

# WEST WALKER WIRE

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## Garden Gab for April Meeting

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT to get going in the garden this spring, the WWCA April meeting is designed with you in mind! **Jack Prikos**, part owner of the Farmers Market Garden Center, will share his knowledge of plants and good gardening practices. Jack's expertise ranges from landscape design to easy-maintenance gardening, and from identifying plant diseases to lawn care.



*Volunteers harvest lettuce last summer at the Three Brothers Garden.*

Joining Jack will be **Liz Mills**, executive director of Carlson Community Services, the non-profit organization that operates the Three Brothers community vegetable garden at Pulaski and Belle Plaine. Liz will update the group on the latest plans for this great community space.

Whether you're an avid vegetable or ornamental gardener, expert or novice, join us at the WWCA April meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Ave.

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### April 17 • 11 a.m.

Brass Quintet by the Chicago Symphony's Civic Orchestra MusicCorps  
North Park Village Nature Center  
5801 N. Pulaski Road

### April 17

39th Ward Clean and Green

### April 17 • 2 p.m.

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Fan Fest  
Independence Park Branch Library  
3548 W. Irving Park Road

### April 17 • 5 to 8 p.m.

IPAC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
Independence Park Fieldhouse

### April 20 • 7:30 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting  
Latvian Community Center  
4146 N. Elston Ave.

### April 21 • 7 p.m.

Beat 1723 CAPS meeting  
17th Dist. Police Station Community Room  
4650 N. Pulaski Road

### April 24

"I Walked West Walker" Neighborhood Walk and Scavenger Hunt (see page 6 for details)

### April 24 • 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

State Rep. Deb Mell's Spring 2010 Community Advisory Meeting  
Dappers Diner  
2901 W. Addison St.

### April 24 • 6 p.m.

"Late Nite Catechism 3"  
St. Viator's Recreation Center  
3644 N. Kedvale Ave.

### April 25 • 2 p.m.

Performing Arts Series  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding Ave.

### May 15 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WWCA Garage Sale

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

# Dear Neighbor,

THERE ARE TWO SURE SIGNS that spring has finally arrived in West Walker. One is the appearance of local "garden guy" **Jack Prikos** at the April meeting of the West Walker Civic Association. Jack is one of the owners of the Farmers Market Garden Center, a local business and *West Walker Wire* advertiser. At the April 20 meeting, Jack will share his knowledge of plants, landscape design, and lawn care. Whether you're just beginning as a gardener or have a true green thumb, I promise that Jack has the answer to your garden questions. For more information, see the story on page 1.

The other sure sign of spring is the annual **West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale**. In its 25th year, the sale is planned for Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's one of my favorite events, whether I'm manning my own sale or shopping everyone else's. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors who've been hibernating all winter and meet others who have recently moved in. Plus, garage sales are now in vogue as a green way to shop. Someone else's trash may very well be your treasure.

Thanks to **Bob and Kevin Crowley** and **Melanie Reschke** for their work on the sale. It all seems to happen so effortlessly, thanks to them. The city of Chicago requires a garage sale permit for every home participating. We'll take care of getting the permit for you and list your address on our map and in our advertising—just complete the application on page 9 or sign up on the WWCA website at [www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org).

On behalf of the WWCA board, I'd like to offer a public thanks and farewell to the **Cunningham/Kazarian family**, who moved away from West Walker last month. Residents for more than 15 years, Jackie Kazarian and Peter Cunningham contributed much to West Walker. Jackie was involved in Independence Park and was responsible for the door-to-door sale of WWCA light pole banners to local businesses, families, and individuals. Jackie was also the co-creator and artistic director of the WWCA's Art In My Back Yard art series. It was Jackie's vision and hard work that resulted in three month-long exhibits of neighborhood art in vacant storefronts. Not to be outdone by his wife, Peter was a member of the WWCA's Vision Committee and contributed much to the committee's understanding of how development gets done in Chicago. The Cunningham/Kazarian's love of art and music enriched the lives of everyone who came in contact with them.

I know I speak for all of West Walker in wishing Jackie, Peter, Sima, and Liam all the best and to remind them that the West Walker welcome mat is always out for them.

Hope to see you at the April meeting and the garage sale in May!

Liz Mills, WWCA Board Member

**You can now pay your WWCA dues—with either PayPal or a credit card—at the West Walker website ([www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org))!**

## 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 March 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. December minutes were approved as presented in the January issue of the *Wire*.

Greg Petersen, a health psychologist with Swedish Covenant Hospital, spoke about stress. Signs of too much stress include short-term memory loss, difficulty making decisions, and no interest in activities. To reduce stress, try moving in a direction you feel positive about.

The treasurer reported that the current balance in the WWCA checking account is \$1,354.15.

State Rep. Deb Mell left information on Gov. Quinn's budget, menu labeling legislation, and more.

There is now a bench at the Irving Park Metra station. This was installed because of resident phone calls, so keep calling.

PEBA/Lawrence TIF is interviewing developers and

asking them how to revitalize the area. Developers said they are happy with this area and are waiting for the economy to change and then they will develop here. Bike lanes and wide sidewalks on Elston are attractive for businesses.

From the floor: We should look at area massage parlors. Marvin Weinstein reported that an area business is seeking a liquor license, which is being handled through the proper liquor licensing channels.

The IPAC Spaghetti Dinner is on April 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Independence Park Fieldhouse.

The 25th West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale will be held Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Neighbors can now pay their dues via the West Walker website ([www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org)), using either PayPal or a credit card.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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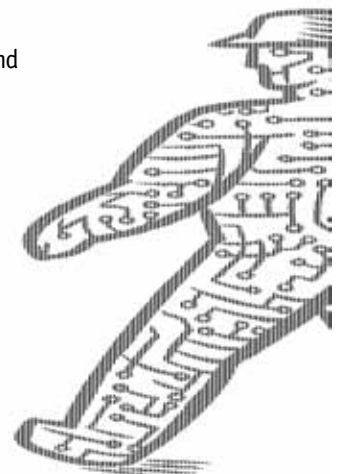
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# CAPS Report

by Liz Mills

THERE WAS NO MARCH MEETING for Beat 1723. Instead, Commander Michael Mealer hosted a town hall meeting for all beats within the 17th District. It was held at the Salvation Army Headquarters on Pulaski Road. About 200 people attended the meeting, which included a table-top information fair for local non-profits and community organizations, including the West Walker Civic Association.

Commander Mealer gave an overview of the 17th

District in a Power Point presentation. The 17th District comprises 9.62 miles and a population of 157,000. Reports of community concerns often result in multiple visits from officers. The highest number of community concerns came from Beat 1723—the beat that covers West Walker. Community concerns can be reported online at <http://chicagopolice.org>.

The commander reported that incidents of crime are down for the first quarter from one year ago. In 2009, there were 13 homicides in the 17th District—an unusually high number. So far in 2010 there have been 0 homicides. Looking ahead, Commander Mealer said to expect many more “Community Alert” type communications. The commander cautioned that an increase in these types of alerts does not reflect an increase in crime, just in the way it is reported. Mealer stated that crime overall is down in the 17th District from when he took command.

The commander presented community service awards to seven Albany Park businesses and organizations. Entertainment was provided by dancers from the Thai Cultural Center. The meeting closed with questions from the audience.

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# 39th Ward Report



THE DEPARTMENT of Streets and Sanitation recently announced that they are changing the way they schedule street sweeping. Street sweeping, previously scheduled in a grid system within every ward, will switch to a citywide district grid system.

Under the new system, street sweeping will start on the eastern and western edges of the city and move to the center. This means that the 39th Ward will be getting its first round of street sweeping in mid-May. I have been told that this new method of providing street sweeping will not affect the level of services we have had in past years. My 39th Ward superintendent, Tony LaPash, and I will be closely monitoring the new system.

We can get a jump start on the street sweeping with the **39th Ward Clean and Green on Saturday, April 17**. For more than 20 years, the city has teamed up

with community groups to beautify neighborhoods by cleaning and recycling accumulated litter and trash. We will provide community groups with all the brooms, rakes, shovels, and bags needed to get the jobs done. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jonathan in my office at 773.736.5594.

Although we have seen some delays in city services due to budget cuts and furloughs, one of the services that has remained the most consistent is tree planting. If you would like to have a tree planted in your parkway, I encourage you to contact my office.

Save the date: I have just received confirmation the City Clerk's office will be conducting **city sticker sales** in my 39th Ward Office on **Monday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

As always, please feel free to contact my office at 773.736.5594 or [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

*Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward*

## Magic Mushroom Enrollment Now Open

ATTENTION PARENTS: Enrollment for Magic Mushroom 2010 is open! Enrollment forms are downloadable from the church's website at [www.iplc.org](http://www.iplc.org), or call the Irving Park Lutheran Church office at 773.267.1667. If you have any questions we'd be happy to help.

This summer, our theme is called "Baobab Blast!" Found in Africa, the baobab is an enormous tree that creates its



own ecosystem. They are one of the world's oldest life forms, and the tree serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss, and share stories. Being the central figure of Magic Mushroom's theme

this summer, it is the hub of activity, energy, and life. The baobab tree supports and invites community. In fact, the baobab tree is a symbol of community!

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# Let's Put the "Walk" Back in West Walker

EVER WISH West Walker was more "walkable"? Here's your chance to help change that. All day Saturday, April 24, the West Walker Civic Association is hosting a neighborhood walk and scavenger hunt to raise awareness about the importance of our neighborhood's walkability.



Walkable neighborhoods offer surprising benefits to our health, the environment, and our communities. See Wire "green" columnist Michelle Kaicener's article on page 10 for more information on the benefits of a walkable community.

Here's what you can do:

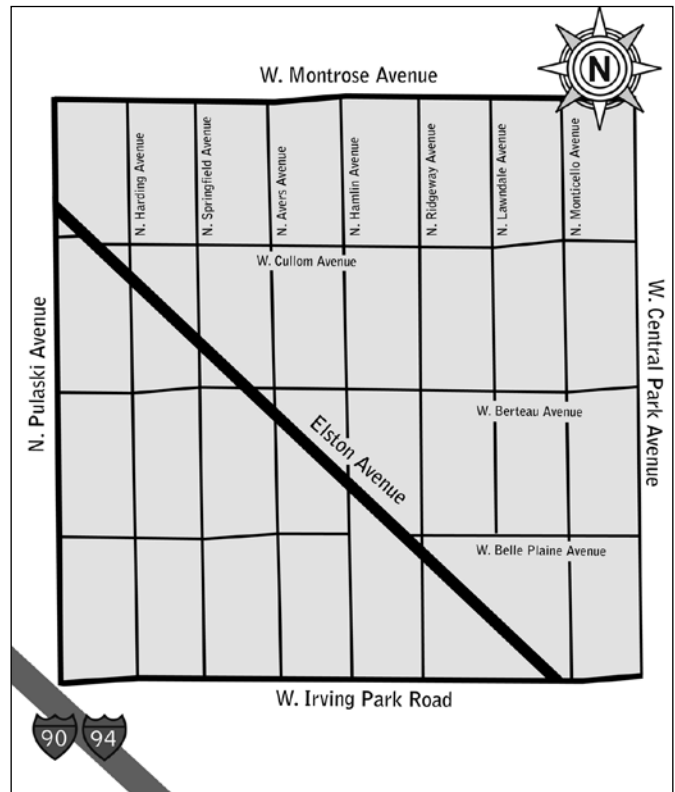
1. Download scavenger hunt questions and map from [www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org) or pick up a copy of the questions and map from either Farmers Market Garden Center or Tony's Finer Foods.

2. Complete the scavenger hunt or simply walk West Walker any time on April 24.

3. Bring a trash bag and pick up litter along the way to help beautify West Walker!

4. Finally, stop by Farmers Market Garden Center between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on April 24 and get your "I Walked West Walker" sticker, enjoy some refreshments, and enter a drawing to win Farmers Market gardening gloves, Tony's canvas bags, a collapsible grocery cart with wheels, and more.

So gather your family, friends, neighbors, and pets and hit West Walker's sidewalks on April 24 for a healthier community!



## 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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Mail or drop off your application and dues to: John Minor, 4326 N. Hamlin Ave., Chicago, IL 60618



## News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Food Drives Aim to Keep Pantry Stocked

Several local companies are running food drives for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry through the end of April. Please stop by and drop off all unopened, nonperishable food and personal-care items that you can spare at the following locations:

The Vitamin Shoppe at Six Corners (4000 N. Cicero)

Participating Walgreens stores:

- 5935 W. Addison
- 4745 W. Belmont
- 4343 N. Central Ave.
- 4040 N. Cicero Ave.
- 4001 W. Irving Park Rd.

### New Pantry E-mail and Web Addresses

E-mails can now be sent to [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org). E-mails to our aol account will be forwarded to the new address. Our website is [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

### IPCFP Annual Report

As the economy struggled in 2009, more people than ever received assistance from the Pantry, through the support of many in the community who contributed money, donations, and volunteer time. Our annual report details some of 2009's highlights. You can read it via a link on our website ([www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org)). Thanks to all who helped make these achievements possible.

### Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) Annual Report

The Pantry is prominently featured in the GCFD's 2008-2009 Annual Report. Go to [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org) to view a PDF of the report.

### Three Brothers Garden Holds Fund-Raiser

The Three Brothers Garden, sponsored by Carlson Community Services, held a chili dinner fund-raiser on March 7 to help support the group's community garden at 3938 W. Belle Plaine. Fruits and vegetables harvested from the garden are shared between the Food Pantry and garden volunteers.

With the hard work of many dedicated volunteers, the group has transformed a vacant city lot into a thriving gathering space for growing food and friendships. To learn more, contact [lizmills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizmills@sbcglobal.net). You also can join the Three Brothers Garden Facebook fan page!

### Mark Your Calendars

The Pantry is preparing for the Greater Chicago Food Depository's 25th Annual Hunger Walk on June 26. The money raised at this event is greatly needed with the difficult times our community faces. This year the walk will kick off and end at Soldier Field. We are looking for several people to coordinate volunteers and teams of walkers. If you would like to help or receive more information, contact Kate Roche at [volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

### Cook County Children Hurting

To ensure their efforts are targeted most effectively, the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, recently conducted a study of child hunger and nutrition in Cook County. Among the findings:

- Overall, 45 percent of children missed a main meal in the previous 24 hours.
- 15 percent of children did not eat breakfast, 23 percent did not eat lunch, and 15 percent did not eat dinner.
- In no main food group (fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, proteins) did even half of the children meet the federal Recommended Daily Allowance. Only 0.7 percent met the RDA for all five food groups.
- Overall, food served through the out-of-school program was healthier than that served at home, and out-of-school programs had a significant impact on fruit and vegetable consumption.
- The Chicago communities with the highest number of unserved children on an average day were: Austin, Belmont, Cragin, the Near West Side, South Lawndale, and West Town.

### Volunteers Needed

- Food pick-up and distribution: We need a couple of strong people who can commit to weekly volunteering at the Pantry on Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 12:30. Need to be able to lift 50 pounds and use hand carts/dollies.
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## News and Events from Carlson Community Services



### IPFAC Presents Free Classical Concert April 25

The Irving Park Fine

Arts Committee (IPFAC) is pleased to announce its fourth and final concert of the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Series. Pianist Amy Briggs and violinist Andrew McCann will perform on Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave., Chicago. The program will include works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Robert Schumann, and John Addams.

Amy Briggs is a featured soloist and chamber musician for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's MusicNOW series. She was recently appointed director of chamber music and lecturer in music at the University of Chicago.

Andrew McCann performs in a duo with Grammy-award winning eighth blackbird violinist Matt Albert. Mr. McCann is a performing member and development director of the New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago. Ms. Briggs and Mr. McCann performed to great acclaim in the 2009 concert series.

The Virginia McBroom Sekenske Scholarship, sponsored by the Irving Park Historical Society, will be awarded at the April 25 concert. Admission to the concert is free of charge, though a free-will offering may be made. An informal reception with the performers follows the concert.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 16th season, was begun by Roger L. Bingaman, director of music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Roger Bingaman at 773.267.1666 or [www.irvingparkfinearts.org](http://www.irvingparkfinearts.org).

### Homework Help and Tutoring Available at MAP

If your child struggles to complete homework assignments, help is available at the Magic After-School Place (MAP). MAP is accepting students into the program through the end of the school year. The program is sponsored by Carlson Community Services and is held in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym at 4057 N. Harding. Children in first through sixth grades are picked

up from Belding and Murphy schools and are walked to the program by staff members. Children from other schools may attend the program, but transportation must be provided.

MAP also offers healthy snacks, a nurturing environment, and weekly mentoring of students from Northside College Prep High School. The program meets Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuition is reasonably priced at \$45 per week.

High school students seeking community service hours may contact the program director, Aryn Fletcher. For more information, contact Aryn at 773.463.9272 or e-mail [magicafterschoolplace@comcast.net](mailto:magicafterschoolplace@comcast.net).

### Irving Park Carlson Ministries Is Now Carlson Community Services

Irving Park Carlson Ministries, a 501(c)(3) non-profit located in the West Walker neighborhood, has recently changed its name to Carlson Community Services (CCS). The board of directors of Carlson began considering a name change when feedback from the community revealed a perception that Irving Park Carlson Ministries was a religious organization. The new name better reflects the organization's welcome to both community and church members.

"The inclusion of the word 'Ministries' in our name was a source of confusion for some people," said Board Chair Richard Wielock. "Although Carlson Community Services was founded by the Irving Park Lutheran Church and receives a portion of its funding from the church, the two organizations are separate. "We provide programs and services to people of all faiths and no faith," he said.

Carlson sponsors the Magic After-School Place, the Three Brothers Garden, which supports the Irving Park Food Pantry with donations of fresh produce, the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, and Wildest Dreams women's cancer support group. Its annual operating budget is approximately \$60,000. Oversight is provided by a board of directors made up of Irving Park Lutheran Church members and members of the community. CCS remains closely affiliated with the church, which provides space for CCS programs.

For more information, contact Executive Director Liz Mills at

773.398.6766 or [lizmills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizmills@sbcglobal.net).



*A mentor from Northside College Prep High School (left) meets weekly with her MAP mentee.*



# West Walker Civic Association

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - rain or shine

All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our  
25th Annual Garage and Yard Sale

Cost to participate is \$5 for WWCA members and \$10 for non-members.  
Your \$5 or \$10 helps pay the cost of advertising and printing.

The sale is advertised in the following newspapers and online sites:  
*Chicago Tribune • Red Eye • Hoy • Reader • Reader On-Line • Craigslist*

Signs are posted on the main perimeter streets.

3,000 maps indicating the location of each participating garage or yard  
are distributed the week of the sale.

Under **current city ordinance**, every home having a garage or yard sale must  
display a **Garage Sale Permit**, which must be acquired from the alderman's  
office. The Garage and Yard Sale Committee will file the applications  
and obtain the permits for all paid participants.

Your permit is delivered to your address the Friday before the sale.

**Return the form below** to have your address listed as a participant in the sale,  
along with your application fee by May 10, 2010.

**Or sign up on the WWCA website at <http://www.westwalker.org>.**

For further information call Bob Crowley at 773.267.1921.

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### WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 15, 2010

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a current member of the West Walker Civic Association.  
Enclosed is my **\$5.00** participation fee.

I am **not** a member of the West Walker Civic Association.  
Enclosed is my **\$10.00** participation fee.

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Mail or drop off your form and payment to: Bob Crowley, 4125 N. Harding Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

## How “Walkable” Is West Walker?

AS THE WEATHER warms up, it's time to dust off the bicycle and get the tires pumped up. If you've been riding your bike all winter, good for you! It's time also to haul out the walking shoes, if you aren't already taking the bus or the train to work.

Some of the things to look for in a great, walkable neighborhood are the following (excerpted from the website <http://www.walkscore.com>):

- Street width and block length: Narrow streets slow down traffic. Short blocks provide more routes to the same destination and make it easier to take a direct route.
- Street design: Sidewalks and safe crossings are essential to walkability. Appropriate automobile speeds, trees, and other features also help.
- Freeways and bodies of water: Freeways can divide neighborhoods. Swimming is harder than walking.

- Safety from crime and crashes: How much crime is in the neighborhood? How many traffic accidents are there? Are streets well-lit?
- Pedestrian-friendly community design: Are buildings close to the sidewalk with parking in back? Are destinations clustered together?
- Weather: In some places it's just too hot or cold to walk regularly.

Take this 10-question survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XCDFYH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XCDFYH), and let me know how walkable West Walker is! The survey closes April 23, so don't delay! Results will be published in the next Wire.

See page 6 for information on the WWCA neighborhood walk and scavenger hunt, organized by Carol Barry!

by Michelle Kaicener  
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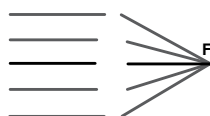
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## Youth Group Collecting Used Bikes on April 24

THE IRVING PARK LUTHERAN Church Youth Group is holding a bike drive on Saturday, April 24 to benefit the Working Bike Cooperative. Please bring in your gently used bikes to the Irving Park Lutheran Church at 3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave. from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The bikes will be collected and used to benefit people in need in Chicago as well as globally.



Volunteers do dish duty at the March 7 Chili Supper benefiting Carlson's Three Brothers Garden.



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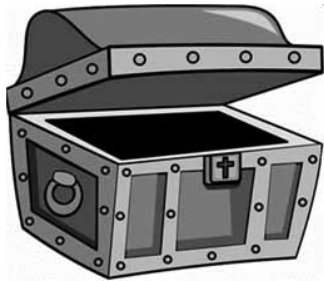
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Items will be sold at the May 15th West Walker Garage Sale. Proceeds will benefit MAP, an after-school program providing academic support to children at Murphy and Belding schools.

For items worth at least \$50, CCS will provide a charitable contribution letter.



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## Get Stuff and Get Rid of Stuff at St. John's Episcopal Church

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If you would like to donate items to the rummage sale you can drop them off at the church between Sunday, April 11 and Saturday, April 17 only. Please call the church first to make sure someone is available to receive your items: 773.725.9026.

Also at St. John's, the Genesis Group is collecting garbage that shouldn't go in the garbage. From Saturday, April 24 through Friday, April 30, you can bring in batteries, old cell phones, electronics, ink cartridges, and oil-based paint and cleaners. Please call the church first to make sure someone is available: 773.725.9026.

St. John's Episcopal is located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. (corner of Byron & Kostner).

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# Charley's Sonata to Premiere on April 30

LA COSTA THEATRE and On the Spot Theatre Company are premiering their new dramatic comedy, *Charley's*



Despite his loving mother (actor Janet Magnuson), Edwin (actor Dan Ochoa) charts his own way on the rocky seas of life in "Charley's Sonata." Photo by Kaily Heitz.

*Sonata*, written and directed by Mike Brayndick. The show will open at La Costa Theatre (3931 N. Elston) on April 30 for a four-week run.

This newest play out of the On the Spot Workshop explores different kinds of distance that test the human heart and the possibilities for sustaining an intimacy in spite of them.

When the patriarch of the British side of his family passes away,

Jonathan, a school psychologist, travels to England with his college-aged daughter, Miriam, to pay respects and

come to grips with the mysterious disappearance four years earlier of Miriam's brother, Charley. Their attempts to retrace the steps of this gifted young musician intertwine with Charley's own journey through London on the day he was last seen.

On the Spot Theatre Company was created by Chicago native Mike Brayndick to develop and stage new plays for performance "on the spot" in a variety of venues.

### Charley's Sonata show times:

- Previews \$10: Wed., April 28 and Thurs., April 29 at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursdays: May 6, 13, 20 at 7:30 p.m.
- Fridays: April 30 and May 7, 14, 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday matinees: May 2, 9, 16, 23 at 2 p.m.

Following the Sunday matinee on May 9, a special Mother's Day High Tea (reservations required) will be held in the theater for an additional \$12 per person.

Tickets are \$20 at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or 866.468.3401. Reserve student, senior, or group rates at 773.273.6294. The box office is open one hour prior to the show for walk-up sales and will-call ticket pickup.

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## CICS-Irving Park School News

### Opera Outreach

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soprano Christine Steyer, who has sung professionally for more than 15 years. She is cofounder and artistic director of Bellissima Opera in Oak Park.

### Internet Safety

We will conduct a workshop for parents on April 20 at 5 p.m. to discuss keeping your children safe on the Internet.

### Auction

We are planning a year-end social with an auction, with proceeds to help our school. If you have any goods or services you wish to donate, please contact Marisol Duerr at [mduerr@chicagointl.org](mailto:mduerr@chicagointl.org).

## Happenings at St. Viator

### Art Zone, St. Viator's Fine Arts Program

The sole focus of Art Zone is to provide our children with a hands-on, fine art education. The projects expose the children to styles, tools, and techniques not easily experienced at home.

Take a walk over to St. Viator and enjoy the artistic talents of our students on Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we showcase this year's projects.

### St. Viator Expands Preschool Program

St. Viator is expanding its existing preschool program for the 2010-11 school year. Both the three- and four-year-old programs will now include a half-day option (mornings only), five days a week.

## 'Til Death Do Us Part-Late Nite Catechism 3

Tickets are still available to see this new show on Saturday, April 24. Doors open at 6 p.m. Enjoy light appetizers and a cash bar while listening to the Saint Patrick High School Jazz Combo. Sister's performance begins at 7 p.m. Stay for the cast party at 9 p.m. with a DJ, dancing, and cash bar.

### St. Viator to Kick Off Summer

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 19 from 3 to 11 p.m. All are invited to join in for a fun-filled day in Old Irving Park. We'll have kids' games, a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatable fun, food tents, an adult wine grotto and beer garden with live music, and more. Watch for details.

For additional information on St. Viator Elementary School, please visit [www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org) and for information on St. Viator Parish, please visit [www.stviatorparish.org](http://www.stviatorparish.org).

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Drop in to visit Murphy at 3539 W. Grace during these family open house dates:

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- Friday, April 30, 9-10 a.m.
- Friday, May 27, 5-6 p.m.

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