

WEST WALKER WIRE

MAY 2011

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Welcome Spring!

By Mike Webber

During the general meeting on May 17th, Jack Prikos of Farmers Market Garden Center will be discussing earth boxes and the use of organic soils, herbicides and insecticides. In addition, a brief history of the Farmers market will be given and as always, Jack will answer any of your gardening questions as the discussion will be informal and fun! Please be sure to attend this unforgettable event, which will take place at the Latvian Center, 4146 Elston at 7:00 p.m.



2011-2012 WWCA Officer Slate Almost Complete

The May meeting is time for officer elections. Mike Webber and Davor Engel will be running for reelection as President and Vice-President. Jack Prikos, who recently assumed the Treasurer position, has also agreed to run for reelection. Carol Barry has stepped down from the secretary position for next year, and she will be greatly missed. Our thanks to Carol for all her time and effort in bringing you the minutes every month and for her participation on the Board. Anyone interested in any of these positions should contact a current officer or board member before the May meeting.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 6 • 7:00 p.m.

CCS Trivia Night
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

May 7 • 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Deals on Wheels and Flower Sale
St. Edward's Buckley Hall

May 17 • 5:00 p.m.

Spring Concert & Auction
CICS Irving Park School

May 14 • 9:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Northwest Side Housing Center
"Celebrate Home" Event,
La Villa Restaurant, 3632 N. Pulaski

May 14 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WWCA Garage Sale

May 17 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Speaker Jack Prikos, Farmers Market
Garden Center

May 20 • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Gallery 43 Art Opening Gala
St. Edward's Buckley Hall

May 21 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Annual Rummage Sale
St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall

May 22 • 4:00 -6:00 p.m.

Irving Park Community Food Pantry
Wine-Tasting Benefit at Las Tablas

June 11th • 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Disney II "Arts Alive" Outdoor Festival
3800 block of Kedvale Ave

June 18th • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. Viator Rummage 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 May general meeting of the West Walker Civic Association. Jack is the owner of the Farmers Market Garden Center.

At the May 17 meeting, Jack will share his knowledge of plants, landscape design, and much more. Whether you're just beginning as a gardener or have a true green thumb, Jack has the answer to your gardening 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 26th year, the sale is planned for Saturday, May 14 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 in the Wire or sign up on the WWCA website at www.westwalker.org.

Mike Webber
President, WWCA

Ornamental Grass

By Maureen Taylor



For a neater look, now is the time to cut back your ornamental grasses. Grab a handful of grass and cut it to about 6 inches with garden shears or scissors. You should do this now, before the new growth starts and it will be very difficult to remove the old grass without damaging the new grass. Some grasses have very sharp edges so you will want to wear gloves. You might consider leaving some of the trimmings scattered around your yard. Birds love to make nests out of it.

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Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content.

For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com



WWCA General Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. with a Call to Order and introductions. April Minutes were approved. Officers present were Mike Webber, Jack Prikos and Carol Valentino-Barry.

Scott Goldstein of Teska Associates spoke about Understanding and Implementing Neighborhood Change. Mr. Goldstein pointed out that banks like to invest in projects that are supported by the community. Moreover, a repopulation of the city of Chicago is happening and demographics are growing and shifting. He believes neighborhood improvements generally do the following:

- Build on Existing Assets
- Capitalize on Recent Improvements and Increase Physical and Social (investment in quality of life) Capital.

Mr. Goldstein shared some specific ideas that have been successful and could apply to ours.

- Revitalize Existing Businesses and take advantage of the Small Business Improvement grant (SBIF)*
- Enhance Broadband infrastructure by creating WiFi Hot Spot (Businesses on the Southside successfully did this.)
- Enhance Streetscape

- Establish Bikeway Connections to Gompers Park Bike Route

Mr. Goldstein also pointed to the northeast corner of Pulaski and Elston as a possible area for development. It is a high profile, well travelled intersection.

Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: 1866.16
Additions of 322.69 (specific unavailable at press time)
Ending Balance: 2,188.85

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

* The SBIF program uses tax increment financing (TIF) revenues to help owners of commercial and industrial properties within specific TIF districts to repair or remodel their facilities for their own business or on behalf of tenants. The SBIF Program provides grants in the form of reimbursement that are 25-75% of the total eligible project costs, not to exceed \$150,000 per applicant, with the opportunity to reapply after one year. The percent reimbursement is based on business.

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CAPS Report

by Jane Nagle, CAPS Coordinator

Sergeant Kristen Barker is back as our CAPS officer. Welcome back to Sergeant Barker. Commander Melissa A. Staples, the new commander of the 17th District, also attended the meeting.

Specific West Walker Issues Discussed at April 20, 2011 CAPS Meeting for Beat # 1723:

- There were reports of loud, raucous activity at a building on the south side of the 3700 block of Montrose (and alley). If you happen to experience such activity, please call 911 and provide as much information as possible.

- Sgt. Barker reported that a community member had registered a concern relating to vehicles speeding and a number of accidents (including one in which the vehicle ended up on the parkway and sidewalk) at the intersection of Harding and Belle Plaine. The 17th District will have officers monitor that intersection from time to time.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood (January 16 - February 20):
Assault - Aggravated: Knife/Cutting Instrument - 1
Assault - Simple - 1
Battery - Aggravated: Other Dangerous Weapon - 1
Battery - Domestic Battery Simple - 3
Battery - Simple - 3
Burglary (forcible entry) - 2
Burglary (attempted forcible entry) - 2
Burglary (unlawful entry) - 2
Criminal damage to vehicle - 4
Criminal damage to property (domestic incident) - 2
Criminal damage: criminal defacement - 3
Criminal trespass to land - 1
Deceptive Practices - Illegal Use of Cash Card - 1
Motor Vehicle Theft (Automobile) - 5
Other Offense - Harassment by Telephone - 1
Other Offense - Violation of Order of Protection - 2
Robbery - Aggravated - Handgun- 1
Theft (\$500 and under) - 2; (over \$500) - 2
Theft from Auto (\$500 and under) - 2; (over \$500) - 1
Traffic Accident-Serious Personal Injury (Non Hit and Run) - 1

While violent crime is down in the 17th District, auto vehicle thefts have dramatically increased. Commander Staples reported that decreasing such thefts is a priority. Please see the March, 2011 West Walker Wire for auto theft prevention tips.

CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, May 18. As always, call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide a detailed physical description of the individuals involved in any incident, including clothing, shoes and vehicle descriptions.

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39th Ward Report



Spring is finally here and May is bringing a flurry of activities, especially in city government. The kick-off to the inaugural activities is a day of service on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. – noon, when residents will come together to conduct service activities throughout the city. Locations in the 39th Ward include Eugene Field Park,

LaBagh Woods and Gompers Park. A free, family-friendly concert featuring the band Chicago will take place at Butler Field on Saturday, May 14, from 1-4 p.m.

The Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and the City Council will be sworn in on Monday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. at Millennium Park. Following the inauguration, Mayor Emanuel will host an open house in City Hall, in his office on the fifth floor, from 2-4 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. People are asked to register for the Day of Service activities and tickets are required for the free concert.

More information, as well as registration forms for the concert and day of service, can be found on the Inaugural Committee's website at www.chicagotogether.org.

The Latvian Center at 4146 North Elston has been for sale for quite some time. It is my hope that this location remains an arts/cultural center. To that end, I invited representatives from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to join us on a tour of the property. Other people joining us included staff from the League of Chicago Theaters, foundations, and interested parties, including West Walker residents. I would like to thank West Walker residents Liz Mills, Sarah Steedman and Alison True for joining us and for their commitment to this project. Hopefully this tour can generate some interest in this property.

As always, please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

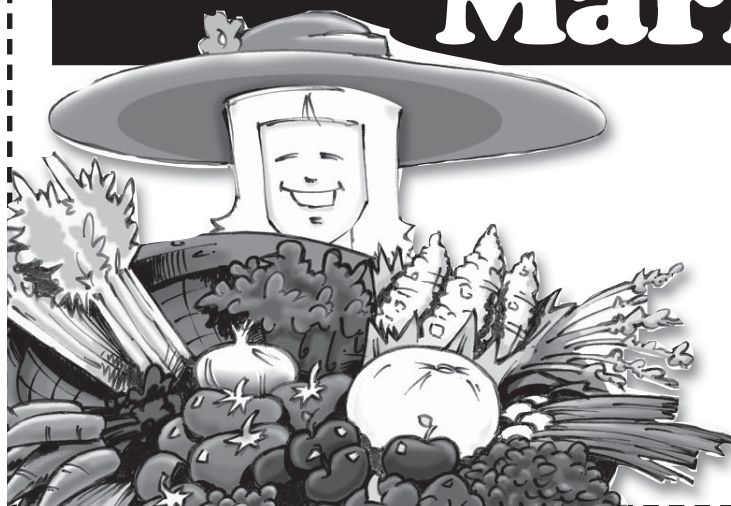
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Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA!
Here is a list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed:

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Dennis and Maureen Apostol
Holly McDonald and Francisco Bererra
Renate Lux

April:

Yaz Ebeid & Anne Puotinen
Jim Naisbitt & Hannah Naisbitt
Jim & Carol Bruton
Jim & Judy Cicero
Tony Stompanato & Caroline Gosselin
Maureen Littlefield

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs May 1 through April 30 annually.
Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art In My Back Yard artistic series.

Bring your 2010-2011 dues to our next WWCA meeting on May 17th! Or you can mail in the application below.

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News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Taste the Wine, Help the Pantry May 22nd

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry's 2011 Wine-Tasting Benefit will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 22nd at Las Tablas Colombian restaurant, located at 4920 W. Irving Park Road, at Laporte Avenue, a half-block west of Cicero Avenue. Tickets are \$40 and all proceeds benefit the Pantry's programs and services as well as enable the Pantry to procure food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository at the rate of 7 cents per pound. So your contributions go a long way to helping us keep our pantry and refrigerators full!

For more information about the event or to order tickets, contact Jennifer McGowan at 773-844-9900 or jennifermcgowan@comcast.net. You also can order tickets at our website, www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

The event is being held in the afternoon so guests can stay for dinner afterward if they choose. Reservations for the evening can be made by calling 773-202-0999.

Save The Date:

The 2011 Hunger Walk, held annually by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, will take place on Saturday, June 25th at Soldier Field. Last year's event was a big success, which is greatly needed in this time of more people needing help and fewer able to give so much.

The Pantry receives funding not only from contributions but also from the GCFD based on the number of walkers we have (even if they only show up and don't walk the route), including children and babies! So please plan to attend and bring your friends.

If you are interested in walking or coordinating a team of walkers, please contact Lee Stein at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. We appreciate your support!

Easter Thanks:

Great thanks to everyone, including the congregations of Irving Park Lutheran Church, Irving Park United Methodist Church, and Girl Scout and Brownie Troops #20360 and #20085, who helped the Pantry provide Easter baskets to the children of its clients. More than 150 baskets were given out during the three-week distribution. The colorful baskets were filled with bunnies, toys, candy and other traditional Easter goodies. Special thanks to the 13 moms and 23 kids from Disney II Magnet School, who helped create and distribute the baskets on April 6th.



Twenty-three students from the Disney II Magnet School brightened the Pantry on April 6th by creating and distributing Easter baskets to the Pantry's clients to give to their children on Easter morning. Photo: Craig Shutt



Thanks also go to an additional 20 parents and kids from Disney II School, who helped that morning to prepare the Three Brothers Garden for its spring planting. The fruits and vegetables harvested from the organic garden, at 3938 W. Belle Plaine, are shared with the Pantry, providing fresh produce that supplement our client distributions.

On April 12th, seven volunteers from **Levi Strauss & Co.** also helped with the Easter distribution and other tasks around the Pantry, making everything move smoothly.

Backup Driver Needed: The Pantry is in need of a back-up driver to help with homebound deliveries once a month on Wednesdays. If you are available then and can drive a small truck, please contact Lee Stein at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Vote for Three Brothers Garden!

www.deloachcommunitygardens.com

Vote early and often has taken on new meaning for Three Brothers Garden. The garden is competing with 14 other community gardens from around the country in an online voting competition. Three Brothers Garden, which is co-sponsored by Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church, was chosen in January by Organic Gardening Magazine to compete for a total of \$20,000 to be awarded by DeLoach Vineyards to the top five vote getters. Each garden submitted a three minute video which tells the garden's story and explains how the \$4,000 in grant money will be used.

Three Brothers Garden volunteer Jose Osorio created the video from footage he shot over the garden's two year history. Carlson executive director Liz Mills and Irving Park Community Food Pantry's John Psiharis are featured in the video. The video was shot at both the garden and the food pantry.



In early April, garden volunteers prepped the garden's raised beds and planted them with spring vegetables.

The video is posted at www.deloachcommunitygardens.com. Voting is easy and requires just a name and e-mail address. Anyone 21 and over can vote for the garden on a daily basis through August 1st. A link to the video can be shared via Facebook. Three Brothers Garden is currently in third place.

"It's really important for us to maintain a solid lead," said Mills. "With three months left in the competition, we don't want our supporters to get complacent. If we win, we'll use the money for solar lighting to extend our growing season, which will enable us to produce even more for the food pantry. There's a lot at stake, so please vote," she said.

The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski. Since 2009, over 1,300 pounds of fresh vegetables have been distributed to pantry clients. For more information, or to volunteer in the garden, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773.398.6766. For more information on Carlson Community Services, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.



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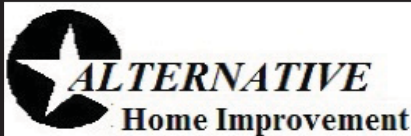
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Seanachai Theatre Summer Camp June 29 – July 7

by Amie Marks



Parents, are you looking for a summer experience that will enrich your child's life? Finding the right summer camp is an important decision.

Summer school breaks should not be education breaks. The warm months of summer offer opportunities for children to learn new skills in fresh, creative settings.

The artists at Seanachai Theatre enjoy guiding young people through hands-on experiences that allow them a safe, fun way to develop confidence and the ability to communicate effectively for the rest of their lives. This kind of summer camp experience can open children's horizons to discover how the arts make our lives more fulfilling.

Your child will learn the basic principles of performance; behind-the-scene production; how to communicate effectively with words, tone, and facial expressions; and how to act out stories in a compelling way. They will also learn how to work more patiently and respectfully with their peers, gain confidence, and express themselves better in every aspect of their lives. Your child may never become an actor, but the life skills she will learn at Seanachai's summer camp are critical to success, no matter how you define "success."

Seanachai Theatre's summer theatre camp program will be conducted at the Irish-American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Avenue. Classes and rehearsal will run from Wednesday, June 29 through Thursday, July 7. All of the children will then perform their production at Irish Fest on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9.

Because of the popularity of this summer camp, there is a limit to how many children can be enrolled. Do not wait. Register your child now. Phone Amie Marks at 312-505-3312 or register online at www.seanachai.org.

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CICS-Irving Park School News

TEACHER AWARDS

We are delighted that two CICS-IP teachers, Ms. Thompson (3rd grade)

and Ms. Heller (4th grade), have been awarded grants by the Rochelle Lee Teacher Award program for the coming school year. This very prestigious award is only given to a select group of teachers. They will receive \$500 in books for their classroom libraries, as well as access to thousands of outstanding workshops and the ability to network with the best teachers in Chicago.

SPRING CONCERT & AUCTION

On Tuesday, May 17th, at 5:00 p.m., we will have our Spring Concert of student performances. In addition, we will have a Bake Sale and Silent Auction of donated items to raise funds for the school.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

We are pleased to announce that CICS-IP will start athletic programs in the 2011-2012 school year! Grades 5-8 will have basketball, cross country and volleyball teams. Other sports will be added.

St. Edward School and Parish News

Deals on Wheels and Flower Sale

St. Edward's Parent Organization is holding its annual Deals on Wheels and Flower Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8am to 1pm. Stop by to buy used toys and other items with wheels (skates, bikes, scooters, strollers, skateboards, etc.), and pick up some lovely spring flower baskets to beautify your home. Feel free to bring any "wheeled" items for donating as well! The event will be held in Buckley Hall.

Art Opening

Gallery 43, St. Edward's volunteer-staffed art program for children in Kindergarten through sixth grade, will host a year-end art opening gala, which will be held in Buckley Hall on Friday, May 20 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Student art will be on display. Refreshments available, will include wine, beer and cheese. There will also be a kids' raffle.

Applications/Financial Aid

St. Edward School is accepting applications for the 2011/12 school year. Forms are available in the office or call 773-736-9133 to have them mailed. Financial aid is also available.

St. Viator School News

FINAL OPEN HOUSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

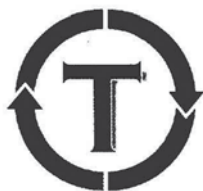
There is still time to see another aspect of St. Viator Elementary. On Friday, May 6th from 6-8 p.m. our school will be transformed into an art gallery when works from the Art Zone Student Exhibit and Academic Fair are displayed throughout the hallways. We hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. JOHNSON

Congratulations to Mrs. Kathleen Johnson, our middle grade math and 6th grade homeroom teacher, for winning the "Heart of the School Award" for innovation and creativity. She was one of two Chicago Archdiocesan teachers to win in this category. Mrs. Johnson graciously acknowledged that she feels lucky to teach at a school where her creativity is encouraged.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

This spring, 28 of our 2nd-7th grade girls are in the 12-week *Girls on the Run* and *Girls on Track* programs. Combining a curriculum aimed at educating girls in empowerment, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyles, the girls train for a 5k run on Chicago's lakefront in June. They are led by a team of St. Viator parent volunteers. Come support us on June 4th at Montrose Harbor. All are welcome to be a part of this fun run. Find registration information at www.gotrchicago.org.



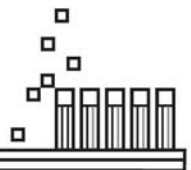
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BITTY BASKETBALL CAMP

St. Viator's Bitty basketball camp will run from June 13-16 (Mon-Thur). Sessions for K-1st Grades are 9:00-10:30 a.m. and sessions for 2nd-3rd Grades are 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 and includes a camp T-shirt, a medal for each camper, and good times. Camps are available to children from any school and are a great way to meet other children and families in the neighborhood. To register, contact Lisa Jones at lisa@lungrun.org or 773-771-3178.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Parent Association presents the 1st Annual Rummage Sale, to take place Saturday, June 18th from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. New and used items (housewares, clothing, toys, furniture) will be for sale. If you are interested in renting a booth (\$25/space, \$10/table) contact Clara Guerrero 773-430-6914 or stviatorsale@yahoo.com.

Disney II School News

On June 11th, the Disney II Educational Foundation will kick-off the "Arts Alive!" outdoor festival from 3-10 p.m. on the grounds of Disney II and the 3800 block of Kedvale Ave. Expect live music, cooking demonstrations by Chicago chefs, art demonstrations, a kids' activities tent and plenty of food, beer, pop, and ice cream! Music line-up: 3 p.m. **Super Stolie**, 4:30 p.m. **Funkadesi**, 6:30 p.m. **d'Go-Beat**, featuring **Rick Neuhaus** and 8:00 p.m. headliner **American English!** This will be a wonderful family event for the Old Irving Park Community and anyone else who loves the arts. Proceeds support the extended learning program at Disney II Magnet School. Visit artsalivechicago.com for more information.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, RUMMAGE!

The annual St. John's Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Don't miss this giant sale of household items, clothing, toys, furniture and collectibles! Donations accepted at the

church through May 13, Tuesdays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursdays until 7 p.m.

Magic Mushroom — Enroll Now!

We meet July 5th-28th, at Irving Park Lutheran Church. Children engage in stories, discussion, art, drama, music and physical education, centered on a gospel-based curriculum. We offer a fun, affordable program for all children aged 3 to 12 years old. Visit iplc.org to download a brochure and application, or call 773-267-1667 if you have any questions.

Come Celebrate Home and Support the Community!

On Thursday, May 12th, come to the "Celebrate Home," fundraiser, hosted by the Northwest Side Housing Center, at LaVilla Restaurant, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Housing Center by providing funds necessary to develop programs, organize campaigns and work to improve the quality of life on the northwest side of Chicago. Dinner, raffle, entertainment and cash bar. Tickets for the event are \$35 each. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 7 for \$50. The NSHC, a 501c3 non-profit organization, strives to build and strengthen our community by working for safe and affordable housing. For more information call 773-283-3888 or visit www.nwshc.org.

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Building Good Garden Soil

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Every experienced gardener knows the secret to a great garden is building good organic soil. Even if you are lucky enough to have started with a garden of rich soil, over time you will need to add compost and manure to keep it that way. Natural or organic fertilizer, if required, is used only during the growing cycle to boost plants that need it.

There are 4 basic soil types: clay, silt, sand and loam. Mostly, in Chicago, we have clay soils.

Clay: is the smallest of particles. Clay is smooth when dry and sticky when wet. Soils high in clay content are called heavy soils. Clay also can hold a lot of nutrients, but doesn't let air and water through it well. Although clay may be hard to work with, the high nutrient levels make it good for building up.

Organic amendments include sphagnum peat, wood chips, grass clippings, straw, compost, manure, biosolids, sawdust and wood ash. Inorganic amendments include vermiculite, perlite, tire chunks, pea gravel and sand.

Compost and manure can be worked into the soil, or layered on top, and earthworms, over time, will turn it over.

If you can make your own compost from garden and kitchen waste, that's great! I also have a worm bin, for kitchen scraps. The material they make can be used on indoor and outdoor plants, and containers. Don't forget, also, to change out soil in containers from time to time.

Happy Gardening!

<http://westwalker.net>

Website of the Month: <http://www.soilassociation.org/>

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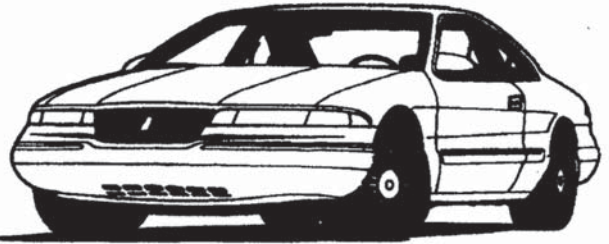
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West Walker Civic Association

26th Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - rain or shine

All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our
26th 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 will be delivered
to your address the Friday before the sale. (There will be NO confirmation
given before that.)**

Return the form below to have your address listed as a participant in the sale,
along with your application fee by May 8, 2011.

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

For further information call Bob Crowley at 773.267.1921.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 14, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I am a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$5** participation fee.

I am **not now a member** of the West Walker Civic Association but want to join. Enclosed is my
\$20 participation fee. Please credit \$15 toward my WWCA dues for 2011-2012.

I am **not** a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$10** participation fee.

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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