5 for info***July 1 • 6:30 p.m.***"Buggy About Books."* Stories, rhymes and crafts about creepy crawlers. Ages 3-8.*Independence Park Branch Library - 3548 W. Irving Park***July 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

4th of July parade

*Independence Park (See Page 5 for Info)***July 6 • 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Farmer's Market

*Independence Park***July 11 • Dusk**Movies in the Park - *Nacho Libre**Athletic Field Park, Addison & Drake***July 14 • 7:00 p.m.**

Adult Discussion Book Club

July's Book: *When Elephants Weep*

by J. Moussaieff Masson

*Independence Park Branch Library - 3548 W. Irving Park***July 16 • 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Chicago SummerDance In the Parks - Swing/Jitterbug

*Athletic Field Park, Addison & Drake***July 16 • 7:00 p.m.**

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting

*17th Dist. Police Station, Community Rm - 4650 N. Pulaski***July 20 • 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Farmer's Market

*Independence Park***July 25 • Dusk**Movies in the Park - *E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial**Independence Park***July 26**

Annual GIPNA Community Garage Sale

August 3 • 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Farmer's Market

*Independence Park***August 6 • 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Chicago SummerDance In the Parks - Salsa, Cha-Cha

*Athletic Field Park, Addison & Drake***August 11 & 16**

Chicago Park District Registration for Fall '08 Programs

*Aug. 11 - online / Aug. 16 - in person**www.chicagoparkdistrict.com***August 16 • 2:00 p.m.**

The Villa Historic District Walking Tour

*Meet at Pulaski & Addison***August 17 • 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Farmer's Market

*Independence Park***August 20 • 7:00 p.m.**

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting

*17th Dist. Police Station, Community Rm - 4650 N. Pulaski***August 22 • Dusk**Movies in the Park - *Ratatouille**Athletic Field Park, Addison & Drake***August 23 • Dusk**Movies in the Park - *Spiderwick Chronicles**Independence Park***September 7 • 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Farmer's Market

*Independence Park***September 16th • 7:30 p.m.**

WWCA General Meeting

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

*Latvian Community Center**4146 N. Elston Ave.*

23rd Annual Garage Sale a Sell-Out!

The skies were fair and shoppers came out in droves for the 23rd Annual West Walker Garage Sale. Nearly 70 residents opened their garages and yards for shoppers, who found antiques, baby supplies, furniture and household goods. Sellers reported being very happy with their sales, and many sold out before the end of the day – including the steak taco vendors!

The garage sale resulted in 50 new members and approximately \$700 in net proceeds. The success of the sale is due to the hard work and perseverance of **Bob Crowley** and his son **Kevin**, and the assistance of **Melanie Reschke**. Thanks for another fun sale and great day for the neighborhood!



Garages and alleys were packed with bargain hunters for the WWCA Garage Sale



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CAPS Report

by Pam Maremont

The following issues were covered from the last meeting:

- The homeless people who have been occupying a few vacant buildings on Central Park are still taking up residence. A request has been placed with the city for the building to be boarded up.



New issues raised:

- There were several complaints about the neighborhood ice cream truck cruising around blaring music well after 9:00 p.m., which violates a city ordinance. The officers encouraged residents to talk to the driver and if that did not resolve the problem they should call 311.
- The liquor store at the intersection of Irving Park, Elston and Monticello was the subject of an investigative report on Channel 5 News and the owner was arrested for purchasing stolen liquor. However, the store remains open and residents are encouraged to call 911 if they see any suspicious activity.
- The 1723 beat car has been permanently equipped with a plate reader that can scan parked cars license plates looking for stolen cars and outstanding warrants.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood from April 23 – May 21, 2008:

Criminal Damage to vehicle.....	10
Theft \$300 and under	7
Battery	6
Domestic Battery	5
Automobile Theft	4
Assault (simple).....	3
Harassment by Telephone.....	3
Burglary (unlawful entry).....	2
Drug Possession	2
Criminal Damage to Property	2
Armed Robbery with a knife	1
Offense involving children	1

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings for 2008 for our beat are held at the 17th District in the community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. monthly on the 3rd Wednesday and typically last one hour. The next meeting is June 18.

Summer Reading Program For Children

Read Green, Live Green is this year's summer reading program for children presented in partnership with the Chicago Department of Environment and the Garfield Park Conservatory at the Independence Branch of the Chicago Public Library (3548 W. Irving Park Rd.).

This summer, children ages 2-14 who visit the library can register for the reading program and receive a colorful book log to record the books he/she reads or listens to this summer. On each return visit to the library, the child can record the books he/she has



Spend the Summer with a Book!

read or listened to and receive a colorful sticker. A Read Green, Live Green T-shirt will be given to each child, ages 9-14, who reads 10 books and for each child, ages 2-8, who listens to and/or reads 25 books.

The library has a variety of programs for children taking place this summer. For a complete schedule contact Margy Dunne or Janet Rogers at the Independence Branch by calling 312-744-0900.

Irving Park Food Pantry Collecting School Supplies

Even though students are starting their summer vacation, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry is already thinking ahead to next school year. Many young people whose families regularly visit the pantry for assistance will need more than just food. The young people need assistance with school supplies. If you can help give the students a good start to next school year, the pantry will start collecting supplies in July. Any items can be dropped off at the pantry located at the Irving Park Methodist Church or to West Walker Resident and Food Pantry Board Member Pat Eisenhart at 4118 N. Avers. Thanks in advance for your generosity!





Office Report: 39th Ward



I hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's **Spring Clean and Green on May 17th**, as well as the **Chicago River Day Cleanup, on May 10th**. I truly appreciate your effort to cleanup and beautify our neighborhoods and the river. Your hard work and dedication to this community is both exceptional and exemplary.

One last reminder... On **Monday, June 23rd** the City Clerk's office will be selling City Vehicle Stickers and **Residential Zone Parking Stickers** at my public service office. The stickers will be sold from **10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.** The City Clerk's Office requests that everyone bring the following information so that the line move along quickly and smoothly: your phone number, drivers license, and license plate number. They will now be accepting credit cards.

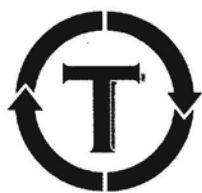
In conjunction with City Sticker Day on **Monday, June 23rd**, we have invited **Secure Eco Shred** to be here at my public service office from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** They will securely shred all of your documents while you watch (limit of 2 bags). This is a free shredding service, so bring your old tax returns, insurance documents, bank statements, etc.

The **Taste of Chicago** will begin on **Friday, June 27th**, and continue through **Sunday, July 6th** in Grant Park (337 East Randolph Street). There are a variety of activities for all ages. Come out and enjoy the great food, drinks, music and fun.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at (773)736-5594 or email us at ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward



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Report from the Chicago Green Festival – June

First, I want to thank everyone who participated in the Rain Barrel Sale. We completely sold out! Thanks to **John and Betsy Minor, Brent Carter, and Rober Rostkowski** for their help with the sale. For those folks who didn't manage to get a barrel, hopefully we will be able to do this again. We may be looking at composters next!

Second, I wanted to share some thoughts and ideas from the Chicago Green Festival, which I attended over the weekend of May 17th & 18th. If you didn't get a chance to go, this was a great way to get exposure to all kinds of things "green" – from organic milk to low emission paints to green roofs and sustainably produced snack food! There were hand-woven, natural fabrics from Guatemala, and fair-trade coffee and chocolate. Also, there were a number of great speakers on all kinds of interesting topics – installing solar panels, green building and renovation, energy saving at home, gardening, etc.



If you are thinking about some home remodeling projects this summer, here are some things you may want to consider:

1. Use non-VOC or low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paints. These paints are less toxic, particularly indoors.
2. Evaluate a recycled material for kitchen countertops – they come in many different colors and designs, and are more earth friendly than granite.
3. Investigate bamboo for floors and cupboards – it is more sustainable than hardwood, wears beautifully and looks great.
4. Install permeable pavers instead of concrete for walkways, to absorb more rainwater.
5. Choose low-flow or adjustable-flow shower heads, faucets, and toilets to save water.
6. Select natural, organically grown materials such as cotton, for interiors.
7. Thermal blinds or drapes help with heat management – warmer in winter, cooler in summer.

Many of these materials are available from local suppliers. Check out the festival website for videos and more information. Website of the month: <http://www.greenfestivals.org/content/view/230/200/>

Check out our photos from the Rain Barrel Sale!

Thanks, *Michelle Kaicener - mkaicener@earthlink.net*





News from St. Viator's

St. Viator Congratulates the Class Of 2008. St. Viator Elementary School is extremely proud of the graduating class of 2008 and we wish them great success during their high school years. The teachers at St. Viator are proud of their accomplishments and will be moving forward next year to the following High Schools: Gordon Tech, St. Patricks, St. Ignatius, Loyola, Guerin Prep, Notre Dame, Resurrection, Luther North, Lane Tech, Whitney Young, Northside Prep and Walter Payton.

St. Viator Elementary School Students Invited to the Toychallenge Nationals at the United States Patent and Trademark Office In Alexandria, Virginia. Two teams from St. Viator Elementary School Friendly Friends--Emma Gonzalez, Abigail Gray, Christina Gray, Kate Jordan, Diego Reyes-Alicea and Nicholas Stanley and Smarteez--Sandra Luna, Allison Paloma, and Ana Rubin De Celis, were recently selected to advance to the Sally Ride Science TOYchallenge™ 2008 Nationals at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in Alexandria on May 17th . The teams, led by Jane Falasz, join hundreds of teams of students from across the country participated in a fun-fueled toy- and game-design competition that gave kids the chance to step out of their classrooms and develop their engineering and design skills by creating their dream toy. St. Viator's team was one of 100 Preliminary Round finalists, and received Honorable Mention at the Nationals.

St. Viator Student Named Semifinalist in the 2008 Illinois Geographic Bee by National Geographic Society. Congratulations to Joshua Hernandez, a seventh grade student at St. Viator who was a semifinalist in the 2008 Illinois Geographic Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. This is the second year Joshua has won at the school level and first time he has qualified to complete in the state semifinals.

St. Viator Student Wins the Founders' Award in the 2008 Haiku Festival. Zach Kogut, a sixth grade student at St. Viator has won the Founders' Award in the 2008 Haiku Festival. Zach's poem was selected from 856 entries. He received his award on Saturday, April 5th and recited his winning poem, Broken Vase.

St. Viator Registration for 2008-09 School Year. Registration for the 2008-09 school year is in progress. If you have not had the opportunity to visit St. Viator and would like to schedule a private tour or if you have any questions during the summer months please call 773-736-2126 to schedule a private tour. For additional information on St. Viator or registration forms please visit www.stviatorchicago.org.

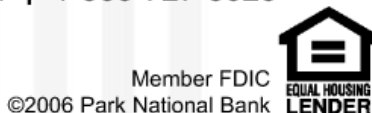
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