

# WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE 2010

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## Celebrate Independence Day at Independence Park!

BE SURE to come by Independence Park for the annual 4th of July celebration, sponsored by the Independence Park Advisory Council.



*Neighbors commemorate 4th of July last year at Independence Park.*

Stop by the West Walker Civic Association's table for refreshments, flags, and other patriotic giveaways. The parade will kick off the festivities promptly at 10 a.m. Ride a bike, push a stroller, or pull a float to follow the fire engine as it leads the parade around the park. Show your American spirit by decking out your ride with patriotic decorations or by dressing up in your favorite red, white, and blue costume. Following the parade, the Boy Scouts will hold a flag-raising ceremony with singing of the National Anthem.

Refreshments and games—including running races, potato sack races, and an egg toss—will follow the ceremony. Prizes will be awarded to the winners!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### REMINDER:

**No June-August meetings.  
See you September 21 at the  
next WWCA General Meeting!**

#### Through July 11

*Little Shop of Horrors* (see article on p. 5)  
La Costa Theatre, 3931 N. Elston

#### June 14 through August 7

Children's Summer Reading Program  
"Reading Is Art-Rageous"  
(see article on p. 8)  
Independence Library  
3548 W. Irving Park Road

#### June 16 • 7 p.m.

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

#### June 19 • 3-11 p.m.

"A Day in Old Irving Park" Block Party  
St. Viator's campus, Kedvale and  
Addison

#### June 27 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmers Market, Independence Park

#### July 3 • Dusk

Movies in the Park - *Apollo 13* (PG)  
Independence Park

#### July 4 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

4th of July parade, Independence Park

#### July 11 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmers Market, Independence Park

#### July 16 • 10 a.m.

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (see article on p. 6)  
Irving Park Lutheran Church,  
3938 W. Belle Plaine (at Harding Ave.)

You can also visit our

Community Calendar online at:  
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

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# Dear Neighbor,

THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP to John Minor's letter in the May issue of the *Wire*, regarding volunteering. I know a little bit about volunteering. I've been actively pursuing a number of volunteer projects for about five years, pretty much since I moved into this neighborhood in 2006.

One thing I think people find a little scary about volunteering is that they imagine it will take up too much time. Everyone is busy, life has many demands, the kids are involved in a lot of activities, we're all running in multiple directions. When someone asks for volunteers, I know that it is good and necessary, but the first thing that jumps to my mind is "how can I possibly fit it all in?" The idea of the "unknown" can be daunting: "What do people expect of me?"

My approach to volunteering is to pick an area I find interesting. That way, I view it as fun, as well as a chance to learn something new and help the neighborhood at the same time. I know I can always make time for something I see as both challenging and entertaining! As anyone who knows me can tell you, when it comes to environmental issues, I can run on for hours. It gets my heart pumping!

The other thing I do when I volunteer on a project is to try and understand how many hours a week or hours a month it will take. That way, I can plan ahead, "budget in" the hours, and, possibly, move some things around to accommodate the activity. Then I'm not stressed out by taking on too much or finding myself with unexpected tasks that have deadlines around the corner.

I know you want to help. So what gets your heart pumping? Where can you jump in? Ideas for projects you'd be willing to run are a good place to start. If that sounds daunting, step forward and offer whatever time you think you can spare without overstressing yourself—an hour a week, a weekend a month.

Think about the kinds of activities you enjoy: gardening, management, finances, computers, writing, art, working with kids, etc. Chances are there's a project just waiting for your particular skills to turn up, and if not today, maybe just around the corner. Or maybe you'll be the one to have the next great idea we'll all be talking about.

Volunteering can be very rewarding. At the end of the day, you can look back and feel good about something you helped to achieve—and meet some great neighbors at the same time!

Michelle Kaicener, [greenwestwalker@gmail.com](mailto:greenwestwalker@gmail.com)

## TIME TO TAKE A BREAK:

**It's time for the *Wire* to take its summer vacation. There will be no July or August editions. We will return in September. Have a great summer! And thanks for being a regular reader of the *Wire*!**

# 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 May 18, 2010

Vice President Davor Engel opened the meeting. Lynda Olander gave an update on the Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project.



Lynda Olander gives an update on the Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project at the May WWCA meeting.

She explained that In 1929, Irving Park District purchased nine buildings and kept the one on the corner, the Women's Building. This is the only bungalow owned by the park district. In 2008 Independence Park was awarded status on the National Register of

Historic Places due to its impact on social history and its significant architectural features.

According to Olander, the goal has always been to raise \$200,000 to rehab the bungalow. State Rep. Deb Mell requested \$100,000, but this relies on the lottery. To date, \$62,400 has been raised by the wine and cheese party, the pancake breakfast, the Whole Foods Community Day, and other events. The next Whole Foods Community Day is June 30. Five percent of receipts will go toward the bungalow. The plan is for a total green and sustainable renovation of the Bungalow.

The Independence Park farmer's market will feature these events: bluegrass music at every market from 10 a.m. to

12 p.m.; La Costa Theatre on June 13 and June 27.

The April meeting minutes were approved as presented in the May issue of the *Wire*. Treasurer's report as of April: We began the month with a balance of \$468.15. Revenue totaled \$1,150, including revenue from the garage sale. Expenses totaled \$860.85, leaving a balance of \$757.30.

The PEBA TIF meeting was rescheduled for June 14 at First Chicago at 9 a.m. This involves Montrose and Pulaski to Elston and Pulaski to Elston and Avers.

More than 120 garages signed up for this year's community garage sale. About 25 people signed up in the last 24 hours before the sale, making it very hectic. Perhaps in the future minimally a week before should be the early bird discount, or add a late fee seven days prior to the event. Thank you to Bob and Kevin Crowley and Melanie Reschke for organizing the annual garage sale!

The West Walker walk and scavenger hunt will take place on May 22. Download the scavenger hunt questions online. Meet between 4:30 and 6 p.m. at the Farmers Market Garden Center for light refreshments, a button, and a raffle.

Planting of the community garden at 4107 N. Pulaski will take place on May 19.

The nominating committee met and nominated the following people: Carol Barry-secretary; John Minor-treasurer; Davor Engel-vice president; and Mike Webber-president. There were no nominations from the floor.

Call Davor Engel on his cell at 773.202.1010 if you are interested in participating in West Walker in any capacity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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# CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

## Ensure Safety and Security Around Your Home!

Weapons and narcotics can be hidden on your property or your neighbor's property without your knowledge.

Here are some safety steps you can follow:

- Trim overgrown bushes, trees, grass, and landscaping.
- Pick up garbage on your property.
- Secure places on your property where items can be hidden, such as garages, sheds, or under a porch.
- Make sure your property is well lit outside.
- Call 911 when you view suspicious persons.
- Request a Security Survey of your property by the Chicago Police Department by calling 312.745.5838.

This month's meeting focus was on a shooting that occurred outside the West Walker area in Jansen Park. As for West Walker, it appears from crime reports that criminal activity has decreased significantly in the past month.

### New Issues Raised:

- Loud music and noise violations at the Latvian Center at 4146 N. Elston. Officers said they would check into it.
- Complaints of a homeless person sleeping on benches on the 3600 block of West Irving Park Road. Officers said they knew this individual and he was harmless but

would be on the lookout for him.

- A foreclosed building with possible drug dealing in the 4000 block of North Hamlin. Officers stated they would increase patrolling in the area and conduct surveillance.

### Updates on Old Issues:

- On Berteau between Springfield and Harding, residents reported hearing gunfire. Officers will continue increased patrol in this area, but no further information was available.
- In the 3800 block of West Berteau residents had reported a possible trouble building and gang activity. Officers continue to conduct surveillance, but have not observed any new illegal activity.

### Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood (April 21 - May 19, 2010):

Battery simple	3
Criminal damage to vehicle	3
Deceptive practice (credit card fraud)	2
Non-criminal (mental health transport)	2
Theft (over \$300)	2
Burglary (forcible entry)	1
Criminal trespass to land	1
Theft (\$300 & under)	1
Public peace violation (reckless conduct)	1
Assault simple	1
Non-criminal missing person	1
Non-criminal lost property	1
Non-criminal accidental injury	1
Motor vehicle theft (automobile)	1
Sex offender (failure to register)	1
Robbery (armed-handgun)	1

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings 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. The next meeting is June 16.

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The WWCA has changed the way information about crime alerts is gathered and distributed. West Walker resident Nicole Price has taken over the job of sending crime alerts to our e-mail distribution list and compiling them for monthly reporting at our CAPS meeting. If you would like to report a crime incident, send the information to Nicole Price at [crimealerts@westwalker.org](mailto:crimealerts@westwalker.org). If you'd like to be added to the crime alert distribution list, contact Nicole at the same address.

Please note that this system in no way takes the place of a crime report to the Chicago Police Department.



# 39th Ward Report



Dear Neighbors,

After two consecutive years of new water main work on Montrose, the Chicago Department of Water Management is completing street resurfacing and concrete/landscape restoration between Pulaski and Central Park. Your patience during

the work has been much appreciated during these inconvenient, yet necessary, improvements.

Mayor Daley recently announced that, due to projected budget shortfalls, he is suspending the city's tree planting and other landscaping projects for 2011. The good news is that the tree planting program is still in effect for 2010. **If you are interested in having a tree planted in your parkway this year—at no charge—**

**encourage you to contact my office as soon as possible.**

As a reminder, all city vehicle stickers and residential parking permits expire on June 30. You can purchase your annual sticker in my 39th Ward Public Service Office (4404 W. Lawrence) on Monday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you received a renewal form in the mail, please bring that along with you. If you did not get a renewal form, bring in the previous year's forms or have the following information available: year, make and model of the vehicle; state license plate number; owner's driver's license number; and old city sticker number. City stickers are also now available for purchase online at [www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com).

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

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

## La Costa Theatre Co. Presents *Little Shop of Horrors*

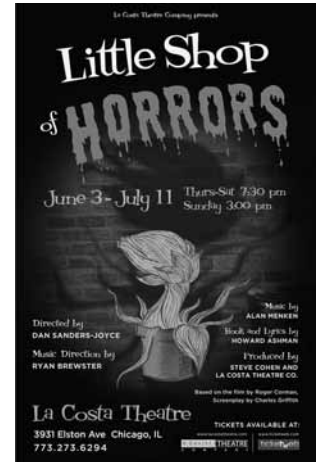
LA COSTA THEATRE goes back to its musical roots with a dark, comedic new twist on Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's cult classic *Little Shop of Horrors*.

*Little Shop of Horrors* is the tragic love story of florist shop worker Seymour Krelborn, who becomes an overnight sensation thanks to his carnivorous plant "Audrey II." Success comes fast for the Skid Row florist until people around him start to disappear, creating a struggle between fame and the love of his life, bubbly co-worker Audrey. La Costa's production also portrays the hardships of Skid Row's inhabitants, while also serving up great comedy.

Director Dan Sanders-Joyce said: "I really want to concentrate on telling the story of desperation that is *Little Shop* and showing how that desperation can lead one to unthinkable actions. Once the truth is there, then comes that dark comedy." With musical direction by Ryan

Brewster showcasing the music of the '60s, vintage costumes by Graham Kostic, and dark but alluring scenery and lighting, this production of *Little Shop* is a fresh revival of this campy classic.

*Little Shop of Horrors* opens on Thursday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. and continues its run through Sunday, July 11 at La Costa Theatre, 3931 N. Elston. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m., with no performance on July 4. Tickets are \$25. As always, industry, students, and residents of the Old Irving/Independence Park area will receive a \$10 discount, and there are group rates available. Tickets can be purchased at the door, through the La Costa website ([www.lacostatheatre.com](http://www.lacostatheatre.com)), or by calling TicketWeb at 866.468.3401.



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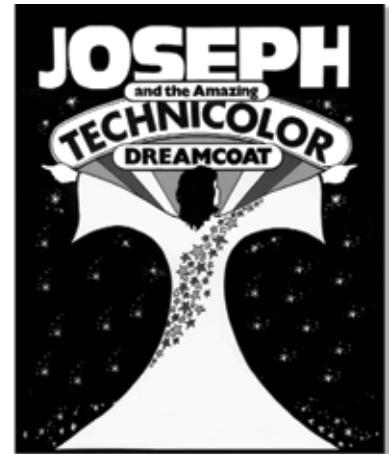
## Magic Mushroom and Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

MAGIC MUSHROOM children's summer program and the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Friday, July 16 at 10 a.m. A musical written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, *Joseph* is based on the Bible story about Joseph and his coat of many colors. Its catchy music and family-friendly themes will appeal to adults and kids alike!

American Eagle Productions, a Chicago-based theatre troupe specializing in children's classics, will bring the story of Joseph to life with song, dance, costumes, and sets.

The performance will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 3938 W. Belle Plaine (at Harding Ave.). The show is free of charge, but donations will be accepted gladly.

Magic Mushroom children's summer program serves the Irving Park neighborhood with a superior summer enrichment program for children 3 years old through sixth grade. The program is sponsored by Irving Park Lutheran Church.



The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is in its 16th season of bringing high-quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. It receives funding from Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 not-for-profit.

For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or Lee Stein at 773.267.0175.

## Neighbors Help Put the "Walk" Back in West Walker

THE FIRST ANNUAL Walk West Walker event, hosted by Farmers Market Garden Center, took place on Saturday, May 22. Armed with maps, scavenger hunt questions, pencils, and a can-do attitude, West Walker residents hit the streets in search of answers to the seemingly unanswerable.

Some scavenger hunt questions included:

- At 3857-59 W. Berteau, what is the date on the sidewalk?
- What animal resides at 4126 N. Lawndale?
- On the east side of the 4200 block of Avers, find a house with very tall purple flowers. Locate a planter near a small tree. What is underneath the planter?
- How many flags are on the 4000 block of Ridgeway?

At that evening's reception at Farmers Market, walkers snacked on delicious fresh fruit and

participated in a drum circle. Buttons were awarded to those who completed the walk and scavenger hunt along with prizes from Michelle Kaicener and Farmers Market.



Walk participant and scavenger hunter Nils Gombas says: "It was awesome! It was exciting finding stuff under stuff and answering questions. It was exciting that I won the homemade honey."

Some of those who participated in the scavenger hunt or stopped by the Farmers Market Garden Center included Mary and Rich McDermott, Derek Clark, Kevin and Anne Marie O'Kelley, Jack and Liz Mills, Nils, Finn, and Martina Gombas, and Roberta Bole.

Thank you to Carol Barry for organizing the event, as well as to Tony's Finer Foods for providing water and snacks, Michelle Kaicener for her homemade jars of honey, Jack Prikos of the Farmers Market Garden Center and his staff for hosting the event, Rich McDermott for leading the drum circle, and, of course, our wonderful walkers!

Walk West Walker promotes a clean, safe, and walkable neighborhood. Interested in helping with next year's walk? Please contact Carol Barry at [valbarry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valbarry@sbcglobal.net).



## Report from the Green Festival

IN MAY, I ATTENDED Chicago's fourth annual Green Festival at Navy Pier. This year, I decided to attend some speaker presentations instead of just browsing the booths and, of course, shopping for new and different organic foods.

The main theme of the three speakers I listened to was the Gulf Oil spill and its repercussions for the environment. It is a tragic event, one that has devastated livelihoods and wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico.

While we can all be mad at BP for cutting corners, mismanagement, and putting speed ahead of safety, the one fact we can't escape is that we are the users of the end product. Oil, of course, is not just our main transportation fuel—we also use it in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, clothing, household goods—the list goes on. Oil is in just about everything we use.

If we really want to try and change the behavior of the large oil giants, perhaps the way to do it is to change our own behavior. I recommend changing one thing at a time and build up gradually.

Try picking something from this list:

1. Cut out one driving day a week by taking transit, carpooling, or combining trips.
2. Shop at a farmers market for locally grown produce to reduce shipping costs and packaging. Or, better yet, grow your own!
3. Go shopping-free for a week.
4. Dust off the trusty bicycle and add a trailer, panniers, or basket for the groceries
5. Visit the yard sales or Freecycle for things you need.

Once you have one of these suggestions built into your routine, then you can add another and another. Think how much oil you'll be saving and how much better for the environment it will be!

Check out the website of the month below to read about Colin Beavan, "No Impact Man," and his pledge to see what is really possible.

by Michelle Kaicener  
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Shoppers browse at just a few of the more than 120 West Walker garages that were open for this year's community garage sale on Saturday, May 15.

## WWCA Members

THANKS for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed their membership from February 29 through June 7, 2010 appears below:

Cesar Blanko  
Wendy Brown  
Lisa Derengowski

Robert Holbach  
Helen Taylor  
Janet C. Wondra

## “Reading Is Art-Rageous” at the Chicago Public Library

IF YOU LOVE to read, then join **Reading Is Art-Rageous** from June 14 through August 7 at the Independence

Branch of the Chicago Public Library, located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road.



This year's summer reading program for children is presented in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago. Children ages 2-14 who visit the library can register for the reading program and receive a colorful book log to record the

books he or she reads or listens to this summer. On each return visit to the library, the child can record the books he or she has read or listened to and receive a colorful sticker. A “Reading Is Art-Rageous” T-shirt will be given to each child, ages 9-14, who reads 10 books and for each child, ages 2-8, who listens to and/or reads 25 books.

As part of this event, many free family programs for children will be offered in June and early July. On Thursday, June 17, children ages 5-12 can enjoy a delightful puppet show, *Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax*, presented by the Melikin Puppets, featuring the Pied Piper of Hamelin. On Friday, June 18 at 2 p.m., children ages 5 and up can explore the culture of Mexico through its tales and folk art, and create a jaguar mask. On Wednesday, June 23 at 2 p.m., children ages 5-12 can explore the culture of China through its tales and folk art, and create a dragon puppet. On Tuesday, June 29 at 2 p.m., Marilyn Price will celebrate the joy of pupp-art-ry in “Framing Your Stories in Art,” for children ages 4 and up.

For more information, please call 312.744-0900 or check [www.chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://www.chicagopubliclibrary.org) for programs at the Independence Branch.

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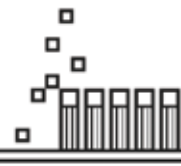
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## West Walker Board Elected for 2010-2011

AT THE MAY WWCA meeting, the following officers were elected to serve in 2010-2011:

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

The West Walker Civic Association Board of Directors would like to thank **Liz Mills**, who will be stepping down from the board effective in August, and **Pam Austin**, board member and co-CAPS coordinator for several years, who stepped down earlier in the year. We appreciate your service to the community!

New members are still needed to join the West Walker Civic Association board of directors. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mike Webber at 773.539.8346.



Sauganash

The Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project proudly announces

## 5% Community Support Day at Whole Foods Market – Sauganash Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Hours: **8 a.m. – 10 p.m.**

Location:

**Whole Foods Market – Sauganash  
6020 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago  
(corner of Cicero and Peterson)**

Bring your family and friends to support the bungalow renovation by shopping at Whole Foods Market – Sauganash on June 30

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## St. Edward School and Parish News

### Art Opening

Gallery 43, St. Edward's volunteer-staffed art program for children in

kindergarten through sixth grade, held an end-of-year art opening gala on Friday, May 28.

### Applications/Financial Aid

St. Edward School is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Pick up your forms in the school office or call to have them mailed to you. Financial aid is available. For more information, call the school at 773.736.9133.

## Disney II Elementary School Happenings

### TECH 2010

Disney II was selected to send a team of three second-graders to participate in TECH 2010 on May 6 at the state Capitol building in Springfield! The students demonstrated the Unit Two Immigration project that

the entire second-grade class completed with their homeroom teachers and during technology class.

### Rochelle Library Grant

Two Disney II teachers, Ms. Rollings and Mrs. Wagner-Rhodes, received the (Boundless Readers) "Rochelle Library Grant." These funds will enable the teachers to help build classroom libraries.

### Mosaic Project

The newly completed "Rainforest" mosaic mural adds color, light, and charm to Disney II's entryway. The project, led by Disney II art teacher Mary Haddad gave students the chance to incorporate both art and science skills. With the help of artists Juan Carlos, Tracy Vanduinen, and Susan Anderson, students learned the proper techniques of creating tile mosaics and transforming their drawings into a mosaic mural.

## News from Park View Lutheran

Park View Lutheran School will hold its Vacation Bible School on June 21-25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children from age 4 thru sixth grade are invited. There is no cost, but the children must bring their own lunch. Before- and after-care is available for a nominal fee.

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We also offer summer camp from June 7 through September 3, open to 3-year-olds through sixth-graders. The camp features field trips around Chicago, including trips to Cubs and White Sox games, the beach, Chinatown, Millennium Park, Lincoln Park Zoo, Navy Pier, and more. The camp runs from 7 a.m. through 6 p.m.

For more information on either of these programs or to register, a parent or guardian can call the school at 773.267.0072.

## CICS-Irving Park School News

### Teachers' Appreciation

CICS-IP would like to thank the managers of Staples (Lawrence and Pulaski), Tony's Finer Foods, and Strack & Van Til (both on Elston Ave.) for graciously providing items for our Teachers' Appreciation Week.

### Solar School Grant

We received an Illinois Solar School Grant! This will be used to implement our action plan for the next school year and beyond to teach our students "best practices" based on environmental education, citizenship, and global awareness.



## News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Get Fit! Help the Hungry on June 26!

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry would like your help to raise funds at the 25th annual Chicago Hunger Walk on the morning of Saturday, June 26 at Soldier Field.

Sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, every dollar raised goes directly into our account at the Depository. From this account, we purchase food throughout the year at 7 cents per pound, so your contributions go a long way. The Pantry also receives a bonus for the number of walkers participating (last year the bonus was more than \$1,200!).

The Hunger Walk consists of a 5K (3.2-mile) path along the lakefront and includes fun activities for the entire family. All walkers receive a goody bag, snacks, and a t-shirt. Lunch will be available at Soldier Field, or you can bring your own picnic lunch.

### You can support the Pantry in any of three ways:

1. Organize your own Hunger Walk team of at least 10 walkers, with the Irving Park Food Pantry designated as the recipient agency. Each walker obtains pledges, and the team's donations go directly into our account at the

Depository. To learn more about forming a team, visit our website or call the Pantry.

2. Join the Pantry Hunger Walk team. Individuals can sign up online to walk with the Pantry team and raise funds personally. To join, visit the Pantry's Hunger Walk team webpage: [www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk), click "Join an Agency Team," and search for "Irving Park Community Food Pantry."

3. Donate to the Pantry Hunger Walk team. Sign a walker's pledge sheet or donate by check or online at the Pantry's Hunger Walk team webpage. Please include in the memo line of your check: "Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Agency #A00113." Contributions need to be received by July 31.

Please visit our website for more information or contact the Pantry. We will be happy to answer your questions.

### Early School Supplies Sales: Pick up a Few Items for the Pantry's Kids

We need notebook paper, spiral notebooks, two-pocket folders, crayons or colored markers, pens, erasers, scissors, rulers, and glue sticks for the school supply distribution in August. Drop off donations during business hours at the Grace Street entrance of the church (3801 N. Keeler Ave.).

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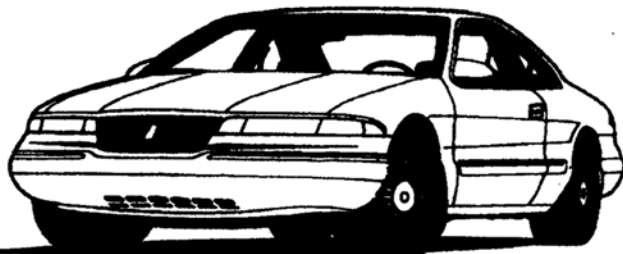
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