

WEST WALKER WIRE

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Discover Chicago's Neighborhood Treasures at the May WWCA Meeting

by John Minor

“DISCOVERING CHICAGO'S Neighborhood Treasures This Summer” will be the topic of this month's WWCA general meeting on May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Latvian Community Center. We are delighted to have a representative from the Chicago Office of Tourism tell us about the newly redesigned and enhanced neighborhood content on the city's official tourism website, www.ExploreChicago.org, which is scheduled to roll out May 24.



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The city's representative will also tell us of a variety of programs and activities, including Chicago neighborhood tours in communities from South Chicago to Jefferson Park. These programs will complement the website and

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 15 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
WWCA Garage Sale

May 18 • 7:30 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

May 18 • 6:30 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion of *Family Planning: A Novel* by Karan Mahaja
Independence Park Branch Library
3548 W. Irving Park Road

May 19 • 7 p.m.
Beat 1723 CAPS meeting
17th Dist. Police Station Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski Road

Through May 23
“Charley's Sonata”
La Costa Theatre
3931 N. Elston

June 13 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Farmers Market
Independence Park (see page 12
for the complete schedule)

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RESCHEDULED: May 22
“I Walked West Walker” Neighborhood Walk and Scavenger Hunt
(see page 12 for details)

Dear Neighbor,

I BELIEVE the West Walker Civic Association (WWCA) has come to a fork in the road where we must make all of our residents aware that we need your help and participation. This is my plea for everybody to help our association and our neighborhood flourish.

As the treasurer of this association, I attend board meetings where I hear so many great ideas discussed about ways to improve our enclave, but they rarely get implemented because ideas take people and money, and unfortunately we are short on both accounts. This association has written the most awesome, thoughtful document called the Vision Statement (which can be viewed online at <http://westwalker.org/documents/Vision.pdf>). This document outlines a vision for West Walker to retain and enhance the high quality of life for all its residents. But to keep our neighborhood vibrant takes the help of every household. Now it's time for our residents to step up and participate in order to make our vision statement come to life.

Our association offers many benefits to residents, including our newsletter, the *Wire* (which you are obviously reading), which gets delivered to your doorstep at no cost, 10 months of the year. It offers all sorts of relevant information—from what was reported and discussed at the CAPS meeting, to the outcome of previous month's activities, to upcoming events.

Another example of volunteers making our community better is the coordination of our monthly meetings, which provide residents a forum to discuss current and urgent matters and giving those who attend the opportunity to network and get to know their neighbors better. The West Walker Civic Association also organizes the annual upcoming neighborhood-wide garage sale, the seasonal holiday children's parties, and the Art in My Back Yard artistic series.

Clearly, participating can manifest itself in two distinct ways: becoming a dues-paying member, which provides us with the very essential monetary resources, and/or in giving one's time to volunteer. Do you realize only 10 percent of the residents in our neighborhood are paying members, and they are carrying the burden for the entire neighborhood?

I'm asking that more West Walker residents participate in our community. Make it better. Put your own mark on where you live. Pay your dues, attend the general meetings, and discuss where and how your money is used. We are currently in urgent need of an advertising coordinator (see the box on page 5 for details). This is an important job that takes only a few hours a month. We are a friendly community, but without each of you we are not the community we all desire.

John Minor, Treasurer

**You can now pay your WWCA dues—with either
PayPal or a credit card—at the West Walker
website (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 April 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Dorie Westmeyer.

Three Brothers Garden is looking for volunteers to help at the community garden. There was a planting on Saturday, April 24. Volunteers are always welcome.

The West Walker Walk was rescheduled due to rain. Watch for e-blast with updated information.

Jack Prikos spoke about the Farmers Market Garden Center. His family has owned the Farmers Market for 16 years. They have made improvements with new fences, new entrances, new siding, and they employ several people in the neighborhood.

Farmers Market is now selling natural predators such as ladybugs, preying mantises, and others bugs to use instead of pesticides. Earth boxes keep a water reservoir, and the harvest from earth boxes can be four times the amount as that in the ground.

More rare trees, shrubs, organic herbicides, organic seeds, and organic soil are now being carried at Farmers Market. Organic soil has micro-risen bacteria that starts to break down the soil and allows the plant to take in nutrients quickly. Jack encouraged people to compost, reminding us that the nutrients from the compost will eventually leach into the soil. He noted that the planting date is usually May 15 in Chicago. He then answered questions from the audience.

The West Walker garage sale is May 15. The application form is in the *Wire* and on the WWCA website. We now have PayPal on the website.

Dorie Westmeyer announced that current WWCA officers have agreed to serve another term. Dorie asked for nominations from the floor and received none. Therefore, the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year is: President, Mike Webber; Vice President, Davor Engel; Treasurer, John Minor; Secretary, Carol Barry. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

TIF meetings for Lawrence and Pulaski by Tesca Consultants will include wi-fi, a marketing plan, streetscape, and more. If you are interested in learning more about the TIF process, please attend the next

meeting on Monday, May 10 at 9 a.m. at First Chicago Bank.

There was a concern raised about limo companies and semis parking on Elston in front of Tony's and Farmers Market. Neighbors should call the police and alderman's office. Dorie Westmeyer suggested that Jack Prikos take photos and show this to the alderman's office. The question of how to place a meter box in that location was discussed.

There were no other concerns or questions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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give visitors and residents even more tools for exploring Chicago's 77 distinct communities. The Office of Tourism wants to make it as easy as possible to discover all the wonderful places and people in Chicago's vibrant neighborhoods.

The website will offer suggestions for visitors and residents of all ages throughout the summer. Highlights will include: Family Adventure Days, where one can experience a true Chicago adventure with your family on action-packed day trips; scavenger hunts throughout city neighborhoods; Chicago's downtown Farmstand at 66 E. Randolph St.; Chicago neighborhood tours, where half-day bus excursions will let you experience Chicago's many diverse neighborhoods from an insider's perspective; and "Chicago Is a Community Garden," May 28 through September 19 at 72 E. Randolph St., which will look at urban gardens and vertical farming in the city.

For more information about Chicago neighborhoods and events and activities throughout the city all summer long, visit www.ExploreChicago.org and come to the next West Walker Civic Association meeting on May 18 at 7:30 p.m.!



Photo by Kevin O'Kelley

Jack Prikos of Farmers Market Garden Center gives gardening advice at the April WWCA meeting.

CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

Community Alert

(Please note this incident is outside of the West Walker area. But it is important for residents to be aware of.)

Wanted for Attempted Child Abduction

Chicago police are investigating an incident that occurred on March 23, 2010 at approximately 4:10 p.m. in the area of the 4600 block of North Kenneth. A 14-year-old girl was walking home from school when an unknown offender pulled up next to her and told her to get into his car. The girl ran and the offender fled the area.

The offender is described as a White-Hispanic male, 20-30 years old, with black hair in a buzz cut with a medium complexion. The offender was driving a burgundy four-door vehicle with dents and body damage. No further description or composite of the offender is available at this time.

If you have any information about this incident, call the Area 5 detectives at 312.745.8365, Reference RD #HS-250421.

What You Can Do:

- Do not allow children to travel alone on the public way, stand alone at bus stops, or other public areas.
- Caution children to be alert for strangers or suspicious vehicles.
- Develop safe locations for children to go to if they feel in trouble or in danger.
- Instruct children to report any suspicious activity to an adult at once.
- Visit the department's website at www.chicagopolice.org. The community menu will direct you to the Safe Passage link, which will show you the locations of Safe Heavens, parent patrols, and walking school bus routes around your child's school.
- If you and your neighbors would like to organize school safety programs in your neighborhood, call the CAPS Implementation office at 312.745.5900.
- Always call 911 immediately to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood. Provide a detailed physical description of the individuals, including clothing and vehicle descriptions.

New Issues Raised:

- On April 18 at approximately 2:30 a.m., on Berteau

between Springfield and Harding, it was reported that three to four gunshots were fired. Police responded. But suspects had already fled. Residents thought it was gang related. Officers stated they would increase patrolling in the area.

- A possible trouble building and gang activity in the 3800 block of West Berteau. Officers indicated they would check into the situation.

Updates on Old Issues:

- In the 4100 block of North Lawndale residents had suspected a house of dealing drugs. In the past, officers conducted surveillance. Four arrests were made, three of which were battery to officers. Officers continue to conduct surveillance but have not observed any new illegal activity.
- In the 4100 block of North Ridgeway residents had reported suspicious activity occurring. Officers increased patrol in this area. Three arrests were made.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood (March 24 - April 21, 2010):

Theft (\$300 & under)	10
Theft (over \$300)	4
Battery simple	3
Motor vehicle theft (automobile)	2
Burglary (forcible entry)	2
Burglary (unlawful entry)	2
Public peace violation (reckless conduct)	2
Assault simple	2
Criminal damage to vehicle	2
Non-criminal lost property	2
Criminal damage (criminal defacement)	2
Criminal damage to property	1
Motor vehicle theft (automobile)	1
Weapons violation	
(unlawful use of dangerous weapon)	1
Sex offender: failure to register	1
Theft (from building)	1
Robbery (strongarm—no weapon)	1
Robbery (armed—handgun)	1
Theft pocket-picking	1

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings for 2010 for our beat are held at the 17th District Police Station 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 May 19.



39th Ward Report



IF YOU SEE a group of people on your block or alley taking notes on clipboards, stop over and say hello! Chances are this will be my staff and I on one of our neighborhood surveys. We've been canvassing all around the 39th Ward looking for problem buildings, abandoned cars, graffiti, and trash problems.

While canvassing alleys, we couldn't help but notice the lack of addresses on garages. As a matter of public safety, the police and fire departments recommend placing your house numbers on your garages. If you ever need an emergency service that requires access to your property from the alley, responders can lose valuable time trying to determine which building needs assistance if the address is not visible from the alley. As a matter of practicality, it is important to add the address to the rear of the property to allow city agencies such

as Streets and Sanitation or the Water Department to properly service your home. If you need to purchase garage numbers, you can purchase a set of four numbers in my office for \$1.

For the latest updates in the Ward, I encourage you to subscribe to my e-newsletter. You can subscribe through my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com, or contact my office to request to be added to the list. Please be aware that we never share or sell any e-mail addresses or personal information.

Don't forget: 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 if you have any questions or concerns.

*Sincerely, Margaret Laurino
Alderman, 39th Ward*

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News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Walk for the Food Pantry on June 26!

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is gearing up to participate in the 25th annual Chicago Hunger Walk on the morning of Saturday, June 26 at Soldier Field. The event is sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which pays all expenses so every dollar raised for the Food Pantry goes directly into our account to help us buy food throughout the year.

The Hunger Walk consists of a 5K (3.2-mile) path along the lake front. It includes fun activities and entertainment for the entire family. All walkers receive a goody bag, snacks, and a t-shirt.

Last year, the community helped us raise a record amount, and our need this year has grown even greater with the recession's impact on so many families in our community. The number of families we served in the first quarter this year grew by 20 percent over the total for 2009—which was a record year. In March, we served 1,750 people in 650 families.

You can support the Hunger Walk by contributing in any of three ways:

1. Organize a neighborhood Hunger Walk Team of at least 10 walkers with the Irving Park Food Pantry

designated as the recipient agency (Agency Code A00113). Each walker gets pledges, and the team's efforts are recognized for the Pantry. To learn more about forming your own team, visit www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk, contact Lauren Biedron (773.843.2844), or contact the Food Pantry.

2. Join the Irving Park Community Food Pantry Hunger Walk Team. Individuals can sign up for the Pantry team and raise funds personally. To join, visit the Hunger Walk site, click "Join an Agency Team" and search for "Irving Park Food Pantry." Then join us at our meeting point on June 26.

3. Donate to the Hunger Walk Team. Sign a walker's pledge sheet or donate by check or online at the Hunger Walk site. Please indicate the money is designated for the "Irving Park Food Pantry, Agency #A00113." Matching grants are available for money donated by July 31, so please send your contribution as soon as possible.

Help us make this a fun event that aids the Pantry throughout the year! If you have any questions, please contact us at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org or at 773.283.6296 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Get Fit, Help the Hungry

On Saturday, May 15 Snap Fitness-Chicago at 4504 W. Irving Park Road will hold an open house. As part of the event, they're running a "Refer a Friend" special, in which any member who has a friend sign up receives a free month, and the referred person receives half off of their enrollment fee. Best of all, anyone signing up that day will have \$20 of their enrollment fee donated in their name to the Food Pantry. For information, contact manager Carey Schueler at 773.930.3424 or e-mail: Chicago.oldirving@snapfitness.com.

Special Donations Needed

The Food Pantry is asking for special donation items of toilet paper, diapers, and men's white socks. Many of our clients need these items frequently, and our supplies often run out. We also accept personal-care items, including travel-sized tubes of toothpaste, soap, etc.

Walgreens—A Wonderful Community Partner!

We are grateful to our local Walgreens stores for their recent food drives. Please feel free to thank them when you visit these stores: 5935 W. Addison St., 4343 N. Central Ave., 4001 W. Irving Park Road, 4745 W. Belmont Ave., and 4040 N. Cicero Ave.

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- Let your garden go green—reduce chemicals and turf, increase compost and mulch.

Ready, set certify! Join thousands of others who are participating in the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program.

by Michelle Kaicener
greenwestwalker@gmail.com

Website of the month:

www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx

West Walker "Walkability" Survey Results Are In

IN THE APRIL ISSUE of the *Wire*, Michelle Kaicener wrote about the "walkability" of our neighborhood and invited the community to participate in an online survey. Here are the results:

- How many cars does your family own?
 - 1 car - 50%
 - 2 cars - 50%
- Which public transit options do you use?
 - Bus, L, Metra - 50%
 - None - 50%
- How many bicycles does your family own?
 - 1-25%
 - 2-25%
 - 3-25%
 - 4-0%
 - 5-25%
- Do you ever bike or walk in the neighborhood?
 - Walk - 100%
 - Bike - 50%
- When you go to work or school, what modes of transport do you use?
 - Walk/transit - 50%
 - Drive - 50%
- When you shop, what mode of transport do you use to get there?
 - Groceries - walk 75%
 - Pet supplies - walk 25%
 - Medical/pharmaceutical - walk 25%
 - All other activities - drive
- And now, for entertainment:
 - Restaurants, sports events, music, theater - Walking/transit 25 to 50%
 - All the rest - drive 75% to 100%
- If you own one or more dogs, where do you walk them?
 - Walk in neighborhood - 50%
 - Walk and drive to park- 25%
 - No dog - 25%
- 9 & 10. Mixed comments about intersections, gang activity, and a potential dog park

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Officers Nominated for 2010-2011

AT THE MAY 18 WWCA general meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officer candidates to serve during the 2010-2011 term. Nominations for the following officer positions are:

- President:** Mike Webber
- Vice President:** Davor Engel
- Secretary:** Carol Barry
- Treasurer:** John Minor

Candidates may also be nominated from the floor at the May meeting. At that meeting, the membership will elect officers to serve a one-year term beginning in September.

News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park community with a variety of outreach efforts.



Schurz High School senior vocal students pose with their voice teacher, Anna Ljubicic (top row, left) and Roger Bingaman, artistic director of the Irving Park Fine Arts Series. The students performed at the April Irving Park Fine Arts Committee concert.

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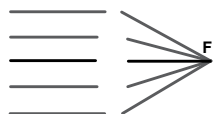


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Richard Lang, president of the Irving Park Historical Society, presents Schurz High School senior Stephanie Borges with the Virginia McBroom Sekenske Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the Historical Society in honor of Virginia Sekenske, a Society member and patroness of the arts. The \$500 scholarship is awarded to a deserving Schurz High School vocal student each year at the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's Spring Concert.

Determining the Legitimacy of a Massage Establishment

by Lee Samsami Stein

THE SUBJECT of the legitimacy of neighborhood storefront massage businesses was raised at the March 16 West Walker general meeting. As I write this article, the Chicago Zoning Committee prepares to meet with the City Council (Wednesday, April 14) to vote on whether to require all massage businesses to move into C-area zoning districts. C-Zoned districts generally include auto lots, late-night taverns, outdoor storage, and other heavy-use businesses. Also, these areas are not well-served by public transportation. This amendment was introduced by Alderman Ray Suarez of the 31st Ward, no doubt in a reaction to an incident of illicit activity happening in a neighborhood “massage establishment.”

This zoning rule affects all massage therapists in the city and beyond. This amendment is reactionary and wrongly identifies massage as a practice of a sexual nature. I’m writing to dispel this myth once and for all. All legitimate massage therapists have completed a minimum of 500 hours of instruction, demonstrated mastery of core skills, abilities and knowledge, and passed a standardized national exam. They wish to advance in their skills and knowledge of the profession and uphold a well-established standard of practice.

Massage schools all over the country, professional organizations such as the American Massage Therapy Association and the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, work diligently to legitimize the practice by requiring regular testing, maintenance of continuing education, adherence to a strict code of ethics, and encouraging all states to establish licensing procedures. In recent years, the State of Illinois has done just this, which is a victory for our practice. Any consumer could easily go onto the city’s website and find out if an individual is licensed by the state of Illinois. If not, they’re breaking the law. They are not massage therapists.

Three reasons why this amendment should not, and cannot pass: 1) As such, it confuses licensed massage

therapy with prostitution and adult entertainment. It discriminates against legitimate massage therapists and businesses that offer licensed massage therapy as a primary practice or ancillary service.

2) Licensed massage therapy is recognized as a legitimate profession by the National League of Cities, of which Chicago is a member. It is a licensed profession in the State of Illinois that is protected by the Massage Licensing Act. By moving the massage businesses out of their present neighborhoods into areas that have no relation to them, it will only hurt the legitimate practices by creating tougher access to these businesses.

3) Moving “massage establishments” to C-zone areas does not address the issue of reducing illicit activity; it simply moves it slightly away from the public view, essentially sending the message that Chicago is not in fact interested in eradicating this kind of crime.

What residents can do: If you suspect that an area business is not legitimate, you have the right to simply walk into the storefront and ask to see a license. If you prefer, you can look them up on the City of Chicago website. All licensing information is available through the City of Chicago website and is obtainable by any individual under the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, any complaints against an individual or entity can be made to the Department of Professional Regulation either by phone, mail, or e-mail. Also, because the issue of businesses fronting as a location of illicit activity is primarily a law-enforcement issue, a good idea would be to attend your local CAPS meeting and let them know of your concerns. The police *want* you to dial 911 when you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, and they will respond. Calling the police and attending CAPS meetings is especially effective as it teaches residents to be more proactive in their community and builds a relationship with local police.

As a practicing and licensed massage therapist for more than 10 years, here is my promise: I, along with any one of the thousands of licensed massage therapists and the American Massage Therapy Association, will continue to serve as a resource to better educate the public of our profession.

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CICS-Irving Park School News

Building Expansion

CICS-IP has begun renovation of our main school building.

When completed, there will be two new kindergarten classrooms for the next school year.

Grant Awarded

Third-grade science teacher Kathryn Thompson was awarded a grant courtesy of online charity DonorsChoose.org to purchase pan balance scales and a hot plate to allow her students a "hands on" learning experience.

Kid's Club Performance

Students who have participated in after-school clubs featuring dance and music will perform May 18 at 5 p.m.

St. Edward School News

Math Champs!

Congratulations to the St. Edward seventh-grade math team, which won second place at the St. Patrick High School Math Contest. They competed against 13 public and Catholic schools. Members of the team were Angelo Giannani, Chris San Juan, Patrick Alicante, Julian Gonzalez, James Aniciete, and Ramir Aquilos. Way to go, boys!

Applications/Financial Aid

St. Edward School is currently accepting applications for

the 2010-2011 school year. Pick up forms in the school office or call to have them mailed to you (773.736.9133). Please note that financial aid is available; applications are also available.

For more information, call St. Edward School at 773.736.9133.

Disney II Magnet School News

Disney II PTA asks all Illinois residents to contact your legislators regarding the budget crisis. Please urge our legislators to change the formula for funding education. Educating our children is a priority; after all, they are tomorrow's leaders! Please join parents from prominent Northside schools on www.Noto37.org to contact your legislators directly about education funding. This simple web form takes just 60 seconds to complete.

The community is invited to attend the next general PTA meeting on Saturday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym at 3815 N. Kedvale. We will provide committee status reports, budget report, general updates, and lead a discussion of what a proposed Disney II Parent-Teacher Organization, independent of the National PTA organization, will look like.

Happenings at St. Viator

St. Viator Expands Preschool Program

St. Viator is expanding its existing preschool program for the 2010-11 school year. Both the 3- and 4-year-old programs will now include a half-day option (mornings only), five days a week.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Call the school office at 773.545.2173 for full details.

St. Viator Youth Ministry

St. Viator's Youth Ministry reaches out to others in need. The Youth Ministry visits the Franciscan Soup Kitchen three Thursdays each month to help serve dinner to more than 100 people. They also assist the Night Ministry by making sandwiches and soup and then helping serve about 200 people in the Humboldt Park neighborhood one Saturday evening a month. The Youth Ministry has also started a monthly youth mass to be held one Sunday a month at 5 p.m. in the Lower Church. The liturgy is geared toward youth, teens, and young adults.

**St. Viator's Kick off to Summer-
A Day in Old Irving Park**

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, featuring kids' games, a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatable fun, bags tournament, and much more. There will be food tents, treats, and an adult wine grotto and beer garden with live music.

For additional information on St. Viator Elementary School, please visit www.stviatorchicago.org and for information on St. Viator Parish, please visit www.stviatorparish.org.

Have a CAPS issue?

You can submit concerns to CAPS online at <https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath>. Then, on the left-hand side, click "Report a concern about an issue affecting your neighborhood."

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Indy Park Farmers Market Is Back for the Season



THE FIRST Independence Park Farmers Market of the season will be on Sunday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market, sponsored by the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association, will feature all your favorite regular vendors, plus some new ones. In addition, the bluegrass musicians will

be returning for your entertainment. See you there!

Independence Park Farmers Market 2010 Schedule:

- June 13 & 27
- July 11 & 25
- August 8 & 22
- September 12 & 26
- October 10

All markets are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West Walker Walk Rescheduled for Saturday, May 22

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE to help make our neighborhood more "walkable." Due to rain, the West Walker Walk has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 22. So there is still time to gather your neighbors and start walking!



Here's what you can do:

1. Download scavenger hunt questions and map from www.westwalker.org starting on May 20.
2. Complete the scavenger hunt or simply walk West Walker any time on May 22.
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 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on May 22 and get your "I Walked West Walker" sticker, enjoy some refreshments, and enter a drawing to win Farmers Market gardening gloves, a Tony's collapsible grocery cart, recycling bags from Chicago's Department of Streets and Sanitation, and more.

Jesus said,

The words which I have spoken to you are

SPIRIT and LIFE.

John 6:63

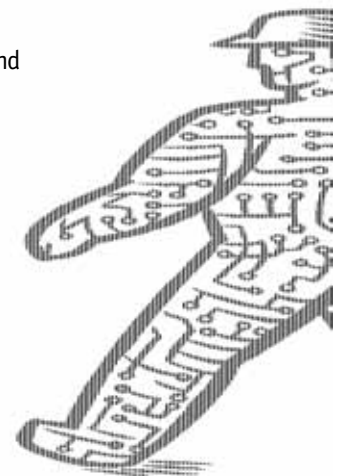
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