

WEST WALKER WIRE

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WW Civic Association Hosts Halloween Fun

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the West Walker Civic Association's Halloween Party and Fall Festival. Join your neighbors as we celebrate fall in Chicago! This free event takes place Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym on the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine.

The party kicks off with a costume parade for kids and adults leaving from the gym at 10:15 a.m. Following the parade, kids can enjoy spooky crafts and games, music, and refreshments.



Neighborhood children decorate cookies at last year's West Walker Civic Association Halloween Party and Fall Festival.

Kids Dance will be there to teach all little monsters some new dance moves!

A drawing for great prizes will be held. Tickets are \$1 each. Prizes include a one-night stay and water park passes at Chula Vista Theme Resort, Wisconsin Dells, and a one-night stay and water park passes for four at Key Lime Cove, Gurnee IL, donated by NBC5; free dance lessons donated by Kids Dance; and a fun gift basket for kids.

A donation of canned food for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry would be appreciated. Questions or want to help out? Contact Beth Tidmarsh at 773.478.4694. Hope to see you there!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2-30 (weekends)

Art In My Back Yard Exhibit: "Buy Land"
4201 N. Elston Ave.

October 20 • 7:30 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

October 21 • 7 p.m.
Beat 1723 CAPS meeting
17 District Police Station Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski Road

October 23 • 7 p.m.
Carlson Trivia Night
Irving Park Lutheran Church gym
4057 N. Harding Ave.

October 23 and 24 • 7 p.m.
October 25 • 2 p.m.
Kids Dance Halloween show,
"Midnight on Halloween"
4100 N. Pulaski, 777-5477

October 26 • 5-8 p.m.
Kids Dance Halloween party
4100 N. Pulaski, 777-5477

October 31 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
West Walker Civic Association
Halloween Party & Fall Festival
Irving Park Lutheran Church gym
4057 N. Harding Ave.

November 7 • 5-8 p.m.
Independence Park Bungalow
Renovation Project Wine & Cheese Party
Independence Park Fieldhouse

November 12 • 7 p.m.
Wildest Dreams Cancer Support
Group for Women
4112 N. Harding Ave.

November 30 • 9 a.m.
Chicago Park District Winter 2010
Program online registration begins

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

Dear Neighbor,

FALL IS NOW UPON US. From now until January, it looks like an endless stream of holidays, some religious, some not, and some in-between: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, and more.

None of these events are possible without family and community. And family and community are what the West Walker Civic Association is all about. As the new WWCA president, I sat down to write this column wanting to share why I think the WWCA is important to individuals and the community as a whole.

Our meetings provide a chance for neighbors, acquaintances, friends, and strangers to meet and renew or start relationships. Our programs provide information on a wide variety of topics—gardening, how to protect yourself or your property, recycling, learning a new hobby. The WWCA also helps get out important information quickly when a warning is needed or help required.

It seems that recently we have experienced a little more crime than usual, although it may be just a temporary rise. The WWCA is working with CAPS representatives and Alderman Laurino's office to make sure we get as much attention to each incident that we can.

The WWCA does a good job with many excellent and dedicated volunteers to help keep community concerns within the sights of the police, local, state, and government representatives who are supposed to serve our community. We also strive to keep our members informed about events and, hopefully, exposed to new and exciting ideas and activities.

One of the most exciting projects nurtured by the WWCA has been the Art In My Backyard project. AIMBY has sponsored art installations and other popular events. "Buy Land!" is the current exhibition, which is running throughout October. See it if you can. Look in the *Wire* for more information.

None of these things would be possible without the contributions of our neighbors. And the most important contributions are time and involvement. I encourage everyone in West Walker to be involved in the community. Come to the meetings if you can, and if you are already a regular, bring a friend. Please help us by joining or renewing your membership. That small fee to join goes a long way to publish the *Wire* and keeps our organization growing.

I would also ask everyone to think of our community like a big, extended family. Check in on that neighbor who might need a hand. Keep your eyes open for anything that might warrant a call to 311 or 911. Go to that CAPS meeting. Or just say "Hi" to a neighbor. Because of the economy, many people need a little extra help. Please consider a donation to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. There are hundreds of neighbors who will rely on the Pantry to have a happy Thanksgiving or a merry Christmas.

Family helping family, neighbor helping neighbor, neighbors growing our community. I hope we can all do just a little in this next year to make our community better for everyone.

Mike Webber, President

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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WWCA General Meeting Minutes

From September 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. President Mike Webber introduced the new executive board: Davor Engel, vice president; Carol Barry, secretary; John Minor, treasurer. In addition, the board of directors for the 2009-2010 year was introduced: Pam (Maremont) Austin, Margaret McIntyre, Liz Mills, Dorie Westmeyer, and Anne Marie O'Kelley, *Wire* editor.

The May minutes were approved as presented in the June issue of the *Wire*.

Jackie Kazarian spoke about the Art In My Back Yard Exhibition, "Buy Land," which opened on October 2. A reception was held for the opening from 6 to 9 p.m. The idea for AIMBY came out of the WWCA Vision Statement. The purpose is to support the artists who live in our community. A second goal of AIMBY is to use empty store fronts as exhibit space and bring the area some economic stimulus. The exhibit will run every weekend in October.

Mary Ann Levar, deputy district director with 5th District Congressman Mike Quigley's office, was introduced. Ms. Levar reported that there are 10 people in the office at 3742 W. Irving Park Road, and they are available to help with immigration, Medicare, federal student loans, Social Security benefits, Veteran's benefits, and postal issues. The office hours are M-F 8:30-5:30. The office phone number is 773.267.5926. The Washington D.C. office can



Former WWCA President Marianne Turk presents the 2008-09 Mary Brown Good Neighbor Awards to Gary Carlson (center) and Marvin Weinstein, WWCA web master, at the September WWCA General Meeting. (Award-winner Beth Tigie-Matos is not pictured.) The WWCA's Board of Directors created the honor to recognize individuals and organizations who are dedicated to improving our community.

Health and Safety Issues Featured at October Meeting

WANT MORE INFORMATION about the H1N1 "swine flu" and vaccination? How about healthy eating and lifestyles? What about how to be safe in your own neighborhood? Then come to the October West Walker Civic Association General Meeting on October 20 at 7:30 p.m. We're putting together speakers and information for you on public health and safety issues that affect you today. Hope to see you there!

be reached at 202.225.4061. Ms. Levar can be reached by e-mail at maryann.levar@mail.house.gov.

Josh Jones, a resident of the 4000 block of North Harding, reported on a gang-related shooting that occurred on the block on August 21, 2009. He gave an update on recent activity, the response of police, and the need for neighborhood participation in CAPS meetings. Call 911 for any suspicious activity. Vigilance in monitoring activity is necessary.

The treasurer reported that the current balance in the WWCA checking account is \$1,390.02. Dues are due beginning in September. At the time of the meeting, there were four new or renewed memberships. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

It was announced that the Independence Park Advisory Council sponsored a concert on September 24 at Independence Park. IPAC needs new members; see their website for more information at www.ipac-chicago.org.

As the final order of business, the 2008-09 Mary Brown Good Neighbor Awards were presented by former WWCA President Marianne Turk to the following "good neighbors":

Beth Tigie-Matos. Over the past three years, Beth served as the editor of the *Wire*. While editor, Beth improved the *Wire*, adding pages and useful information like the summer calendar. In addition to her editor duties, Beth created a West Walker brochure, flyers for special events, and kept the WWCA website updated with information and photos.

Marvin Weinstein. Marvin, our WWCA web master, has

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CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

WEST WALKER RESIDENTS heavily attended the CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meeting on September 16. This was mainly due to concern over the gang-related shooting that occurred on the 4000 block of North Harding and recent increases in gang activity in the area.

The officers were aware of the residents' concerns and indicated they were increasing patrol in this area. They also said the best way to fight crime was for residents to call 911 whenever they noticed criminal behavior, to call often, and for several residents to call. The more people who call, the more attention the issue will receive.

Sergeant Cassandra Bradshaw from the Troubled Buildings Division discussed what to do when you believe you have a troubled building—a building that you believe has criminal activity, dealing drugs, gang activity, etc.—in your area. Call 312.745.6230, and her division will investigate. If you believe it is a Section 8 building, you can report a complaint to 312.935.2600.

It is important for as many West Walker residents as possible to continue attending the CAPS meetings

every month to keep attention on this situation. **Please encourage your neighbors to attend.**

Have a CAPS issue?

You can submit concerns to CAPS online at <https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath>. On the left-hand side of the page, click "Report a concern about an issue affecting your neighborhood." Or bring your concerns to the WWCA monthly General Meeting. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is October 20 at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 North Elston. It's best to do both.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood Aug. 19 - Sept. 20, 2009:

Battery (simple)	5
Vandalism (vehicle)	4
Larceny theft	4
Theft under \$300	4
Drug Possession: cannabis	3
Motor vehicle theft (automobile)	3
Burglary (forcible entry)	2
Burglary (unlawful entry)	1
Disorderly conduct	1
Robbery	1
Aggravated assault	1

CAPS meetings for our beat are held at the 17th District in the Community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. monthly on the third Wednesday and typically last one hour. The next meeting is October 21. More information about CAPS is available at www.cityofchicago.org.

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quietly contributed immeasurably to our community since the launch of the westwalker.org website several years ago. A place for both old-timers and newcomers to go for information about our organization and the community, the site underwent a beautiful update last fall. He is also a member of Zoning Committee, which helps ensure new construction fits the goals of WW Vision Statement

Gary Carlson. Gary embodies the spirit of a good neighbor and good landlord. Gary is known for regularly helping neighbors by shoveling their sidewalks and digging out parking spots in addition to maintaining his own buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



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Halloween Happenings



Trick-or-Treat Bags at Indy Park

CHILDREN CAN STOP BY THE Independence Park Fieldhouse on Halloween from 12 to 4 p.m. for a trick-or-treat bag. Treat bags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fall Festival at Athletic Field Park

THE ATHLETIC FIELD PARK annual Fall Festival will be held on October 17 and 18 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 3546 W. Addison St.

Admission is free, but tickets for each attraction will be sold on the day of the event (pony rides-\$4; petting zoo-\$3; no-scare maze-\$2; pumpkins \$2 to \$3). All proceeds benefit the Athletic Field Advisory Council. For more information, call 773.478.2889.

For a complete listing of Park District Halloween events, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

“Trunk-or-Treat”: A Safe Way to Gather Treats

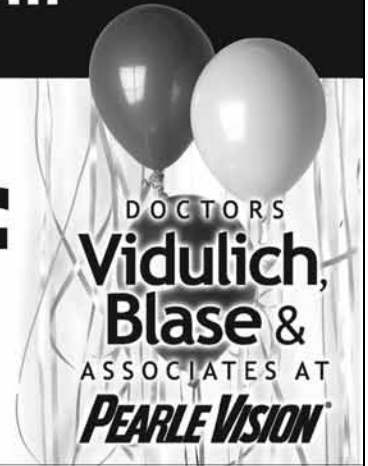
ON SATURDAY, October 31, the 17th District CAPS Office and the District Advisory Committee is hosting a Halloween “Trunk-or-Treat” from 2 to 4 p.m. Neighborhood kids are invited to pick treats from car trunks, provided by and staffed by your local Chicago police officers. This event, which provides a safe family environment for trick-or-treaters, will be held in the east parking lot of the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski Road.

Your company or business can help by donating candy or treats or other fun and safe items. You can also decorate and staff your own vehicle for the lot. If interested, call Officer Roy Schnoor at the 17th District Community Policing Office at 312.742.4588 or e-mail: roy.schnoor@chicagopolice.org. To reserve a spot in the lot for a vehicle, please call by October 28.

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WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed as of September 30 appears below.

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 Carol and Kevin Barry
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 David Knickerbocker and Laura Ell
 Larry and Ann Kosiba
 Agnes and Paul Kuczmierczyk
 Joe Laiacona
 Pat and Frank Lash
 Holly McDonald and Francisco Bezerra
 Margaret McIntyre
 Patrick and Tara McKee
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 Don and Amanda Salyers
 Sarah and Randy Schumaker
 Megan and Eric Stalder
 Elizabeth and Lachlan Tidmarsh
 Eddie Torrez and Andrea Terry
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tshuhara
 Marianne and Patrick Turk
 Tom and Nancy Walker
 MarySue and Michael Witchger

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs September 1 through August 31 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park

Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.

- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art In My Back Yard artistic series.

Bring your 2009-2010 dues to our next WWCA meeting on October 20! Or you can mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010

Check one: FAMILY \$10 BUSINESS \$15 SENIOR \$5

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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



39th Ward Report



Dear Neighbors:

Due to budget constraints, the Department of Health is not conducting flu shots in aldermanic offices, as in past years. However, I have partnered with Walgreens to provide flu shots in my office, **Monday, October 19, from 10 a.m.**

to 2 p.m. The cost of the flu shots is \$24.99. Senior citizens with Medicare cards will receive the shots for no cost. Flu shots are restricted to those 14 and older. Please note, these are not the H1N1 flu vaccine.

Phase Two of the Montrose Avenue water main replacement project is underway. The Department of

Water Management is replacing 2,672 feet of 16-inch water main on the south side of Montrose from North Pulaski to North Central Park. The old main dates back to 1892. Weather permitting, the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

The project was split into two phases to allow traffic along Montrose and to try to lessen the inconvenience of the project. The Department of Water Management will do its best to reduce the impact to the surrounding community. My office will be working closely with the department as the project proceeds.

If you need additional information about these or any other projects, please feel free to contact my 39th Ward Office at 773.736.5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Chicago Park District Winter 2010 Program Session Dates

Program information available for viewing online:
Monday, November 16

Online registration begins:
Monday, November 30 at 9 a.m.

In-person registration at most parks begins:
Saturday, December 5

Online registration ends:
Sunday, January 3, 2010

Program sessions runs the weeks of:
Monday, January 4 - Sunday, March 21, 2010

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News and Events from Irving Park Carlson Ministries

Wildest Dreams Cancer Support Group to Meet 11/12

Are you a woman who is a cancer survivor or currently undergoing treatment? Wildest Dreams Cancer Support Group for Women was formed to help women in our neighborhood and meets on the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be November 12 at 7 p.m. at 4112 N. Harding Ave.

The goal of the group is to provide a comfortable, caring, and confidential place for women to share experiences, express concerns, talk about everyday life, and gain support from others. There is no charge to participate in the group. For more information or any questions, contact Helen Lira at 773.406.9821.

Irving Park Carlson Ministries, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, sponsors the group. The mission of Carlson is to serve the Irving Park community with a variety of outreach efforts, including helping those in need.

Channel Your Inner Einstein at Carlson Trivia Night!

Put your knowledge of pop culture, history, and Chicago trivia to the test at Irving Park Carlson Ministries' Trivia Night! Teams will compete for glory and prizes on Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Team tables of eight will be sold for \$150 and singles can compete for \$20. Bring your own snacks! Beer, wine, and soda will be available for sale.

All proceeds will benefit the Magic After-School Place (MAP), which provides area school children with safe passage from school to the program, homework help, a nutritious snack, and recreation. Its fees are based on a sliding scale according to financial need.



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La Costa Theatre Company Invites You

LA COSTA THEATRE COMPANY invites you to their Black-Tied and Broke Fundraiser Gala on Saturday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at 3931 N. Elston Ave., 2nd Floor. Dress your best for an evening of food, drink, raffle prizes, and live entertainment. Featuring a special preview performance of their 2010 Season. The \$25 package includes general admission to the performance, hors d'oeuvres, and two drink tickets. The \$50 VIP package includes premium seating for the performance, open bar, party favors, raffle tickets, and hors d'oeuvres.

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Climate Action: What Can You Do?

OFTEN, WHEN I CHAT with people about climate change, they say they feel like it is such a big issue they aren't sure what they can do that will make a difference. There are a lot of ways one can contribute. There are many groups and organizations doing fantastic work—many are local, many are international, although international groups often involve local action. It's just a question of picking an activity that interests you, and then just jumping in!

Here are a few suggestions you might like to explore:

Local

Become a recycling block captain: It's not a lot of work, and you will really be helping your neighborhood. To sign up, or for more information, call 312.744.5702, or e-mail: doecommunications@cityofchicago.org.

Greencorps Teammates: Greencorps Chicago works with community gardens in neighborhoods all over Chicago. Our Teammates help us in our efforts to build and sustain these gardens throughout the year. Call 312.744.8691, or e-mail: greencorps@cityofchicago.org.

Chicago Climate Action Group: The Chicago Climate Action Plan outlines a set of bold ideas that could help expand on our successes to slow the effects of climate change. Look for the tab that has suggestions for things residents can do. www.chicagoclimataction.org/

International

350.org: Join people all over the world to take a stand for a safe climate future. There is a Climate Action Day on October 24. Sign up at www.350.org/.

I'm exploring the idea of showing environmental and energy-related documentaries in the neighborhood to raise awareness. If anyone is interested in attending or assisting, please e-mail me. Also, I'll be attending a home weatherization and education program through the City of Chicago C3 Program on October 17. I will be setting up a neighborhood workshop date after that. Let me know if you'd be interested in attending, and look out for more information.

by Michelle Kaicener
greenwestwalker@gmail.com

Website of the month: www.ageofstupid.net/the_film

News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

THE PANTRY has been awarded the Greater Chicago Food Depository Community Outreach Award for 2009.

Pantry Statistics

August 2009: 1,723 people in 599 households
August 2008: 1,428 people in 486 families

Cumulative year-to-date visits reveal a 28 percent increase in needy people seeking assistance:

2009 January through August: 4,028 visits
2008 January through August: 2,997 visits

Drop-off Donations

Donations of non-perishable food, personal care items, or toys can be dropped off during regular business hours at the Irving Park United Methodist Church at Grace and Keeler. There are three large plastic receptacles at the Grace Street entrance.

We are accepting donations of socks, hats, gloves, and scarves for men, women, and children.

Holiday toy distribution: Donations of new toys for children from infant to 12 years old.



Express Food Stamps

One of only two sites in the Chicagoland area, eligible clients can apply for and receive an Express Stamps card at the Pantry on the same day. The card is activated within a couple of days. Please come to the Pantry during regular hours (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday).

Volunteers Needed

While the Pantry is blessed with many wonderful volunteers, we need a time commitment of regular help for the following areas: office administration, volunteer coordinator, and publicity coordinator. If you are interested, please call Kate Roche at 312.307.8458.

Margaret Laurino
Alderman
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Disney II Magnet School News

The Disney II community is attempting to alleviate parking issues that occurred before and

after school last year. A new "drop and go" system has been instituted for this school year. Parents may pull up to the curb where their children can safely walk into their designated waiting areas prior to the first bell. This should help eliminate parents double parking and causing congestion on the side streets.

Happenings at St. Viator

Night Ministry Receives \$1,000 Grant

St. Viator Parish and School are excited to announce that the Night Ministry Program has won a \$1,000 grant from the Archdiocese of Chicago. This past Lenten season the children at St. Viator School participated in the Operation Rice Bowl mission. Mrs. Johnson, mission coordinator for the school, and Thomas Cook, coordinator of Youth Ministry for the parish, applied for and received a grant

that was being offered to organizations participating in this program.

These much-needed funds will be used to continue the Night Ministry Program that St. Viator is involved with. Once a month, Mr. Cook, along with youth from the parish, prepare food and deliver it to people in Humboldt Park. The program, which has been operating here for 10 years, serves approximately 200 people each month.

Halloween Party

St. Viator's Halloween party will be held Friday, October 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the St. Viator gym (Kedvale and Waveland). The cost is \$9 (in advance) or \$10 at the door.

Order your tickets by calling the school office at 773.545.2173. Ticket price includes dinner, a beverage, games, and entertainment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Primary Gym

Back by popular demand, Primary Gym begins on Saturday, November 7 and runs through Saturday, April 17 (first and third Saturdays of the month). For children ages 2 through 9 and their parents. St. Viator welcomes neighborhood families to join in the fun. The cost is \$20 per family for the 2009-10 year. The enrollment form and complete information are posted on the school's website: www.stviatorchicago.org/athletic.

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Art In My Back Yard Presents Buy Land!

THERE'S STILL TIME to see Art In My Backyard (AIMBY), West Walker Civic Association's series celebrating art and artists on the northwest side, an exciting show running on weekends throughout October. And, yes, it's right in our backyard.

Come out and see Buy Land!—an exhibition of 10 local artists who explore the American landscape through painting, drawing, and video. The gallery is located at 4201 North Elston Ave. and is open October 2-30. The hours are Fridays from 6-8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Jackie Kazarian at jk@jackiekazarian.net or 773.294.9464.



West Walker neighbors and art lovers from everywhere gather at the opening reception of the AIMBY exhibit "Buy Land" on the evening of October 2. The band The Pink Monkeys entertained while guests viewed art by Lorna Filippini, Pamela Valvano Gibson, Liz Gresey, Fletcher Hayes, Jennifer Hines, Mike Barret Kolasinski, Chris Novak, Garrett Reese, Neil Shapiro, and Cyd Smillie. (Photos by Beth Tigue-Matos.)

West Walker Civic Association Annual



Halloween Party and Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

IRVING PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH GYM
4057 N. HARDING (BELLE PLAINE AND HARDING)

JOIN US FOR **FREE** FALL FUN!

*DONATION OF CANNED GOODS FOR THE
IRVING PARK COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.*

WE'LL KICK OFF AT 10:00 AM WITH AN ALL-AGES COSTUME
PARADE, FOLLOWED BY ART, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND
SCARY STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE GYM.

MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS,
AND DRAWINGS (\$1 PER TICKET)
TO WIN GREAT PRIZES

