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Break out of the winter doldrums with a night of fun at the West Walker Winter Social! Join your friends and neighbors Saturday, February 21st from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at The Baked Tomato, 4358 N. Elston Ave, now under new ownership. Recession-friendly ticket prices are \$10 for WWCA members and \$15 for non-members and include appetizers, pizza and sweets. Cash bar. There will be a drawing for great prizes, like a one-night stay at the Key Lime Cove water park in Gurnee. RSVP by 2/17 to Cindi Webber at 773.539.8346 or webber.cindi@gmail.com. Don't get left out in the cold – RSVP today!

5th Congressional Candidate Forum

Congressman Rahm Emanuel has headed off to Washington to become Chief of Staff to President Obama, thus vacating his 5th U.S. Congressional Seat here on the Northwest Side of the City. Several candidates are throwing their hats into the political arena to run for his seat. The North River Commission will partner with U.N.I.T.E. and other local civic organizations and institutions to host a Candidate Forum for those seeking to replace Emmanuel, on Wednesday, February 18th at 7pm at Northside College Prep, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

No WWCA Meeting in February. See you March 17th!

February 18 ● 7:00 p.m.
5th Congressional District
Candidate Forum
Northside College Prep - 5501 N. Kedzie

February 18 ● 7:00 p.m. Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting 17th District Police Station Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

February 22 ● 2:00 p.m.
Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Concert
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding (info on page 4)

February 22 ● 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Winter Farmers' Market St. John's Episcopal Church 3857 N. Kostner Ave. (see page 3)

February 24 ● 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale Irving Park Lutheran Church gym 4057 N. Harding (more on page 3)

February 28 ● 11:00 a.m. Winter Fest Independence Park (info on page 3)

March 1 ● 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. McNulty/Kelly Corned Beef Dinner St. Edward - Buckley Hall 4343 W. Sunnyside Ave. (see page 9)

March 3 • 6:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. Special Primary Election http://www.voterinfonet.com

March 8 • 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Chili Supper Benefit IPLC Gym - 4057 N. Harding (see pg. 3)

March 17 ● 7:30 p.m. WWCA General Meeting Latvian Community Center 4146 N. Elston Ave.

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



Dear Neighbor:

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A membership list is included below. Dues are relatively inexpensive - \$10 for the year for individuals and families, \$5 for seniors and \$15 for our local businesses. Membership has it's advantages - including at this month's winter social, where members pay a discounted rate to attend. If you're not a member, why not join? See page 11 for a membership application.

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All story ideas and text are due by the first of the month. Submit ideas and text to: west_walker_wire @yahoo.com. Include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you.

For information on advertising, please see our Advertising Rates, Page 8.



Winter Farmers' Market set for February 22

The flavor and freshness of a summer farmers' market indoors! Shop for vegetables and homemade products and stay for lunch on. The market will be at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, February 22, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. St. John's is serving soup, chili, salad, cornbread, homemade pies and fair-trade, organic, shade grown coffee. St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. For a complete list of Chicago area Markets & Meals go to www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets/M19510. The event is sponsored by Churches' Center for Land and People: www.cclpmidwest.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale

Join the Irving Park Lutheran Church for its annual fundraiser for the Magic Mushroom Summer program, where pancakes, sausages, beverages and baked goods are served! The supper and sale will be Tuesday, February 24th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the IPLC gymnasium at 4057 N. Harding. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at the door. In addition, registration for Magic Mushroom 2009 begins at this event! Again, if you have any questions about Shrove Tuesday or Magic Mushroom, call the church office at 773-267-1667.

Winter Fest at Independence Park

The Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC) will host a Winter Fest on Saturday, February 28, starting at 11 a.m. Assuming the weather cooperates, the Winter Fest will feature competitions and activities such as snowman-building contests, snow shoe races, and even a professional ice carver who will sculpt a penguin or maybe an eagle from a big block of ice. Bring along accessories—carrots, twigs, an old scarf and hat—to make your snowman the handsomest in the park. Hot cocoa and snacks will be served in the Women's Building.

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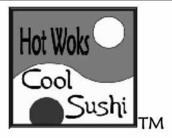
Chili Supper to Benefit Carlson Community Garden 3/8

Thanks to an overwhelmingly positive response to the community garden plan shared at a January neighborhood input meeting, Irving Park Carlson Ministries is proceeding with plans to build an organic community vegetable garden at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd.

A Chili Supper to benefit the garden will be held Sunday, March 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Local professional chef **Ed Gardner** and master gardener **Sarah Steedman** will be serving up vegetarian and beef chili, corn bread and salad. Beverages and delicious desserts will be available for an additional charge. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$5 for children ages 3-12; free for kids under 3.

Kids can enjoy free entertainment and a craft table, so bring the whole family!

All funds raised at the supper will be used to build and maintain the community garden, the goal of which is to supply the Irving Park Community Pantry with fresh fruits and vegetables. If you'd like to learn more about the project, or donate a drawing item or baked good to the supper, please contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or lizmills@sbcglobal.net.



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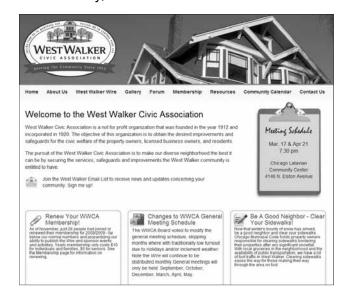
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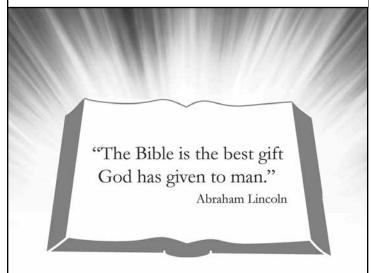
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Want to keep up on the latest events in West Walker? Want to access the Wire (current and past issues) on your computer? Then check out WWCA's website www.westwalker.org. Many thanks to webmaster Marvin Weinstein for his help on updating our site so it's a more appealing online look. If you haven't been to our site lately, it's worth a look - check it out!





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Free Classical Music Concert Sunday, February 22, 2009

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is proud to announce the third concert of its 2008-2009 season. Pianist Amy Briggs and violinist Andrew McCann will perform Sunday. on February 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Irving



Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding. Admission to the concert is free of charge, though a free-will offering may be made to help defray expenses. An informal reception with the performers follows the concert.

The program will feature selections from the work of Olivier Messiaen, Arvo Pärt, György Kurtág and Johannes Brahms. Pianist Amy Briggs has established herself as a leading interpreter of the music of living composers, while also bringing a fresh perspective to music of the past. Based in Chicago, she is the pianist for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's MusicNOW ensemble. Violinist Andrew McCann performs regularly with the Grand Rapids Symphony and is a member of the New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago, and the Woodstock Mozart Festival Orchestra.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 15th season, was begun by Roger L. Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee receives funding from Irving Park Carlson Ministries, a community service 501c3. The mission of Carlson Ministries is to serve the community with a variety of outreach efforts, including fine arts.

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Planetary Consciousness – Save an Animal

This column may be slightly off-topic, but I have pets on my mind this month.

I know everyone is cutting back, due to the tough economy. Jobs are being lost, foreclosures are still on the rise, and we still have another 2 months of winter weather (when will it ever stop snowing?).

Animals really don't know that the economy is tough – there is still habitat being lost, trees cut down, climate changing, species on the move.

In our own back yard, state funding is drying up for many institutions – museums, zoos, aquaria, state parks, and, of course, animal shelters.

I was recently at a downtown shelter, and was saddened to see the number of animals given up due to foreclosure.

It is a tough commitment to ask someone to take in a homeless animal at a time like this, when care and supplies are getting ever-more expensive, but shelter animals are so happy to find loving households to take them in.

My dog and all my cats are shelter rescues, and I wouldn't trade a single minute of my time with them in terms of the love and companionship they return for the simple gift of food and shelter.

So, instead of visiting the next liquidation sale on your day off, consider taking the kids to the Aquarium or the Zoo, or contributing a small amount to one of the local shelters, adopt an animal from the World Wildlife Fund, or just put some food out for the birds.

Or, if you can find it in your heart and your budget to take in a cat or a dog, they would be so grateful.

Thanks all, Michelle Kaicener mkaicener@earthlink.net

Website of the Month: http://www.worldwildlife.org/ogc/



Rescuing Animals is Great!

Being a Responsible Pet Owner is Even Better!

Remember to clean up after your pooch when out for a walk keep West Walker Clean!

Sign up for Shares in an Organic Farm

St. John's Episcopal Church (3857 N. Kostner Ave) has renewed its partnership with Genesis Growers CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Farmer Vicki Westerhoff provides weekly boxes of fruit and veggies in two sizes. Weekly or bi-weekly egg shares are also available. Produce will be delivered to St. John's garden shed on Wednesdays for three seasons. April & May, June through October, and November & December. 5% discount available if you sign up before March 1. A payment plan is also available. Visit www.stjohnschicago.com – click on "green news" and then "genesis growers" to download the registration form.

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Take advantage of two local recycling centers:

17th District Police Station, 4651 N. Pulaski Blue recycling bins in the public parking lot 7 days a week, from dawn to dusk

Recycling Center at North Park Village 5801 N. Pulaski 7 days a week, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.





CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

The January CAPS meeting was very quiet. The Police felt the very low crime rates were based on the cold weather. Only one new concern was raised and it didn't occur in the West Walker neighborhood.

The February CAPS meeting will have a speaker on crime prevention. Officers did state the significance of citizens attending CAPS meetings. They felt there should be one person per block attending. It did not have to be the same person each month. Statistics have shown this reduces crime and increases neighborhood safety.



Update on old issues:

- At 4226 North Lawndale, neighbors reported suspicious behavior. Officers conducted a three-day surveillance. No observations were made. Police will continue to monitor and the case was given to the Active Gang Group.
- At the corner of Hamlin and Agatite, citizens have witnessed motorists running the stop signs. Officers will continue to monitor.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood December 17, 2008 to January 20, 2009:

Non-criminal lost property	4
Battery (simple)	3
Criminal Damage (to property)	3
Theft over \$300	3
Theft under \$300	3
Burglary (forcible entry)	3
Assault (aggravated)	2

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Burglary (unlawful entry)......2 Criminal Damage (to vehicle) 1 Theft (from building) 1 Robbery (strong armed) 1 Weapons violation 1 Theft (financial ID theft over \$300) 1

Deceptive practice (illegal use cash card)......1 Motor vehicle theft (automobile) 1

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings 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 February 18. More information about CAPS is available at www.cityofchicago.org. Join the CAPS team of police officers, residents and City Departments working together for a safer Chicago.



39th Ward Report

Although it seems that this winter will never end, it's not too early to start thinking about spring and summer activities.

If you are considering having a **block party this summer**, please contact Rose in my 39th Ward Public Service office (773-736-5594) for an information packet. Included in the packet will be an application for the city's popular Jumping Jack program. The Jumping Jacks are assigned on a first-come, first serve basis. Demand always exceeds supply so if you want the Jumping Jack at your block party, I recommend sending the application back as soon as possible.

Hoping to get a **tree planted in your parkway** this year? Please submit your request to my office as soon as possible. Tree planting in the parkway is a free service offered by the City of Chicago, but it is only done in the Spring and the Fall. The earlier you get your request in, the better!

Blue recycling carts are finally starting to arrive in the 39th Ward and we expect that they will be delivered to the entire Ward in the next few months. In the meanwhile, don't forget to recycle materials at the blue recycling bin in the public parking lot of the 17th District Police Station, 4651 N. Pulaski. Recyclables do not need to be bagged or separated. The drop-off center is open from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week. You can also recycle materials at the Recycling Center at North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski, seven days a week, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Just a reminder that the city Board of Elections will be conducting a **Special Primary Election** on **Tuesday, March 3**, to fill the vacancy in the 5th Congressional District. **Early voting** will take place in the 39th Ward at **North Park Village, February 16 - February 26, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact my 39th Ward Public Service office at 773-736-5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino Alderman, 39th Ward

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Our Spring Dance Recital is going to be on June 18th 2009 at The Portage Theater, in the historic Six Corners Shopping District. The dance recital theme this year is k . i . d . s . N E T W O R K

The dancers will perform a selection of dance pieces from Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tap, Ballet, etc... just like a real news cast (their own network station)! If anyone is interested in performing in our 5th annual Spring Dance Recital, the recital application is due by March 7th 2009! All dancers, actors, and creative kids are welcome!

Also, k i d s **DANCE** is launching child care! k i d s **CARE** will be available Monday through Friday from 7a.m. to 3 p.m. This program will be starting Monday, March 2nd 2009! This will be an 8 hour child care service for only \$5.00 per hour! Please call for more details or stop in to pick up some information.

Also on the rise k i d s **DANCE** will be starting piano lessons. This program will also start in March of 2009!

To stay posted on upcoming events, please call (773)777-5477 or visit the web site at www.kidsdancechicago.com.

Everyone is always welcome to try a dance class for free! Stop in the dance studio located at 4100 N. Pulaski.

We would like to thank the neighborhood for your support.

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St. Edward School and Parish News

Big Red Auction

Many exciting prizes will be on the live and silent auction block at St. Edward's annual Big Red Auction. Proceeds from the auction benefit St. Edward School. The gala will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight in Buckley Hall – the school gym – at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue (one block north of Montrose at the corner of Lowell). Closing times on bids will be staggered during the evening. A cash bar and complimentary heavy hors'doeuvres will be available. Dancing and a DJ begin at 8:30PM and the dress is casual. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Partygoers must be 21 to attend.

McNulty/Kelly Corned Beef Dinner

Come on out for some traditional Irish fare to kick off the month of March! The annual McNulty/Kelly Corned Beef Dinner will be held on March 1, 2009 from 12 to 5 p.m. The event will be held in Buckley Hall and the proceeds will go toward scholarships for Eighth graders moving on to a Catholic High School. Prices for the meal are \$10 for a full corned beef dinner and \$5 for a kid's meal or corned beef sandwich. The festivities will also include traditional Irish entertainment.

The February school board meeting will be held Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. All school parents and parishioners are welcome.

For more information, call the school at 736-9133.

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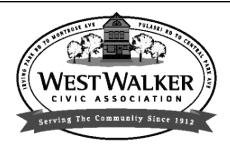


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WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues Effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009

Check One:	FAMILY \$10		BUSINESS \$15		SENIOR \$5			
NAME:								
ADDRESS:								
PHONE:								
Please note your email address if you would like to receive e-mail updates								
E-MAIL:								

Your Membership Dues Are Used To:

- Publish 10 issues per year of the West Walker Wire, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- Sponsor Free Special Events, like the Fall Fest and 4th of July Celebration at Independence Park
- Present the Art in My Back Yard Artistic Series
- Put on the Annual Community Garage Sale
- Support area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park and Independence Library.

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your application and dues to:

John Minor 4326 N. Hamlin Ave. Chicago, IL 60618

